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# Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

## NEWSLETTER - September 2022

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2022/2023

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

It's now two months into the playing year, and all membership fees were due on 1st July. A number of members are still in the "overdue" category: we would really like to retain your involvement with our great club, and playing on court also offers exercise plus fresh air.



**However, we do need you to pay NOW! before 19 September.**  
***Until your renewal is paid, you will not be registered on Book-A-Court, and if you make a booking, you will be charged as a non-member; future participation in competition teams would also be jeopardized.***

Final notices have been sent out; please check with Carole if you are unsure of the \$. Payment by Direct Debit/bank transfer is preferred - see club account details on the Final Notice. An eftpos credit card payment option is available at the clubhouse (or cash?)

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October (11.00am)

This is our annual gathering when members are invited to join the Management Committee to:

- See and hear about current and future projects for our club,
- Review the past year's achievements on & off the court,
- Elect the Management Committee for 2022/2023 plus 4 Match & Team personnel.

All positions become vacant, and any financial Adult club member is eligible to nominate for election, either in advance or at the meeting. It is vital for the Club's on-going viability that we have a strong, effective Committee, and we need volunteers to come forward. This year we have a major challenge, as our long-term President Caryle Demarte is not re-nominating.

We encourage all members to come on the 16<sup>th</sup> - it's a great opportunity to interact with your Committee, and to chat with other members about what's happening at the club. It's usually a relatively short event, and you can stay on for some refreshments & a hit.

### Player/Team News

- Club member **Tim Callanan** was selected recently in the Australian 40+ team for the ITF Young Seniors World Championships in Portugal (Tony Trabert Cup). He flew to Amsterdam to play a lead-in ITF Seniors tournament before going on to Lisbon. Unfortunately, an on-court injury forced him to pull out of the Championships team.
- **Pennant Finals** are now on, and we have 3 teams that qualified to play. Our Grade 1 Ladies bowed out in the semi-final, but Men's Grade 3 and Grade 7 (Section 1) are both into the Grand Finals set for next weekend (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>)
- **Court availability** is restricted this coming weekend - Tennis Seniors Victoria are running a day-time tournament Friday/Saturday/Sunday based on our courts.

## VALE (Farewell) - JOAN SUMMERS

**Life Member** - Australian Post-Tel Institute (A.P.I.) & Royal Park Tennis Clubs.



A dedicated club member, who played competition for both clubs, and others in the area. Joan was always ready to help with tournaments, canteen etc, and became a champion at supporting teams after hanging up her racquet.

She loved social occasions, and was a whizz at crosswords.

Rest in peace.

## **COURTS:** Spring is coming! And so is Summer!

- Our courts will need more watering to off-set the wind and sun that will quickly dry them out;
- Please water well before play – from fence to fence ; NOT just between the base lines;
- Watering should also be done after each set or half-hour of hitting to off-set wear and tear.

**VISITORS:** if you invite a non-member for a hit, please remember to pay the **visitor fee.**

- The fee can be paid via your court booking.

## **RPTC OPEN Tournament: An opportunity with a difference!**

Our annual Open Tournament is set for the Melbourne Cup weekend again (29/10 -1/11), and there is a requirement to have 3 Court Monitors/day to assist in smooth running of the event. We are looking for volunteers, and if you are interested, please contact club President Caryle Demarte (0417 776 601) ([rptc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rptc@optusnet.com.au)). Travelling allowance and a sandwich lunch would be provided – there would be good matches to see, and different people to meet!

## **FLEX League: a new in-house event!**

This intraclub competition is the first trial of the concept, and will feature players in groups limited to 8 entrants, based on UTR scores. It is being organized by Aleks Ceran and Anthony Malkoun, and all members, incl. juniors are encouraged to register their interest. Further details are:



- Structured as a 7 week round robin, based on groups of 8.
- Top 4 players in each group go into S/Finals & Final - prizes to be won;
- Best of 3 set match with a super-tie breaker to be played at 1 set all.
- Group A (Mixed Open) players with a UTR score between 8-10
- Group B (Women's Open) players with a UTR score between 5-8.
- Group C (Men's Open) players with a UTR score between 5-8
- Players arrange match times between themselves, within limits;
- Player scores and group ladders are managed by Aleks and Anthony
- An entry fee of \$55 will apply - entries close 13th September.

Please contact either Aleksandar Ceran [memberservicesmanagerRPTC@outlook.com](mailto:memberservicesmanagerRPTC@outlook.com) or Anthony Malkoun [malkouna@gmail.com](mailto:malkouna@gmail.com) with queries or to register your interest in the league.



**Happy Fathers' Day to all our Dads.**

