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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2016

END OF YEAR PARTY – Sunday 27th November incl. Junior presentations 4.00pm – 8.00pm

The annual festive season get-together was quite popular last year and we are aiming for another success!! It will be a combined with the Juniors' end-of-season event, so it's an opportunity to join in with our younger players and their parents! Come along and catch up with other members and friends too.

- 4.00 Tennis for all
- 5.30 Junior presentation of team certificates
- 6.30 dinner (for all members & guests)



Dinner: casual BBQ service by "Caterpillar Catering" (\$12 each) - \$15 with dessert

Caterpillar Catering: selection of Shish Kafta (beef), Shish Tawook (lamb) or Falafel (v) with salad & dip

Club bar will be open for refreshments (no BYO alcohol please).

- Contact the club (9380 1259) with names and numbers – or add details to the noticeboard list
- The Christmas Tree will be on display – with sparkling decorations & twinkling lights;

All members are invited to join in the fun – family and friends are also very welcome!

This is usually a very enjoyable event, with members & friends meeting up to chat about the year gone by and their Christmas plans! Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy yourself and share some festive spirit!

Queries: please contact Kevin Walsh 0417 538 705



Other Social News: several events have been held at the club recently:

Seniors' Gathering: more attendees this year added to the morning's activities, with some 12 players dropping in as part of Seniors' Week. Casual, social tennis was organized on 3 courts, with morning tea to follow, plus an invite to our regular Wednesday morning sessions.

NSNTA Golf Day: this repeat event was held at Melbourne Airport Golf Club, and we had a team in the field of 25. Our players enjoyed what was a successful day, but the winners came from a different club! Our team featured 3 x White family members (Paul, Patrick & Peter) plus Michael Furey. Thank you!



Tennis Seniors Round Robin:

We had a great Sunday afternoon of tennis recently with our fourth Seniors' Round Robin event; Run in partnership with Tennis Seniors Victoria, the opportunity attracted 48 players, graded into sections; Everyone was keen to score lots of games! 4 rounds of doubles, plus afternoon tea – with 10 courts in use!! Club members featured prominently in the winners' circle, with trophies for the following:

A section Winners	Tom McGrath	Deirdre Bilney
B+ Section Winners	Mark Nolan	-
B Section Winners	Tim Callanan	Trish Lowe

It was also an opportunity for the club to gain some very positive feedback on our courts and surrounds!!



AGM Report

Our 2015/16 Annual General Meeting was held Sunday 25th September, with all members invited to come along. Attendance was quite low – only 17 members signed in! it was very disappointing that only 3% of our 520 members came along in support of the Management Committee!

WHERE WERE YOU???

These were some of the main points reported:



- * a positive Operating Profit of \$24,570, bringing our Total Funds to \$521,325 for on-going activities;
- * popular member benefits (Wine Offer & Australian Open ticketing), plus enjoyable Special Events;
- * strong competition results, with 84 teams participating across seasons, and 7 premierships won;
- * membership levels lifted by 8% to 520, going back above 500 after a two year dip;
- * scholarships awarded to two juniors to attend the Future Leaders Course.
- * a successful Wednesday night social tennis program with some 220 player registrations;

Copies of the Report are available at the Clubhouse – take the opportunity to review our positive year!

Management Committee: Congratulations and thank you to those who were elected, or have taken up positions subsequently:

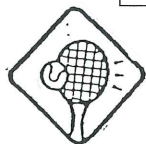
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| * <u>President:</u> Caryle Demarte | * <u>Treasurer:</u> Kim Summerill |
| * <u>Secretary:</u> Maria Keys | * <u>Junior Co-ordinator:</u> Kata Pinter |
| * <u>Match & Team Co-ordinator:</u> Jason Vochala | * <u>Coaching Liaison:</u> Tom Halbert |
| * <u>Four General Committee members:</u> Tom Halbert; Jason Vochala; Kata Pinter, Troy Knowingling | |
| * <u>Four members Match & Team:</u> Jason Vochala; Tom Halbert; Christian Belcher; Tom McGrath; | |



Vote of Thanks: to Julie Benstead for her long-term contribution to Club activities, especially in areas such as match & team, social events and coach liaison. Her support has been greatly appreciated.

COACHING SESSIONS: please remember!

