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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

Newsletter

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was encouraging to have similar numbers return this year to participate, with 137 entries and 92 players. Both juniors and adults came to test their skills, and 21 events were completed. Other interesting features:

- Round robin formats were used in 5 events to increase player opportunities;
- Most popular sections were adult Open & Presidents, but not Committee, nor Junior 16s/12s ;
- Open Singles: new champions won through in Men's, Ladies' and Junior Boys;
- Men's events were the more highly supported, while the Ladies' & Juniors were less so.



Congratulations to all participants, both seniors and juniors, and especially to winners and finalists, notably Rob McRae (Open Vets) who successfully defended his Singles titles again.

"Well done" also to those contestants who took out multiple titles:

Singles & Singles: Luca Pilotto, Henry Buttifant

Doubles & Doubles: Tom McGrath; Mel Lasslett; Rhian Shepherd; Jason Vochala; Jenny Pearson

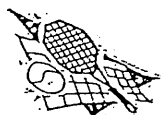
It was encouraging to see some new faces among the players, and "thank you" to the organizers. Assistance from Kevin Walsh & Stuart McCurdy was appreciated by Carole Houston & Maria Keys.

The end of match BBQ was a winner too! A full list of winners/finalists is attached.

Trophy Presentation occasion: We are planning for this in the near future – watch for the date! (mid-June?)

JUNIOR CLASSIC

This annual tournament was relatively successful, with some 70 local juniors contesting the 13 events. The weather made it enjoyable for the players and the support crew! Although participant numbers were down, over 105 matches were scheduled during the Labour Day weekend, and Round-robin format was used to give players in an opportunity to mix and test their skills when entries were limited. Star attraction was the 10 & Under Boys "green ball" round robin, and the winner medallions were very popular.



Overall, the tournament ran well, and there were many favourable comments from players and parents. The major disappointment was the low participation by girls – only two events had sufficient entries, in contrast to 11 boys' events being contested. This apparently is not unusual currently with competitive events, and is a trend we all need to work on changing for the better.

A regular band of court managers and canteen assistants helped with the success of the tournament, in support of organizers Carole Houston, Julie Limbach, Maria Keys and Danni Skiba. Many thanks to Kevin Dalach, Alan Frigerio, Liz Bradley, Sam Houston, Russell Grigg & Chris Belcher – your "maintenance fee" activity is now recorded.

NEXT SEASON ALERTS

Night Competition – Spring Season 2016 - Tuesday (Ladies); Wednesday (Mixed); Thursday (men's)	Player entry form now available Closing date 20 th May
Junior Competition – Season 2 2016	Player entry form emailed recently Closing date 7 th May

FUTURE LEADERS COURSE Scholarship available for Juniors!!

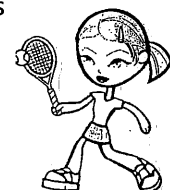
The Club strongly supports junior development, and awards 1-2 scholarships to this annual Future Leaders course. The scholarship funds the full cost (\$149), if the application(s) is successful. The next course is to be held in **July (4th- 6th)** at Kyneton, and it's a great opportunity for fun & learning skills.

The 3 day residential Course is open to Tennis Victoria/club members, in Year 10 or 11 & transport is provided. Location will be PGL Campaspe Downs, 1302 Trentham Rd, Kyneton

If you are keen to become involved in the tennis or sporting industry, this is a valuable opportunity.

Highlights of the course could include:

- Leadership development workshops & information on careers in sport;
- Introductory courses on Hot Shots and planning a follow-up project at your club.



We would like all our eligible juniors to consider applying for this year's course, and you should contact Junior Committee member Deb Shepherd m. 0409 148 715 a/h. 9347 5127 if you are tempted. Talk to previous participants Natalie Walsh or Vighnesh Wilkinson to see what a good a time it is!!

