



The Open Bob Rundle Cup – Who is Bob Rundle?

The Open Handball Cup at Rostrevor is named after old scholar and donor of the Cup, Bob Rundle.

Bob attended CBC in 1944 in Year 3 and in 1948 he attended Rostrevor. He was a keen handballer. He left Rostrevor in 1953 and when the new courts were built he and fellow old scholar, Reg Moriarty, would play Bros Cusack and McCarthy on weekends. When the Intra-school competition was

recommended (1955) Bob decided to donate the Open Cup.

Bob worked in the family Hotel Broking business for most of his life. He married Ros in 1961. They have three children, Jodie, Mark and Guy (who both attended Rostrevor).

Jodie's son Charlie is in Year 11 at Rostrevor.

Pictured left: Bob Rundle at the 2009 ROCA Elders Lunch at the Alma Tavern

Rostrevor's Heritage – Handball

The first mention of handball in the journals of Rostrevor College is in the 1939 Annual on page 48.

A donation was made by the SA Handball Association of £50 towards the first handball court at Rostrevor. The Headmaster of the day, Br McElligot, accepted the donation and in his address, Mr Peter Leahy of the Handball Association, thanked Br Kerwick, the then Principal of Wakefield Street for his support of the association.

In the same edition, on the last page, page 112, there is a list of donors towards the impending handball court at Rostrevor College.

A committee was set-up in 1939, apparently driven by Br Hec Gurr with a view to raising funds for the construction of an Irish Handball court. 1939 marked

the Diamond Jubilee (60 years 1879 – 1939) of the Christian Brothers at Wakefield Street.

The first handball court at Rostrevor was eventually built in 1941 but was blown down in a gale a few years later.

The Revival of Handball at Rostrevor

Br Mogg, in the 1950 Annual, refers to the imminent construction of three handball courts. In the 1951 Annual he reports, 'This year our generous friends have subscribed over £1,500 towards three new handball courts, and a start on them will be made as soon as a permit can be obtained. In the 1952 Annual Report he conveys, 'Early in 1953 we hope to proceed with the erection of three handball courts and three extra tennis courts.

It was not until 1955 that Br Mogg re-visited the issue of the handball courts in his Annual address,

'In a few week's time Rostrevor will have the three finest handball courts in the Commonwealth – at a cost of £6,500. When these are completed this College will have unrivalled facilities for every branch of sport.'

In 1956 Br Kelty commented in his Annual address, 'Our own swimming carnival, athletics competition, tennis and handball competitions are just as keenly contested as the interschool tournaments.' And so, a 59 year tradition commenced.

The 1957 Annual reports, 'In the two years since the new courts were built

From the 1939 Annual: Donors to the Handball Court Appeal

Handball Association's Presentation. Mr Peter Leahy, president of the U.S. Handball Association, presented Brother McElligot with a cheque for £50, being the donation towards the building of a handball court at Rostrevor College. Mr Leahy stressed the traditional nature of handball in all Christian colleges. He lauded the work of the association, and invited students to Brother Kerwick and your Alumnus Principals for their active cooperation with the association. Brother McElligot, in acknowledging the significant gift of the association, joyfully declared a jubilee every year. He paid tribute to the work of the association, and hoped next year would see the completion of a court at Rostrevor. Best wishes to their schools were made at the president's request by Rev. W. J. Brown, W. McManis, T. E. Larkin, F. E. McHugh, and F. Kelly. The financial programme was supplied by Messrs P. Brian, W. Collins, G. Fitzgerald, F. Fitzmaurice, and B. Kelly. Commemorative stamp was conferred by Mr. J. Ryan.

From the 1938 Annual

I mentioned in last year's report that the U.S. Handball Association had donated £50 towards the erection of a handball court here. That sum has since been increased to £100, and Bro. Leahy has stated that in his own contribution he will have paid towards the construction of the court. The court is nearing completion, and we shall have in the new year splendid facilities for exciting handball, tennis, golf, hockey, and football.

From the 1939 Annual: Donors to the Handball Court Appeal

HANDBALL has become very popular at Rostrevor. Some one has said that they are now known as 'the shorts'. The standard has gradually been improving all the year and when the competitions were in progress we witnessed some very stirring struggles, fought out in the best athletic style. The handball court is a great boon to the College, and we should not be ungrateful to the British Game's sponsored efforts in collecting donations for the establishment of the court. It is true but that the sporting arrangements are almost complete with the latest development. The results of the competition: Junior Cup: W. Healy; Senior Cup: J. Clota; Midlet Cup: J. Ryan; Juvenile Cup: D. Acton.

