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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

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MARCH 2021

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Don't forget the Championships are scheduled for two weekends this month:

- 20th/21st March; 27th/28th March; events will be similar to 2019;
- Entry forms are available, and **closing date is Friday 5th March**
- That's only a few days away - send your entry in NOW!



In 2019, 58 club members participated, & enjoyed the experience; **but we need more players!** There are various events for adult men and women, with three levels of Open, President and Committee, & juniors may also enter; all members are eligible!!

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 on quite soon.

Do join in! you could meet different/new players & welcome new members!

COURT AVAILABILITY: reduced court time during March!

Some courts will be reserved for club events at various times during March - these are:

- the Junior Tournament during the Labour Day weekend (Saturday/Sunday 6th/7th)
- the Club Championships over 2 weekends mid/late March (see above)

Book A Court will allocate the necessary courts, and some other courts will still be available for bookings, but time slots will be limited.

AUTUMN Competitions - NSTA/NSJTA/NSNTA/NSLTA

The season has begun! Great to see players back on court & enjoying the contests

Unfortunately, the snap lockdown caused 1 round to be suspended/cancelled for for most, except for Mid-week Ladies, Metro Masters and Men's Night comp.

We have 32 teams participating every week – Tuesday to Saturday!

NSTA: Open Singles/Doubles (Saturday) - 2 teams

NSNTA: Ladies (Tuesday pm) – 5 teams

Mixed (Wednesday pm) – 3 teams

Men's (Thursday pm) – 8 teams

NSLTA: (Thursday) – Ladies - 1 team Section 3

NSJTA: Juniors 12 teams A Grade 2 – D4; Boys/Mixed/Unisex (Fri pm/Sat am)

Metro Masters: Senior men's (Thursday) – 1 team



Many thanks to all players for your assistance in observing the COVID protocols that the Associations have adopted to ensure that the competitions can proceed. In due course, we hope to re-open our clubhouse and reinstate the social aspects such as afternoon tea/supper which add that extra dimension to matches!

Gender Equity Pilot Project & Survey –

A few months ago, we joined forces with Tennis Victoria to collaborate on a Gender Equity Pilot Project at the Club as part of our ongoing commitment to provide an inclusive sport for all. Members were asked to contribute to a survey to assist us in developing goals and objectives to be implemented over time to improve gender equality and enhance the welcoming, safe and inclusive environment we promote and which is recognized and appreciated by many of our members/visitors. .



Thank you to all our members who responded to the survey - all your positive comments and improvement suggestions were appreciated and helped to formulate our proposed Action Plan to reinforce our friendly, inclusive approach:

- set up a Feedback box on our Website and Facebook for member/community use
- promote our pertinent policies such as gender equity, inclusion & non-discrimination
- provide members with possible options to assist with Club costs if they are a financial strain;
- install a collapsible baby change table in the Disability toilet, with relevant signs in both Men’s and Ladies toilets;
- utilize staff training sessions to highlight the importance of a positive welcome at all times to new and current users
- plan to establish a program for “men’s beginners” when opportune.
- Provide members with feedback on the Survey via our various communication channels.



The Management Committee has shared our Action Plan with Tennis Victoria, and indicated that we will progress the majority of the items in the next month or so. Lead-time is needed to assemble resources such as finance, court time and session leaders for the Men’s Beginner program and it is likely to be a 2022 item.

Tennis Opportunities

	<p>Wednesdays Social Evenings: 7.00 – 9.00pm: Sundays 17-25yo Twilight Social: 3.30 - 5.00pm Mixed Social Mornings: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10-00am – noon: <u>For each session:</u> Book-in at the club 15 minutes prior to start-time; Small fee applies – with light refreshments after play.</p> <p><u>SPECIAL:</u> 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</p>
<p>PENNANT 2021</p> 	<p>Teams have been selected, and will be lodged with Tennis Victoria for grading this week. Season starts the weekend of 24/25 April, with a new match format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • singles and doubles will be played each week,. • Two eight-game sets will be played for both doubles rubbers, • followed by four singles rubbers, played in a best-of-two set format, with a ten-point match tiebreaker <p>Queries: Jason Vochala 0419 132 423</p>