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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2015

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The lead-up to these events is moving along quickly - closing date is Wednesday 4th March:
Match dates will be:

Saturday/Sunday: 14th/15th March & 21st/22nd March

Details are as follows:

- All players must be available for those two weekends;
- Junior events will be scheduled together with senior events;
- Players may enter a maximum of 3 events only;
- For Veterans and Juniors, age determinations apply;
- All players must be financial members of the Club.
- Matches will be scheduled on Saturdays (afternoon & evening) and Sundays (morning, afternoon, evening); some may be allocated to Monday evenings if the weather or player event clashes cause difficulties;
- Draw & match times will be available from the Thursday prior to each scheduled weekend; they will be posted up at the Club-House, and will also be available at <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>



Various other "conditions of entry" apply, and are spelt out on the Entry Form - a copy is attached to this Newsletter, or is available at the Club. We need lots of players!!!!

Please get organized, book your partners and lodge your entry form!!! Just 3 weeks to go!!
Events will not be run if there are insufficient competitors.

JUNIOR CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

This popular tournament is on again during the long weekend in March - 7th/8th/9th March. Singles and doubles options are available - with events provided for several age groups - 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 15, 16 - round robin format (10 & U singles); 1-3 sets for others;

All members and friends are welcome, and we would like to have lots of entries!!

It's a great opportunity for our juniors to test their skills against other metro players!

Entry form is attached, and is also available at the club or online.

Closing date - Tuesday 24th February (extended)

Members please note that courts will not be available between 9.00am-5.00pm these days. We would also appreciate assistance with court supervision and canteen management - if you could help, please contact Carole 0419 560 436, 9380 1259 or Maria Keys 9819 1973.





JUNIOR JOTTINGS

There is a great opportunity coming up for our younger players to gain experience:

Pat Pearce Shield: an NSJTA event for Boys & Girls - applications close end February

Participants are 15 & Under, 13 & Under age groups - NSJTA won in 2014!

16 players needed - 4 players per team (age as at 30th April 2015)

Planned for Easter weekend: 3rd-5th April - at Eaglemont Tennis Club

Squads will be selected in early March - contact Aaron Sharpe 0407 885 012 **NOW!!**

Entry form on the NSJTA website - look under NSJTA events on the left hand side menu

Congratulations: Enzo Aguiard: State School Sports Award for Bruce Cup team (twice)

TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES



Our club has developed some new and different options for players looking for short-term, or one-off opportunities to participate in competitive, organized matches;

Round Robin/graded event: Wednesday evenings in February

Register: by noon Tuesday by phone 9380 1259 or email msm@royalparktennis.com

Wednesday 6.45: check-in and pay (\$10 members; \$15 non members)

7.00pm - 9.00pm play (for players over the age of 15 years)

FAST 4: planned for Sunday afternoons - on each/any of 12th April - 10th May

Options for different grades; for individual, doubles or team entries

Exciting new format - 3x20minute time capped sets. Start times: 2.00pm or 3.30pm.

Bookings on-line via Tennis Victoria website: www.tennis.com.au/vic/competitions/fast4

Enquiries: Janice Lacy - Member Services Manager 9380 1259 or msm@royalparktennis.com

PRELLI RACQUETS

207 - 209 Victoria Parade, Collingwood 3066

9419 4000

*** March ***

Racquets: new release of *Volkl, Babolat, Head, Wilson & Yonex* models - come in & try

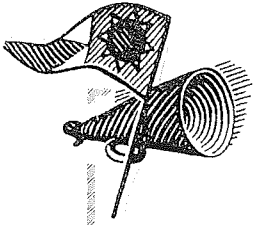
Tennis Footwear & Clothing specials: various brands and size ranges -

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)

- you must show your current membership card to qualify

- support the shop that supports your club



All Members: Have you confirmed your details yet??

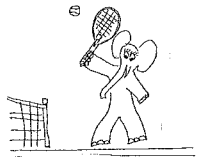
Each of you should have received at least one email from Tennis Victoria listing your Tennis ID, plus details such as name, address and phone number. We would appreciate your responding to that email - it ensures your personal accident insurance cover is activated, and the club benefits with accurate records plus a \$5 reward for each confirmed member.

Make sure you scroll down past the picture to find your details.

TENNIS TOPICS:

The **2015 Australian Open** was a huge event! With thousands of spectators tripping along to Melbourne Park, others keeping up with results and commentary via media coverage, and still more spending many hours watching the TV. Here are some interesting/curious tit-bits on the extravaganza!