From the 1941 Annual



From the 1941 Annual – The Handball Champions. L-R: J Clota (Jnr), J Ryan (U14), W Healy (Sen) Front: D Acton (Juvenile)

Handball court advertisement featuring a photo of a player with trophies and text about the sport's popularity and upcoming events.

From the 1956 Annual

Handball is a popular game at the school, but has never been in a building, as the room was seriously damaged by a storm some years in the past, and it has been impossible to get over the obstacle to repair it.

From the 1945 Annual



From the 1955 Annual The construction of the new handball courts

1955 Open Champion (Bob Rundle Cup)	Robert Von Doussa	Under 12 Champion	D'Arcy Walsh
1956 Open Champion (Bob Rundle Cup)	Robert Von Doussa	Under 11 Champion	Eugene Russo
Under 16 Champion	F Sullivan	1958 Open Champion (Bob Rundle Cup)	Terence Hodgson
Under 15 Champion	F Manoel	Under 16 Champion	Michael Mahar
Under 14 Champion	R Taylor	Under 15 Champion	Brendan Burke
Under 13 Champion	P Mueller	Under 14 Champion	Christopher McCabe
Under 11 Champion	D'Arcy Walsh	Under 13 Champion	D'Arcy Walsh
Under 12 Champion	C McCabe	Under 12 Champion	Damien Brennan
1957 Open Champion (Bob Rundle Cup)	Gerald Harrison	1959 Open Champion (Bob Rundle Cup)	Terence Hodgson
Under 16 Champion	Ken Wilson	Under 16 Champion	Anthony Brady
Under 14 Champion	Brendan Burke	Under 15 Champion	Christopher McCabe
Under 13 Champion	Christopher McCabe	Under 14 Champion	D'Arcy Walsh

Rostrevor's Heritage – Handball

Handball has become a major activity at Rostrevor. At all free times the courts are occupied, both with games and with playing 'to the line'. With the latter, twenty or more boys can each take part, and thus it is an ideal way for occupying those periods in between classes and other odd times.

Great interest was taken in this year's championships. Gerald Harrison won the Bob Rundle Cup for the Open Champion from Douglas Pak-Poy and Brian Rodgers.'

The 1958 Annual reported, "The standard of handball in 1958 was much higher than that of previous years, with many boys participating in this sport of the Brothers. Terry Hodgson eventually won the Open Award after a hard battle with John Gaffney, and thus became the holder of the Bob Rundle Cup'

The 1960 Annual reported that Anthony Brady won the Open Cup and Christopher McCabe the Under 16. At the time of the Annual being printed the other Age group Champions had not been decided. In 1961 The Open Bob Rundle Cup was won by Chris McCabe with Under 16 – Robert Zander, Under 15 - Damien Brennan, and Under 14 - Michael Browne, Under 13 - Phillip Browne, Under 12 - George Reginato and Under 11 - Roland Kosmider.

In 1966, George Reginato was selected for the South Australian Schoolboys team. He defeated Henry Pecanek in the Open final. Henry was Runner-up in the Handball Championships on a number of occasions.

Throughout the 1960s, 70s and 80s, Handball was a dominant internal sport at Rostrevor and was a favourite past-time at Recess and Lunchtime for thousands of boys. The 'line-up' doubles game allowed 12 boys to be active on the three courts at one time and the player who lost the point retired from the court and moved to the end of the line. The nature of this game allowed players of various abilities the chance to stay on the court for an indefinite amount of time.

The boys in the line-up were well served with spectating the game and the usual

banter that goes with large groups of boys eager to enter the playing field. In the 1960s it was not uncommon for a mass sprint from the Rice Wing to the handball courts for 30 or 40 boys, the fastest boys being rewarded with a place on the court or a premium place in the line-up ensuring a turn on the court. During morning recess, it was not uncommon for the slower runners or late-comers to wait in the line for the entire recess time without getting an opportunity on the court. There was little remorse from a boy if this happened as there was enough entertainment spectating or adjudicating the many heated debates on validating flat butts, or line balls or hinders. A hinder was when a player unintentionally (or otherwise) obstructed a player from getting to the ball to complete a shot. Some players became adept at procuring and successfully claiming hinders which prolonged their court time.

