

Dear Member

Here is our February Newsletter with updates on several topics.

The most important items are:

- Court Care (watering of courts)
- Club Championships

Please read the details carefully, and follow-up as necessary

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## Royal Park Tennis Club Inc. NEWS ALERT- February 2024

### COURTS

**These are our #1 PRIORITY!! They need WATER in hot weather!!**

*You **MUST** water from fence to fence before play & every 30 minutes (for player safety & court protection!). Sun and wind are drying out the courts!  
Don't forget to Slip, Slop and Slap as well!!*

*If you rock up to play and see large puddles on the court due to stormy weather, please **DO NOT** start to mop up with a roller before checking in at the office. Premature use of the rollers will also damage the court!*

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

It's that time again! an opportunity to test your skills & gain experience!

Scheduling of the Championships is again set for two weekends in April:

- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April; 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April; events will be similar to 2023;
- Entry forms are attached, and **closing date** is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

In 2023, 57 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!!

There will be separate events for Juniors this time too - we would love to have a good roll-up!

Any event with more than 16 entries will have a Qualifying Round scheduled 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March. Events with 9 or more entries will require 4 rounds of matches; players must be available for the 4 days (in April) to allow for appropriate scheduling of matches.

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.

<b>Pennant 2024</b>	<p><b><u>URGENT</u></b> Player entries for this year's season are <b><u>NOW</u></b> overdue - Registrations closed <b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>.</p> <p>Queries: Jason Vochala <a href="tel:0419132423">0419 132 423</a> Forms are available at the clubhouse Ladies, Men's and Masters (35yo &amp; over) categories are included; Season will start 27/28 April for 14-15 weeks. Singles/doubles; match formats will vary, and UTR based grading will be applied.</p>
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**COURT AVAILABILITY: reduced court time during April!**

Some courts will be reserved for club events at various times during April; especially the Club Championships over 2-3 weekends early/mid April (see above)

Book A Court will allocate the necessary courts, and other courts will still be available for bookings, but time slots will be limited.

**CLUB UPDATES:** we hosted several high-profile

events in January and each featured top players in their category, with interstate and overseas participants contesting for finals' honours.

**Rafa Nadal Masters:** this Invitational tournament involved 60 juniors (U12 & U14) from all States across Australia who had qualified in tour level events. Singles & doubles events were played, with a focus on winning matches, and an emphasis on the values held at the Rafa Nadal Academy – Sportsmanship, Commitment, Fellowship, Effort. Winners have an invitation to train at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Spain for 2 weeks later this year.

**GLTA World Championships.** First time the event has come to Melbourne!

8 players in each division (Open, A, B, C & D singles & doubles) faced off for Men's and Women's Champion title. Invited participants must have played at least 3 tournaments during the qualifying year and have at least 20 championship points.

**Many thanks** to all those who helped out for each tournament!!

Both events were very successful; participants and visitors were impressed with our facilities, our finances have benefited, and our general community standing has been enhanced.

Tennis Victoria congratulated us with an Affiliate of the Month award –(see Tennis Vic News ) and club member Rowen D'Souza, who is also President & CEO of GLTA, was recognized as Community Champion of the month!

<b>Problem Report forms</b>	<p>To help maintain our complex, we would like to know ASAP when there are problems. If you notice any damage to nets, lines, court surface etc, please fill in <b><u>a Fault/Repair Report</u></b> form from the stand inside near the front door. Likewise, a <b><u>Safety Incident/Hazard Report</u></b> form is available for recording details of any incidents (e.g. trips &amp; slips) or situations with potential for causing accidents (e.g. wet floor; broken step).</p>
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