

Victory Park Tennis Club 2022/23 President's Report

Introduction

In 2022/23 as President I continued to focus on the facilities at Victory Park Tennis Club. My approach to this has been to delegate more of the responsibility and ownership of tasks and duties to the relevant committee position. Venue Manager, a new position this year was created in particular to ensure the usability and appearance of the club and its surroundings were maintained at a high standard.

Online court booking and lighting - ClubSpark

This has been the first full year of operation of the court lighting and online booking system. The software problems mentioned in my report from last year where the court booking software supplied by Tennis Australia did not always allow entry or turn on the lights have decreased. The time delay between when a booking is made and the entry gate will open still generates the occasional enquiry where a casual hirer expects the gate to open immediately whereas the usual lead time advised by Tennis Australia is 15 minutes. Tennis Australia's contractors continue to monitor on this.

The installation of 3 phase power was completed by the start of September.

Maintenance

- Planning is underway to improve the playing surface of the four courts using club members. Current thinking is to work on the courts progressively starting with court 4.
- Club members continue to do maintenance and cleaning around in and our lease area. This includes vacuuming and cleaning the clubhouse, sweeping outside paved areas, collection of leaves and general rubbish.

General

- To improve accessibility and versatility a digital lock was fitted to the clubhouse door by Barnes Locksmiths. All members were provided with a PIN for their use. Previously to avoid unauthorised copying of keys they were registered with Barnes Locksmiths. It was very difficult to know who had a key. To remedy this it was necessary to either replace the lock with a replacement standard key lock or a digital lock. As all members were entitled to a key it would have been an expensive exercise as each new key costs about \$20 (60 members x \$20 = \$1200). Eventually the same problem with lost keys and unknown holders would have recurred.
- The carpet in the clubhouse was replaced following flooding in February caused by the tap in the female toilet being left on.
- Two hose reels were obtained. These were installed and have proved to be successful in removing the tripping hazard. As well it provides a better appearance.
- The following were developed and are displayed in the clubhouse.
 - Emergency Management Plan.
 - OH&S Manual.
 - Child Safety Policy.
 - Code of Conduct.

Coaching

Greg Jones operating as Victory Tennis has an exclusive contract to run coaching at VPTC. A new agreement for 2023 with 3 one-year options to renew was signed during the year.

The fee for use of the courts will be reassessed before each renewal.

Greg continues to provide a number of diverse programs for all ages and standards and is very popular with his clients. This is reinforced by the increased numbers attending coaching and representing Victory Park Tennis Club in junior teams. Coaching continues to provide a valuable source of new members and income.

Junior Competitions

Victory Park entered teams in Bayside Regional Tennis Association Sunday Junior competitions in both seasons during 2022/23.

Spring Season 2022

- Section 2 – 6th
- Section 7 – 7th
- Section 14 – 1st (won in Grand Final)
- Section 20 - 1st (did not make Grand Final)

Autumn Season 2023

- Section 2 – 2nd. (did not make Grand Final)
- Section 10 – 2nd (lost in Grand Final)
- Section 12 – 5th
- Section 18 - 2nd (won in Grand Final)

Senior Competition

Victory Park entered a men's rubbers team in both the winter and summer Saturday afternoon competition with the Bayside Regional Tennis Association. It did not make the finals in either season.

Club Open/Fun Day

The annual Free Fun Day was conducted on Sunday, October 02. The on court events were organised and conducted by Greg Jones and his team. A sausage sizzle was operated by VPTC members/family and friends.

The fun day provides the opportunity for the community to try tennis without any financial commitment. An important way to attract new members and improve our balance sheet.

This year's day is planned for a Sunday this October.

Your committee and other related positions

- Terry Laragy continues as our Treasurer. Besides overseeing the club's finances he has also taken the lead in a number of works in and around the club. Of particular note is his coordination of the insurance claim for the flooded carpet detailed in General Items above.

- Robin Fuller continued in the committee as the club's Social Co-ordinator added to this she also took on the very important position of Club Secretary.
- Kevin Fischer was reelected to two committee positions - Maintenance Officer and Media and Marketing.
- John Collins new to the committee was elected as Safety Officer and the new position of Venue Manager.
- Alison Webb was reelected to a General Committee position.
- Senior Team Selection – Robert Dickson
- Greg Jones continued to administer the club's junior teams (non committee).

We still need more numbers to be involved in the running of the club. Your committee will continue to look to recruit more into the committee.

A big thank you to all of the committee.

Robert Dickson
President