



# “SMASH”



## Beach Tennis News

### March Newsletter 2006

#### The Road Ahead

With the gods shining on us over the summer months, we have been extremely fortunate. In recent times we have it has not only brought new players to the game, but raised the standard at which we play. 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.

We are all pioneers and owners of what will be the next great sport in this country. Who knows the London Olympics may even want to play beach tennis as a demonstration sport. **Dreams can come true.**

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.

Over the coming weeks, we are involved in the Commonwealth Games and the activities and festivals which coincide. Come and see us at the Arts Centre from the 14<sup>th</sup> of March onwards. Go to [www.artscentre.net.au/thebeach](http://www.artscentre.net.au/thebeach)

We have scheduled tournaments for the up and coming months and are also looking at working very closely with other sporting and community organisations Australia wide.

As we strive to develop and enhance the game of beach tennis, there is a great message which it sends, and it is one of grassroots and a game for all. This will be the key element in making beach tennis a great sport which will stand up and send messages of its values to the wider community.

**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 the people like YOU!**

#### Re Union Island Tour

Bertrand Coulet, IFBT/ARFBT has invited us to compete in Reunion on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 2006.

Whilst we all enjoyed Bertrand's expert advise and marvelled at his great sportsmanship and play, Whilst, here in Australia, he has invited an Australian Team to compete in Reunion.

The tournament is an International invitational and will feature, some of the world's best players from Italy, Portugal, France and Australia. (Of Course!)

The tournament will consist of Singles and Doubles, both male and female and will feature the current female World Champions from Italy, the "Meloni Sisters", and not to forget Bertrand the World over 35 champion.

The event poses to be a great spectacle on St Pierre beach, in the south, and will no doubt be accompanied by great weather.

Any players who have a genuine interest in perhaps Competing, contact Paul or Kellie. The Plane is on the tarmac. Those who want to get on, get on!!!!

#### WORLD NEWS

#### World Championships Update

**Are you coming??? The Team is building!!!!**  
The World Championships are to be held from August 22-27, 2006 Italy - Marina di Ravenna. The even features the Nations Championship and individual male and female events, Open, over 35's/40's/45's up to over 50's.

As we have had some great interest to date in regards to **playing for AUSTRALIA**, we are pleased to say that we will be sending a quality, competitive outfit to attempt a tilt. Kim, Tina, Deano, Michael and Kellie are booking their seats! See the Website for information re dates, selection and information evenings. So as we can secure accommodation and flight the team will be selected by May 30, 2006.

#### My Tips...

High 5'ing is COOL. There's nothing better than sharing some skin. Encourage all players and have as much fun as you can life's too short.

Work hard with your feet, imagine the sand is a bed of "Hot Coals" and your game will improve!

#### Sundays and Mondays

**Don't FORGET!**

**Sunday 9:30-1pm**

**Monday 6:30 - Dark!**

#### March Tournament

Sunday March 19, Victoria Ave, Albert Park, will see our next tournament.

AM - Singles Event starting at 10am, and Doubles commencing afternoon at 11am. All standards.

Download your form on the Web today; entries must be received by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

#### Corporate Events

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