

## RLTA Club Championships 2010

Redlands Lawn Tennis conducted its club championships during the September school holidays. The tournament was well supported and a great success, with the crowning of three new club champions. The Open Men's Champion for 2010 is Ben Bonaddio, a part-time member of the coaching team at the Club, while Will Mayer is the new Junior Boys Champion. However, it was eleven year old Gemma Tapson who was the stand-out player of the tournament, winning both the Junior Girls title along with the Open Women's Championship, and not dropping even one game in either final.



*Womens Champion Gemma Tapson*



*Singles Finalists Adam Christie and Ben Bonaddio*

The Open Men's Singles was not only of a very high standard, it was also very closely contested. Both semi-finals went the distance with the final outcomes ultimately being determined by tie-breaks. In the first semi-final, Ben Bonaddio prevailed over Scott Stephan 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (10-6 tie break) while in the other, Adam Christie defeated Matt Sticher, the defending 2009 champion, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6 (10-2 tie break). In the final, Ben proved too strong for Adam, winning 6-2, 6-4 in front of an appreciative crowd.

The Open Mixed Doubles proved a fascinating event, with husband and wife Michael and Debbie Leong on opposite sides of the net. Michael and his playing partner Emily Wilson prevailed in a closely fought contest over Michael's wife Debbie and Damian Waddell, nine games to seven. Someone mentioned something about winning a battle but losing the war.



*Mixed Doubles finalists Damian Waddell, Debbie Leong, Michael Leong and Emily Wilson*

The full results of the 2010 Club Championships are as follows:

### **OPEN**

Open Mens Singles: Ben Bonaddio def Adam Christie 6-2 6-4.  
Open Ladies Singles: Gemma Tapson def Evelyn Stephan 6-0.  
Open Mens Doubles: Damian Waddell & Greg Morris def Ian Somers & Austin Ward 9-5  
Open Ladies Doubles: Emily Wilson & Melissa Bourke def Lena Bandiera & Janelle Lattimore 23 games to 21 games.  
Open Mixed Doubles: Michael Leong & Emily Wilson def Damian Waddell & Debbie Leong 9-7.

### **JUNIORS**

A Grade Boys Singles: Will Maher def Nicholas Thompson 6-4  
A Grade Girls Singles: Gemma Tapson def Claire Vaitkus 6-0  
A Grade Boys Doubles: Anthony & James Moss def Will Maher & Brent Neale 24 games to 23 games  
  
B Grade Singles: Rory Nichols def Adam Stack 5-4  
B Grade Doubles: Simone Thomas & Madeleine Chapman def Jessica Webster & Isabella Seccombe 5-3  
  
C Grade Singles: Tom Needham def Sophie Clucas 5-1  
C Grade Doubles: Melissa Wain & Sophie Clucas def Lillian Barker & Grace Watson 5-2



*Ladies Doubles finalists Melissa Bourke, Lena Bandiera, Janelle Lattimore & Emily Wilson*