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## Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

### Newsletter

# AUGUST 2016

## FINAL NOTICE: 2016/17 Membership Fees Due NOW !!



The annual membership fee became due on 1<sup>st</sup> July, and each member should have received a form; Our renewal rate is promising so far with some **297** of last year's list rejoining, plus **32** new comers.

**BUT** there are still quite a few payments to come in, and we would definitely love to have more members re-sign for the next twelve months. Our fees are still great value – with good access to courts, a comfortable clubhouse with bar, and friendly functions for the year. Not to mention the two BIG TVs & Foxtel!! There are also opportunities to join teams, meet other players and socialize - all for about \$4 per week for adults, and \$2.40 for juniors.

***What a bargain!! Grab your cheque-book or card NOW and send your \$\$\$s to Carole!! There are also several member benefits now available from club sponsors/partners –***

**This is a final alert about payment, and non-financial members are being sent a personal Reminder.**

- If your renewal is not received by **30<sup>th</sup> September**, you will be required to pay a late fee.
- Your eligibility for inclusion in competition teams would also be at risk, given Association rules.

*Membership renewal forms are available at the Club – from the office,  
and Carole would like to see you ASAP!*

Don't forget there are Concession and Family options as well as the regular Adult and Junior rates. Just check the details on the form to see if you can take advantage of a different category – and save some \$\$\$s! Also - there's an eftpos credit card payment option available, as well as direct debit, cash or cheque.

**Visitors:** members are also reminded that when you invite a friend to the Club to play tennis, there is a fee to be paid – this should be done before play commences, and Carole can provide details of the relevant charges for adults, juniors etc. You should book a court ahead of time as well!

### Membership Details

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

## AGM: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am

This is advance notice that we will be having our Annual General Meeting in about 6 weeks time! Please note the date in your diary - it will be an opportunity to catch up on what we achieved in 2015/16, and be updated on our initiatives now underway to expand member services and facility patronage.

**PLUS:** the traditional *Wine Tasting* has been booked to follow the AGM.



# SOCIAL

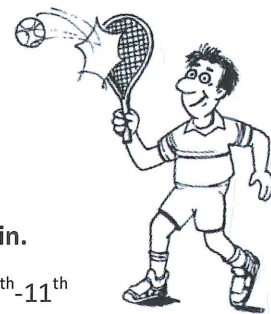
**Seniors' Festival – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am – 1.00pm**

We are organizing social tennis, with morning tea provided.

All members are invited; please bring friends, neighbours and family to join in.

This is part of a State-wide celebration of our senior citizens; the festival is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October; each of the State's 79 Councils will present local events and a music program will be happening across regional Victoria. Free public transport will be available to Victorian Seniors Card Holders 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October, plus free V-Line travel 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October.

See <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards> for detailed programs.



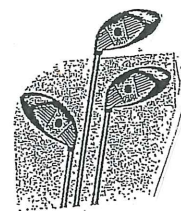
## ATTENTION GOLFERS!!

### NSNTA Golf Shield

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 7.00am report in.**

This is the second year of this event – it will be played at Melbourne Airport Golf Club:

- 4 person team Ambrose competition (18 holes) – shot gun start
- 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. No doubt we have many golfers among our members, and all those interested in participating are invited to nominate for inclusion – either as a single player, or perhaps as a potential team.

Please advise Carole 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!!

**Closing date: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August for registering interest with Carole.**

## PRELLI RACQUETS

207 - 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066  
9419 4000

**\*\*\* August \*\*\***

Shoes: *Yonix* - limited sizes (men's) – claycourt; were \$189 Now \$129

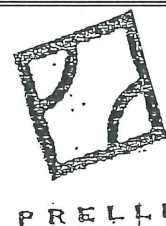
*Asics & Adidas* – new season stock in store (male and female)

Racquets: new season models in store in September (all brands)

**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



### Sponsors

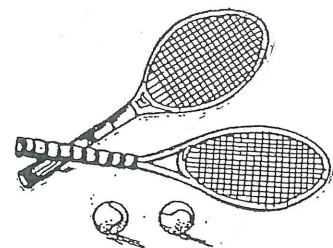
**St Kilda Road Sports &  
Physiotherapy Centre  
SnapFitness**

Don't forget these two sponsors - they have been providing RPTC Member Benefits with generous discounts and professional services. Great support for energetic players!



# COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



## PENNANT:

Most rounds have just concluded & the season is into finals – our teams have very positive results; 6 teams qualified for Sectional play-offs – **Mens' Grade 5(x3); 7, & 10; Ladies Grade 3; Congratulations!!** We will have semi-finals at home next Saturday – come along and support our teams!! Our 2 x **Masters'** have one more round to play – and **Section 1** should also qualify for semi-finals. Many thanks to all players and captains involved; we hope you enjoyed the season & the challenges!

## NSNTA (night)

**Spring 2016 Season** started early this month, but again the cold/showery weather is discouraging! We have 9 new players in our 20 teams Ladies (8); Mixed (8) and Men's (8). There are 522 teams overall from 50 Clubs!! And that's between 576 and 950 players on court nightly;  
**Queries?** Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

**Practice night:** the traditional "get ready" session was held and about 28 players came along – They took advantage of the practice, and some stayed for pizzas!! Thank you for joining in!

**Flags/glasses to collect !!** We have 2 Premiership flags and player trophies from the 2015 Spring & 2016 Autumn seasons to be collected – memento glasses are with Carole for Mixed: A Grade & Ladies B+1

## NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

**Spring season:** Matches start – **27<sup>th</sup> August – for Men's Singles/Doubles**  
We have 2 teams and it is a 10 week season – 6 team draw!  
There are 19 clubs fielding teams across 6 grades – similar numbers to last year;



## NSJTA (Juniors)

Semester 2 has just started – our enthusiastic 19 teams are getting into the swing & testing their skills.

- Some 21 new players/members are participating this season, including a few from Mt Carmel in a joint A grade team. With 3 rounds played, several teams have scored well.
- Our teams include Mixed (6), Boys (3), Unisex (10) – from A Special to D grade 4.
- Co-ordinators: Kata Pinter, Kevin Walsh and Debby Shepherd.

**NSLTA** (Thursday Ladies) Our new Section 4 team is settling in and looking for a positive season!

## *Court Bookings*

Now that the sun is shining occasionally, and the temperature is climbing slowly, there are more people coming out to play tennis. Court availability will be a challenge. This means you need to book to ensure you can have a hit when you feel like it. Phone 9380 1259 to reserve a time, or use the new **Book-a Court** system that is starting up soon. Look for your personal email invitation that will arrive shortly with details.

<b>TOP 50 tennis clubs</b>	Tennis Victoria has just released the TOP 50 list for 2015/16 and we have been ranked at #27 - based on registered players (520). That's lower than last year, below several new clubs & centres.
<b>Australian Open 2017</b>	Our annual "book early" opportunity is likely to be available again!! We anticipate details will be available soon - start planning NOW and be ready to send your order through when advice comes in!