The early rounds of the Knockout Age Group Handball Tournaments were also played at recess and lunchtime and provided good spectating and generous amounts of spectator inspired derision, all in good fun, as every boy was a handball aficionado.

The grand-finals of the Age Group tournaments were usually played after school and sometimes on weekends, especially if boarders were involved – as they often were.

The handball courts of the 50s, 60s, and 70s were the television, ipod and computer games of the current era. The courts were a means of gainfully killing time, keeping fit and honing a sense of competition which was a big part of the Brother's means of managing over 200 adolescent boys 24 hours a day.

The boarders owned the courts on weekends as local day boys found out if they endeavoured to use the courts for some practice. Major handball events involved a talented boarder challenging one of the Brothers (all of the Brothers seemed extremely adept in handball with minimum practice). Such events would attract large spectator crowds and, inevitably, the big winner was the

continued respect and esteem the Brothers were held in as they displayed their unique (and seemingly unlikely) sporting prowess on the handball court.

While the Annuals have recorded the Age Champions over the years there is little commentary on the state of the game in the life of the College. This was largely because handball only involved the boys of Christian Brothers Colleges (namely CBC and Rostrevor) and as such did not have the same inter-collegiate profile as the other sports. In 1988, the Annual reports that handball is an "Up and Coming Sport" inferring that its status in the College had been waning.

In that year, 4 students were chosen to represent SA in the National Championships, 3 from Rostrevor: Andrew McCormack, Phil Greco and Charles Sullivan.

Handball was undertaking somewhat of a revival under the guidance of staff member and old scholar Greg Hay. Greg remains active in the Handball Association even today as its President and a regular competitor.

The 1989 Annual featured the heading "Interest has Snowballed" and reported the three handball courts have seen, arguably, more handball than in any other year of their 37 years service. Promising players mentioned were Matt Kelly, Damian Lodge, Paul Harrison and Grantley Fraser. The National Junior team that year was made up of 4 Rostrevor Year 12 students: Tom Farrow, Ben Grave, Tom Walsh and Jeremy Martin.

The 1989 Annual Handball report opens with a quote from Ron Blair's play "The Christian Brother" "...when temptations arise do something else. Go and play handball. Handball's great virtue is that it demands such energy that it outpaces the devil. Don't feel that the Brothers don't feel these temptations of the flesh. We're human... That's why we play handball!"

Outstanding players for 1989 were Grantley Fraser and Jim Cormie. Both Grantley and Jim continue to be dominant players in the SA Handball



From the 1955 Annual: The Rostrevor College Handball Courts

Association to this day and have gone on to win numerous national singles and doubles titles over the years. Other players to impress of the 50 or so involved in the squad in 1989 were Mark Viscione, Michael Capogreco, Luke Taverner and Luke Darcy with Jeremy Martin captaining the winning internal Handball Pennant team.

Staff member and Handball coordinator of that year, Greg Hay, sustained the literary connection with these closing paragraphs to his Annual article, "There have been many enjoyable moments of Handball this year. Perhaps Ron Blair's words again will act as a summary. They may give some insight into Br Ahern's great love of the game. *'You know boys, don't you, that the worst punishments in Hell are reserved for fallen religious?... You look in after school one day. You'll see a few Brothers whipping the handball. Outpacing the devil, I call it.'*

It was another 9 years before Handball got a mention in the Annual again. In 1998 it was reported that Jacob Speed (Boarder, Mildura) and Mark Fitzgerald (Boarder, Kimba) won the Senior and Middle School Handball Trophies, respectively. The revival of Handball can be attributed to the dedication of Br John Ahern who was pro-active in arranging competition with CBC and an alliance with the SA Handball Association for whom he was a player. In 1999 there was a squad of 10 who played CBC regularly on Friday afternoons in Term One and Four. The Christian Brothers Cup was inaugurated at this time. The competition was an after school program between Rostrevor and CBC Wakefield Street. Luke Rogers won the Senior Handball Trophy and an Australian

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Under 13 Champion
 Under 12 Champion
 1960 Open Champion (Bob Rundle Cup)
 Under 16 Champion
 1961 Open Champion (Bob Rundle Cup)
 Under 16 Champion
 Under 15 Champion
 Under 14 Champion
 Under 13 Champion
 Under 12 Champion
 Under 11 Champion
 1962 Open Champion (Bob Rundle Cup)
 Under 16 Champion
 Under 15 Champion
 Under 14 Champion
 Under 13 Champion

