

APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER



Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club



COURT UPGRADE

Members who have been to the courts in recent weeks will have been pleased to play on the upgraded court surface. The installers **"TIGER TURF"** suggested that it would take 6 weeks "to wear in the courts". They also suggested that we needed some decent rain to wash in the sand. The bad bounces off the service lines seem to be a thing of the past. The Committee have a plan for regular maintenance for 3 years.

The club would like to acknowledge the work of Committee member Anna Hunt who did all the liaison work with the installers.

COMPETITION TEAMS

The Women's team captained by Di Barker are currently playing in Section 2 of the Thursday competition. At present they are just outside the top four in this competition which continues till June.

The Men's team recently played off in the GRAND FINAL of the Men's Rubbers in the Bayside Competition. In this final Kooyong reversed last year's result and defeated Albert Park.

In the grand final Albert Park was represented by Bill Katelis, Alan Attwood, Dean Stewart and Paul Robinson

WINTER PENNANT

Albert Park has entered a team in Tennis Victoria's Pennant 35+ Masters Doubles Competition which started on 27th April and continues till the middle of August.

Nick Hinneberg will captain the team and he has asked that if anyone is interested in being an emergency for the team, contact him on 0401 847 781

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

As previously advised our Annual Club championships will be held over 3 weekends starting on May 3rd and continuing on the weekends beginning the 10th and 17th May, with the finals being held on Sunday 19th. A BBQ lunch will be provided by the club on finals day.

Committee members Bill Katelis, Dennis Klapas and Rebecca Richardson are organising the championships. Even if you are not playing, we urge you to come down to watch some terrific tennis, especially on Final's day.

SOME COMMITTEE CONCERNS

A number of these have been mentioned before but they are worth repeating.

- * Members bringing Visitors to the courts but not paying the Visitor's fee
- * Members of all ages leaving all sorts of clothing equipment, tennis gear, keys, fobs, water bottles etc at the club.
- * Non members being let into the courts without being asked if they are members.
- * Members, at lots of times during the week leaving glasses, cups, plates either washed or unwashed for someone else to put away.
- * Some members STILL continue to bring their dogs into the courts despite a very visible sign on the gate.
- * People cutting the wire on the entrance gate to access the gate handle in order to gain entry to the courts.

PREPARING THE COURT FOR PLAY

Our cleaner does this sometimes but he is not there every day. Plane tree leaves and Pine needles can be a real nuisance.

They can be removed by using the mats but the plastic rakes are more efficient.

There is a white bucket to collect them and they can be put in the smaller dustbin or spread in the park on the gardens.

Hopefully this can be done by competition teams and social players.

SUBSCRIPTION FEES 2019/2020

Your membership of APLTC could be in jeopardy!!!!!!!

Of necessity this is going to be fairly long but it has to be said. Apologies to those who are organised, efficient and do the right thing by paying their subs on time.

LAST YEAR, **ONLY 40%** of members paid their fees by the due date. Some members were still trying to pay 3 months after the due date!!!!!! It is noted with interest that the subscription notices are sent out at the SAME time each year.

There were claims that members did not receive the email regarding subscriptions. A power of work has been done by Committee member Bill Katelis since then, to get correct email addresses for all members. It is your responsibility to UPDATE your contact details, email address etc. Based on what happened last year many long-term members of the Club would no longer be members, if we had enforced our policy. The result would be going on the waiting list and waiting another 5 years to get back in!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There are over 180 Seniors on our **Waiting List** and they are very keen to become members.

It is hard to know why there are so many late payers. Members would be amazed at some of the excuses put forward for late payment. We do not regard "I was overseas" as an acceptable one.

It has also been mentioned that no such leniency would be allowed in terms of gas, water and electricity bills

Perhaps there has been a culture previously, where people were able to pay after the due date.

Remember that, committee members are VOLUNTEERS and should not have to spend so much time tracking down non payers.

If you have not received a subscription notice by mid-July please contact the Secretary

SO, IT IS OVER TO YOU, THE MEMBERS

BUT We will try to help you (IT could be called SPOONFEEDING)

1. We will send out reminder emails.
2. We will put up reminder notices around the club.
3. Committee Members will remind team members and social playing members about the fees.

APLTC Committee

OVER 60'S MIXED ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION

Following a request at the AGM, the Committee looked into the possibility of an **OVER 70's** competition.

After discussing this proposal, the committee decided to see if there was enough interest for an **Over 60's Round Robin**, probably played later in the year. A notice will be placed in the clubhouse to gauge interest.



USE OF CLUB FACILITIES

It is worth repeating!!!!!! If you plan to play Tennis in a group of more than 3 or 4 and follow up with a BBQ or use the club facilities, it is important that you contact The **President, Peter Davidson (0409 935 936)** to ensure that there is not a clash with another group, who are also wanting to use the club.

Needless to say, the BBQ must be cleaned and the kitchen area properly cleaned and all crockery, glasses etc, washed, dried and put away and the padded chairs put back inside away from possible rain.

We have had a couple of clashes in recent times where people did not get the OK from Peter.



Group from the Ladies Round Robin

TREASURER REQUIRED - INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION

Our current Treasurer Ron Hall will be resigning at the 2019 AGM after a 2-year Temporary appointment as a result of the resignation of our long-term Treasurer Jamie Gatehouse due to ill health in his family.

Ron had an earlier stint as Treasurer for 9 years from the early 2000's. The club thanks him for his terrific work during both of those periods.

The appointee is required to have an accounting background or be a competent book keeper.

The systems used are QuickBooks and Combiz.

Ron is willing to train the new appointee commencing from the accounting period 1st July 2019 till 30th June 2020.

Any person interested in this position please communicate directly with Ron Hall at rhal6600@bigpond.com or on his mobile 0400 640 057 or speak to any members of the Committee.

Hope to see you at the club championships

BEST WISHES
APLTC Committee