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## Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

### JANUARY 2016

**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 2016.*

### **FAST4 - SHORT SNAPPY SEASON - February**

This is designed to capture your interest and build on your enthusiasm after the spectacle of the Australian Open. It's an opportunity to try new shots and have some fun on court with friends and/or team-mates. We would also love to have new members/friends join in!



- The concept is a 4 week season in February
- Team based (3-4 players) or register as an individual and join up with other players
- Matches to be played on 4xSunday afternoons (about 3.00pm for perhaps 2 hours)
- Quick sets, fresh air and exercise! Opportunities for surprise tactics!
- Relax, enjoy refreshments and chat with other participants after the match.

This would be a great way to tune your game and fitness for the Club Championships, or alternatively, an opportunity to practise for your night comp matches; or even better - just to have an enjoyable game with friends!! And perhaps meet some different people!!

Persuade your friends to get involved!! We need players and teams ASAP!!  
Contact Carole 9380 1259 or 0419 560 436 to register your interest!



### **JUNIOR CLASSIC tournament:**

Our annual junior tournament is on again this year!! Labour day weekend - **12,13,14 March!**  
Entry form will be available shortly, and **Closing date is likely to be - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

Singles and doubles options will be offered - with events provided for several age groups -  
10, 11, 12, 13, 14 15, 16, 18 - round robin format (10 & U singles); 1-3 sets for others;

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



### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Scheduling of the Championships has been finalised and set for two weekends in March:

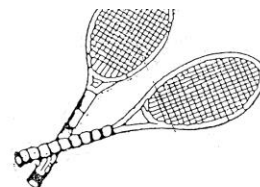
- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March; 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March; events will be similar to 2015;
- Entry forms will be available shortly.

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!

### **PENNANT 2016**

Player entries for this year's season should have been in by  
**NOW. Please register ASAP - no later than 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

## COMPETITION NEWS



### NSJTA: Season 1 starts 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> January

We have 17 teams - A Grade 1 to D Grade 5 (Unisex);  
Team Managers and briefing meetings have been arranged;  
Team folders will be available by 24<sup>th</sup> January at the office.

### NSNTA: Autumn Season starts quite soon:



Ladies: 2<sup>nd</sup> February; Mixed: 10<sup>th</sup> February; Men's 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Grading is completed and Team captains should receive the team sheet soon;  
Please speak to players early to check availability and organize weekly rosters.

### NSTA: Autumn season kicks-off 30<sup>th</sup> January

Players and captains should please make sure they are available & ready to play.  
We have two teams: Men's Singles/Doubles A Grade & A Reserve.

### NSLTA: Autumn Season starts 4<sup>th</sup> February

Our Section 4 team will be back in action; please check your fixture for details

### PIZZA & PRACTICE SESSION: 27<sup>th</sup> January - 6.00-8.00pm

All members and friends are invited, and especially team players.  
Dust off your racquet & come along to enjoy some tennis, and plan season tactics.



## COURT CARE - COURT ACCESS & BOOKINGS

With the Australian Open just starting, 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!!

### THE KEY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT THE MOTEL

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 warmer, 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 court gate – it details court care requirements



## MEMBERSHIP:

Our renewal rate is ticking along reasonably well, and our total membership numbers were 430 by Christmas, and that is slightly higher than January 2015, helped by some 45 new recruits, plus 10 returnees from leave of absence. However, we need more to rebuild our numbers to above 500 by end June this year!!



We need help from current members to achieve this –

- spread the word about how great the club is, and do your best to recruit!
- tell any interested player about our pro-rata offer for the January-June period;
- also welcome any new members you meet on site & invite them to join in for a hit!

## ***Stop press!! A few other items of interest:***

Staff: there are some variations to usual arrangements due to holidays etc:

Carole is back (and enjoyed her break), but Janice will be on leave until end January;

Greg Kennedy has taken on a part-time support role on maintenance and bookings;

Neil – continues on his regular shifts and maintenance activities.

Court key: this is **no longer** available at the motel which is no longer operational;

## **New!! Mums' Tennis Morning Mondays 9.00 – 11.00am**

Join other mums (or aunts! or friends!) for a hit, in a relaxed, stress-free environment;

Bring the kids, and enjoy our facilities, including a playground and air-conditioned rooms.

Coaching could also be available if supported, and morning tea will be provided.

The group will cater for all playing levels and participant rotational child watching is planned.

Minimal cost \$8 for 2 hours tennis; RPTC members free; register interest on 9380 1259



## **DAVIS CUP – coming to Kooyong in March – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Australians will play USA, and it will be Lleyton Hewitt's first tie as Captain.

Aussie players could be Tomic, Kyrgios, Kokkinakis, Groth and Duckworth.

Tickets are expected to be available shortly – a great chance to see top players!!

## **Club/member benefits:**



- St Kilda Road Sports & Physiotherapy Centre – 10% off with a VIP Customer card
- SnapFitness 24/7 gym – Sydney Rd Brunswick – personal training, group classes
- Search and book your accommodation via **QuickBeds** – each booking returns some \$ to the club; use our unique Grassroots code (call Janice for details – 0401 195 477)
- Check out **Amart All Sports** for your gear (at member prices); join Team Amart, nominate our club, swipe your loyalty card when buying in-store at Victoria Gardens – our Club gets a 5% credit to spend later.

## **COURT ACCESS & USE:**

**EARLY 2016 (not yet but soon):**

- There will be a new online option for booking and paying for courts – via our website;
- If there are no staff on site, access will be via pin # – using a keypad on gate near Court10
- Details re timing and process will be provided shortly.