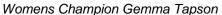
## **RLTA Club Championships 2010**

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.







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.

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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