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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

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HAPPY EASTER !!

JUNIOR CLASSIC

Fewer participants entered this annual tournament, with just some 30 local juniors contesting the 6 events. Round-robin format was used in most events to give players in an opportunity to mix and test their skills, with all matches being completed in one day, to assist parent's commitments for the holiday weekend. Star attraction again was the 10 & Under Boys "green ball" contest, and the winner medallions were very popular.

Overall, the tournament ran well, gaining many favourable comments from players and parents.

The low participation rate by both boys and girls was unexpected, and some research is being done into possible contributing factors so we can work on changing that trend for the better.



A regular band of court managers helped with the success of the tournament, in support of organizers Carole Houston, Maria Keys and Danni Skiba. Many thanks to Michael Furey, Sam Houston, Alan Frigerio, and Peter Gyori – your "maintenance fee" activity is now recorded.

COURT ACCESS & USE:



HOLIDAY TIME:

Over the Easter holiday period, there are some VERY IMPORTANT things to do if you wish to play:

- Reserve a court in advance – use the Book A Court system via our website (www.royalparktennis.com.au) as staff time on site will be quite limited. That will give you a pin # for the gate (near court 10)
- You need to register before using the system otherwise you will be charged; if you wish to register, please see details attached, or contact Carole (0419 560 436) to activate the registration process ASAP
- Don't forget to lock the car-park barrier if you are last to leave the courts;
- Courts **MUST** be well watered before play starts, and at least every half-hour thereafter.

IMPORTANT DATE ALERTS

Night Competition – Spring Season 2019 - Tuesday (Ladies); Wednesday (Mixed); Thursday (Men's)	Player entry form available shortly Closing date 19 th May
Junior Competition – Season 2 2019	Player entry form available shortly Closing date 6 th May
Working Bee – Sunday 5th May Opportunity to off-set your maintenance fee for 2018/19	To tidy up the complex ready for pennant season & winter weather.

COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

The Autumn Season is underway, and our three “unisex” Singles/Doubles teams have mixed fortunes; current honours go to Open A Reserve (Blk) leading in their section at Round 10.

The competition is challenged for teams/clubs (12) this season, and needs more support.

Co-ordinator: *Carole Houston 9380 1259*

NSNTA (night)

Autumn Competition: Matches are now into the second half, and our 20 teams have been there!

But fortunes so far are rather inconsistent.

Ladies (8) are 40/60 in top4 positions, Mixed (2) & Men’s (10) are up & down. Several rounds to play – bring on more wins! & continue to enjoy!

Spring Season: will run August-November; Forms will be available shortly, and closing date is probably 19th May; \$s to be included please.

Co-ordinator is Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

GENERAL:

Team members are reminded of the following:

- You are representing our great club when you play competition – please observe the rules of tennis and Association dress code;
- Be courteous and well-behaved;
- Contribute to refreshments and cleaning up when hosting matches at our Club.

NSJTA (Juniors)

Season 1 – matches resume 26th/27th April

With 13 teams participating we are well represented. (8 Mixed, 1 Boys, 4 Unisex) - A Grade 2 to D Grade 3. 9 new recruits have joined our player lists. Welcome!! Results to Round 8 vary, with 2 teams OK, but others finding it tough. Look for more wins to come after the holiday break!

Season 2 – will run July-November
Player entry forms will be available shortly; closing date is probably 6th May - \$s to be included please.

NSLTA – (ladies midweek)

Our team is mid field in Section 4.
Best of luck! And enjoy more wins!

Pennant 2019

Teams have been graded by Tennis Vic and are on the notice board – please check details ASAP.

We have 8 teams: 1 Men’s Doubles (35+);
Singles/doubles: 2 ladies; 5 men’s

Season start date: Saturday 27th April.

Captains

Please contact players and organize a team roster to ensure there are sufficient players for each match. Emergencies will be in short supply, and forward planning is essential. Practice sessions would also be useful – to refresh tactics and for players to meet up prior to Round 1.

Queries: contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423
or Carole Houston 0419 560 436

COURT CARE & BOOKINGS

With Night Comp in full swing, and Pennant about to start, 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!!

