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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

Newsletter

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Great to see similar numbers return this year to participate, with 148 entries and 98 players. There were 21 events, with both juniors and adults testing their skills, Other interesting and similar features:

- Round robin and change partner formats were used in 4 events to increase participation;
- Most popular sections were adult Open, Presidents, but not Committee, nor Juniors;
- Open Singles: new champions won through in both Men's (Tom McGrath) and Ladies' (Danni Skiba)
- Men's events were the most popular, 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 again successfully defended his Singles titles. "Well done" also to those contestants who took out multiple titles:

Doubles & Doubles: Susan White;

Singles & Doubles: Danni Skiba; Belinda Ortika; William Marshall; Lachlan Setina

It was encouraging to see some new faces among the players, and "thank you" to the organizers. Assistance from Kevin Walsh was appreciated by Carole Houston & Maria Keys. Finals Day saw some epic matches, with 3 setters deciding several events. 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 45 local juniors contesting the 13 events. Both players and support crew tolerated the warm weather, though participant numbers were down and round-robin format was used in most events to give players in an opportunity to mix and test their skills. Star attraction was the 10 & Under Boys "green ball" round robin, and the winner medallions were very popular.

Overall, the tournament ran well, gaining many favourable comments from players and parents. The major disappointment was the low participation by girls – with just three events having 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 helped with the success of the tournament, in support of organizers Carole Houston, Maria Keys and Danni Skiba. Many thanks to Kevin Dalach, Alan Frigerio, Sam Houston, Russell Grigg – your "maintenance fee" activity is now recorded.



IMPORTANT DATE ALERTS

Night Competition – Spring Season 2017 - Tuesday (Ladies); Wednesday (Mixed); Thursday (men's)	Player entry form available shortly Closing date 20 th May
Junior Competition – Season 2 2017	Player entry form available shortly Closing date 7 th May
Working Bee – Sunday 28th May Opportunity to off-set your maintenance fee for 2017/18	To tidy up the complex ready for pennant season & winter weather.



FUTURE LEADERS COURSE Scholarship available for Juniors!!

The Club strongly supports junior development, and awards 1-2 scholarships to this annual 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 from AAMI Park 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, with:

- Leadership development workshops & information on careers in sport;
- Introductory courses on Hot Shots and planning a follow-up project at your club;
- An invitation to graduates to attend a day at the Australian Open.

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 interested. 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>



Junior Pennant – further opportunity for playing & improving skills

If you are keen to play more tennis in teams with players from other local clubs, this is for you!

- NSJTA enter teams in an age based competition now known as **Associations Junior League**
- Matches are played on Sunday mornings August-November (10 week season)
- Age groups are 10/u, 12/u, 14/u, 16/u or 18/u – singles and doubles in each home/away match;
- Several of our juniors have played in these NSJTA teams and have enjoyed the experience.

NSJTA is likely to call for interested players soon – watch this Newsletter & News Alerts for further details.



PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL:

Don't forget to register for this initiative - you only need to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day and there are some great rewards for each registrant: go to <https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/> for details. Some examples are: 15% off at Sportsmart in store & online; 20% off Cycling Victoria annual membership; Entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2018 Australian Open Tennis Finals.

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207 - 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066
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*** APRIL/MAY ***

Racquets: Specials: Wilson Ultra Team Light \$229 (was \$329)
Tennis Footwear & Clothing: Yonex shoes (limited stock) \$99

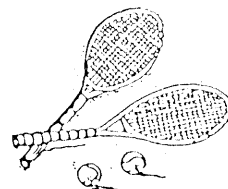
The store is open on Sundays as well - 10am to 4.00pm

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 is underway, and our "unisex" Singles/Doubles team is mid ladder in the Open A Grade section at Round 6.

The competition is challenged for teams/clubs this time, and needs more support.

Co-ordinator: Carole Houston 9380 1259

NSNTA (night)

Autumn Competition: Matches are now into the second half, and our 21 teams have been playing.

But fortunes so far are rather inconsistent. Ladies (8) & Mixed (5) are 50/50 in top4 positions, while Mens' (8) are feeling quite challenged. Several rounds to go though – bring on more wins! And continue to enjoy!

Spring Season: will run August-November; Forms will be available shortly, and closing date is probably 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.

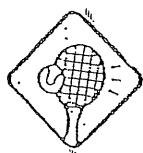
NSJTA (Juniors)

Season 1 – matches resume 21st/22nd April

With 16 teams participating we have a strong presence; (5 Mixed, 4 Boys, 7 Unisex) - A Special to D Special 5. Results to Round 8 vary, with a 50/50 winning ratio, though several teams are in strong positions. More wins to come after the holiday break!

Season 2 – will run July-November

Player entry forms will be available shortly; closing date is probably 7th May - \$s to be included please.



NSLTA – (ladies midweek)

Our team is in the mix in Section 5. Best of luck! And enjoy more wins!

Pennant 2017

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

We have 8 teams: 2 Men's Doubles (45+);
Singles/doubles: 2 ladies; 6 men's

Season start date: Saturday 22nd 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 9484 1351
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.

Use the web based system for bookings between 7-00am-4.30pm Monday-Friday

You MUST also pay a Visitor's Fee before playing if you invite a friend to have a hit.

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 back fence of the courts – it details court care requirements.





Club Championships 2017

The annual contests took place during March, with various opportunities for participants to test their skills and fitness; great to see new members participating too !! Congratulations to our winners and finalists; Many thanks to all contestants – your involvement was much appreciated – and there's always next year!!

Event	Winner	Finalist
Men's Open Singles	Tom McGrath	Enzo Aguiard
Ladies Open Singles	Danni Skiba	Anuschka Reinhardt
Men's Open Doubles	Jedrek Hagedorn/Yannick Zapf	Nicholas Busuttill/Stuart McCurdy
Ladies Open Doubles	Danni Skiba/Estelle Suys	Anuschka Reinhardt/Janice Lacy
Open Mixed Doubles	Travis Toner/Danni Skiba	Tom McGrath/Melanie Lasslett
Presidents Men's Singles	Regan May	Daniel Micevski
Presidents Ladies Singles	Belinda Ortika	Keilah Shepherd
Presidents Men's Doubles	Simon Ireland/Andrew Johnston	Damen Mendel/Daniel Micevski
Presidents Ladies Doubles R/R	Belinda Ortika/Susan White	Silvia Lasslett/Natalie Walsh
Presidents Mixed Doubles	Daniel Mendel/Susan White	Damen Mendel/Belinda Ortika
Committee events	Not held	
Open Veterans Men's Singles	Rob McRae	Tim Callanan
Open Veterans Ladies Singles	Not held	
Open Veterans Men's Doubles	Michael Furey/Anthony Malkoun	Kevin Walsh/Ross Wilkinson
Open Veterans Ladies Doubles C/P	Trish Lowe	Jenny Pearson
Open Veterans Mixed Doubles	Ross Wilkinson/Caryle Demarte	Neil Oborn/Trish Lowe
President Vets. Men's Singles	Kevin Walsh	John Maher
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 C/P	Kevin Dalach	Anita Sedgwick
Juniors – Boys events		
Open Boys Singles	Not held	
Open Girls Singles	Not held	
16 & Under Boys Singles	Jack Maughan	William Sturge
14 & Under Boys Singles	William Marshall	Bailey Liu
14 & Under Boys Doubles R/R	William Marshall/Lachlan Setina	Bailey Liu/Kevin Nguyen
12 & Under Boys Singles	Lachlan Setina	Kevin Nguyen
10 & Under Boys Singles	Jordan Nguyen	Hugo Johnston
Juniors – Girls events		
	Not held	

