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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

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JANUARY 2021

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 2021. May it be a more typical, positive and rewarding time than the past year.*

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: 6th February (Saturday)
- NSJTA: 29th/30th January (Friday/Saturday)
- NSNTA: Ladies 2nd February (Tuesday)
Mixed 3rd February (Wednesday)
Men's 4th February (Thursday)
- NSLTA: 4th February (Thursday)
- Metro Masters: 4th 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.

PRACTICE SESSION: Thursday 28th January: 6.00-8.00pm

All members are invited, and especially team players. **Please book a Team court ASAP!** 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 2021 **20th January**

Sundays 17-25yo Twilight Social: 3.00 - 5.00pm - first one 2021 set for **28th February**

Mixed Social Mornings: Thursdays 10-00am – noon: restart **4th February**

Tuesday Ladies' Tips & Hits Social: these kick off on **2nd February** 10.00am – noon

For each session: Book-in at the club 15 minutes prior to start-time;
Small fee applies – with light refreshments after play (tbc).

SPECIAL: Women's Beginner Coaching Sessions: \$80 for 8 weeks - 2 programs /term.
: led by an accredited coach, & supported by a Sport & Recreation Victoria grant.
http://www.royalparktennis.com.au/images/PDFS/2020/Information_sheet_WBC.pdf

PENNANT 2021

Player entries for this year's season should be sent in NOW. Please register **ASAP** – no later than **Friday 12th February**.
Queries: Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 Forms available at the clubhouse

JUNIOR CLASSIC JDS tournament:

we need your entry!!

Our annual junior tournament is on again this year!! **Labour Day weekend – 6 & 7 March!**
This tournament is especially designed for local players, and it can be lots of fun to play.



This is now included in the **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 08, 10, 12 & 14 Medallions/trophies are presented to winners & finalists.

The entry form is now available - at the clubhouse, on our www.royalparktennis.com.au and <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> (online entries) **Closing date is – Saturday 20th February.**

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

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following the cancellation of the 2020 event, we are now planning for 2021! Scheduling of the Championships has been set for two weekends in March:

- 20th/21st March; 27th/28th March; events will be similar to 2019;
- Entry forms are available, and **closing date** is Friday 12th March



In 2019, 58 club members participated, & enjoyed the experience; **but we need more players!** There are singles & doubles 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:** 27 & 28 February at Wodonga Tennis Centre (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

Annual General Meeting – held on 15th November 2020; with 19 attendees.

Major outcomes included :

- A vote of thanks to staff and outgoing Committee for managing Covid-19 scenarios
- Committee elections: Caryle Demarte (Pres); Maria Keys (Sec); Kim Summerill (Treas) Jason Vochala, Anthony Malkoun, Troy Knowing.
- Major “Thank You” to Joey Agerholm, who is relocating interstate.
- Operating profit \$32,358 (+ 15% v 2018/19)
- Member Subscriptions: no increase for 2021/2022 (Covid -19 related)
- Change of Auditor (after 6 years) in line with good governance principles
- Maintenance credit abolished (MCC increased responsibility for maintenance)

Arrangements for Courts 11-13 realignment were discussed, noting MCC’s lead role and “like for like” policy regarding playing surface, and TA’s support for en-tout-cas.

