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Newsletter

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 2015/16

It's that time of year when the mailbox brings reminders from all the clubs and associations where each of us enjoys having membership, and surely our tennis club is #1 on your MUST RENEW list!!

Membership fees for the 2015/16 financial year are now due. Renewal forms have been mailed out, with individual itemized details, and any queries can be discussed with Club Manager (Carole Houston). The total cost is still very good value (< \$4 a week/adult), which provides many advantages, including:

- access to Club facilities – courts, clubhouses, playground, TV lounge/bar,
- 14 great courts, with special rates (day & night); on-site staff to assist with bookings etc;
- tennis options (social & competition), junior & adult choices; Personal Accident Insurance, & various Tennis Victoria member benefits – see Tennis Victoria's website – look under "member benefits".

Payment: There is an eftpos credit card payment option available at the clubhouse, as well as cash or cheque. You can also do Direct Debit/Bank transfer – details of Club account are on the renewal form.

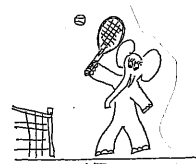
NOTE: Your 2014/15 membership card will not be accepted at the motel after 31st August.

SOCIAL NEWS

NSNTA Spring Practice Session Thursday 30th July 6.00pm – 8.30pm

To celebrate the start of the competition, a Practice get-together is being held;
All members and friends are invited, and especially players selected in the teams.

This is an opportunity for teams to enjoy some tennis and refreshments, and plan season tactics. Come along and have a hit – time to dust off the racquet, and find your runners!!



Round Robin/graded event: this still continues on **Wednesday evenings: 7.00-9.00pm**

It's a great opportunity to meet different players, and maintain your skills through the cooler months.

Register: by noon Tuesday by phone 9380 1259 or email msm@royalparktennis.com

FAST4: Social tennis competition - June/July (Tuesday nights)

This short 6 week season is now at the half-way mark, and has some 20 players participating, with 2 person teams on court each week. Each set is time-limited, and the challenge is to score quickly before the bell rings! This is a further pilot series with the new format and player comments will be welcome.

JUNIOR JOTTINGS



NSJTA Season 1: A Grade 2, B Grade 1, D Special 1 & D Grade 1 won their finals!

C reserve 3 took out the runner-up flag! great results!!

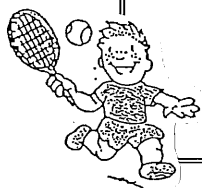
Well done to everyone - players, parents and supporters!!

Season 1 Presentation: Players and parents involved in the teams gathered on Sunday afternoon (21st June) for a celebration and "thank you" - team members received a certificate and team managers were recognised for their support with matches, transport and general organisation. Proposed player shirts were also available for preview and

NSJTA Season 2: this starts in 2 weeks time - 17th/18th July. Please check your grades, and playing times before your first match; also find your racquet!! Perhaps even organize a practice with team-mates so you can meet them and find out if they are left or right-handed!

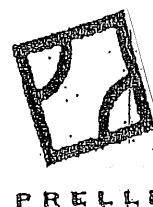
There may be a pre-season get-together for players and parents too - watch your emails!!

Holiday Tournament: 16 keen juniors enjoyed a one-day tournament last week at the Club; Singles (round robin format) and doubles (change partner format) were both available, With matches based on a challenging best of 11 game



PRELLI RACQUETS

207 - 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066
9419 4000



*** July/August***

Racquets: Volkl – 20% discount on current models;
Prince range - now available in store again.

Clothing: Up to 50% discount on selected items.
Babolat polo (men's) – from \$39
Nike polo (women's) - from \$29

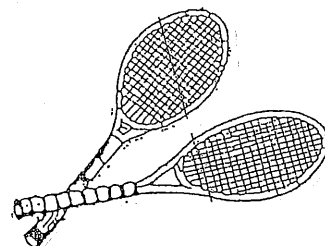
The store is still open on Sundays as well - 10am to 4.00pm

Ask for Lou - mention Royal Park Tennis Club for 10% discount (conditions apply)
- you must show your current membership card to qualify.

Membership Details

If you have changed your postal address in the past few months and have not advised Carole, please email or phone her with the new details.
That will ensure your membership renewal note 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!

COMPETITION UPDATE



NSNTA (night comp)

Spring season is coming up fast! (despite the cold weather!) Start dates are:

Ladies: Tuesday 4th August

Mixed: Wednesday 12th August

Mens: Thursday 6th August

Captains are requested to contact players ASAP to arrange team practice and rosters.

There are 7 Ladies, 3 Mixed & 10 Men's teams, and player lists are on the notice-board. Our numbers are slightly higher than most recent seasons, and it's great to see both new and returning players involved, including a new Ladies' team.

Best of luck to all!

Co-ordinator is Liz Bradley 9387 0794.

Practice Session: Thursday 30th July

Come along, have a hit & meet your team members. 6.00 - 8.00pm at the club.