Damien Brennan
 Michael Browne
 Anthony Brady
 Chris McCabe
 Chris McCabe
 Robert Zander
 Damien Brennan
 Michael Browne
 Phillip Browne
 George Reginato
 Roland Kosmider
 D'Arcy Walsh
 Damien Brennan
 Michael Browne
 Christopher Connellan
 George Reginato

Under 12 Champion
 Under 11 Champion
 1963 Open (Bob Rundle Cup)
 Under 16
 Under 15
 Under 14
 Under 13
 Under 12
 Under 11
 1964 Open (Bob Rundle Cup)
 Under 16
 Under 15
 Under 14
 Under 13
 Under 12
 Under 11

Mark Sweeney
 Allan Smith
 D'Arcy Walsh
 Trevor Heffernan
 Christopher Connellan
 George Reginato
 Mark Sweeney
 Allan Smith
 Ronald Russo
 Trevor Heffernan
 Arthur Nelson
 George Reginato
 Denis MacFarlane
 Allan Smith
 Ronald Russo
 Michael Cavanagh



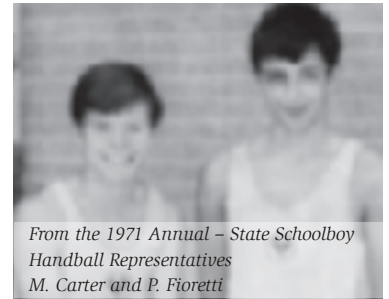
From the 1963 Annual



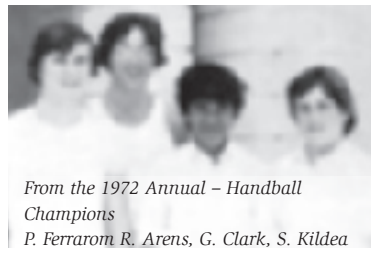
From the 1967 Annual



From the 1968 Annual – Handball Champions. From Left. Paul Henry, Grant Taddeo, Phillip Leggett, Mark Carter, Michael Cavanagh



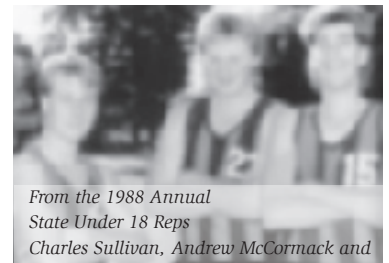
From the 1971 Annual – State Schoolboy Handball Representatives M. Carter and P. Fioretti



From the 1972 Annual – Handball Champions
 P. Ferrarom R. Arens, G. Clark, S. Kildea



From the 1979 Annual Handball – Age Champions
 M. Fioravanti, D. Dal Santo, A. Fioravanti



From the 1988 Annual State Under 18 Reprs
 Charles Sullivan, Andrew McCormack and Phillip Greco

Doubles title with a player from CBC. Henry Crawford won the Middle School Trophy and Luke Reynolds and Clayton Oldfield represented the State. In 2000, Luke Reynolds won the Senior Handball Award and represented the State as an Under 18 and won the State Junior Singles and Doubles Championship.

Handball continued to grow as an inter-school competition and in 2003 fifteen boys represented the College against CBC. Jesse Orlando and Vincent Tarzia won the Middle and Senior School titles respectively. Vincent, along with Gary Binning and Joshua Hocking represented SA at the Nationals in Sydney.

Br Ahern continued the tradition of Handball through 2004 and 2005 and he reported in 2005 that Handball had undertaken a small revival with the 'signing up' of new players from Years 7 and 8. Rostrevor won the Christian Brothers Cup in 04 with CBC winning it in 05. Paul Easton won the Medal as best player in the Cup. Rhys Stringer and Jesse Orlando won the Middle and Senior Trophies respectively.

In 2006 Br Ahern reported that Handball had undertaken a renaissance with 21 players in the squad. First year player Ryan Muldrew (Year 10) won the Senior Championship and won selection in the Junior Australian Team for the World

One Wall Championships in Canada. One wall handball was played at CBC at that time with the demolition of the 3 wall courts to make way for building developments. The one wall game is more prominent in North America. CBC won the Cup that year and Daniel Aquilina, the Middle School trophy.

