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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2017

AGM - Annual General Meeting- Sunday 8th October

Start-time 11.00am

Yes - it's that time again!! all members are invited to attend, and it would be great to have a crowd!

- Come along to see and hear about current and future projects for our Club.
- Join the Committee in reviewing the past year's achievements on & off the court.

We plan to have a wine tasting as well - similar to the very successful one in recent years!

AGENDA



1. Apologies
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting
3. Correspondence
4. Special Business/Resolution
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report, incl. Fees and Subscriptions
7. Recognition of Committee members/members
8. Election of Office Bearers
9. General Business
10. Close of Meeting



All Management Committee positions and four Elected positions of the Match & Team become vacant.
Any current financial Adult club member is eligible to nominate for any of the following positions.

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| * President | * Secretary | * Treasurer |
| * Four General members | * Four members Match & Team | |

A full strength Committee plus support resources are essential to our continued success.
There are also individual projects where you could assist if you would prefer one of those options.
Please be generous and offer your support to help manage our facilities and progress our plans.

If you would like more information on various roles within the Committee and its Sub-Committees/projects,
or on the Club's range of operations, please talk to a current Committee member.

Nominations for all positions may be made in advance or at the meeting.

In regards to the four Match & Team member positions, it is intended that these will be assigned to
coordinate particular competitions, in addition to general policy and support activity.

Nominees should indicate their preference for VTA Pennant, NSTA or NSNTA coordination roles.

Nomination forms are available from the Club or Maria Keys- Secretary Ph. 9819 1973

Advance Nominations should be received by the Secretary NOT LESS THAN TWO DAYS prior to the AGM
(8th October). Completed forms should be posted in the clubhouse safe or given to Secretary Maria Keys.

Happy Father's Day to all our dads!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: 2017/2018

This is the "last call" for those who wish to continue!!



It's now three months into the playing year, and all membership fees were due on 1st July. There are still a number of members in the "overdue" category, and we would really like to retain your involvement with our great Club. We enjoy having players on court, and the activity also offers fresh air plus exercise - a positive combination! However - we do need you to pay **NOW!** Final Notices have been sent out; please check with Carole if you are unsure of the \$s.

**** If you don't pay ASAP - there is likely to be a LATE fee as well ****

Don't forget there are Family, Concession and Non-playing 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 discuss options with Carole. Any further delay in payment could jeopardize competition play and on-going access to courts. *Membership renewal forms are available at the Club if you have misplaced a previous advice.*

Wine Tasting & Purchase + Social Tennis

This is another great "repeat offer" for top quality wines at discount prices!

- and you can "try before you buy" if you come along on the day!!

The wines are being made available again from the Rathbone Wine Group which has numerous pre-eminent brands to tempt you! Anyone who took advantage of similar offers in recent years will say "don't miss out" on a range that includes:



Yering Station

Xanadu

Mt Langi Ghiran.

Diamond Valley

WHEN? Sunday 8th October - after the AGM at 11.00am.

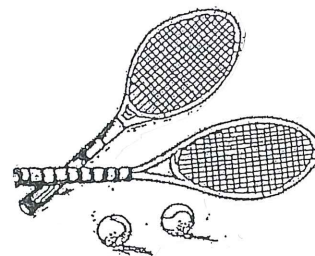
WHAT? You can taste a range of whites, reds, and pinots, then place an order on the day!

Social Tennis Opportunities

Sunday 15th October <i>Seniors Round Robin</i>	A repeat of the very successful event held last year with Tennis Seniors Victoria - open to players 35 years & over. Graded doubles, separate sections (Men's & Women's)
Night Round Robin <i>Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm</i>	You can meet different players and have fun in this regular event; Participant groups are graded to allow for different skill levels. Register by noon Tuesday on 9383 6337 or kwalsbw@iprimus.com.au
Tuesday 31st October <i>Seniors festival event</i> <i>10.00am - 1.00pm</i>	A casual gathering that includes relaxed tennis and morning tea. It's part of the Seniors festival and will held be at the club. The event is being advertised widely on the Festival's programme. Everyone welcome - especially seniors, friends and families.

COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



Pennant:

We had a Section winner! Congratulations to Ladies' Grade 4 Section 1.

Our Masters' Grade 2 team also did well – they qualified for the final, but were pipped by a few games!