Flags/trophies to collect !! Monday 27th July

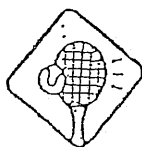
Premiership flags for the last two seasons - 2014 Spring and 2015 Autumn - will be presented at the NSNTA AGM on 27th July at Maribryngong Park. Players are invited to attend and celebrate!! Drinks/snacks at 7.00PM to collect flags.

Spring: Mixed A Grade, B Reserve 1
Ladies B Special 1

NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

Spring: Team selection was completed recently; we have 2 teams (1 Mixed; 1 Men's S/doubles); First match will be: **Saturday 29th August** (a 10 week season is anticipated)

Co-ordinator is Julie Benstead 9387 0014



NSLTA (Ladies)

Spring: Our team is contesting Section 4 again, after a tough Autumn season. Start date **16th July**

PENNANT

The weather has not been great – washouts are a regular occurrence, it's been rather cold, and a few matches have finished under lights. However, the season is in the run-up to semi-finals, and we have some likely qualifiers : 6 of our teams could make it!

Ladies, Masters 45+ and Mens' are in the mix.

All will be chasing more points in Rounds 10-14/15!! including those who might upset some currently hopeful opposition teams with a "foot in the door".

Section finals are scheduled for August – dates vary dependent on grade group size - check your Rules Book for the format and dates.

Remember to be on time for all matches – teams will be more inclined to claim rubbers if you are late.

Calling all members: come along and support our players – give them a boost to finish the season. Most matches are Saturday afternoon at the Club.

NSJTA (Juniors)

Season 2: We have 15 teams ready to "play ball" in Grades A 1 to D2, with 4 Boys, 7 Unisex, & 4 Mixed. That's a trend towards Unisex grades. 4 teams play on Friday night; others are Saturday morning – so it will be another busy time – please arrive early!!

Matches start on **17/18th July** – please be ready!!

Parents & players should be contacted quite soon to organize dates and transport details, plus canteen support

There is also a briefing session planned for newcomers to outline team and competition guidelines & Club support.

Team managers – please collect your folder from the Clubhouse – they will be available late this week. – see Carole.

Coordinators: Kata Pinter; Kevin Walsh; Deb Shepherd

There may be a pre-season get-together for juniors – details will be advised closer to the start of season.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AFTER THE COURTS - THEY STILL NEED WATERING & BAGGING!! ALSO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK WHEN YOU WISH TO HAVE A HIT – SEVERAL COMPETITIONS START UP AGAIN THIS/NEXT MONTH & COURT AVAILABILITY WILL BE TIGHT.



CLUB HAPPENINGS: a few points to note please:

Staffing: we have some short-term changes in our Club support team:

- Neil Oborn is enjoying several weeks holiday in July, and will only be "on deck" for his Monday shifts;
- Carole and Greg Kennedy will be covering Neil's other usual timeslots (Sundays & Fridays)

TV coverage: with the increased popularity of the TV in the clubhouse, there is competition for channels and choice of sitting area (bar or front area). The conundrum is solved!! We have a second TV!! A 60" screen is now operational in the bar section, and is proving very inviting for Wimbledon watching!

Report Forms:

Our courts are a very important part of our complex, and we want to know ASAP when there are problems. If you notice any damage to nets, lines, court surface etc, please fill in a **Fault/Repair Report** form available on the stand inside near the front door. Likewise, there is a **Safety Incident/Hazard Report** form for recording details of any incidents (e.g. trips & slips) or situations with potential for causing accidents (e.g. wet floor; broken step)

Working Bee: our second one was organized recently, but attendance was quite limited again – which was another missed opportunity to gain a credit for your maintenance fee. Member assistance with the various tasks involved in keeping the complex neat and tidy is appreciated, and it helps with the expenses otherwise involved.

Multi-cultural program:

We have taken up a further opportunity to be involved in a community based multi-cultural program with North Melbourne Football club. It's sports related, assisted by a grant from Tennis Victoria, and includes tennis Hot Shots sessions for children at Flemington Community Centre. One of our coaches, Jason Nell, will participate, and our Club will offer scholarships to four selected participants. It's a great example of how we can engage with local communities and share our enjoyment of sporting activity.

Tennis Victoria News

The fourth Victorian Tennis Champions Awards dinner was held recently and some 325 guests enjoyed a great evening in the MCG members' dining-room. The highlight was the presentation of awards to the winners in various categories including administrators, clubs, coaches, and players. Two amazing ladies who organize the annual Country Week tournament for some 1500 players won the Spirit of Tennis award.

Star guest of the night was Wimbledon, Australian and French champion Evonne Cawley (nee Goolagong) AO MBE. Her achievements included 14 Grand Slam titles, (7 singles, 6 doubles, 1 mixed doubles), and the #1 ranking for female players (1976). Her career record shows 86 titles, and a match win-loss result of an impressive 81%.

Club benefits: remember you can help support the Club:



- 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 and swipe your loyalty card when buying in-store at Victoria Gardens our Club gets a 5% credit to spend later.