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## Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

### Newsletter

## FEBUARY 2017

### JUNIOR CLASSIC tournament: we need your entry!!

Our annual junior tournament is on again this year!! Labour day weekend - 11,12,13 March!  
The entry form has been distributed, and **Closing date is very soon - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

Singles and doubles options are available - with events provided for several age groups -  
10, 11, 12, 13, 14 15, 16 format is 1-3 sets, except round robin for 10 & U events;

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



### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March; 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March; events will be similar to 2016;
- Entry forms are available, and **closing date** is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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 2017

Player entries for this year's season are being collated NOW  
Team selection will be finalized shortly to go to Tennis  
Victoria for grading. Season starts 22 April.

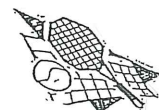
### Club Open Day

We had a great afternoon last Sunday - with many "drop-in" visitors and most courts in use;  
Janice had organized a variety of tempting options to interest our visitors:

- a Hot-Shots session for the young folk,
- an exhibition singles match between two high performance players,
- general coaching try-outs and sausage sizzle;

plus background music for a relaxed chat and refreshment interlude to end the afternoon.

Many thanks to those who helped on the day, and we hope to have return visits from many who called in; there was strong interest in court hire and the Wednesday night social round robin.



### COURT AVAILABILITY: limited timeslots in March

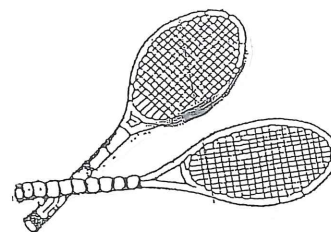
With The Junior Classic Tournament, & Club Championships, over 3 weekends in March,  
there will be few opportunities for court bookings Saturday/Sunday on several days:

11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March

25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March

# COMPETITION NEWS



**NSJTA:** Season 1 started early February and we have 16 teams (A Special-D Special);  
Current make-up is Unisex (7), Mixed (5) and Boys (4).

**NSNTA:** Autumn Season is underway, with our increased group of 21 teams (+1);  
Ladies (8); Mixed (5); Mens' (8); just 2-3 rounds played to date.

**NSTA:** our Saturday afternoon participation has dropped to (1) team;  
We are in Open Singles/Doubles A Grade; there are still 16 clubs overall.

**NSLTA:** the Ladies are back on court, playing Section 5; and have wins on the board.

## JUNIOR ALERT:



**this is an opportunity to try out for an NSJTA team to  
play against representative teams from other Associations:**

**Pat Pearce Shield:** 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April at North Ringwood Tennis Club

For Boys & Girls 13 & 15 years & under - apply by 13<sup>th</sup> February

For further details, and application forms to send to NSJTA,  
please see the NSJTA website - <http://www.nsjta.asn.au/>  
look under NSJTA Events

## COURT CARE - COURT ACCESS & BOOKINGS

With the Australian Open and Davis Cup tie just finished, 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!!

### WE NOW HAVE THE BOOK-A-COURT SYSTEM IN OPERATION TOO

Please register/activate your account in response to the recent invitation email from Carole.

Use the web based system for bookings between 7.00am - 4.30pm Monday-Friday

Otherwise, phone the office - 9380 1259 - as usual.

**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**

