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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

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FINAL NOTICE: 2015/16 Membership Fees Due NOW !!



The annual membership fee became due on 1st July, and each member should have received a form; Our renewal rate is promising so far with some **261** of last year's list rejoining, plus 15 new comers. **BUT** there are still quite a few payments to come in, and we would definitely love to have more members re-sign for the next twelve months. Our fees are still great value – with extensive access to courts, a comfortable clubhouse with bar, and friendly functions for the year. Not to mention the two BIG TVs & Foxtel!! There are also opportunities to join teams, meet other players and socialize - all for about \$4 per week for adults, and \$2.30 for juniors.

What a bargain!! Grab your cheque-book or card NOW and send your \$\$\$ to Carole!! There are also several member benefits now available from club sponsors/partners – See the details later in this newsletter, and watch for the handouts with your membership card.

This is a final alert about payment, and non-financial members are being sent a personal Reminder.

- From **now**, only new membership cards are valid to access the key to the complex.
- If your renewal is not received by **30th September**, you will be required to pay a late fee.
- Your eligibility for inclusion in competition teams would also be at risk, given Association rules.

Membership renewal forms are available at the Club – from the office, and Carole would like to see you ASAP!

Don't forget there are Concession and Family options as well as the regular Adult and Junior rates. Just check the details on the form to see if you can take advantage of a different category – and save some \$\$\$! Also - there's an eftpos credit card payment option available, as well as direct debit, cash or cheque.

Visitors: members are also reminded that when you invite a friend to the Club to play tennis, there is a fee to be paid – this should be done before play commences, and Carole can provide details of the relevant charges for adults, juniors etc. You should book a court ahead of time as well!

Membership Details

If you have changed your postal or email address in the past few months and have not advised Carole, please email or phone her with the new details.

That will ensure club notes will find you!!

When you pay your renewal, please fill in all details on the form;

We want to ensure our records are up-to-date!

AGM: Sunday 27th September 11.00am

This is advance notice that we will be having our Annual General Meeting in about 7 weeks time! Please note the date in your diary - it will be an opportunity to catch up on what we achieved in 2014/15, and be updated on our initiatives now underway to expand member services and facility patronage.

PLUS: the traditional *Wine Tasting* has been booked to follow the AGM.



SOCIAL

There are quite a few options/events coming up - see below!!

PINK - Cancer Fundraiser: Sunday 13th September 12.00pm - 3.00pm

This will be in support of the Breast Cancer Foundation, and the arrangements will be:



- Cardio and social tennis;
- Chicken & champagne lunch
- Fundraising raffle with some major prizes
- Tickets will be \$20 per person.

It's a great initiative, and all members plus friends, families, neighbours are welcome. More details will follow shortly—but please book it into your diary **NOW**

AFL Grand Final Day - Saturday 3rd October



With our brand new LARGE TV screen in the bar area, this should be even better than last year's gathering. There will be tennis, with a BBQ lunch and refreshments on offer. It's another date for football fans and friends—get them organized—even if your team is not in the contest, it's still a spectacle worth watching and joining in the thrills of the scoring!

Seniors' Festival - Wednesday 7th October 10.00am start

**We are organizing social tennis, with morning tea provided.
All members are invited; please bring friends and family to join in.**

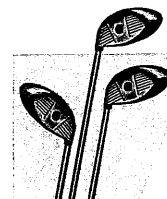
This is part of a State-wide celebration of our senior citizens; the festival is scheduled for 4th-11th October; each of the State's 79 Councils will present local events and a music program will be happening across regional Victoria. Free public transport will be available to Victorian Seniors Card Holders 4th-11th October.

See <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards> for detailed programs.

NSNTA Golf Shield Sunday 4th October 7.00am report in.

This is the inaugural year of this event—it will be played at Melbourne Airport Golf Club:

- 4 person team Ambrose competition (18 holes)—shot gun start
- Cost \$45 per player (comp. entry/light lunch/prizes); MAGC fin. members \$25
- male/female/mixed teams—Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf will apply.
- There is an event elimination format—handicaps will apply (individual & team)



All NSNTA clubs/players are eligible to enter team(s), and we would like to support the event. No doubt we have many golfers among our members, and all those interested in participating are invited to nominate for inclusion—either as a single player, or perhaps as a potential team.

