



18 September 2019

# Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

## NEWSLETTER - September 2019

### **AGM - Annual General Meeting- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**Start-time 11.00am**

Yes - it's that time again!! all members are invited to attend, and it would be great to see you there!

- 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.

#### **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
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, these are usually 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.  
For "General" Committee - roles such as Junior Co-ordinator and Coaching Liaison are generally assigned.

**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  
(11<sup>th</sup> October). Completed forms should be in an envelope and given to Secretary Maria Keys.

***Happy Father's Day to all our dads!!***

## MEMBERSHIP

Many thanks to all who have renewed their membership for 2019/2020. We now have 391 primary members registered - including 17 additional juniors among 42 new members. That's slightly better than last year's numbers at this stage, and a great result for the first quarter!

In 2018/19 we had 469 primary members - so keep encouraging players to join up!

**TOP50 clubs for 2018/19** have just been announced by Tennis Victoria, and we have starred at **#5** based on our strong membership results (primary + social categories).

## Wine Offer - discount prices!

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

The wines are being made available again from the Rathbone Wine Group which has numerous pre-eminent brands to tempt you! And this year they are offering more recent vintages!

Anyone who took advantage of similar offers in recent years will say "don't miss out" on a choice that includes:

	<i>Yering Station    Xanadu    Mt Langi Ghiran.    Diamond Valley</i>
	<b>WHEN?</b> There will be an opportunity to taste the wines at the clubhouse after the AGM Offer is available between 13 <sup>th</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> October. Don't miss out! Order NOW!
	<b>WHAT?</b> A range of whites, reds, and pinots! See the Order Form for details.

### \*\*\*\*\* 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 fence-line on each side -  
that helps protect the surface from wear and tear.*

*It would also be great if you did not hang clothes on the sprinkler heads on the fences behind the courts -  
it changes the settings on the sprinklers & we end up with puddles on the courts!  
Also - please tidy up rubbish, drink bottles etc before you leave the court area!*

## MEMORABILIA (racquets)

We are looking for old wooden racquets for our 130<sup>th</sup> birthday; 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.

# COMING EVENTS

## TWILIGHT TOURNAMENT – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Following its recent revival at members' request, we are running this Tournament again this year! 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 15<sup>th</sup> October*

*Junior Boys' & Girls' Singles - 14&U; 12&U; 10&U - closing date 15<sup>th</sup> October*

*Open Men's draw 32; Open Women's draw 16; all events commence 1.00pm each day.*

Any help you might be able to give in planning or during the event will be greatly appreciated.

For volunteering services or any queries please contact Caryle Demarte on 0417 776 601.

Entry form is available at the clubhouse, on the club website [www.royalparktennis.com.au](http://www.royalparktennis.com.au) or enter online at <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>

## SENIORS ROUND ROBIN – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October

A repeat of the very successful event held last year with Tennis Seniors Victoria - open to players 35 years & over. Check-in 12.45pm. BBQ 4.00pm

Graded doubles, separate sections (Men's & Women's)

It's a great afternoon's tennis and socializing with enthusiasts from clubs.

Usually 3 sets, with afternoon tea & refreshments.

**Book early!!** Entries close Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October



### Awards News!! We have several congratulations to record!

**Pennant:** Our Masters 35+ Grade 3 team won & their flag is on the Noticeboard! Players "on the day" were Tim Callanan, Nigel, Christie, Matt Gregory, Rob Mcrae, & Jason Vochala. Paul White & Kevin Walsh also contributed to the team's successful season!

**Tennis Victoria "gongs":** Our club is short-listed for the Most Outstanding Club or Centre, based on our nomination outlining tennis programs, facility upgrades & club initiatives.

Long-time member Liz Ross is similarly nominated for Excellence in Officiating.

## Seniors' Festival – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am start – 1.00pm

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 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> October.

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

# SOCIAL TENNIS

These options/events are coming up – we would love you to come along!

