



# “SMASH”



## Beach Tennis News

### April Newsletter 2006

#### Future is bright!!

As the beach tennis train gains momentum, we are please to announce the scheduling of 2006/07 summer calendar has now commenced. The AFBT and Mapley Beach Tennis has secured dates for the Australian Beach Tennis Championships in January '07. This will be a world class international event, attracting talent nationally and locally. As players strive to be the best, and take the crown of their respective events.

The AFBT will be promoting in schools, tennis clubs and sports organisations nationally, to entice the highest standard possible, as the sport rises from its infancy.

These are truly exciting times, and I take this opportunity to congratulate all who have participated or had a hand in the sport to date. As we look further on, we have many events and initiatives to captivate and engage players and support for the game, at all levels and abilities. We are all pioneers and owners of what will be the next great sport in this country. **Dreams can come true**

With the Commonwealth Games involvement, we have seen a surge of interest from all generations as to “where next” and how can we get involved” We look towards the future and the involvement of organisations who can enable growth in the sport.

Now is the time for coaches and participants alike, to take on a new dimension. The AFBT wishes to work with state and national organisations of other sports to aid the growth and expansion of beach tennis.

**Passion for Sport, and a Sport of Life, can be interpreted in many ways. But the one way, would be to say, it wouldn't be possible without people like YOU!**

#### Re Union Island Report

March 2005 saw Paul Mapley travel to the island de la Re Union to compete. Representing Australia Mapley expected the competition to be fierce and a great experience at the highest level. Also I am happy to report the water temperature was about 33 degrees and the sun was hot!

With 4 countries present and the IFBT sending by 3 of the best players in the world, it was sure to be tough. The women's world champion, Serena Moloni and the accomplished top line Men's Tour players Alan Maldini and Nicola Gambi were a drawcard.

Emerging from the sand are Portugal, France and Australia definitely demonstrated that the sport is growing and the standard of player is rising fast. The sportsmanship and comradery on show, is something that other sports will aspire to, especially in the heat of battle. Whilst we all marvelled at the skill sand finesse of our International counterparts, a credible ¼ final passage was a pleasing result for Paul Mapley. He stated.” I'm sure with the ground swell of enthusiasm and exposure the sport is getting, more players will want to play for their country, just like me.”

The tournament consisted of Singles and Doubles, both male and female in a truly magnificent backdrop of raging 8 foot surf at St Pierre, in the south of the island. The event will be on-going, and will link in with the Australian beach tennis events of the 06/07 Summer.

#### WORLD NEWS

#### World Championships Update

**The Aussie Team is building, now with over 14 players registering interest to compete.**

World Championships are to be held form August 22-27, 2006 Italy - Marina di Ravenna. The event features the Nations Championship and individual male and female events, Open, over 35's/40's/45's up to over 50's.

Mapley Beach Tennis will manage the Australian team to compete in Italy. Interested players are practicing hard to get in shape for the heat in Ravenna. Monthly tournaments are being held at the home of Beach tennis at South Melbourne Beach.

We are pleased to say we will be sending a quality and solid outfit in an attempt at the tilt of 2006. See Web for info, dates, selection, etc.

#### The Message...

As we strive to develop and enhance the game of beach tennis, there is a great message which it sends, “A grassroots game, played by ALL”. This key element will make beach tennis a great sport which will stand up and send messages of its values to the wider community.

#### My Tips!

Play your game, and play in the moment.

Don't dwell on past mistakes!

#### Sundays

**Don't FORGET!**

**Sunday 9:30-1pm**

**More times TBA**

#### April Masters

*Congratulations to all who competed in the April Masters. Dean the Machine, winner of the Men's Singles and Kim Davis, taking out both the Women's Singles. Not after a few scares from Kellie and Anna, who look like being a future force. Well done to all.*

Future Events, Download your form on the Web.

#### Corporate Events

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