

# JUNE NEWSLETTER



## Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club



### COURT UPGRADE

The committee has had lots of discussion and done a lot of investigation into “UPGRADING” our courts. They are over 10 years old and as such are beyond the warranty period. The committee has been taking advice from other clubs as well as court providers/installers.

We are currently getting quotes, some of which are as high as \$100,000. If we go ahead we anticipate that it would be done in January/February when there is not as much demand for the courts but it will depend on the availability of the court installer

Dear Members,

### WELCOME TO OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER

We have lots of information for you to absorb.

### WAITING LIST

Judging by the waiting list applicants our club still seems to be very popular. We have over 100 Seniors and 80 Juniors on the waiting list.

Tell your friends or those who may be on the waiting list that the current waiting time is 3-5 years.

### LIGHTS /TOKENS

The committee has also decided to increase the cost of a light token from \$8 to \$10 (the first increase since the lights were installed.)

Tokens can be purchased from BISBAS Hardware in Bridport Street next to Benjamin’s (formerly Annabelle’s coffee shop)

### “SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT”

While we do employ cleaners to clean the toilets, mop the floors and put out the rubbish we do NOT have someone to wash, dry and PUT AWAY dishes, glasses, platters etc.

All members are encouraged to use the facilities including the BBQ but it is expected that individual members, social players, competition teams and family groups leave the sink area empty after washing, drying and putting away all equipment you have used. (We do have an abundance of tea towels!!!!!!)

Members are also asked to take home any surplus food and to not leave it in the fridge where it can be for many weeks and in a number of cases recently, well past its use by date.



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018



**MEN:** In a repeat of last year's final Nick Hinneberg won his 9<sup>th</sup> club championship by defeating Sean Collins. The crowd of more than 50 were entertained with lots of long rallies and brilliant shots while they enjoyed a BBQ lunch provided by the club.



**WOMEN:** 16 of our female members played a Round Robin (7 matches each) to decide the top two women to play in the final.

Superbly organised by our club coach Nicole on a beautiful sunny autumn day, the top two players were Rebecca Richardson and Anna Hunt. All reports about the day were positive.

The following week Rebecca and Anna played off with Rebecca as the winner.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

Sean Collins teamed up with Neale Jolly to overcome Dennis Klapas and Nosti Bobolas in 3 hard fought sets.

Congratulations to all those who made the effort to participate.



## TEAMS

### MEN'S PENNANT TEAM

Our men's team is currently playing in the 35 and over doubles competition run by Tennis Victoria and play on alternate Saturday afternoons. More than half way through a 15 game season our team is currently third on the ladder in a 6 team competition.

Although they have 13 men listed as potential players they sometimes struggle to put a team together.

**Dean Stewart** (0413828590) is the Captain and is always willing to hear from interested players.

### WOMEN'S TEAM

The women's team who play on alternate Thursday mornings recently completed a season where they finished 5<sup>th</sup>. They are preparing for their next season starting in July.

Like the men the women's team is always looking for players. **Joy Bandy** (0417302284) is the captain and would love to hear from potential players.

### LOST PROPERTY

Members of the committee who attend the club regularly are amazed at the number and variety of items which are left behind e.g. racquets, shoes, glasses, tracksuits, school hats and windcheaters, skateboards, iPads and even a bike!!!!!!

We urge all members to take care to collect all their belongings before leaving the club.

## CLUB NEWS

### INCREASE IN SENIOR MEMBERSHIP FEES

The committee at its last meeting decided to increase the Senior Membership Fee by \$10 to \$150.

Obviously, we have in mind the cost of the court upgrade as well as a plan to replace all of our lights with more eco-friendly ones. It is hoped that they will be much brighter than the existing ones. All other Membership Categories have **not** been increased.

### INCREASE IN SATURDAY MORNING COACHING FEES

As from 1 July 18 the Committee have found it necessary to increase the fee from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per student.

**The fee of \$5.00 has not been increased for over 10 years.**

The increase is necessary to recoup most of the Coaching Fees. Our Coach Nicole Bruce-Smith and her team provide excellent tuition to our students.

### INCREASE IN VISITOR'S FEES

Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure Visitors pay their fees. The Treasurer considers this facility is not strictly being adhered to.

Members must record details in the Visitor's Book, place the money in the envelopes provided and place the envelope in the Visitor's pipe.

Visitor's Fees have been increased to \$10.00 per visitor.

### REMINDER about INTRODUCTION OF A LATE FEE (\$50)

On the advice of the outgoing Treasurer and discussion at committee Level it has been decided to introduce a fee of \$50 for those who have not paid their membership fees within 30 days of subscription date.

Previous Treasurers have spent far too much time sending out reminder/overdue notices to members who do not get themselves organised to pay on time.

**YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!!!!!**

### FEES

In the next few weeks subscription notices will be sent out to all members.

### FOBS

A further reminder that if you have any issue with your fob to access the club, contact Peter Davidson 0409 935 936.

See you on the courts  
**APLTC Committee**







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The Annual Family Day will be held next Saturday, December 12. There will be three different competitions.

- 8 am-9 am: Fun games for 8 years and under.
- 9 am-10 am: Competition for 9 years and over.
- 10 am-12.30 pm: Competition for players currently playing in competitions.

Our coach Nicole Bruce-Smith will be supervising. The barbecue will fire up at 10.30 am and the club will provide cordial and fruit platters. There will be a lucky draw - prizes include a coaching session with Nicole.

Interested? Put your name on the board in the clubhouse.



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