Please advise Carole if you wish to be included, and provide the following information:

Golf Link Number & Handicap, Social Club Handicap or recent score

There's a copy of the proposed Event Rules at the clubhouse for preview. Should be a fun day!!



Closing date: Friday 28th August for registering interest with Carole.

KOOYONG CLASSIC 2016 - Special Ticket Offer

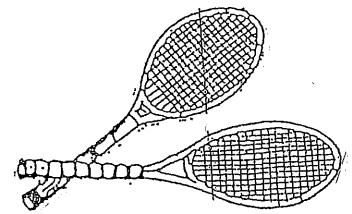
Tennis Victoria has negotiated an exclusive offer for club members for next year's event:

\$15 x 1 adult; \$30 x 2 adults & get 1 free; \$40 family (2xadults; 2xkids or 1xadult, 3x kids).

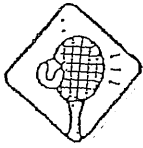
All lower level reserved seating; book via ticketek.com.au (enter unique code TVKOOYONG16)

COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



PENNANT:



Most rounds have just concluded & the season is into finals – our teams have very positive results; 5 teams qualified for Sectional play-offs – **Mens' Grade 4, 5 & 9; Ladies Grade 5 & 6; Congratulations!!** We will have semi-finals at home next Saturday & Sunday – come along and support our teams!! Our **Masters' A & B** have one more round to play – and should also qualify for play-offs. Many thanks to all players and captains involved; we hope you enjoyed the season & the challenges!

NSNTA (night)



Spring 2015 Season started early this month, but the cold/showery weather is discouraging! We have 20 teams competing, with 10 new players; there are 525 teams overall from 50 Clubs!! **Queries?** Contact Liz Bradley 9387 0794

Practice night: the traditional "get ready" session was held and about 20 players came along – They took advantage of the practice, and enjoyed the pizzas!! Thank you for joining in!

Flags/glasses to collect !!

We have 3 Premiership flags and player trophies from the 2014 Spring & 2015 Autumn seasons to be collected – momento glasses are with Carole for Mixed: A Grade & B Reserve 1, Ladies B Special 1.

NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

Spring season: Matches start – **29th August** – for both **Mixed and Men's Singles/Doubles**

We have 1 team in each competition; both will be a 10 week season – 6 team draw!

There are 19 clubs fielding teams across 6 grades – a positive sign for the Association.

NSJTA (Juniors)

Semester 2 has just started – our enthusiastic 15 teams are getting into the swing & testing their skills. Some 20 new players/members are participating this season – best wishes to all for an enjoyable time. Co-ordinators: Kata Pinter, Kevin Walsh and Debby Shepherd.

NSLTA (Thursday Ladies) Our Section 4 team is testing out the opposition and have points on the board!

Court Bookings

Now that the sun is shining occasionally, and the temperature is climbing slowly, there are more people coming out to play tennis. Court availability will be a challenge. This means you need to book to ensure you can have a hit when you feel like it. Phone 9380 1259 to reserve a time.



Junior Jottings

The new tennis tops/shirts are now available for preview and size selection. Kevin Walsh is co-ordinating the project, and would be happy to help with further details 9383 6337 0417 538 705

Social Tennis

We are re-activating **Wednesday mornings** social tennis sessions. Starts at 10.00am - come along, bring friends and neighbours, enjoy some exercise & fresh air !!

Australian Open 2016

Our annual "book early" opportunity is likely to be available again!! We anticipate details will be available soon - start planning NOW and be ready to send your order to our Co-ordinator when advice comes in!

Sponsors

St Kilda Road Sports & Physiotherapy Centre
SnapFitness

We welcome these two sponsors - they will both provide RPTC Member Benefits in 2015-16 with generous discounts and professional services. Look for their details with your 2015/16 club card.



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