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Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. Newsletter

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JUNIOR CLASSIC JDS tournament: we need your entry!!

Our annual junior tournament is on again this year!! **Labour Day weekend – 12 & 13 March!**

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

Last year we had 51 players – many from north suburban clubs; this year we would love to have more!

Especially from our own club!



This is now included in the **Junior Development Series**, so all singles events are round Robin format, which offers extra opportunity for all players to enjoy more tennis! Singles and doubles options are available - with age groups 08, 10, 12, 14 & 16 Medallions/trophies are presented to winners & finalists.

Entry is online - see <http://tournaments.tennis.com.au> & a Player Tennis-ID is required.

A HELP form is attached, and copies are available at the clubhouse

Closing date is - Wednesday 2nd March.

Calling all our juniors! Mark the date in your diary, enter NOW and start practicing!!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

After the challenges of the 2021 event, we are now planning for 2022!

Scheduling of the Championships is set for two weekends March/April:

- 26th/27th March; 2nd/3rd April; events will be similar to 2021;
- Entry forms are available, and **closing date** is Friday 11th March



In 2021, 75 club members participated, & enjoyed the experience; **but we need more players!**

There are singles & doubles 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 weeks later.

Pennant 2022



Player entries for this year's season are NOW due - form is attached.
Please register **ASAP - no later than Friday 21st February.**

Queries: Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 Forms also available at the clubhouse

Ladies, Men's and Masters (35yo & over) categories are included;
Season will start 30 April/1 May for 14-15 weeks. Singles/doubles
match formats are as for 2021, with UTR based grading to be applied.

Annual General Meeting – held on 21st November 2021; with 19 attendees
(a number similar to 2020 's gathering).

Major outcomes included :

- A vote of thanks to staff and outgoing Committee for managing Covid-19 scenarios
 - Committee elections: Caryle Demarte (Pres); Maria Keys (Sec); Kim Summerill (Treas); Jason Vochala, Vignesh Wilkinson.
 - Operating profit \$104,000 (2018/19 - \$32,358) – heavily influenced by Government support for operational interruptions & expenses during COVID shutdowns etc;
 - Capital works during the year included rebuild of courts 11-13; installation of 15 new solar panels & 2 air conditioner units (central clubhouse) – with support from MCC (50% for courts) and Federal Government grants;
 - Auditor’s Report: no material matters were noted, and the report was accepted.
 - Member Subscriptions: no increase for 2022/2023 (Covid -19 related)
 - Credit to members for any shutdown periods during the 2021/22 financial year;
 - Constitution amendment: Clause 35 Use of Technology – to allow use of technology such as Zoom and dial-in without being physically present at Meetings;
- It was confirmed that the club has a 5 year rolling lease with City of Melbourne, which also supports the club with many maintenance activities.

Previous Committee members Anthony Malkoun & Troy Knowling were appointed to the two vacant positions on the Committee at the first meeting for 2021/22.
Several positions on Match & Team Sub-Committee remain vacant.
Jane Collins continues as Lead on the Junior Committee.



Rafa Nadal Masters



The Rafa Nadal Tour Australia Masters Invitational tournament was held at our club in mid-January (5 days). It was managed by Tennis Australia and involved 34 juniors (U12 and U14) from all States across Australia who had qualified in tour level events. Both singles and doubles events were played, but the focus was on more than just winning matches. Signage displayed and talks held emphasized the values held at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Spain – Sportsmanship, Commitment, Fellowship, Effort. Carlos Moya hit with participants during a coaching clinic & the players met with Rafa in an informal gathering on Rod Laver arena.

COURTS



They are our biggest asset - so they necessarily get lots of care and attention!! The warmer weather, plus occasional times of high winds, have started to dry out the courts! And we need your help! **Please make sure you water from fence to fence before play & every 30 minutes (for player safety & court protection!). Don't forget to Slip, Slop and Slap as well!!!**

Problem Report forms

We also want to know ASAP when there are problems. If you notice any damage to nets, lines, court surface etc, please fill in **a Fault/Repair Report** form from the stand inside near the front door. Likewise, a **Safety Incident/Hazard Report** form is available for recording details of any incidents (e.g. trips & slips) or situations with potential for causing accidents (e.g. wet floor; broken step).