We have two qualified professionals formally engaged to provide coaching services at our complex. These Agreements preclude members and non-members engaging in similar activities on our courts, and all members are requested to respect these arrangements. Please DO NOT conduct coaching sessions nor bring other coaches onto the site to provide coaching or hitting practice. Should it appear that individuals are breaching these guidelines, they will be cautioned by the Club Manager or Committee personnel. Casual "informal" member parent/family training hits are within guidelines.



PENNANT 2017 - A Great Opportunity!!

This competition offers opportunities for senior, junior and veteran players, with singles & doubles for men/women's teams, plus doubles matches for women and veterans. It is generally stronger than Association level, and is a good option for improving your on-court skills against different players.

This year we had 9 teams participating, and they enjoyed the season, with some strong results being recorded.

We had 7 teams qualify for Sectional play-offs & two won their sectional final – men's Gde 5 and Gde 10.

The Grade 10 team included a number of juniors who enjoyed their first season in the competition.

About 60 members took part, and we would love to have you all "do it again" in 2017!

Matches are generally based on rubbers – "best of 3 tie-break sets"

Time slots will be Saturday/Sunday, with morning/afternoon options.

Season probably starts late April – and finishes late August.

Interested players should register NOW – the entry form is enclosed, or is available at the Clubhouse.

A \$65 deposit is required for the season to cover ball costs, team management etc;

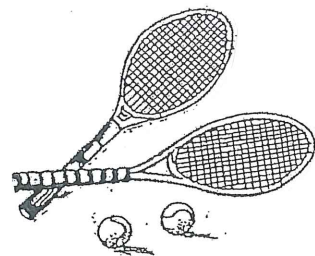
Closing date: SUNDAY 18th December

Queries: contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 or Tom Halbert 0423 760 253



COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



NSNTA (night competition)

Spring Season: semis & finals are close – just round 13/14 to go! Good luck to all those who qualify; Player hopes are high! & we are likely to have 8 of our teams in the semis; Ladiesx3; Mixedx2; Men'sx3: see NSNTA website for draw; Don't forget to go along and support our players if you are not playing on the night!
Queries? Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423



Autumn Season: 2017! Your entry should be in by now! **Closing on 4th November!**

If you forgot, or lost your form sent recently– you need to respond **FAST!**
Team selection is being finalized next week or so – you might be lucky if you hurry!!
Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 or Carole 9380 1259 with any queries.

NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

Spring season: our A Grade & A Reserve Mixed teams will be in the semis & they are ready to win!!

Autumn Season: 2017! Entries will be open very soon – will be closing on **22nd November**

Mixed, Men's singles/doubles, and Men's Doubles on offer.

We would love to have some juniors join our teams for this competition.

Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 with any queries.

NSJTA (juniors)

Current season: strong results to date (Round 12) with 11 of 18 teams probably into semi-final's
Semi -Finals are set for 18th/19th Nov. – enjoy the opportunity & support your team!
Well done to all our players - thank you for participating through the season.

Season 1 2017: this is scheduled for February 2017, & team selection is currently being done;

Some player fees are still outstanding – please finalise these ASAP!!

contact Kata Pinter 0435 002 732 or Carole Houston (0419 560 436) for information.

NSLTA (Thursday ladies)

The major rounds are nearly finished – and our Section 4 team is out of luck;
BUT – there's their end-of-season get-together, and the challenge of 2017 ahead!

COURT CARE

With the persistent winds, and return of some warmer weather, our courts are very dry and thirsty;

We need assistance from all players to ensure our courts are well maintained;

You **MUST** water well before play – from fence to fence (& not just between the lines);

Watering should also be done after each set or half-hour of hitting;

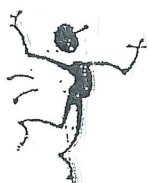
Please sprinkle before bagging after play as well; that settles the dust and keeps the en tout cas stable

If the courts do not get enough water, the playing area will break up and holes will appear.

Court availability – 20th November – no courts 8.30am until approx. 1.00pm

We will be hosting Junior Pennant finals - come along and see some great tennis!!

MEMBERSHIP



Our first four month's period has finished, and it's encouraging to see that we have 395 members returning for 2016/17. That's a 75% renewal rate, which is better than the previous year, and quite positive. We have also attracted 46 new members, and now have a total of 441 (incl. Honorary). However, another 80 are needed to get back to last year's encouraging figure of 520!!

Please help!!

Do your best to convince visitors to join up!! We have quite a few member benefits on offer !!

And our fees are very reasonable in comparison with neighbouring clubs !!