Similarly, in 2007, there were many new recruits from Year 7 and 8 and the team won the Christian Brothers' Cup. Wade Stephens, Joel Roe and Ryan Muldrew won State selection and with a CBC boy they won the Foley Cup, the National Junior Award. Ryan won the Australian doubles title with his CBC partner and then went on to win the Australian One Wall title. Scott Blackmore won the Middle School trophy.

By the end of 2007 Br John reported that interest began to wain largely because CBC was unable to maintain interest in its program and therefore the inter-school aspect of the competition was in jeopardy. By 2008 CBC struggled to get a team together so Handball at Rostrevor became an Inter-House competition with Egan taking the honours. Ryan Muldrew continued to dominate the sport at the State level and won a State Singles and Doubles title and was chosen to play in a One Wall title in Italy in November. Jarrod Varley won the Middle School Award.



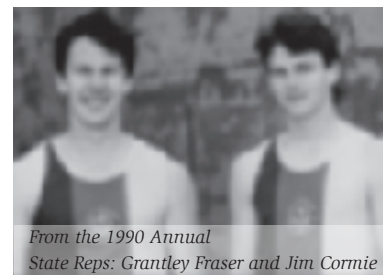
From the 1988 Annual



The Handball courts were given a handsome facelift in 2000



From the 1989 Annual State Handball Reprs
 Thomas Farrow, Benjamin Grave, Thomas Walsh (Captain), Jeremy Martin



From the 1990 Annual State Reprs: Grantley Fraser and Jim Cormie

Last year a small group enjoyed a competition against CBC. Emmanuel Taban won best player in the victorious Christian Brothers' Cup team and Jack McCarron and Sam Matthews won the Senior and Middle school Cups respectively.

The final word on the health of Handball at Rostrevor is contributed by Br John Ahern in his 2009 Annual Report, 'In the Fourth Term the emphasis was on doubles games between players of



From the 2002 Annual : Luke Reynolds – U18 State Handball and State Junior Single and Doubles Champion.

1965 Open (Bob Rundle Cup)	George Reginato	Under 15	Paul Henry
Under 16	George Reginato	Under 14	Michael Cavanagh
Under 15	Denis MacFarlane	Under 13	Gabriel Wendler
Under 14	Allan Smith	Under 12	Terrence Carter
Under 13	Paul Henry	Under 11	Grant Taddeo
Under 12	Matthew James	1968 Open (Bob Rundle Cup)	Paul Henry
Under 11	Peter Fioretti	Under 16	Paul Henry
1966 Open (Bob Rundle Cup)	George Reginato	Under 15	Michael Cavanagh
Under 16	Denis MacFarlane	Under 14	Mark Carter
Under 15	Allan Smith	Under 13	Phillip Leggett
Under 14	Paul Henry	Under 12	Grant Taddeo
Under 13	Michael Cavanagh	1969 Open (Bob Rundle Cup)	Forrest Holder
Under 12	Peter Fioretti	Under 16	Michael Cavanagh
Under 11	Paul Bowler	Under 15	Mark Carter
1967 Open (Bob Rundle Cup)	Mark Sweeney	Under 14	Robert Browne
Under 16	Allan Smith	Under 13	Mark O'Leary

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From 1999 Annual – Handball Team
Front Row: Br J Ahern, A Rau, H Crawford, C Rogers, M Hendry, C Shipway.
Second Row: L Rogers, A Webb, C Oldfield, L Reynolds, A Siemer.



From 2003 Annual – Handball Team
Front Row: G Capaldo, J Orlando, N Calabrese, N Gates, J Borg.
Second Row: H Chandler, M Warman, G Vidinis, V Tarzia, R Jones, M Newns. Br J Ahern.



2009 Handball
Seated Row: Kane Ladhams, Bradley Squire, Daniel Zahrooni, Damian La Starza, Jarrod Varley
Second Row: Adam Hamilton, Martin Evans, Samuel Matthews, Emmanuel Taban, Delahay Miller
Coach: J Ahern (Absent)

similar skill levels. New recruits included Stefan Curran, Tom Fitzgerald and Daniel Casale. Improvers over the year were Adam Hamilton, Kane Ladhams and Vlado Galic.

We now use the American Big Blue ball which bounces much higher than the old black ball many old scholars would remember. The challenge for the future is to keep the game alive in an era where

we are the only school in Australia with three wall courts that are still being used for handball. My thanks to the South Australian Handball Association for their support.'

