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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

Newsletter

JUNE 2015

TROPHY CELEBRATION:

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the club for a casual BBQ last Saturday evening to celebrate the winners and finalists from our recent Club Championships. There were some 60 present, with both senior and junior contestants mingling with other members, family and friends to enjoy tasty food and French Open tennis. The atmosphere was great: the trophy table looked impressive - most Trophies were presented - photos were taken - and everyone enjoyed the get-together.



Club champions Melanie Lasslett and Tom McGrath were the stars!
See Facebook for candid shots of attendees!

A few unclaimed trophies are being held at the clubhouse for collection please!!
Many thanks to Julie Benstead, Laurie Pearson, and others for organising, catering etc.
Also - to the kitchen hands who helped with the washing up!! A great effort!!

Working Bee: Sunday 14th June: 9.00am - 12.00pm

There are still a few jobs to be done, and we need your help to smarten up the grounds!!
Please book it into your diary!! There will be general tidying up - garden, playground, landscaping.



Membership:

We are going well with our aim of improving on last year's total membership for the year!
By the end of May we have **479** members signed up - that is +1 against the same period in 2014;
It would be great to add to that margin before end June - if you know anyone who is playing and thinking of joining - now's the time - membership privileges would start from payment of Joining Fee, with the possibility of several week's extra membership prior to the start of July!!

Events:

Members would be aware that we recently hosted a major tournament run by Tennis Australia - it was the Victorian Junior Claycourt International, which is part of the ITF Junior World Circuit. An 18/u event, it ran 13-19 April, and featured some of Australia's brightest up-and-coming 13-16 year-olds. We provided canteen services (*with thanks to our volunteers!*) and helped the organisers with matches through some very trying weather conditions. Our coaches were very supportive too - sharing court availability and checking schedule progress.

The event was very successful - Tennis Australia and contestants were quite complimentary about our facilities, and the club benefited significantly from the high profile, as well as the canteen takings and the court hire. It also gave us the impetus to check our courts over for broken/chipped lines and build-up of en tout cas; as well as purchasing some additional courtside seats (made from recycled material).

JUNIOR JOTTINGS: EVENTS OF INTEREST !!

Parents and players are invited to note the following items for juniors during June/July:

Presentation afternoon/evening: Sunday 21st June – 4.00pm onwards

This is a gathering planned for all parents and players involved with the Season 1 just finishing – There will be time to have a hit of tennis, catch up with friends, plus certificate presentation, followed by pizza. Come along - bring your racquet (parents too!) and celebrate the season with other participants.

Round Robin: Friday 3rd July: 9.00am-4.00pm

All juniors are welcome – it's in the school holidays, with both graded singles and doubles events;

Cost: \$10 *Entries to close 1st July*

Entry form will be distributed and available shortly at the clubhouse.



The Junior Committee would welcome assistance from parents with both of the above events.
Please contact Kevin Walsh – 0417 538 705 or kwalshbw@gmail.com

Future Leaders: Congratulations to Natalie Walsh and Vignesh Wilkinson – they have been selected as the Club's participants for the Tennis Victoria course in July.

Junior Pennant:

This competition involves NSJTA teams; and our juniors can apply for selection to represent the Association. It's a great opportunity for experience of playing at different clubs, against teams from other Associations.

- The format is singles/doubles, and matches are played on Sunday mornings: late September-November.
- Age groups available include 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and a special option for 18U. Teams = 4 players.
- Player fee of \$45 to cover team costs, including balls. Teams wear NSJTA shirts (\$30).
- Entries close **30th June** – there may be a sign-up day – details to follow.

Some eligibility criteria apply, and all details are available on the NSJTA website www.nsjta.asn.au

FAST4 – SOCIAL TENNIS COMPETITION – June/July (Tuesday nights)

This is a new opportunity to keep up your skills in between regular night competition seasons.

You can enter as an individual or with a team (only need 2 players for each match – 16YO+);

- Matches will be scheduled on Tuesday evenings at the club – 7.00 to 8.30pm
- Only a 6 week season - 23rd June to 28th July; cost \$8 per night/player;
- Doubles only; unisex teams (all male, all female, or mixed)
- Innovative rules, short sets, time limits. 2 sections – Beginner & Intermediate
- Entries close 9.00am, Monday 22nd June.



Further details were in the email sent last week, and entries are online via the following site: [click here](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/royal-park-fast4-social-tennis-competition-tickets-17206098905?discount=RPTC3052)

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This competition follows the recent pilot series run at the Club on Sunday afternoons together with Tennis Victoria - some ideas from that series have been built into the Tuesday night sessions outlined above.

Round Robin/graded event: will still continue on Wednesday evenings too: **7.00-9.00pm**

Only \$12 for several sets - various grades; good for night comp practice between seasons

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

COMPETITION NEWS



PENNANT

The season is now moving along – and results to date have been quite encouraging! Despite the changeable weather, our 7 teams have been holding their own in most grades. After 5 rounds, we have 2 top 4 spots in each category – Masters 45+, Men's, and Ladies – and the players are enjoying the matches. The buzz around the clubhouse on Saturday afternoons is very positive!



Players are reminded to read the rule-books to ensure you know how to handle situations that might occur – such as late arrivals, wash-outs, emergency players etc. Also please remember you are representing our Club both on and off court during matches, and good sportsmanship and behaviour are expected. Another point is that tournament rules apply to clothes – no advertising, no large printing etc.
Co-ordinator: Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

Autumn Season: Both our A Reserve teams (Mixed and Mens') bowed out in the finals rounds after good lead-up performances – the players enjoyed the tennis and the social interaction. Details can be checked on www.tennisvic.com.au/northsuburbantainc

Spring Season 2015: entries are now open, and interested players should fill in a form immediately;

It is expected that it will be a 10 week season with matches starting late August to allow for pennant to finish. Entry form was emailed out 31st May and is available at the clubhouse – closing date was

Friday 6th June. Contact Carole for a copy if needed.

Co-ordinator: contact Julie Benstead 0417 538 912



Possible new format:

NSTA is canvassing player interest in a separate Saturday afternoon option using the new **FAST4** Format that is being promoted by Tennis Victoria – this is based on quicker, shorter sets (first to 4, tie-break at 3-all. No advantage). The aim would be to attract more players to participate in Saturday afternoon tennis, with perhaps 3-person teams (singles & doubles). Please discuss this with other club members and contact Julie Benstead 0417 538 912 to provide any **feedback – by 20th June**

NSNTA (night)

Autumn Season is finished! finals have been played! See www.nsnta.org for overall results.

We had 7 teams in the semi-finals, (incl. Ladies, Mixed & Mens') but all found the opposition too strong. Many thanks to all who played in the competition – we hope you enjoyed the experience.

2015 Spring Season: Team selections will be listed very soon – check the details on the email and Noticeboard! Grading will then be done by the Association, and matches start early August.

Co-ordinator: Liz Bradley 9387 0794; 0418 411 395;

NSLTA – Spring 2015 – our Section 4 ladies will be back to challenge the other teams for points.

NSJTA (Juniors)

Round 14 matches last weekend completed the home/away season. Now it's **FINALS TIME!**

We have promising results – 7 of 15 teams will contest the semi-finals in grades ranging from A Grade 2 to D Grade 1. Well done & Good Luck next weekend! Track results on www.nsja.asn.au

Season 2 2015: this will be in July-November; start dates will be 17th/18th July (after school holidays)

Team selection is now underway, and entries will go for Association grading shortly.

