

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 March/April

- 25th/26th March; 1st/2nd April; events will be similar to 2022;
- Entry forms are attached, and **closing date** is Friday 3rd March.



In 2022, 46 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 18th/19th March.

Events with 9 or more entries will require 4 rounds of matches; players must be available for the 4 days (25/26 March, 1/2 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.

Pennant 2023



URGENT Player entries for this year's season are **NOW** due -
Please register **no later than Saturday 11th February**.

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

Ladies, Men's and Masters (35yo & over) categories are included;

Season will start 22/23 April for 14-15 weeks. Singles/doubles;

match formats are as for 2022, with UTR based grading to be applied.

CLUB UPDATES:

Coaching:

The Management Committee is pleased to announce the re-appointment of our two **coaches** – Dan Donnelly & Matt Gregory - for a further 3 years. This followed a review process which included interviews with each coach to discuss their ideas and proposed programs for the Club; a particular focus will be on increasing participation in both social & competition opportunities, and the transition of juniors in club teams/activities



Maintenance Co-ordinator

We have appointed Laurie Pearson to manage the Club's day-to-day maintenance and be responsible for compliance with our related obligations under the lease. Laurie is an experienced, qualified and registered builder & will support Michael Furey, who leads our Facilities & Maintenance Committee portfolio.



COURT AVAILABILITY: reduced court time during March!

Some courts will be reserved for club events at various times during March - these are:

- the Club Championships over 2-3 weekends late March/early 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.


Rafa Nadal Masters



The Rafa Nadal Tour Australia Masters Invitational tournament was held at our club in mid-January (5 days). Managed by Tennis Australia, it involved 60 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 not just on winning matches.

Signage displayed and talks held emphasized the values held at the Rafa Nadal Academy – Sportsmanship, Commitment, Fellowship, Effort. The players met informally with Rafa on Rod Laver arena. Two Victorians won their age groups, and have an invitation to train at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Spain for 2 weeks later this year.

Many thanks to all those who helped out!!

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! <i>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!!</i> <i>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 damage the court!</i>
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 <u>a Fault/Repair Report</u> form from the stand inside near the front door. Likewise, a <u>Safety Incident/Hazard Report</u> 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).

LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS:

Level crossing removals (Skyrail)

- This State Government project includes removal of 8 rail level crossings between Park St Parkville and Albion St Brunswick, to be replaced by Skyrail on the Upfield line, which runs past RPTC (close to court4).
- Local community groups have held meetings to share concerns and identify points on which further information is to be sought from Government.
- Our club has linked in with these community groups to be kept informed.



The Avenue carpark:

City of Melbourne (CoM) is developing a plan to upgrade “our” off road parking area, with the aim of improving the drainage, the entrance and the surface. This could mean some disruption in coming months, and more details will be provided when available, following CoM consultation with our club.