

"I still say badminton is as fast as tennis, even if you do have to wait a while for the shuttlecock to come down."

I had a dog named Minton who had an unfortunate habit of eating shuttlecocks.....
Bad Minton!!!!



Glenelg Breakers

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Message from the President

Once again you have been well served by a hard working committee I would like to thank all of the committee members for their contribution to keeping the Club strong with a special mention of Carol who has had a major contribution to the smooth running of the building project.



It appears Simon White has been concerned about the Howard Costello syndrome and has taken matters into his own hands in becoming President of SABA.

I would like to recognize the contribution from Claudio Diluzio, Helen White, Jeff Green, Anita Wong, Jane Awwad, John Ly and Daniel Blue to our junior training program We continue to see a sustained filtration of juniors through to senior comp.

It was good to see the level of participation in both the social, open and junior club championships. Thank you and well done to Simon White, Simon Oaten and Carol for organizing and running the open,. Thanks also to Jeff, Simon White and Sandy for organizing and running the Social champs. Thank you also to Jane and Jeff for running the junior champs. It would be remiss of me if I did not mention Eli's work with the open barbeque thank you.

Attendances on Monday nights have been consistent and I think we are still offering the product that people want.

I would encourage you to promote the club whenever the opportunity arises and also let myself or any committee member know of any concerns you have about the club's operation.

You do belong to the oldest club in continuous existence with the largest membership. Your Club continues to occupy a strong financial and strategic position. I believe it is up to us to lead and others to follow.

Robert

The Plastic Shuttle
December 2008

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2008 club championships saw 30 senior and 20 junior entrants compete in some fierce competition between club members to win the much sort after club trophies.

SENIOR RESULTS

MENS SINGLES- Winner: Nigel Soon

Runner Up: Ben Schwidder

LADIES SINGLES- Winner: Katie Wilczynski

Runner Up: Verdet Kessler

MENS DOUBLES -Winners: Nigel Soon/Jason Dow

Runners Up:Nigel Isherwood/Gert Goesaert

LADIES DOUBLES –Winners: Katie Wilczynski/Verdet Kessler

Runners Up: Jane Awwad/Anita Wong

MIXED DOUBLES -Winners: Jason Dow/Katie Wilczynski

Runners Up: Nigel Isherwood/Helen White



JUNIOR RESULTS

BOYS SINGLES - Winner: Lachlan Shanks

Runner Up: Alex Awwad

GIRLS SINGLES - Winner: Audrey Wong

Runner Up: Georgia Combe

DOUBLES - Winners: Georgia Combe/Claire Duffield

Runners Up: Lear Law/Mitchell Grant



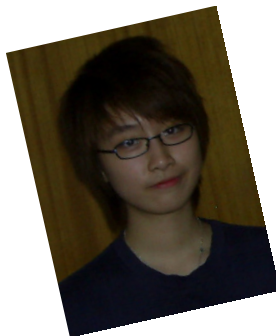
SOCIAL CHAMPIONS

MENS: Winner: Ken Lam

Runner Up: Mukesh Patel

LADIES: Winner: Kim Duong

Runner Up: Karen Roberts



SABA WINTER SEASON

The A grade final was an all Glenelg affair with the Breakers (Simon White, Robin Mok, Francis Teng, Verdet Kessler, Jane Awwad) playing against the Marlins (Gert Goesaert, Peter Stephens, Aditya Shivam, Anita Wong, Karen Roberts)

Breakers won 6/12/356 to 3/7/285

The C grade Mantas (Ken Lam, Zhe Lim, Paul Mulholland, Jeff Green, Phemie Wong, Georgia Combe) won the C grade final 379pts to 308pts.

Verdet Kessler & Gert Goesaert won the A grade Cadd Trophies



A NEW WAY TO PLAY BADMINTON

What is Jeff doing - or should we even ask!!!???

We all know gravity takes over when we get older, but this is ridiculous.

For answers ask Jeff.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Division 1

Glenelg Stingrays came first

Glenelg Sharks finished 3rd

Division 2

President 's Medal was won by Aaron Genikas



Stingrays: Ian Wong, William Fuller, Scott Vonstanke, Perry Katropoulos



Sharks: Georgia Combe, Ashleigh Burke, Alex Awwad, Lachlan Shanks, Sabrina Sopian

Life Members
Glen McPherson & Fergie Kerr
enjoying the day remembering
how it used to be.



Bbq chefs: Eli Awwad & Nigel Soon

The youngsters are becoming
the oldsters and need extra
stretching to play again.
(Just ask Jane, Simon or Ben!)