The SA Handball Association will host the National Championships at Rostrevor over Easter commencing on Good Friday.

1970 Open (Bob Rundle Cup)	Constantin Martin	Under 14	Ronald Morelli	Under 15	Philip Greco
Under 16	Mark Carter	Under 13	Michael Fiorovanti	Under 14	Robert Costanzo
Under 15	Robert Browne	1978 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Robert Schreiner	1986 Open Doubles	Ben Farmer
Under 14	Joseph Minuzzo	Under 16 (Dr K Grave Trophy)	Graeme Klem	Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Chris Critchley
Under 13	Michael Kildea	Under 15	Anthony Fioravanti	Under 16 (Dr Keith Grave Trophy)	Matthew Darcy
1971 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Mark Carter	Under 14	Martin Burns	Under 15 (Von Doussa Trophy)	Rocco Mediatl
Under 16	Terrence Carter	Under 13	Anthony Newman	Under 14	Ben Grave
Under 15	Rene Arens	1979 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Anthony Fioravanti	1987 No records	
Under 14	David Ancans	Under 16 (Dr K Grave Trophy)	Anthony Fioravanti	1988 Handball Colours	Charles Sullivan
Under 13	Peter Joyce	Under 15	Michael Fiorovanti		Phillip Greco
1972 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Peter Fioretti	Under 14	Dino Dal Santo		Andrew McCormack
Under 16	Rene Arens	1980 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Graeme Klem	1989 State Handball Reps	Tom Farrow
Under 15	Michael Kildea	Under 16 (Dr K Grave Trophy)	Martin Burns		Ben Grave
Under 14	Paul Ferraro	Under 15	Mario Iandoli		Tom Walsh
Under 13	Sean Kildea	1981 Open Doubles	Dominic Fitsimons		Jeremy Martin
1973 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Michael Kildea	Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	David McCarthy	1990 State Handball Reps	Grantley Fraser
Under 16	Michael Kildea	Under 16 (Dr K Grave Trophy)	Sergio Papalia		Jim Cormie
Under 15	Paul Ferraro	Under 15	Jeffrey Wu	1998 Senior	Jacob Speed
Under 14	Tony Tarzia	Under 14	Anthony Mignone	Middle	Mark Fitzgerald
Under 13	Marco Lelli	1982 Open Doubles	David Taddeo	1999 Senior	Luke Rogers
1974 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Michael Kildea	Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	David Taddeo	Middle	Henry Crawford
Under 16	Peter Schreiner	Under 16 (Dr K Grave Trophy)	David Taddeo	2000 Senior	Luke Reynolds
Under 15	Sean Kildea	Under 15	Mario Paglia	2003 Senior	Vincent Tarzia
Under 14	Marco Lelli	Under 14	David Zanin	Middle	Jesse Orlando
Under 13	Algis Vieraitis	Under 13	Ben Farmer	2005 Senior	Jesse Orlando
1975 Open and Under 16 (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Sean Kildea	1983 Open Doubles	Mario Paglia	Middle	Rhys Stringer
Under 14	Emilio Fantasia	Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Christopher Scheidler	2006 Senior	Ryan Muldrew
Under 13	Michael Carey	Under 16 (Dr K Grave Trophy)	Paul Rigoni	Middle	Daniel Aquilina
1976 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Peter Schreiner	Under 15 (Von Doussa Trophy)	Simon McGinn	2007 Senior	Ryan Muldrew
Under 16	Robert Schreiner	Under 14	Ben Farmer	Middle	Scott Blackmore
Under 15	Emilio Fantasia	1984 Open Doubles (Von Doussa Trophy)	Darren Meir	2008 Senior	Ryan Muldrew
Under 14	Michael Carey	Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Christopher Scheidler	Middle	Jarrod Varley
Under 13	Anthony Fioravanti	Under 16 (Dr K Grave Trophy)	Louis Pizimolas	2009 Senior	Jack McCarron
1977 Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Sean Murphy	1985 Open Doubles (Von Doussa Trophy)	Louis Pizimolas	Middle	Sam Matthews
Under 16	Emilio Fantasia	Open (Bob Rundle Trophy)	Peter Phelps		
Under 15	Ricky Sommariva	Under 16 (Dr K Grave Trophy)	Ben Farmer		