Contact Deb before **14th May**. Further details at

<http://www.tennis.com.au/vic/players/programs/future-leaders>

CLUB UPDATES:

Staffing: following a review of our resourcing and operational requirements, we have adopted some varied arrangements to ensure appropriate member/customer support continues within financial limits:

- Carole and Neil continue their regular roles and activities – week days and weekends;
- Janice is on site Tuesdays and Thursdays, looking after court bookings and general support duties;
- Greg Kennedy (part-time) and new starter Christa Santiago (Friday nights) are also helping.

Casual Opportunities: Helpers wanted: in addition to the above arrangements,

- there are occasional functions/facility hire events where we may need additional resources to assist with hosting/bar service due to event numbers etc.
- We would like to offer these opportunities to interested members, at casual \$ rates.
- If you could assist, and have a Responsible Serving of Alcohol certificate, please let us know, and your name can be added to our register for reference when opportunities arise.



Member profile: Tennis Victoria has alerted us to their recent selection of our junior **Enzo Aguiard** to represent Australia at the ITF World Junior Teams Competition Qualifying Event in Bangkok this month. Congratulations to Enzo and his family – and thanks to those club members who have helped Enzo.

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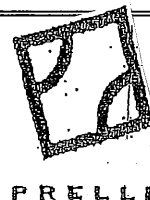
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Racquets: Specials: Prince (from \$99); Babolat (from \$129)
Tennis Footwear & Clothing: new Sergio Tacchini (clothing); Prince & Nike (shoes) -

The store is open on Sundays as well - 10am to 4.00pm

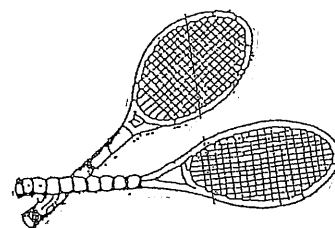
Ask for Lou - mention Royal Park Tennis Club for **10% discount** (conditions apply)

- you must show your current membership card to qualify
- support the shop that supports your club



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COMPETITION NEWS



NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

The Autumn Season has started, and our 2 Men's Singles/Doubles teams are competitive in their A Grade & A Reserve sections at Round 7.

19 clubs are participating in 7 grades; similar to numbers in the previous season.

Co-ordinator: Julie Benstead 9387 0014.

NSNTA (night)

Autumn Competition: Now past the half-way mark, and we have 20 teams competing - (8 ladies; 4 mixed; 10 men's) – that's more Ladies & Mixed, which is good to see!

Fortunes so far are rather inconsistent, and each category shows about 50/50 in top4 positions. Several rounds to go though – bring on more wins! And continue to enjoy!

Spring Season: will run August-November; Forms are now available, and closing date is 20th May; \$s to be included please.

Co-ordinator is Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

GENERAL:

Team members are reminded of the following:

- You are representing our great club when you play competition – please observe the rules of tennis and Association dress code;
- Be courteous and well-behaved;
- Contribute to refreshments and cleaning up when hosting matches at our Club.

NSJTA (Juniors)

Season 1 – started 29th/30th January

With 17 teams participating we have a strong presence; (4 Mixed, 5 Boys, 8 Unisex); ranging across A Grade 1 to D Grade 5. Results to Round 7 vary, but the weather has been quite challenging, and wins hard to come by!

Season 2 – will run July-November
Player entry forms are now available; register NOW - closing date is 7th May - \$s to be included please.



NSLTA – (ladies midweek)

Our team is in the mix in Section 4.
Best of luck! And enjoy more wins!

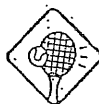
Pennant 2016

Teams have been graded by Tennis Vic and are on the notice board – please check details ASAP.

We have 9 teams: 2 Men's Doubles (45+);

Singles/doubles: 1 ladies; 6 men's

Season start date: Saturday 30th April.



Captains

Please contact players and organize a team roster to ensure there are sufficient players for each match. Emergencies will be in short supply, and forward planning is essential. Practice sessions would also be useful – to refresh tactics and for players to meet up prior to Round 1.