You MUST book a court if you wish to play, & check at the office before going on court.

Use the web based system for bookings between 7-00am-4.30pm Monday-Friday

You MUST also pay a Visitor’s Fee before playing if you invite a friend to have a hit.

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 back fence of the courts – it details court care requirements

FUTURE LEADERS COURSE Scholarship available for Juniors!!

The Club strongly supports junior development, and awards 1-2 scholarships to this annual course. The scholarship funds the full cost (\$160), if the application(s) is successful. The next course is to be held in **July (9th – 11th) at Kyneton** and it's a great opportunity for fun & learning skills.

The 3 day residential Course is open to Tennis Victoria/club members, in Year 10 or 11 & transport from AAMI Park is provided. Location will be Anglesea YMCA Camp, Inverlochy St, Anglesea.

If you are keen to become involved in the tennis or sporting industry, this is a valuable opportunity, with:



- Leadership development workshops & information on careers in sport;
 - Introductory courses on Hot Shots and planning a follow-up project at your club;
 - An invitation to graduates to attend a day at the Australian Open/Priceline Classic.
- We would like all our eligible juniors to consider applying for this year's course, and you or your parents could talk to previous participants Kanna Murphy or Harry Buttifant about the opportunity and to see what a good time it is!!

Please contact Committee member **Maria Keys** 9819 1973 before **14th May** if you are interested. Further details <http://www.tennis.com.au/vic/players/programs/future-leaders>

Junior Pennant – further opportunity for playing & improving skills

If you are keen to play more tennis in teams with players from other local clubs, this is for you!

- NSJTA enter teams in an age based competition now known as Associations Junior League
- Matches are played on Sunday mornings August-November (10 week season)
- Age groups are 10/u, 12/u, 14/u, 16/u or 18/u – singles and doubles in each home/away match;
- Several of our juniors have played in these NSJTA teams and have enjoyed the experience.

NSJTA is likely to call for interested players soon – watch this Newsletter & News Alerts for further details.

PREMIERS' ACTIVE APRIL:

Don't forget to register for this initiative - you only need to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day and there are some great rewards for each registrant: go to <https://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/> for details. Some examples are: 15% off at Sportsmart in store; 2 for 1 ticket offers from several entertainment venues, entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2019 Australian Open Tennis Finals.

SOCIAL TENNIS:

Women's Open sessions - TUESDAY mornings 10.00am - 12.00pm

All welcome (members, friends, visitors etc) - organized tennis + morning tea \$2

Several ladies have already taken up the invitation - come and join them!

Please contact the club to register your interest and for more details. 93801259

General Open sessions: SUNDAY afternoons: 2.00 - 4.00pm



Following the successful initiative last year, these monthly sessions are on again.

So get on down to the club, bring a friend and enjoy a hit – organised sets;

A small fee applies for balls & snacks (\$2 members; \$5 visitors).

The next two dates are: **28 April** & **26 May**

Book-in time is 1.30pm & you can register ahead by phoning Janice 0400 606 071.

FACILITIES UPDATE – please note these!

There are some relatively major items recently added to our “to be done” list:



- The decking and railing on the Northern Pavilion need replacement, due to weathering effects on materials and long-term stability;
- Cypress trees alongside courts 14 & 11 are being removed by VicTrack, and initial work near Court 14 has obviously changed the light and spatial perspective down there. Further work is to be done, with possible trimming of trees alongside our playground area also on the agenda with MCC.
- The LED lighting project was finished some time ago, but we have two features needing further work: corners on Courts 4 & 7 are not as well lit as is desirable, and Court 13 has an alignment issue in the northern corner. Both are with MCC for attention.
- New shade sails have been installed in the walkway between courts 1-3 & 4-7. The previous ones ripped in the high winds and MCC contractors have completed the work.

All these items are being discussed and worked through with MCC and will be gradually resolved.