Several other teams made their mark in the section play-offs but bowed out gracefully!

Many thanks to all players, captains and co-ordinators – it was a long, but well fought season.

NSNTA (night competition)

Spring Season: what a challenge!! It's been very cold and sometimes damp playing under the stars!!

Wins are proving elusive too – but our players have been scoring a few points;

11 of our 20 teams have made it into the top4 after rounds 3/4. Stay positive!!

AND – there are many more opportunities for wins and enjoyable matches before finals!

Queries? Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423



Flags collected !! we brought home 4 flags from **Spring 2016 & Autumn 2017:**

please pick up your commemorative glass from the office ASAP;

Otherwise they will be "commandeered" for Club use!

NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

Spring season: Men's Singles/Doubles (A Reserve) matches have just started with our 2 teams involved;

Clashes with pennant were largely avoided, and the season will conclude pre-Christmas;

Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 if you have any queries.

NSJTA (juniors)

Our 14 teams have made a positive start – with 50% holding top four positions after Round #7;

That includes 2 teams in 2nd spot! – keep the good shots coming and wins will follow!!

The three weekend School holiday break will kick in after Round 9 in mid-September.

Players are back on court **13/14 October**, and will be chasing more wins for semi-finals spots.

Best wishes all - Enjoy the tennis and the friendships that are built among team members;

Junior pennant has started – we have several members participating in NSJTA teams.



Season Review:

The Junior Committee will be meeting with Team Managers on SUNDAY 10th September to review the current season and discuss how our teams are going to date.

If you have any comments/suggestions please pass these on to your Team Manager by SATURDAY 9th September so they can be mentioned at the meeting.

NSLTA (Thursday ladies)

The Section 4 challenge continues! But our team is planning more wins in the second half!

International News: Davis Cup tie

Australia vs Belgium

Venue - Brussels; clay courts

World Group Semi-final: 15 -17 September

Seniors Sunday Challenge

- **15th October** at Royal Park Tennis Club; Tournament 1.00pm; BBQ 4.00pm
- Doubles Graded Round Robin sections (for men & Women) \$15 each; prizes top player/section

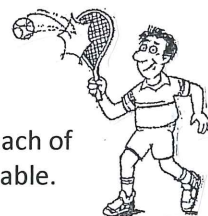
Seniors' Festival - Tuesday 31st October 10.00am start

We are organizing social tennis, with morning tea provided.
All members are invited; please bring friends and family to join in.

This is part of a State-wide celebration of our senior citizens; the festival is scheduled for October; each of the State's 79 Councils will present local events, with exhibitions, music programs and displays available.

Free public transport will be available to Victorian Seniors Card Holders 8th - 15th October.

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



PRELLI RACQUETS

207 - 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066
9419 4000

*** September ***

BIG SPECIALS!!

Clothing: many discounted lines (men's & ladies)

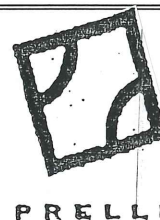
Footwear: ASICS claycourt shoes - were \$199 - NOW \$169

Racquets: Yonex E Zone - Was \$299 - NOW \$249

Balls: Wilson AO grasscourt: 18 can box - was \$199 NOW \$149

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) - show your membership card



MEMORABILIA

We are looking for old wooden racquets to use in our bar area; if anyone has any, or the old racquet frames, that you would be happy to donate, please contact Janice at the Club, or phone her on 0401 195 477.

***** COURT ALERT *****

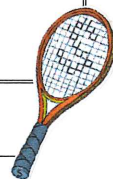
REMEMBER TO BOOK WHEN YOU WISH TO HAVE A HIT - ALL SPRING COMPETITIONS ARE NOW ACTIVE & COURT AVAILABILITY IS TIGHT.

With the warmer weather on its way, we also need your help to look after our courts!

They need lots of watering & bagging!!

Please make sure you bag and water the entire court from the net to the fenceline on each side - that helps protect the surface from wear and tear.

Also - please tidy up rubbish, drink bottles etc before you leave the court area!



AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2018 - TICKETS - PRE-ORDER OPPORTUNITY

Unfortunately we have not heard anything about this from either Tennis Victoria or Tennis Australia. Normally at this stage we would have sent details out, but given the timing, and lack of advice, please look at other options if you are keen to get some tickets. We will let you know if anything becomes available.