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## Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

# NOVEMBER 2017

### **TWILIGHT TOURNAMENT - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

In response to members' request, we are running this Tournament the first weekend in December; Events are open to all members and the general community, and the opportunity is being advertised across the north suburban area with options for both juniors and seniors. Events include:

Men's & Women's Open and Graded Singles & Doubles - closing date 17<sup>th</sup> November

Junior Boys' & Girls' Singles - Open; 14&U; 12&U; 10&U - closing date 17<sup>th</sup> November

The club is looking for businesses and individuals to become sponsors. We are hoping that you or your business might like to become involved in helping to create a great annual event, and sponsorship of \$100 or more would be widely acknowledged. Also, as lead-time for organising the event is quite tight, any help you might be able to give in planning or during the event will be greatly appreciated. For sponsorship, volunteering services or any queries please contact Caryle Demarte on 0417 776 601. Entry form is available at the clubhouse, or club website [www.royalparktennis.com.au](http://www.royalparktennis.com.au) or enter online at <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>

### **Social News:** several events have been held for club members & players recently:



#### **NSNTA Golf Day:**

this repeat event was held at Melbourne Airport Golf Club, and we had a team again in the field of 25. Our players enjoyed what was a successful day, and at the third try we WON! Our team featured Paul White, Michael Furey, Barry Davis, & Rob McRae. Congratulations!!

#### ***Tennis Seniors Round Robin:***

We had a great Sunday afternoon of tennis recently with our fifth 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!! Players came from various suburbs across Melbourne, including some 10 intrepid travelers from Frankston!

Club members featured prominently in the winners' circle, with trophies for the following:

- A section Winners Christine Owen (tied runner/up); Michael Furey (tied Winner)
- B Section Winners Sylvia Lasslett (tied for winner);



It was also an opportunity for the club to gain some very positive feedback on our courts and surrounds! The visitors appreciated our en-tous-cas surface, and the friendly atmosphere

#### ***Seniors' festival:***

Tuesday 31st October was our celebration event. It was a wonderfully social morning with 16 players and 4 courts. Thank you to Janice & Neil for organizing the morning and the refreshments.

# AGM Report

Our 2016/17 Annual General Meeting was held Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, with all members invited to come along. Attendance was quite low – only 12 members signed in! it was very disappointing that only 2.5% of our 496 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 \$50,016, with Total Funds of \$571,341 for on-going activities;
- \* popular member benefits (Wine Offer & Australian Open ticketing), plus Special Events;
- \* strong competition results: 89 teams participating across seasons, and 9 premierships won;
- \* membership levels drifted to 496, going back below 500 after last year's lift above that;
- \* scholarship awarded to a junior to attend the Future Leaders Course;
- \* a successful Wednesday night social tennis program with some 150 player registrations;
- \* forward planning well advanced for LED lighting and main clubhouse refurbishment.

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

**Management Committee:** Congratulations and thank you to the following members who were elected, or have taken up positions subsequently:

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| * <u>President:</u> Caryle Demarte  | * <u>Treasurer:</u> Julie Limbach                        |
| * <u>Secretary:</u> Maria Keys  | * <u>Junior Co-ordinator:</u> Kata Pinter                |
| * <u>Match &amp; 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 Knowling |  |
| * <u>Four members Match &amp; Team:</u>   | Jason Vochala; Tom Halbert; Christian Belcher; Jenni Day |

**Vote of Thanks:** to Kim Summerill for her contribution to Club activities, especially as Treasurer.

She has formalized many processes for improved efficiency, and 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 2018 – 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.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2-3 rounds to go! Good luck to all those who qualify; Player hopes are high! & we are likely to have 12-15 of our teams in the semis; That's result, with Ladies, Mens and Mixed included. 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: 2018!** Your entry should be in by now! **Closing on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 two A Reserve Singles/Doubles teams are going well & they are ready for semis!!

**Autumn Season: 2018!** Entries will be open very soon – will be closing **late 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 opposition has limited our success rate to 2 of 14 teams likely into semi-final's.  
Semi -Finals are set for 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Nov. – keep chasing another win & support your team!  
Well done to all our players - thank you for participating through the season.

**Season 1 2018:** this is scheduled for February 2018, & 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 2018 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 - 21<sup>st</sup> November - no courts 8.30am until approx. 1.00pm**

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

**JUNIORS** – this is a great opportunity - coming up very soon!!

### Alicia Molik Cup:

this is a team event for boys & girls aged 12 & under as at 31 December, 2017

- Matches are held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club – 9/10<sup>th</sup> December
- Teams are 2 boys, 2 girls – the team is selected and entered by NSJTA.

Applications close 10<sup>th</sup> November – form available from Carole or NSJTA website.

Try-out day: is on 12<sup>th</sup> November, details to be advised shortly – see NSJTA website.



## FACILITIES - current developments:

Over the December/January period there will be much activity at the club with several major projects being progressed in conjunction with MCC. Look for these:

### Court Lighting:

The Council has advised that it will be installing LED lights on all courts (except 11, 12 and 13). The club has committed the \$17,500 grant we received from Tennis Australia and will contribute another \$47,500. This work will limit our court availability over the 2-3 month period, but the result will be very beneficial, bringing reduced electricity costs, better lighting and new poles/wiring.

### Clubhouse & surrounds:

Upgrades to the kitchen, bar, ramps and doors will include disability compliant features, carpets and heaters will be replaced, office window enlarged and the exterior will be painted. Details are being finalised, and the club has committed \$35,000 towards the costs of these improvements, plus new office storage units.



## PRELLI RACQUETS

207 - 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066  
9419 4000

\*\*\* November/December \*\*\*

*Tennis Shoes: Asics Gel-Solution speed 3 CLAY - was \$199 now \$149 (mens')  
K-Swiss Big Shot light 3 - was \$179 now \$159 (mens' & ladies')*

*Clothing: Specials (men's, ladies & children's ranges)*

*Racquets: Yonex - various - were \$299 - now \$249*

**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)**

## MEMBERSHIP



Our first four month's period has finished, and it's encouraging to see that we have 356 members returning for 2017/18. That's a 72% renewal rate, which is slightly lower than last year, but still quite positive. However, we have only attracted 14 new members, and now have a total of 398 (incl. Honorary). That means another 105 are needed to get beyond our preferred figure of 500!!

**Please help!!**

Do your best to convince visitors, friends and neighbours to join up!!

We have quite a few member benefits on offer !

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