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## Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

### Newsletter

# JUNE 2016

## JUNIORS - End of Season Social - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Don't forget this is on - next weekend! All players from the Friday night and Saturday morning teams are invited to finish off the season in a combined gathering with family and friends. It's a chance to say "thank you" to team mates & managers. Details are:



4.00pm	Tennis
5.30pm	Presentation
6.30pm	Food - selection of Shish Kafta (lamb), Shish Tawook (chicken) or Falafel (v) with salad & dip (as enjoyed at previous gatherings) - <b>\$10 per person</b>

Club Bar will be open (reminder - due to licensing regulations no BYO alcohol)

All players, families and friends are welcome; come along and celebrate together! Please book in with Kevin Walsh 0417 538 705 or add your name (& head-count) to the Noticeboard list for catering purposes - **by Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

## TROPHY CELEBRATION:

An enthusiastic crowd braved the drizzle for a casual gathering on a recent Saturday evening to congratulate the winners and finalists from our recent Club Championships. Some 55 came along, with both senior and junior contestants mingling with other members, family and friends to enjoy tasty food, AFL matches 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 Selam Ouliaris (Ladies) and Yannick Zapf (Men's) were the stars!

A few unclaimed trophies are being held at the clubhouse for collection please!!

Many thanks to Kevin Walsh, Carole Houston, Jenny Ouliaris, Tom Halbert and others!!

## Working Bee: held 29<sup>th</sup> May

Quite a good turn-out of some 14 "workers" came along to help to smarten up our grounds!! Your efforts were much appreciated, and you have been rewarded with maintenance fee credit!

## Club/member benefits: program closing down!

Please note that the **Quickbeds** Grassroots fund raising program is closing down, and June 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day to use the opportunity to search and make an accommodation booking that will result in funds raised for our club.

# JUNIOR JOTTINGS: EVENTS OF INTEREST !!

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

## Presentation afternoon/evening: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – 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 tasty food. Come along - bring your racquet (parents too!) and celebrate the season with other participants.

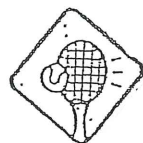
The Junior Committee would welcome assistance from parents with the above event.  
Please contact Kevin Walsh – 0417 538 705 or [kwalshbw@gmail.com](mailto:kwalshbw@gmail.com)

**Future Leaders:** Congratulations to Jacob Bau and Subu Pragasam -  
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 (weekly):
- the season runs late September-November. Play starts at 8.30am. Teams = 4 players.
- Age groups available include 10 Unisex, 12U, 14U, 16U and a special mixed option for 18U.
- Player fee of \$50 to cover team costs, including balls. Teams wear NSJTA shirts (\$40).



Entries close **1st July with NSJTA**— there may be a sign-up day – details to follow.

Some eligibility criteria apply; form and all details are available on the NSJTA website [www.nsjta.asn.au](http://www.nsjta.asn.au)

## **Frank Sedgman Cup 2016: 30-31 July 2016**

This is also an Association level team event, and NSJTA plans to enter a team to compete against players from other areas of Melbourne and some Country Regions. It's another great opportunity for experience!



- Players must be 11 years of age or under as at 31 July 2016
- the team will be 2 boys and 2 girls; each player participates in 1 singles, 1 mixed doubles per match;
- the event is round robin format, to be played at Bendigo Tennis Association courts
- entries close with NSJTA on **1<sup>st</sup> July** – see website [www.nsjta.asn.au](http://www.nsjta.asn.au) for further details & form.

## **PRELLI TENNIS**

207 - 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066  
9419 4000

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**Head racquet** – Speed MPA: was \$329 NOW \$249

**Babolat Pure Strike racquet:** 2 for 1 deal @ \$269 (NOT \$538)

**Clothing:** tops, shorts etc – from \$29

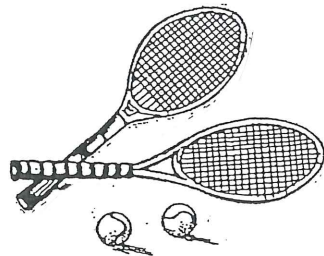
**The store is still open on Sundays as well - 10am to 4.00pm**

