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Happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers.



SOCIAL SUNDAY: 30th May 2.00pm - 3.30pm



It's Back! Now that COVID restrictions have eased considerably, we can resume! This is the first of our regular monthly Social Tennis gatherings for 2021, so get on down to the club, bring a friend and enjoy a hit. It's open to members and general community players, with a co-ordinator to lead the on-court arrangements.

Book your spot NOW go to www.royalparktennis.com.au/homepage, scroll down to "Once a Month Sunday Social Open Tennis" in the middle column, and select "click here".

A small cost applies - \$10 non-members; \$5 members. Check-in time is 1.30pm.

If any queries, please contact Janice 0400 606 071.

FACILITIES UPGRADE –



Solar Panels: we have been awarded a Sustainable Community Grant (approx. \$6,000) to install extra solar panels to maximize our battery storage capacity (currently only 50% fill).

Courts 11-13 re-alignment: as previously advised, this rebuild was planned by the City of Melbourne (CoM) for late last year, but as with many activities, COVID intervened, and the tendering process has been slow. However, a contractual arrangement is settled, and work is now anticipated to start June/July, with a 15 week timeframe forecast. Court availability will be restricted, and planning is in place for managing that scenario, noting that night competition will be in recess. Funding will be met jointly by CoM/RPTC, with approx. \$130,000 for the club as per the Capital Works program noted at our 2020 AGM.

JUNIOR CLASSIC

COVID-19 was an influential factor in this annual tournament, held over 2 days of Labour Day weekend. Player entries were very slow, but a sudden rush in the closing stage meant 51 local juniors participated. Round-robin format was used in most events to give players in an opportunity to mix and test their skills. Star attraction again was the 10 & Under Boys "green ball" contest, and the winner medallions were very popular.

Club member *James Grieve* won a very close tussle in the Boys 12 Section 1 singles.

And the tournament was again supported with sponsorship from Carlton Football Club.

Overall, the tournament ran well, gaining many favourable comments from players and parents. The trend of low participation by girls continued with 13 registrants, although 3 events did have sufficient entries; 38 boys contested in 4 events. This apparently is not unusual currently with competitive events, and is a trend we all need to work on changing for the better.



A regular band of court managers helped with the success of the tournament, in support of organizers Carole Houston, and Maria Keys. Many thanks to Jacob Bau, Kevin Dalach, Alan Frigerio and Russell Grigg.

COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

The Autumn Season is underway, but our two “unisex” Singles/Doubles teams are finding it tough! We’ll need more players in Spring!!

Co-ordinator: Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

NSNTA (night)

Autumn Competition: Matches are into the last rounds, and our 16 teams are fighting it out.

However fortunes so far are rather inconsistent. Ladies (5) are 50/50 in top4 positions, Mixed (3) are struggling, and Mens’ (8) are trying hard. We have 5 teams likely to make semi-finals.

Bring on more wins!

Spring Season: will run August-November; Forms are available NOW, and closing date is 22nd May; \$s to be included please.

Co-ordinator is Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

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, both on and off court!
- Contribute to refreshments and cleaning up when hosting matches at our Club.

NSJTA (Juniors)

Season 1 – matches resumed 23rd/24th April

With 12 teams participating we are well represented. (6 Mixed, 2 Boys, 7 Unisex) - A Special to D Grade 1. Results to Round 11 vary, with a 50/50 TOP4 ratio, Strong hitting in the concluding rounds!

Season 2 – will run July-November

Player entries now overdue - closing date was 1st May. Contacts are Karl Hession and Kevin Walsh.

NSLTA – (ladies midweek)

Our team is challenged in Section 3.

Best of luck for the remaining rounds.

Pennant 2021

Players are back on court after the 2020 hiatus!! We have 5 teams: Singles/doubles: 1 ladies; 4 men’s Match format has changed: Doubles & Singles are scheduled on the same afternoon – with 4-6 players. After 2 rounds, there have been many tie-breakers and quite mixed results.

Queries: contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423
or Carole Houston 0419 560 436

Metro Masters 50+ (Mens’ Thursdays)

Our Section 2 team is leading the charge at Round 13; Keep it going! Good luck for the finals!

COURT CARE & BOOKINGS

With Night Comp in full swing, and Pennant underway, tennis is very popular, and court availability is quite limited, especially from 5.00pm weekdays, and generally on the weekend.

You MUST book a court if you wish to play, & do the Covid sign-in before going on court.

You MUST also pay a Visitor’s Fee before playing if you invite a friend to have a hit.

Watering from fence to fence before you play is very important (if no rain!) – 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 back fence of the courts – it details court care requirements

FUTURE LEADERS COURSE Scholarship available for Juniors!!

The Club strongly supports junior development, and awards 1-2 scholarships to this annual course. The scholarship funds the full cost (\$160), if the application(s) is successful. The next course is to be held in **September (20th – 22nd) at Kyneton**, and it's a great opportunity for fun & learning skills.

The 3 day residential Course is open to Tennis Victoria/club members, in Year 10 or 11 & transport from AAMI Park is provided. Location will be PGL Campaspe Downs, 1302 Trentham Rd, Kyneton.

If you are keen to become involved in the tennis or sporting industry, this is a valuable opportunity, with:



- Teamwork & Leadership development workshops & information on careers in sport;
 - Introductory courses on Hot Shots (e.g.) & planning a follow-up project at your club;
- We would like all our eligible juniors to consider applying for this year's course, and you or your parents could talk to previous participant **Kanna Murphy 0468 476 781** about the opportunity and to see what a good time it is!!

Please contact Junior Committee Leader Jane Collins 0403 122 880 before **31st May** if you are interested. Further details at <http://www.tennis.com.au/vic/players/programs/future-leaders>

Junior Pennant – further opportunity for playing & improving skills

If you are keen to play more tennis in teams with players from other local clubs, this is for you!

- NSJTA enter teams in an age based competition now known as **Associations Junior League**
- Matches are played on Sunday mornings August-November (10 week season) 8.30am – 1.00pm
- Age groups are 10/u, 12/u, 14/u, 16/u or 18/u – singles and doubles in each home/away match;
- Several of our juniors have played in these NSJTA teams and have enjoyed the experience.

NSJTA has just called for interested players – go to <https://nsjta.org.au/> and look for 2021 AJL Season on the Home Page to find more details and an application form - player entries close on **30 June**.

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: CHANGE OF DATE

Scheduling and format of these have been revised, to tempt all our juniors to join in. Matches are now planned for two weekends 22/23, 29/30 May, with three age groups 17U, 14U, 12U. Separate events for boys and girls. Why not try your luck!!



Women's starter coaching - This beginners' program has begun term two classes and there are still some limited places available. Feedback from previous courses has been extremely positive. The Thursday class 1:30 - 3:30 has 3 places available and Sunday 1:30 - 3:30 has one place. Cost is just \$10 per lesson, and you can join in **NOW** - there are five weeks of classes remaining. If you are interested contact Carole or Janice ASAP at the club – 9380 1259.

HOODIES

Given recent interest in having club Hoodies to complement the popular shirts you see around the club, we are organizing supply for both juniors and adults. Sample sizes will be available to try on at the Clubhouse from this Thursday 13 May. If you wish to order one, please contact the office and provide your size, name, contact details and payment.

We won a \$1,000 grant towards the cost for the Junior Hoodies and the Club is contributing the balance, so we can offer a firm \$10 cost. The final Adult price will be known once we firm up the number to be ordered. We expect it will be between \$40 and \$50 in total - the more we order the less the price. In the meantime, a deposit for an Adults Hoodie of \$25 is required.