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**Royal Park Tennis Club Inc.**

**Newsletter**

**MAY 2024**



*Happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers.*

*Thank You to all our volunteers*



## "Super Sunday"

This party is planned for **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June** & everyone is invited to join in:

Volunteer Week Celebration

Good Sports Day

Juniors End of Season Break-up

Club Championships Trophy Presentation 2024

Timing to be announced shortly - watch this space

Will include:

BBQ

Junior presentation

Club Championships trophies



"Good Sports" program aims at strengthening community sports clubs & helping make clubs a welcoming & safe environment for players to socialize & participate in the sport they love;

**It would be great to see a BIG crowd come along to celebrate our great tennis club.  
Put the date in your diary NOW – more details will follow ASAP**

### **TEAM COMPETITIONS - SEASON 2 & AUTUMN SEASON 2024**

**NSNTA Spring Season:** will run August-November - Ladies, Mixed, & Men's  
Forms are available NOW, and closing date is **18<sup>th</sup> May**. \$s to be included please.

Co-ordinator is Jason Vochala 0419 132 423



**NSJTA (Juniors) Season 2** runs July – November; Friday night/Saturday a.m.  
Forms have been distributed; entries closed 4<sup>th</sup> May. Call Carole 0419 560 436

## COMPETITION NEWS

(current highlights & happenings)



### NSTA (Saturday afternoon)

Our solo team won the flag! Congratulations!!  
Good to see some juniors involved in the  
Singles/Doubles format.

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### NSNTA (night)

**Autumn Competition:** Matches are into the last  
rounds, and our 15 teams are doing their best!

Fortunes to date are rather inconsistent. Ladies  
(3) have 1 well placed. Mixed (2) are unlikely to  
make it; Mens' (10) are 60/40! So –  
6 teams have potential to make semi-finals.  
Fingers crossed for more wins! Good Luck!

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### 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 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> April**

With 10 teams participating we are well represented.  
(1 Mixed, 2 Boys, 7 Unisex) – Grades A2 to D1.  
Results to Round 10 vary, with a 50/50 TOP4 ratio in  
all categories. Several are challenged to get a break!  
Strong hitting in the concluding rounds!

### NSLTA – (ladies midweek)

Our team is challenged in Section 2.  
Best of luck for the last few rounds.

## Pennant 2024

Players are just started the season.

We have 5 men's teams: Singles/doubles & Masters.

Match format is unchanged: Doubles & Singles are  
scheduled on the same afternoon – with 4-6 players.

First rounds recorded quite a few tie-breakers, and  
mixed results across all matches.

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

### Metro Masters 50+ (Mens' Thursdays)

Our Section 1 team is going well; Section 2 needs  
some luck! Keep those good shots going!

## Coaching Sessions: please remember!!

We have two qualified professionals formally contracted to provide coaching services at our complex.  
These agreements **preclude** members and non-members engaging in similar activities on our courts,  
and all members are requested to respect these agreements. Please **DO NOT** conduct coaching  
sessions nor bring other coaches onto the site to provide coaching or hitting practice.

Should it appear that individuals are breaching these guidelines,  
they will be cautioned by the Club Manager or Committee personnel.

Casual "informal" member parent/family training hits such as general hitting, with limited balls and  
without verbal/physical instruction, are within guidelines. Relevant court bookings should be held to  
one hour, with one court per family. In recent times there have been a few instances where "on court"  
activity has appeared to exceed these protocols– if you are unsure, please contact Carole to discuss.  
She is happy to assist, and to recommend appropriate choice of court to ensure the best arrangement.

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

Participation was stronger than 2023, with 85 players entered in 16 events (just 57 played last year). Most popular was the Open Men's Singles, with 20 entries, and a Qualifying round was staged to manage the draw. Unfortunately, no Ladies' events were played, and again there were insufficient entries for any Committee level categories. However, Junior events attracted more interest, with 25 taking up options for graded Unisex singles & doubles, plus Open Singles for both Boys and Girls.

There were many quality matches, with highlights being the super rallies and footwork in the Open Men's Singles and Doubles. Many bottles of water/Gatorade were consumed and we won the weather contest!

Match scheduling extended over two weekends to manage player on-court commitments. Highlights were:



- Round robin formats being used in the Mixed Doubles event to increase participation.
- Open Men's Singles: Ben Thompson-Star defended his title – straight sets wins in 4 matches.
- Open Vets Men's: Mil Urban won his second Men's Singles title.
- Open Boys Singles: Joseph White repeated his 2023 win!

"Thank you" to organizers – Carole Houston & Maria Keys.

Congratulations to our winners and finalists;

It was encouraging to see some new faces among the players, and to have spectators call in to watch matches.

**Winners Presentation:** a gathering is planned for **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE**

Many thanks to all contestants – your involvement was much appreciated – and there's always next year!! It would be great to have more entries too – to add more depth and participation from members.

Event	Winner	Finalist
Men's Open Singles	Ben Thompson-Star	Michael Prionas
Men's Open Doubles	David Tan /Ben Thompson-Star	Sam Howe/Daniel Micevski
Presidents Men's Singles	Brendan Perich	Juan Munoz
Presidents Men's Doubles	Shawn Neilsen/Sam Bradley	Robert & Xander Sturrock
Presidents Mixed Doubles R/R	Thomas Leatham/Alice Devaney	
Open Veterans Men's Singles	Mil Urban	Rob McRae
Open Veterans Men's Doubles	Kevin Warwick/Anthony Malkoun	Rob McRae/Terry Pearse
Open Veterans Mixed Doubles R/R	Jason Vochala/Dawn Giltrap	-
Open Boys Singles	Joseph White	Beren Uysal
Open Boys Doubles R/R	Rohan Oliver/Joseph White	
C Grade Unisex Singles	Sienna Suric	Hanna Eissmann
C Grade Unisex Doubles C/P	Sienna Suric	

## VOLUNTEERS – big thanks to all our club volunteers!!



**National Volunteer Week (NVW)** is being held 20-26 May, to celebrate and recognise all those who contribute their time, skills and talents to helping their communities. Within our club, there are many who assist in different ways to support our numerous activities. Please join in recognizing and thanking them all – incl. team captains, committee members, junior team managers, event organisers, and many more!