National Claycourt Championships

This high profile event was hosted at our club earlier this month, with Tennis Victoria conducting a 5 day tournament involving local, interstate and international players. Both singles and doubles were contested, in Qualifying (singles) and Main draws. Several club members participated, including Jihee Lee and Enzo Aguiard – both did well and posted several wins. Overall winners were Belinda Woolcock defeated Alison Bai 6-2 6-3. In the Men's final Harry Bouchier defeated Andrew Whittington 6-3 6-1.



Overall, the tournament ran very well, and our complex won many favourable comments from players, parents and visitors. Club Manager Carole co-ordinated a band of volunteers on canteen, tidying up and general support activity, and their assistance was greatly appreciated. The club has benefited both financially and reputation-wise from the opportunity to show case our facilities.

PRELLI TENNIS

207 - 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066
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***** APRIL/MAY *****

Racquets: Specials: Wilson Ultra Team Ultra Lite WAS \$249 **NOW \$169**
Head Speed S (exclusive) WAS \$329 **NOW \$299**
Tennis Footwear: Yonex Eclipsion 2 Clay (white/black/orange) WAS \$199 **NOW \$149**
Backpack: Wilson Federer model black/white WAS \$79 **NOW \$49**

The store is open on Sundays as well - 10am to 4.00pm
Ask for Lou - mention Royal Park Tennis Club for **10% discount** (conditions apply)
- support the shop that supports your club

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Participation declined further this year, with 88 entries from 58 players contesting the 14 events scheduled. However, there were many quality matches, with strong competition in the Men's Open and President's categories. Unfortunately no junior events and only two Women's were held. Both hot and rather cool weather challenged player fitness and resolve, but all events were completed in the challenging conditions. Some highlights were:



- Round robin and change partner formats being used in 6 events to increase participation;
- Open Singles: two new champions took out the titles – Yannick Zapf (Men's) and Estelle Suys (Ladies), with finalists being Tom McGrath and Danni Skiba (both previous winners);
- Open Vets: Rob Mcrae won his 12th consecutive Singles title (2008 – 2019); and previously.
- Multiple titles won by Yannick Zapf, Estelle Suys, Danni Skiba, Sam Pound, and Peter Wood.

It was encouraging to see some new faces among the players, and “thank you” to organizers – Carole Houston Maria Keys & Danni Skiba. Finals Day saw some epic matches, with extended deuce games & long rallies.

A full list of winners/finalists is below.

Winners Presentation: this was held on the finals day with all involved happy with the timely recognition, and the opportunity to celebrate with those “off court” spectators who came along.

Congratulations to our winners and finalists;

Many thanks to all contestants – your involvement was much appreciated – and there's always next year!!

Event	Winner	Finalist
Men's Open Singles	Yannick Zapf	Tom McGrath
Ladies Open Singles	Estelle Suys	Danni Skiba
Men's Open Doubles	Tom McGrath/Kai Yoshida	Nicholas Busuttill/Stuart McCurdy
Ladies Open Doubles	Danni Skiba/Estelle Suys	Jennie Day/Janice Lacy
Open Mixed Doubles	Yannick Zapf/Danni Skiba	Tom McGrath/Melanie Lasslett
Presidents Men's Singles	Sam Pound	Nick Lawson
Presidents Ladies Singles	Not held	
Presidents Men's Doubles	Nick Lawson/Sam Pound	Ollie Brock/Enesto Esteva
Presidents Ladies Doubles R/R	Not held	
Presidents Mixed Doubles	Not held	
Committee Men's Singles C/P	Peter Wood	
Open Veterans Men's Singles	Rob McRae	Anthony Malkoun
Open Veterans Ladies Singles	Not held	
Open Veterans Men's Doubles	Michael Furey/Anthony Malkoun	
Open Veterans Ladies Doubles C/P	Not held	
Open Veterans Mixed Doubles C/P	Trish Lowe	
President Vets. Men's Singles	Kevin Walsh	John Maher
President Vets. Ladies Singles	Not held	
President Vets. Men's Doubles C/P	Peter Wood	
President Vets. Ladies Doubles	Not held	
President Vets. Mixed Doubles R/R	Jacob Bau/Niamh Oliquist Maguire	