

Tom Ferguson Shield

On Sunday 22nd August, our club competed in the annual Tom Ferguson Shield, an inter-district competition between Redlands, Gold Coast, Beenleigh and Beaudesert. The competition pits the top players (male and female) from each district against each other in four mixed teams (two men and two ladies in each team). One of the teams is restricted to Seniors (i.e. over 35).

The event was hosted this year by Beenleigh who did a magnificent job of organising the weather and the tennis. With our brilliant red shirts, Redlands won the best dressed competition hands down, however, the best we could do in the tennis was a distant third. The official results were Gold Coast first (252 games), Beenleigh second (247 games), Redlands third (176 games) and Beaudesert fourth (109 games).



The magnificent Redlands Team

Thanks must go to all who participated from the Redlands, including two of our coaches (Ben and Damian), but special thanks must go to David Young for his persistence in getting and managing the team. The event next year will be hosted by Gold Coast, the scene of our most recent victory (2007). Hopefully, with Dean's coaching skills, we may have a couple of promising juniors graduating to the senior ranks next year and revive our past glories at the Coast.