- **Forty-nine** nations were represented among the **256** players competing in main draw singles;
 - **41** in the men's singles (with 12 players from Spain) & **34** in the women's singles draw (with 16 players from the USA). The USA was the most represented nation overall, with 21.
- A total of **704** players competed across all events, including juniors, wheelies and legends
- 17 Australians took part in the main singles draw;
- Aussie Juniors- **Jake Delany** (NSW) & **Marc Polmans** (Vic) won their maiden Grand Slam Boys Doubles. **Dylan Alcott** (Vic) took out the quad wheelchair singles title (first Australian to do so)
- **Fastest serve: Marius Copil** (Rou) had the fastest serve of the tournament at **242km/h**;
Serena Williams (USA) recorded the fastest serve in the women's draw at **204km/h**
- **Aces: Milos Raonic** (Can) served 114 aces, the most of any man in the main singles draw
Serena Williams (USA) served the highest number of aces in the women's draw with 88.
- Australian tennis great **Neale Fraser** was honoured at the annual Legends Lunch. His achievements included 19 Grand Slam titles (3 singles; 11 doubles, 5 mixed), and he captained the Australian Davis Cup team for 24 years, leading them to finals victory on 4 occasions.



Club Championships -should I play?

We would like to see more members participating in the Club Championships - there are several grades available, and not everyone has to compete at the highest level!!

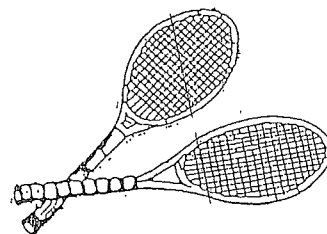
Here are some thoughts from a fellow member who supports the Championships:

- How did your tennis form go last year? Did you improve or not?
- Did you think you were playing in the appropriate competition level?
- Would you like to have a match against a person playing a little higher to try out?
- Have you tried playing in a tournament/event - why not?

Answers to these and other questions can be found by playing in the Championships.

The Championships are played in great sporting spirit and allow you to learn a lot about your game and that of your fellow members! His advice is: **HAVE A GO!**

COMPETITION NEWS



NSTA (Saturday afternoon mixed)

The Autumn Season has started – with several very warm afternoons! We have 2 teams – A Reserve Mixed, Men's Singles/Doubles: B Special. 20 clubs are participating in 6 grades.

Co-ordinator: Julie Benstead 9387 0014.

NSNTA (night)

Autumn Competition: Started recently: Welcome to all our new participants – Enjoy!! Our total teams (19 - ladies 6; mixed 3; men's 10) are equal to 2014, but the combination is different – Mens' is more popular!! Please make sure you have paid your \$\$\$s !!

Captains & players are nominated on the board. Co-ordinator is Jason Nell 9395 6929.

GENERAL:

Team members are reminded of the following:

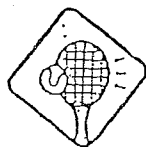
- You are representing our great club when you play competition – please observe the rules of tennis and Association dress code;
- Be courteous and well-behaved;
- Contribute to refreshments and cleaning up when hosting matches at our Club.

NSJTA (Juniors)

Semester 1 – started 30th/31st January

We have 15 teams participating (3 Mixed, 4 Boys, 8 Unisex); ranging across A Grade 2 to D Grade 2 (Unisex). Results to Round 3 vary, but the weather has been quite challenging, and wins hard to come by!

Our per-season briefing sessions were well attended – thank you to all who came along to participate



NSLTA – (ladies midweek)

Our team will contest Section 5!
Best of luck! And enjoy the season.

Pennant 2015

Teams have been selected and are posted on the notice board – please check details ASAP.

We plan to enter 7 teams: 2 Men's Doubles (45+); Singles/doubles: 1 ladies; 4 men's

A \$65 deposit is required for the season to cover ball costs, team management etc;

You must be a registered Club player with current Personal Accident Insurance (PAI)

Season start date: Saturday 2nd May

Queries: contact Jason Vochala 9484 1351
or Carole Houston 0419 560 436

COURT CARE & BOOKINGS

With the Australian Open such a success, 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.
You MUST also pay a Visitor's Fee before playing if you invite a friend to have a hit.**

The warmer, windy weather is making our courts quite dry and dusty too – they need extra care!!

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 fence near the gates – it details court care requirements.

NOTE: court availability will be very limited on the following days due to events:

Club Championships: 14th/15th & 21st/22nd March

Junior Classic Tournament: 7th/8th/9th March