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# Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

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JANUARY 2020

**Happy New Year!!** The Club Committee & staff hope that all members had a very enjoyable & safe Christmas, and we wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful 2020.

# AUTUMN Competitions - NSTA/NSJTA/NSNTA/NSLTA

The action will start quite soon – it's countdown time & our players need to be ready. Teams are listed on the noticeboard, and the grading/draws have been done; Start dates are as follows for the relevant competitions:

NSTA: 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Saturday) tbc

NSJTA: 31<sup>st</sup> January/1<sup>st</sup> February (Friday/Saturday)

NSNTA: Ladies 4<sup>th</sup> February (Tuesday)

Mixed 5<sup>th</sup> February (Wednesday) Men's 6<sup>th</sup> February (Thursday)

NSLTA: 6<sup>th</sup> February (Thursday)

Metro Masters: 6<sup>th</sup> February (Thursday)

Could players please check in with your captain; and could captains please organize rosters and make sure you have enough players for the first week's match.

You can see the draw & your opposition teams on the relevant Association website.



### PIZZA & PRACTICE SESSION: 28th January: 6.00-8.00pm

All members and friends are invited, and especially team players. Book a Team court! Autumn competitions are starting in two/three weeks' time, and holidays will be over. Dust off your racquet, come along to enjoy some tennis, and plan season tactics.

# **Tennis Opportunities**

Wednesdays Social Evenings: 7.00 – 9.00pm: first one for 2020 8<sup>th</sup> January

Sundays 17-25yo Twilight Social: 3.00 - 5.00pm - first one 2020 set for 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Mixed Social Mornings: Thursdays 10-00am – noon: restart 23rd January

**Tuesday Ladies' Tips & Hits Social:** these kick off on <u>14<sup>th</sup> January</u> 10.00am – noon

**Sunday Afternoon Socials:** resuming on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2.00-4.00.

For each session: Book-in at the club 15 minutes prior to start-time;

Small fee applies – with light refreshments after play.

PENNANT 2020

Player entries for this year's season should be sent in NOW.

Please register ASAP - no later than Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Queries: Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 Forms available at the clubhouse

## JUNIOR CLASSIC tournament: we need your entry!!

Our annual junior tournament is on again this year!! Labour Day weekend – 7 & 8 March! This tournament is especially designed for local players, and it can be lots of fun to play.



We have changed the category to **Junior Development Series**, so all events are round robin format, which offers extra opportunity for all players to enjoy more tennis! Singles and doubles options are available - with age groups 10, 12 & 14 Medallions/trophies are presented to winners & finalists.

The entry form is now available – at the clubhouse, on our <a href="www.royalparktennis.com.au">www.royalparktennis.com.au</a> and <a href="http://tournaments.tennis.com.au">http://tournaments.tennis.com.au</a> (for online entries) Closing date is – Friday 22nd February.

Calling all Juniors! Mark the date in your diary and start practising!!

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scheduling of the Championships has been set for two weekends in March:

- 21st/22nd March; 28th/29th March; events will be similar to 2019;
- Entry forms are available, and closing date is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March



Last year 58 club members participated, & enjoyed the experience; but we need more players! There are both junior & adult events, with three levels of Open, President and Committee offered in the adult category (which juniors may also enter); all members are eligible!!

Start thinking NOW - plan for what events you might like to play and possible partners to help! It's an opportunity to improve your tennis and get better competition results/higher grades! They are also a great lead-in to the pennant season that follows a few months later.

### Junior Jottings:



There is also an opportunity to try out for NSJTA teams that will participate in inter-Association events during February this year:

• Pat Cash Cup: 29 February/1 March at Yarrawonga Lawn T/C (grass), For boys & girls 12,14,16 & 18 years & under – apply by 1st February For further details, & application forms to send to NSJTA, please see the NSJTA website – http://www.nsjta.asn.au/ look under NSJTA Events

# Melbourne Tennis Month: free tennis at venues across the city in February: We are offering a range of free options for all comers: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>: 17-25yo social 3.00-5.00pm Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>: social play 1.45 – 4.00pm social play Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am – noon: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>: 7.00-9.00pm see www.melbournetennismonth.com for other options around Melbourne Open Court Sessions – an opportunity to "come back" to tennis!! Fun-filled 2 hours of ball games and interaction on/off court – "kick-off" is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 5.00 – 7.00pm Stay tuned for further details! RAFA NADAL Tour – juniors finals to be held at our club 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January – come & see some great matches