

# The family tradition continues



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Some of tennis's well-known names have played a significant part in Scott Marshall's journey in the sport.

Scott Marshall's father, Arthur, founded the Arthur Marshall's Tennis Academy at the East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club in 1958. Marshall himself was among a number of talented juniors to progress through the academy.

His love of tennis began at the tender age of six, but as he got older, travelling in style was the icing on the cake.

"My most treasured moment was representing Australia with Brett Edwards at the Japan National Lawn Tennis Championship. It was the first time I had travelled first class and we had our own chauffeur," he says.

He went on to represent Western Australia in the Reid Cup, Linton Cup and Pizzey Cup. But his most notable achievement was being the first player to represent his state at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

Marshall also won two Western Australian State League Pennants, as well as claiming the East Fremantle singles title 17 times.

In college tennis in the US, he was named 'All American' after back-to-back titles, but coaching was a natural progression for the tennis-loving Marshall and has been his career for over 30 years.

"After the AIS training program in Canberra and College Tennis in Texas. An opportunity to direct Arthur Marshall's Tennis Academy presented itself and I took it," he says.

"Training under the tuition of some great Australian coaches is also something I rate highly as part of my qualifications ... Ray Ruffles, Bob Carmichael and Helen Gourlay at the AIS, Neale Fraser, Allan Stone and Arthur Marshall

at the National Philip Island Training Camps and Rob Kilderry and Rob Casey in Western Australian state squads."

Marshall's Tennis Academy has been associated with many clubs and schools over the years. With its 26 courts and river views, East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club is a world-class facility.

It's also seen the game evolve from wooden racquets and all white attire to the modern power game of graphite racquets, heavy spin and cutting edge games styles.

Marshall's Tennis Academy is pivotal to tennis in Western Australia. Over the years the academy has managed state teams, run state squads, developed elite coaches, produced state champions, organised tennis camps and tournaments.

Marshall's father learnt his trade under the watchful eye of Harry Hopman with tennis legends Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall.

The Marshall family has drawn on two generations of elite tennis experience and knowledge, offering a state-of-the-art tennis coaching system.

"The passing on of knowledge is rewarding and it's great to be out of the office enjoying the social interaction that comes with teaching our great game," Marshall says.

A harmonious environment though is required for athletes to achieve their goals, with the approach being critical to their development.

"I take an interest in the players themselves and critique them on performance, not on results," he says.

"Establishing short-term attainable goals, and longer-term attainable goals, as well as daring to dream is the start. Taking pride in performance and celebrating achieved goals is the next step. Drawing inspiration from the

deeds of others is another important part of staying motivated."

Marshall's coaching technique analogy is all about learning the correct fundamentals, which once established help athletes to move on to bigger goals.

"Each skill is like a piece of a jigsaw puzzle. Just like a jigsaw, start with the corner pieces and frame then the rest starts to fall into place. In other words get the fundamentals correct and then build your game from there," he says.

And he is well placed to talk about this having started playing as the number one State League player in 1990 for Hensman Park and retiring as a number one State League player for East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club only five years ago.

The East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club will hold the 35th Junior Tennis Classic in 2012. Some past winners of this tournament have gone on to compete on the Pro Tour. These



include Pat Cash, Liz Smiley, Jenny Byrne, Paul Killderry and Casey Dellaquua.

"My goal and that of Marshall's Tennis Academy is to give as many people as possible the skill and knowledge required to play the game of tennis at the level they aspire to and to maximise the players' enjoyment in all aspects of the game.

"We'll be resurfacing and re-fencing five of our 25 tennis courts. The money spent on improving the quality of bounce in our 16 grass courts will be very attractive to our new and old members alike."

## East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club

The East Fremantle Lawn Tennis Club boasts 16 grass and 10 hard courts, breathtaking river views, playground and a supervised crèche for children of tennis players.