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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

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TWILIGHT TOURNAMENT - 1st, 2nd December

Following it's revival last year 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 16th November
Junior Boys' & Girls' Singles - 14&U; 12&U; 10&U - closing date 16th November

The club is looking for businesses and individuals to become sponsors. We are hoping that you or your business might like to become involved in helping to create a great annual event, and sponsorship of \$100 or more would be widely acknowledged. Also, as lead-time for organising the event is quite tight, any help you might be able to give in planning or during the event will be greatly appreciated. For sponsorship, volunteering services or any queries please contact Caryle Demarte on 0417 776 601. Entry form is available at the clubhouse, or club website www.royalparktennis.com.au or enter online at <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au>

BRONZE AMT TOURNAMENT: 3rd, 4th, 5th November

This advanced level tournament is being hosted at our club over the Melbourne Cup weekend; It features Open events for men & women - singles & doubles - and offers \$ prizemoney. Several of our club members have entered, and there will be great matches with top players on court.



Come along to see many competitive contests & enjoy the atmosphere!

Matches will be scheduled from Saturday morning - Monday morning;
So there will be **NO COURTS AVAILABLE** for member or general public booking during that period.

Organisers would also appreciate assistance in the canteen on Saturday/Sunday - if you have an hour or two to spare, and are happy to help, please contact Caryle Demarte on 0417 776 601.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP of TENNIS VICTORIA for MARIA KEYS

I am delighted to report that Maria Keys has been awarded Life Membership of Tennis Victoria (TV) in recognition of her commitment to tennis in Victoria. Maria's tennis career with us started at API and then Royal Park where she has been both President (1996-2008) and Secretary (2009-now). Apart from her work for our Club, she has been President (1982-2006) and Vice President (2007-now) of the NSNTA. In 1995 Maria commenced her involvement with TV when she joined its Pennant Committee and has since been on the TV Council (2002-2005), TV Board (2005-now), Vice-President 2011-2016, and other committees. A big congratulations is extended to Maria for this significant award which is well deserved.

Caryle Demarte
President.

Social News: several events have been held for club members/friends/visitors recently:



NSNTA Golf Day:

this repeat event was held at Melbourne Airport Golf Club, and our team went out to defend their title from last year against the field of some 80 golfers. The weather was great, and it was a close contest, but a different club team won the trophy. A small profit will be donated to charities. Our team featured Paul White, Michael Furey, Barry Davis, & Rob McRae. Well played!!

Tennis Seniors Round Robin:

We had a great Sunday afternoon of tennis recently with our sixth Seniors' Round Robin event; Run in partnership with Tennis Seniors Victoria, the opportunity attracted a record 59 players, graded into sections; Everyone was keen to score lots of games! 4 rounds of doubles, plus afternoon tea – with 11 courts in use!! Players came from various suburbs across Melbourne, including some 10 intrepid travelers from Frankston!

Club members featured prominently in the winners' circle, with trophies for the following:

A Section Winners - men Anthony Malkoun (winner); Tom McGrath (r/up);
- women Kim Summerill (winner)



There was a great buzz around the club with some very positive feedback on our courts and surrounds! The visitors enjoyed our en-tous-cas surface, and the friendly atmosphere.

AGM Report

Our 2017/18 Annual General Meeting was held Sunday 7th October, with all members invited to come along. Attendance was slightly better than last year – with 15 members signing in! but still disappointing that only 3% of our 500 registered members came along in support of the Management Committee. **WHERE WERE YOU???**

These were some of the main points reported:



- * a positive operating profit of \$28,012 which will add to our funds for on-going activities;
- * strong competition involvement: 85 teams participating, and 8 premierships won;
- * membership levels lifted marginally to 500, with male/female ratio steady at 64%/36%;
- * scholarships awarded to two juniors to attend the Future Leaders Course;
- * continued success with Wednesday nights social session, featuring some 63 participants;
- * significant facility improvements, including LED lights, Clubhouse renovation & painting;
- * several community service partnerships initiated/continued, supported by grants.

