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# Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

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## Newsletter

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# JANUARY 2018

**Happy New Year !!** *The Club Committee & staff hope that all members had a very enjoyable & safe Christmas, and we wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful 2018.*

## AUTUMN Competitions – NSTA/NSJTA/NSNTA/NSLTA

The action will start quite soon – it's countdown time & our teams need to be ready. Teams are listed on the noticeboard, and the grading/draws have been done; Start dates are as follows for the relevant competitions:

- NSTA: 3<sup>rd</sup> February (Saturday)
- NSJTA: 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> February (Friday/Saturday)
- NSNTA: Ladies 6<sup>th</sup> February (Tuesday)  
Mixed 7<sup>th</sup> February (Wednesday)  
Men's 8<sup>th</sup> February (Thursday)
- NSLTA: 8<sup>th</sup> February (Thursday)
- Metro Masters: 1<sup>st</sup> February (Thursday)



Could players please check in with your captain; and could captains please organize rosters and make sure you have enough players for the first week's match. You can see the draw & your opposition teams on the relevant Association website.

## **PIZZA & PRACTICE SESSION: 30<sup>th</sup> January: 6.00–8.00pm**

All members and friends are invited, and especially team players. Autumn competitions are starting in two/three weeks' time, and holidays will be over. Dust off your racquet, come along to enjoy some tennis, and plan season tactics.

## Facilities Upgrade



Anyone who has been down to the courts recently will have seen the tall, shiny new poles with the LED globes on courts 4-7. This is the first stage of our lighting upgrade, & other courts will be done over the next 3-4 weeks, with most ready for night competition in early February. Following that, there will be major refurbishment work to the main clubhouse – kitchen, office and bar area will be given a “facelift” with changed layouts, plus new fittings and floor coverings. The outside decking will be refreshed, with attention to disability features and access improvements.

There is likely to be some disruption to regular operations/activities during this February/March period, especially for initial competition matches, but we will aim to keep this to a minimum. We would appreciate your assistance in managing through any inconvenience, so that we can continue to enjoy our tennis.

## **PENNANT 2018**

Player entries for this year's season should have been in by NOW. Please register **ASAP – no later than 28<sup>th</sup> January.**  
Queries: Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 or Tom Halbert 0423 760 253

# JUNIOR CLASSIC tournament: we need your entry!!

Our annual junior tournament is on again this year!! Labour Day weekend – 10, 11, 12 March!

This tournament is especially designed for local players, and it can be lots of fun to play.

Singles and doubles options are available – with events available for several age groups –

10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 16. Format is round robin for 10 & U events; others are 1-3 sets

Round robin options will be provided to ensure 2-3 matches when entries allow.

Medallions/trophies are presented to winners & finalists.



The entry form is now available - at the clubhouse, on our [www.royalparktennis.com.au](http://www.royalparktennis.com.au) and <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> (for online entries) Closing date is - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Calling all Juniors! Mark the date in your diary and start practising !!**

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Scheduling of the Championships has been set for two weekends in March:

- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> March; 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March; events will be similar to 2017;
- Entry forms are available, and **closing date** is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March



Last year we had good participation, with 98 club members taking part, & enjoying the experience; There are both junior & adult events, with three levels of Open, President and Committee offered in the adult category (which juniors may also enter); all members are eligible!!

Start thinking NOW - plan for what events you might like to play and possible partners to help! It's an opportunity to improve your tennis and get better competition results/higher grades! They are also a great lead-in to the pennant season that follows a few months later.

### Junior Jottings:



There is also an opportunity to try out for NSJTA teams that will participate in inter-Association events during March (Easter) this year:

- **Pat Pearce Shield:** 30<sup>th</sup> March-1<sup>st</sup> April at Royal Park T/Club, For boys & girls 13 & 15 years & under – apply by **12<sup>th</sup> February** For further details, & application forms to send to NSJTA, please see the NSJTA website – <http://www.nsjta.asn.au>/ look under NSJTA Events

## CLUB UPDATES:

### Coaching:

the Management Committee is pleased to announce the re-appointment of our two **coaches** – Dan Donnelly & Mat Gregory - for a further 3 years. This followed a review process which included interviews with each coach to discuss their ideas and proposed programs for the Club; a particular focus will be on increasing participation in both social & competition opportunities, and the transition of juniors in club teams/activities



### Annual Accounts:

We have recently received the final accounts for the 2016/17 financial year from the Auditor, with no issues identified and confirmation of an Operating Profit \$50,016 and Total Member Funds of \$496,103 – a strong result to support our forward plans.

