



12 August 2019

# Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.

## NEWSLETTER - August 2019

**VERY HOT**

## **DATES for your diary!!!**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October (11.00am)**

This is our annual gathering when members are invited to join the Management Committee to:

- See and hear about current and future projects for our club,
- Review the past year's achievements on & off the court,
- Elect the Management Committee for 2019/2020 plus the 4 Match & Team positions

We encourage all members to come along - it's a great opportunity to interact with your Committee, and to mingle with other members to chat about what's happening at the club. It's usually a relatively short event, and you can stay on for some refreshments & a hit.

### **130<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**



Did you know that our club started with 2 courts as an adjunct to the Princes Park Bowling club? That was in 1889, and in a series of transformations over the years, here we are today!

**So - it's time for a BIG celebration! Come & join us 10.00am - 6.00pm!**

Planning for the day is underway, and we would appreciate your assistance with:

- Any historical/current photos that could be used for display on site;
- Any old wooden racquets that could be lent for a "Round Robin";
- Encouraging past members, their family and friends to come along;
- Special efforts to contact former members of St Ambrose & API clubs.

If you would like to be involved in the planning/preparations, please contact Caryle Demarte (President) on 0417 776 601 or email [rptc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rptc@optusnet.com.au)



### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: 2019/2020**

**This is the "last call" for those who wish to continue!!**

It's now two months into the playing year, and all membership fees were due on 1st July. A number of members are still in the "overdue" category: we would really like to retain your involvement with our great club, and playing on court also offers exercise plus fresh air - a positive combination!!

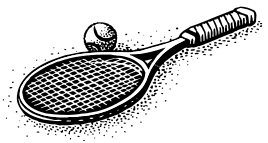
However, we do need you to pay **NOW!**

Final notices have been sent out; please check with Carole if you are unsure of the \$s. There are Family, Concession and Non-playing options as well as the regular Adult & Junior rates. Check the form to see if you can take advantage of a different category, & discuss options with Carole. Forms are available at the club if you have misplaced a previous advice.

*Any further delay in payment could jeopardise competition play and on-going access to courts.*

# COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



## NSNTA (*night competition*)

**Spring Season** Matches have just started – and the cold, blustery, damp weather has not been helpful !! We have 20 teams participating – Ladies (8); Mixed (2); Men's (10) - good luck!! Team captains have been organized, & see the NSNTA website for draws & fixtures. Please advise your captain of any dates you are not available to play so that substitute players can be arranged – forfeits are to be avoided at all times!!

**Queries?** Contact Jason Vochala 0419 132 423

## NSTA (*Saturday afternoon*)

**Spring season:** our 3 teams will contest the Open Singles/Doubles competition with 9 other clubs; Our sections are A Grade, Reserve & B Special; more players are welcome!!

**Contact** Jason Vochala 0419 132 423 with any queries.

## NSJTA (*juniors*)

**Current season:** early days, with a slow start due to adverse weather causing washouts etc.

We have about 100 young players involved (17 teams) - with grades from A Grade 1 to D Grade 4. Teams include Mixed (4); Boys (2), & Unisex (11).

Good luck to all for an enjoyable season – there are 43 clubs represented in the draw.

## NSLTA (*Thursday ladies*)

Our Section 4 team has started well – keep those wins coming!!

There are 28 clubs with teams participating – 7 sections and 56 teams!

**Metro Masters:** our “veterans” are looking for early wins in Section 2 – hoping the rain/drizzle will stop!

## PENNANT

the current season moves into Sectional play-offs next weekend (Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>), and we expect to have at least 4 teams involved, with 3 matches to be played on RPTC home courts

- Ladies Grade 1 – Saturday morning
- Ladies Grade 3 – Saturday morning
- Men's Grade 3 – Saturday afternoon

***There will be great tennis to watch – come down and support our teams!!***



## Memorial Day:

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January a special event was held at the club:

12 very experienced (i.e. veteran) tennis players participated in an annual competition, now run as a memorial to a much-loved Club member, Trevor Dancer, who suddenly and sadly passed away in May 2014.

The quality of tennis was remarkably good – as befitted the occasion. And the social nature of the day did ascend/descend into fierce competition! Winner of the Round Robin was Anthony Malkoun, who defended his 2018 title. Ted Findling was second, with Michael Furey and Kevin Walsh sharing third. Three rounds were followed by a rather long lunch, and some rehydration in the appropriate way.



Trevor would have appreciated the tennis, if not the mode of rehydration.

*Paul White*

## Thank You!!

Several members come along in May to the Working Bee and made a difference!

It was a case of “many hands making light work” – with the clubhouse and surrounds looking much smarter for the time and effort invested by:

*Dolf La Greca; Tanya Banagala; Kevin Walsh; Elizabeth De Pascale; Liz Bradley; Jane Beckley; Anthony Malkoun; Ross Wilkinson, Bill Macriyiannis; David Rodzin, Blazey family.*

Great work & your maintenance credit is recorded!!



## SOCIAL TENNIS

These options/events are coming up—we would love you to join us!  
The aim is to have FUN and ENJOY some relaxed interaction.



<p><b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b><u>Monthly Social Session</u></b></p>	<p>This series runs on the last Sunday of each month. Register at 1.45 at the clubhouse &amp; play from 2.00 - 4.00pm with refreshments to follow. Round robin format with different partners. Just \$2 members &amp; \$5 non-members.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday mornings</b> <b><u>Weekly Women's Group</u></b> <b>August 13, 20, 27</b></p>	<p>Looking for an informal opportunity to have a hit combined with some helpful tips and advice from a professional coach? Register at 9.45am, "organized" play between 10.00 - 12.00, then enjoy morning tea. Just \$2!! Sessions are supported by a Tennis Victoria grant to encourage interest &amp; participation.</p>
<p><b><u>Night Round Robin</u></b> <b>Wednesdays</b> <b>7.00 - 9.00pm</b></p>	<p>Meet different players and have fun at this regular event! Participant groups are graded to allow for varying skill levels. Register by noon Tuesday on <a href="mailto:kwalshbw@iprimus.com.au">kwalshbw@iprimus.com.au</a> or 9383 6337. Sign in on site by 6.45 to confirm attendance. Cost \$12 members, \$18 non-members (for lights &amp; balls)</p>
<p><b><u>Seniors Social</u></b> <b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b></p>	<p>Our annual round robin with Seniors Victoria has been scheduled for the traditional October time slot. <b>Save the date!</b></p>

## PRELLI TENNIS

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**\*\*\* AUGUST/SEPTEMBER \*\*\***

**Racquets: specials:** assorted brands/models on sale – call in to check them out!

**Tennis Footwear:** Nike shoes - \$50 discount

**Clothing:** 20% discount storewide! Great range to explore!

**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)  
- support the shop that supports your club