The new youngsters: Georgia Combe, Phemie Wong & Mitchell Grant

MEMBER NEWS

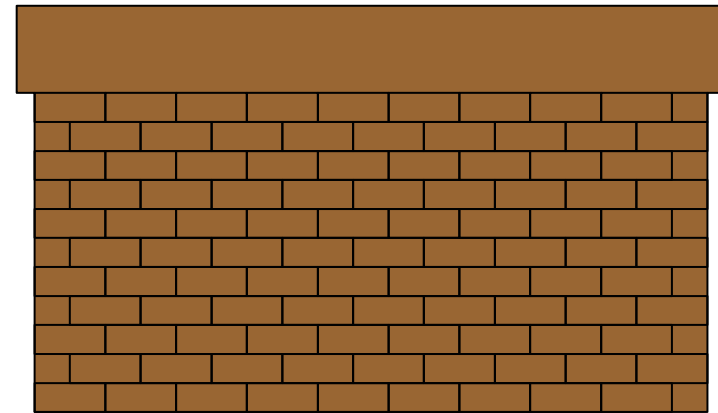
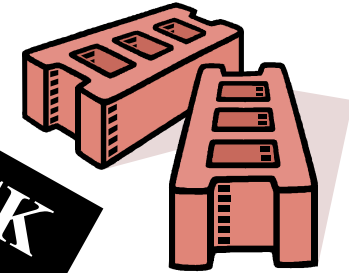


Eryn Klara Gibbs
Daughter of Anthony & Lisa Gibbs
Born 16th August, 2008
Weighing 3.44kg at the
Women's and Children's Hospital
Mother and father over the moon.
Daughter just beautiful.

Steph and Kym Lau
Married on Saturday the
6th September, 2008 at St
Peter's Anglican Church
Glenelg.
Reception at the Grand
Glenelg.
It took Steph a while but
she finally got him to the
alter.



BUY A BRICK



If you have been down to Lockleys lately you will no doubt have noticed that the building extension is well underway and our club room is finally emerging.

As part of our fundraising and as a means of getting your name up in lights or rather on the wall, you have the one off opportunity of purchasing space on a brick. You can put your name on it, your families name, your children's name, your grandchildren's name etc etc you get the picture.

Cost per brick is \$50. If you would like to take up this great opportunity please speak to Carol or Robert or Simon.

BUILDING PROJECT



Wall going, going gone

MEMBER NEWS



Congratulations to Jeff on being invited to umpire at the Macau Open. He was the only umpire from Australia and only 1 of 6 world wide invited to Umpire at this event. 'It certainly was a fantastic event with the organisation rivalling the standard set at the Olympics. We had 6 out of the top 10 men in the world playing so as you can imagine the standard was pretty hot with prize money of US\$120,000 up for grabs. Some of the players really liked to test you but this is what was to be expected and I really enjoyed the challenge to keep them on a tight leash.

This event was everything I expected it to be, and I just wanted to pass on my thanks again to the board of the SABA.

for the support in helping me realise one of my long awaited dreams. It was with great personal pride when I heard the court announcer call out -"Umpire, Jeff Green from Australia". The hairs on the back of my neck stood up every time and I must say my thoughts were about the people who have supported and encouraged me to get to this position.'

CHRISTMAS BREAK



The last club night for 2008 will be held on Monday the 15th December and for Junior training Sunday the 14th December.

Sessions recommence on
Sunday the 11th January &
Monday the 12th January

2008 AGM



Daniel Blue winner of the 2008 Shannon Riggs Achiever's Award with presenter Kate Travers



Nigel Soon men's singles champion



Life Member: Pat O'Shaughnessy

The 2008 AGM was held on Monday night the 27th October. Some 38 members attended which included 8 Life Members—Bobbie Salotti, Glen McPherson, Peter Vanderlans, Jane Awwad, Sandy faithful, Carol Packard, Jeff Green, Robert Riggs and Pat O'Shaughnessy. It was especially nice to see Pat in attendance after many years and for Sandy to procure his photo for the club history book.

Robert was elected President, Simon White Vice President, Carol Packard Secretary, Kym Lau Treasurer and committee members Helen White, Simon Oaten, Daniel Blue, Sandy Faithfull, John Ly and Adrian Selby.

A sprinkling of new faces in with the old faithfuls. Keeps them awake and motivated to continue.

Jeff Green did not stand for the committee this year. He decided to step aside and use his energies to continue with junior coaching and playing some more golf. The club thanks Jeff for his continued commitment to the club and it's members over many, many years. We hope to see him out on Wednesday nights again leading another team of juniors to a grand final win. Thanks Jeff.

Life Members were invited to present the club championship trophies.

Special guests Cathy Morton (Currie) and Kate Travers (Shannon's cousin) presented the David Currie Club Award to Robert Riggs and Daniel Blue respectively. John Ly was awarded the Most Improved Award.

All members then enjoyed pizzas and drinks and some chit chat amongst older and younger members, some of whom had never met before.



TRIPLE WINNER

Congratulations to Verdet Kessler triple winner of the U16 Aged Titles held recently