Queries: contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423
or Carole Houston 0419 560 436

COURT CARE & BOOKINGS

With Night Comp in full swing, and Pennant about to start, tennis is very popular, and court availability is quite limited, especially from 5.00pm weekdays, and generally on the weekend. Don't just arrive & hope!!

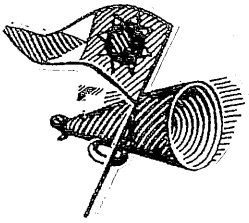
**You MUST book a court if you wish to play, & check at the office before going on court.
You MUST also pay a Visitor's Fee before playing if you invite a friend to have a hit.**

The dry, windy weather is making our courts quite dry and dusty too – they need extra care!!

Watering from fence to fence before you play is very important – and you should water again at least every 30 minutes. We also request that the court surface is sprinkled before bagging the court – that helps stop the en tous cas from blowing away.

Please read the NOTICE on the fence near the gates – it details court care requirements.





Club Championships 2016

The annual contests took place during March and participants had various opportunities to test their skills and fitness; good to see new members participating too !! Congratulations to our winners and finalists; For those who bowed out – don't despair & throw your racquets away – there's always next year!!

Event	Winner	Finalist
Men's Open Singles	Yannick Zapt	Thomas Halbert
Ladies Open Singles	Selam Ouliaris	Melanie Lasslett
Men's Open Doubles	Tom McGrath/Travis Toner	Ben Spencer/Peter White
Ladies Open Doubles R/R	Melanie Lasslett/Rhian Shepherd	Trish Lowe/Jenny Pearson
Open Mixed Doubles	Tom McGrath/Melanie Lasslett	Stuart McCurdy/Kim Summerill
Presidents Men's Singles	Harry Buttifant	Alan Frigerio
Presidents Ladies Singles	Kim Dellavedova	Kanna Murphy
Presidents Men's Doubles	Christian Belcher/Jason Vochala	Nick & Tim Harrington
Presidents Ladies Doubles R/R	Keilah & Rhian Shepherd	
Presidents Mixed Doubles	Damen Mendel/Belinda Ortika	Nick Harrington/Susan White
Committee Men's Singles R/R		Not held
Committee Ladies Singles		Not held
Committee Men's Doubles R/R		Not held
Committee Ladies Doubles		Not held
Committee Mixed Doubles		Not held
Open Veterans Men's Singles	Rob McRae	Nigel Christie
Open Veterans Ladies Singles		Not held
Open Veterans Men's Doubles	Nigel Christie/Jason Vochala	Neil Oborn/Kevin Walsh
Open Veterans Ladies Doubles R/R	Jenny Pearson/Trish Lowe	
Open Veterans Mixed Doubles R/R	Laurie & Jenny Pearson	
President Vets. Men's Singles	Andrew Johnston	Gorg Demicoli
President Vets. Ladies Singles		Not held
President Vets. Men's Doubles R/R		Not held
President Vets. Ladies Doubles		Not held
President Vets. Mixed Doubles		Not held
Juniors		
Open Boys Singles	Luca Pilotto	Jacob Bau
Open Girls Singles		Not held
16 & Under Boys Singles	Jack Maughan	Oscar Mugerwa
16 & Under Girls Singles		Not held
16 & Under Boys/Girls Doubles		Not held
14 & Under Boys Singles	Harry Buttifant	Oscar Mugerwa
14 & Under Girls Singles R/R	Kanna Murphy	
14 & Under Boys Doubles	Leon Fina/Oliver Hosking Gross	
14 & Under Girls Doubles		Not held
12 & Under Boys Singles	Luca Pilotto	Jude Rose Tucker
12 & Under Girls Singles R/R		Not held
12 & Under Boys/Girls Doubles		Not held
10 & Under Boys/Girls Singles R/R		Not held
Mixed Doubles - all age groups		Not offered