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





# COMPETITION NEWS



## PENNANT

The season is moving along – but results to date have been somewhat mixed! The weather has not been kind, with a few washouts, though the majority of our 9 teams are holding their own. After 6 rounds, we have 7 in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> ladder positions, while the other two are plotting a change of fortune very soon. Players are generally enjoying their matches in Masters 45+, Men's, and Ladies, and 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)

**Spring Season 2016: 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 and is available at the clubhouse – closing date is **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Contact Carole for a copy if needed. Co-ordinator: contact Julie Benstead 0417 538 912



## NSNTA (night)

**Autumn Season** is finished! finals have been played! See [www.nsnta.org](http://www.nsnta.org) for overall results.

We had 9 teams in the semi-finals, (incl. Ladies, Mixed & Mens') but most found the opposition too strong. However - B+2 Ladies won a flag!! While Ladies B Grade 1 & 2, plus D Special Men's were Runners-up!! Congratulations!! Many thanks to all who played in the competition – we hope you enjoyed the experience.

**2016 Spring Season:** Team selections have been listed – check the details on the email and Noticeboard! Requests for re-consideration have closed, with outcomes to be advised shortly prior to team entry (17<sup>th</sup> June) Grading will then be done by the Association, and matches start early August.

Co-ordinator: Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

**NSLTA – Spring 2016** – any interested players should have advised Carole by NOW. .

## NSJTA (Juniors)

It's **FINALS TIME!** BUT – the rain came, and delayed the semi-finals last weekend to 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> June.

*Good Luck* to the 9 of our 17 teams that qualified, in grades ranging from A Grade 1 to D Grade 5.

Track results on [www.nshta.asn.au](http://www.nshta.asn.au)



**Season 2 2016:** this will be in July-November; start dates will be 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> July (after school holidays) Team selection is now underway, and entries will go for Association grading shortly.



## COURTS: please note the following in regards to our courts and lighting:

- Court 8 is out of action for several weeks – it is being upgraded to resolve the problem with water drainage after downpours/storms; initial work has been done by our maintenance contractor, and regular watering plus rolling is now underway.
- Lights – there are recurring issues with several lights on various courts; experts have been investigating possible causes, and some globes, capacitors etc have been replaced, but the problem(s) is not yet satisfactorily resolved.

Please assist staff in managing these challenges and follow their requests re court allocations.



## Membership: *We have done it!!*

Our membership has cracked the 500 mark again, after a two year dip!

By the end of May we have 520 members signed up – that is +41 against the same period in 2015; Strong interest in juniors, night comp and pennant brought over 50 new recruits to join our ranks!

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!!

## Tennis Anyone??

With night and Saturday afternoon competitions now in recess, those wishing to keep their shots working and feet moving, why not join in the weekly Wednesday evening session?

- It's a Round Robin/Graded event, run between 7.00-9.00pm;
- No extended commitment required – you can play week to week (small fee)
- Just register by noon Tuesday by phone 9380 1259 or 0417 538 705 (Kevin)

It's an opportunity to meet and play with/against some different players, (members and visitors) and there is usually a social finish to the session with a chat in the bar.

## NSNTA Golf Shield Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

This is the second year of this event – it will be played at Melbourne Airport Golf Club (MelMap 4K11)



- 4 person team Ambrose competition (18 holes) – shot gun start – 7.00am report in
- Cost \$50 per player (comp. entry/light lunch/prizes); MAGC fin. members \$25
- male/female/mixed teams – Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf will apply.
- There is an event elimination format – handicaps will apply (individual & team)

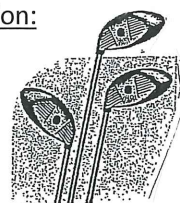
All NSNTA clubs/players are eligible to enter team(s), and we would like to support the event.

We had a team participate last year, and it was a very enjoyable day – definitely worth doing it again!

Please advise Carole by 25<sup>th</sup> June if you wish to be included, and provide the following information:

Golf Link Number & Handicap, Social Club Handicap or recent score

There's a copy of the proposed Event Rules at the clubhouse for preview. Should be a fun day!



## Club/member benefits: take advantage of these!



- **St Kilda Road Sports & Physiotherapy Centre** – 10% off with a VIP Customer card
- **SnapFitness** 24/7 gym – Sydney Rd Brunswick – personal training, group classes
- 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.

**NO SMOKING**

All members are reminded that we have a "no smoking" policy - That means no smoking anywhere within the complex - once you enter the front gate, smoking is not permitted anywhere!