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> <u>Monthly Social Session</u>	<p>The next in this series is close to AFL Finals Day!! so wear your team colours if you dare! and bring your racquet along for a few fun sets before snacking on traditional footy fare - party pies &amp; sausage rolls!</p> <p>Check-in 1.45 Tennis is 2.00 - 4.00pm.</p>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b> <u>Seniors festival event</u> <b>10.00am – 1.00pm</b>	<p>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.</p> <p><b>Book:</b> 9380 1259 (Janice); <a href="mailto:msm@royalparktennis.com.au">msm@royalparktennis.com.au</a></p>
<b>Night Round Robin</b> <u>Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm</u>	<p>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 <b>0417 538 705</b> or <a href="mailto:kwalsbw@gmail.com">kwalsbw@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Cost \$12 members, \$18 non-members (for lights &amp; balls)</p>
<b>Weekly Women's Group</b> <b>Tuesday mornings</b>	<p>An informal opportunity to have a hit. Register at 9.45am, "organized" play between 10.00 - 12.00, then enjoy morning tea. Just \$2!!</p>
<b>Weekly Mixed Session</b> <b>Thursdays 10am - 12.00pm</b>	<p>Come along - solo, with partner/friend/neighbour. All players 15+ welcome. \$5 Non-members; Members - complimentary.</p>

## PRELLI TENNIS

207 – 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066  
 9419 4000

### \*\*\* September Specials\*\*\*

Racquets: specials: assorted brands/models on sale – call in to check them out!

Tennis Footwear: Nike shoes - \$50 discount

Clothing: 20% discount storewide! Great range to explore!

**The store is still open on Sundays as well - 10am to 4.00pm**

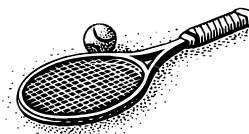
**Ask for Lou** – mention Royal Park Tennis Club for **10% discount** (conditions apply) – show your membership card

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2020 - TICKETS - PRE-ORDER OPPORTUNITY

We hope you all heard directly from Tennis Australia with the details for the special opportunity to purchase tickets earlier this month. All "Registered" players were being advised via email, and as a club member, you should have been contacted and given the access details.

# COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



## Pennant:

**We had five teams qualify for section play-offs, and there were mixed fortunes in both men's & ladies!**

Our 35+ Masters Grade 3 team **WON the FINAL**, and the pennant is proudly displayed on the noticeboard!

Grade 3 Men's met stiff opposition in the Grade semi-final, while Ladies Grade1 & 3 had a similar fate!

However, team members had lots of experience from their matches, and competed well.

Many thanks to all players, captains and co-ordinators – it was a long, but well contested 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 29 teams have made it into the top4 after rounds 4/6. Stay positive!!

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

**Queries?** Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

**Autumn Season 2020:** Entry forms now available at the clubhouse; closing date 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

## NSTA



**Spring season:** Men's Singles/Doubles matches have started for our 3 teams – A Grade,

A Reserve and B Special. The season will conclude pre-Christmas;

Overall, there are 15 clubs participating, with 6 grades, and 25 teams competing. Several teams are dual club combinations – a creative way of providing player opportunities.

Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 if you have any queries

## NSJTA (juniors)

Our 17 teams are having mixed fortunes, though several have top four positions after Round #9;

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

The competition is currently on School holiday break & weekends at the club are somewhat quieter!

Players are back on court **11/12 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 1 2020:** Entry forms now available at the clubhouse – closing date 19<sup>th</sup> October (Round 11).

## NSLTA (Thursday ladies)

The Section 4 challenge continues! But our team is going well, & plans more wins in the second half!

There are 28 clubs with players in the competition, with 56 teams organized into 7 sections (#1 - # 7).

### International News: Davis Cup tie

Australia vs Columbia & Belgium

Venue -Madrid 18-24 November

Format changes are in - round robin first stage.

Group winner qualifies for quarter finals.

### Seniors Sunday Challenge

- **20<sup>th</sup> October** at Royal Park Tennis Club;  
Tournament 12.45pm; BBQ 4.00pm
- Doubles Graded Round Robin sections (for men & Women) \$15 each; prizes top player/section