Copies of the Report are available at the Clubhouse – please take the opportunity to review our positive year!

Management Committee: Congratulations and thank you to the following members who were elected :

- * President: Caryle Demarte
- * Treasurer: Kim Summerill
- * Secretary: Maria Keys
- * Junior Co-ordinator: Kata Pinter
- * Match & Team Co-ordinator: Jason Vochala
- * Four General Committee members: Jason Vochala; Kata Pinter; Troy Knowling;
- * Four members Match & Team: Jason Vochala; Peter Gyori

Vote of Thanks: to **Julie Limbach** for her positive contribution to Club activities, especially as Treasurer.
to **Tom Halbert** for his support extending across several areas, notably Match & Team, coaching liaison, and communication mediums such as Facebook & website.

Opportunities to help! - Please note that we did not achieve a full Committee at the AGM – there is a General Member position vacant, as well as two vacancies on Match & Team. If you feel you could assist in any of these, please contact Maria Keys (Secretary), or Caryle Demarte (President).

Thank You: to those who ordered wine from our discount offer by Rathbone Wine Group.
We hope you enjoy your selection & we appreciate your response to the offer.

COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



NSNTA (*night competition*)

Spring Season: semis & finals are close – just round 13/14 to go! Good luck to all those who qualify; Player hopes are high! & we are likely to have 9 of our teams in the semis; Ladiesx3; Mixedx2; Men'sx5: see NSNTA website for ladders & draws; Don't forget to go along and support our players if you are not playing on the night!
Queries? Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

Autumn Season: 2019! Your entry should be in by now! **Closing on 2nd November!**
If you forgot, or lost your form sent recently – you need to respond **FAST!**
Team selection is being finalized next week or so – you might be lucky if you hurry!!
Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 or Carole 9380 1259 with any queries.

NSTA (*Saturday afternoon*)

Spring season: our 2 teams are having mixed fortunes – but A Grade should be in the semis;
Autumn Season: 2019! Entries will be open very soon – will be closing **on 24th November**
Mixed, Men's singles/doubles, and Men's Doubles on offer.
We would love to have some juniors join our teams for this competition.
Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 with any queries.

NSJTA (*juniors*)

Current season: mixed results to date (Round 12) with 7 of 15 teams probably into semi-final's
Semi -Finals are set for 23rd/24th Nov. – enjoy the opportunity & support your team!
Thank you to all our players for participating through the season. Well played!
Season 1 2019: this is scheduled for February 2019, & team selection is currently being done;
Some player fees are still outstanding – please finalise these ASAP!!
contact Kata Pinter 0435 002 732 or Carole Houston (0419 560 436) for information.

NSLTA (*Thursday ladies*) The major rounds are nearly finished – and our Section 3 team is out of luck;
BUT – there's their end-of-season get-together, and the challenge of 2019 ahead!

COURT CARE

With the persistent winds, and return of some warmer weather, our courts are very dry and thirsty;
We need assistance from all players to ensure our courts are well maintained;
You **MUST** water well before play – from fence to fence (& not just between the lines);
Watering should also be done after each set or half-hour of hitting;
Please sprinkle before bagging after play as well; that settles the dust and keeps the en tout cas stable
If the courts do not get enough water, the playing area will break up and holes will appear.

Court availability – 25th November – no courts 8.30am until approx. 1.00pm

We will be hosting Junior Pennant finals - come along and see some great tennis!!

MEMBERSHIP

Our first three months' period has finished, and it's encouraging to see that we have 333 members returning for 2018/19. That's a strong renewal rate, and we have also attracted 38 new members, so our current total is 391 (incl. Honorary).
However, another 120 are needed to get back to last year's figure of 500!!

Please help!!

Do your best to convince visitors to join up!! We have quite a few member benefits on offer !! And our fees are very reasonable in comparison with neighbouring clubs !!

