



SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- All you need is love
- The origin of love
- SA Open round-up

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All you need is love...

*There's nothing you can do
that can't be done.*

*Nothing you can sing that
can't be sung.*

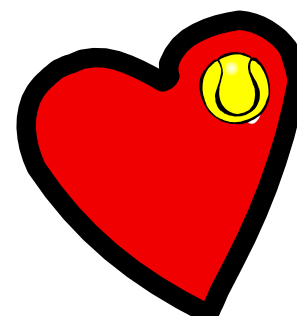
*Nothing you can say but
you can learn how to play
the game*

It's easy

All you need is love... A lovely little song by The Beatles, which most tennis players do not want to hear. As the saying goes *In tennis... love means nothing.* Who ever brought love onto the court battle,

who knows.

Most veterans play tennis for the love of the game. Whether you started as a junior and made your way through the ranks, or if you started late in life... tennis is a game of love. Often played under the extreme heat of the African sun, often battling it out with a tough opponent, and sometimes just played on a lazy Tuesday afternoon... we play tennis, cause we LOVE it.



***The fifth set is not
about tennis, it's
about nerves.***

Boris Becker

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Where does love come from?

Where did the odd scoring of love originate? The source of the scoring 15, 30, 40 is not accurate, but is said to have French and medieval roots. One view is that the scoring system is based on the presence of a clock face at the end of the tennis court. A quarter move of the appropriate hand was made after each rest, with the score being called as 15, 30, or 45 as the case might be. As the hand was moved to 60, making the complete circuit, this was the game. The score 45 was later abbreviated to

40, to make it easier for the players.

The deuce score derived from the French "deux", meaning having to obtain an advantage of two points.

The main school of thought sees Love originate from the French "l'oeuf", meaning the egg, symbolising nothing. The term "love" can also be said to come from the English phrase "neither for love nor for money", indicating nothing.

The tie-break was invented

in 1965 with the winner of the tie-break the first player to reach five points, with no requirement that someone win by two points. The use of the tie-break as we know it gained momentum after a 5-set match, lasting 5h12, and took 2 days to complete. The 1969 score was 22-24/1-6/16-14/6-3/11-9. Be grateful for tie-breakers, they may save your tennis playing days... and your marriage.



**2010 Interpro: P.E.,
Bloemfontein and
Limpopo Province**

Interpro 2010 campaign

Gauteng Central would like to send the best teams to this year's Interpro in all the age groups, with the aim of sweeping all the awards. The once powerful Lions of tennis needs your support to accomplish this.

How does Interpro work?

Most age groups consist of teams of 6 players (3 men & 3 ladies). Each tie is made up of 2 men's singles, 2 ladies singles, a men's doubles, a ladies doubles, and 2 mixed doubles. Barring

injury, a player is set to play at least 2 matches in each tie. At Interpro, matches are counted, but sets and game counts have been known to play a crucial role in the past. It guarantees a lot of tennis, laughs and memories... and a wonderful experience.

2010 Interpro Dates:

30+ - 45+: 2-9 May, P.E.

50+ - 55+: 22-28 Aug, Bloemfontein

60+ - 75+: 29 Aug-4 Sep, Limpopo
(please note change in date)

Lion's Pride...

Our neighbors Gauteng East held their annual open in Benoni, invaded by GC players... and winners. Congratulations to:

- Y. Faver (LS 35+)
- J. Borchardt (LS 40+)
- C. Lister-James (MS 50+)
- V. Puncec (MS 55+)
- O. Marino (MS 65+)
- B. Smith (MS 80+)
- C. Ford & A. Hurley (LD 35+)
- J. Viljoen & H. Smith (LD 60+)
- R. Murase & partner (LD 65/70+)
- D. Botha & partner (MD 45/50+)
- F. McDonald & M. Passmore (MD 55/60+)
- D. Hillen and partner (MD 65/70+)
- M. Petersen & C. Ford (MX 65+ comb.)
- L. Sonderup & R. van't Hof (MX 88+ comb.)
- F. McDonald & D. Brennon (MX 100+ comb.)

Great start to 2010.. Hope we can follow up on these successes.

NATIONALS: 6-10

February, 2010, @

Rondebosch,

Cape Town

Upcoming Vets events:

- Nationals, 6-10 March, Cape Town (Entry closing date: 20 February, 2010)

The National Veterans Championships will be held in the sleepy city this year. The main venue is set to be Rondebosch.

For all the GC guys and girls who are traveling down to the fairest Cape, we wish you good luck and lots of fun. Enjoy the wind and the wine and do us proud.



SA Open in the heart of the city of gold...

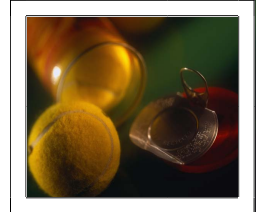
The SA Open was held successfully at Montecasino, in the northern suburbs of Jozi. Great (and seriously good looking) talent rocked the spectators for a week. It was something we can sure get used to around here, and something that is long overdue. Even with rain interrupting play on several days, the tournament was a great success. As spectators, we enjoyed the sunny skies, and odd shower, watching our-

selves on the big screen and putting sound effects to hawk-eye. It was wonderful to see top tennis in this country. When you see these guys hitting a ball, you realize that the TV does not do the game any justice, however convenient it is.

With the top 2 seeds taking a tumble in the semi's, it was up to Robert (France) and Lopez (Spain) to battle it out on a sunny Sunday afternoon. Lopez eventually took

the spoils 7-5/6-1.

The doubles affair was equally well contested with Bopanna (India) and Qureshi (Pakistan) winning in the 3rd set super tie-break (10/5).



We are looking forward to next year's event, all in the hope of seeing the great and magical Roger Federer play on African soil.

Happy playing in Mexico

We would like to wish all our Gauteng Central players going to Mexico, a wonderful and successful journey.

With the inevitable happening and some players not being able to go to Mexico, 2 more GC players got the nod and are off to the international team event. Well done to Tracey Bulmer (40+) and Marco Petersen (35+) , for making their respective teams.

Wishing everybody a happy month of love...may it mean more than *nothing* to you.



Baseline information

If you have any comments or suggestions to improve GC Vets tennis or our website and way of communicating to you, please contact us at: secretary@gcvta.co.za

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