

# NOVEMBER/ CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



## Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club



## ALBERT PARK TOPPLES ROYAL SOUTH YARRA

Our Men's team (Nick Hinneberg, Bill Katelis, Alan Attwood and Dean Stewart) playing in Tennis Victoria's 35+ Masters Doubles overcame Royal South Yarra, (the warm favourites) to win the pennant in early September.

The match was played at KOOYONG on en-tout-cas courts 44 and 45, the furthest courts away from the famous Kooyong Centre Court and clubhouse. Despite the remote location the tennis was exciting, enthralling and of a great standard. After the first 2 of 4 rubbers, sets, games and tie breaker points were exactly the same.



For the final 2 rubbers Nick teamed up with Bill, while Dean and Alan joined forces. As is permitted in the rules RSY chose to introduce a 5th player to play in the second set of rubbers.

Nick and Bill quickly won the first set 6-0, but the second set proved more difficult. It was tense and nerve racking for the spectators but the brilliance and steadiness of Nick and Bill won the set 7-5.

It was not easy trying to watch both rubbers but on the adjacent court, Dean and Alan fought their way to 6 ALL. With some terrific play, they won the tie breaker and the pennant was secure!!!!

Presentation of the pennant took place soon after the conclusion of the match, with another member of the team, Neale Jolly acting as official photographer.

Albert Park was well supported by a dozen or more loyal supporters who enjoyed the sunshine and the terrific standard of tennis.

**SUMMER COMPETITION** The men now turn their attention to playing Men's Rubbers in the BAYSIDE TENNIS Summer Competition, which started in early October.

Anyone interested in playing should contact:

Nick Hinneberg on 0401 847 781 or Alan Attwood on 0409 432 736

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

This year this meeting will be held on **Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am** in the clubhouse. We encourage all members, long term and newer, to attend this important meeting.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

In response to a request from Albert Park Primary School the committee agreed to a request to provide 2 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIPS (1 Senior and 1 Junior for 1 year only) to be auctioned at the school's GALA night. The live auction on the night raised \$1300 which will be used for school projects.

In their request, it was noted that more than 100 students from Albert Park Primary School are members of, or are coached at our club. As a result, we were very happy to support them and we were very pleased with the result of the Auction.

## JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

These championships commenced on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> October and continue on the Cup weekend.

We thank Nicole again for the commitment and time she puts into organising and running this event.



## WOMEN'S TENNIS

Our women's team is currently competing in a 6-team section of the spring season of BAYSIDE, which continues until mid-November. Julie Samson, Anna Hunt, Di Barker, Lynne McDonald and Joy Bandy are regular players but at times emergencies are called on to help out. The standard of this section is very good with 2 teams from Kooyong setting the pace.

## NEW MEMBER'S DAY

The Committee plans to hold a day for new members on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** starting at 11.30.am The club will provide a BBQ lunch and members of the Committee will be there to meet the new members and play some tennis with them.

We hope to extend an invitation to the most recent new members and those from the last year or so. Come along, have a hit, meet some new people and find out how the club runs.

## SOCIAL PLAY

There have been some requests for clarification of what happens when a number of people are competing for use of the courts.

Coaching sessions in progress take precedence over social play.

Men's and Women's Competition: Alternate Saturdays 12.30 till 4.30 and alternate Thursdays 9.15 till 2.30 take precedence over social tennis.

If there are Seniors and Juniors waiting to play, Seniors have priority over Juniors.

Doubles matches have priority over singles.

If a set is being played, whether it be seniors or juniors, any arriving members must wait for the set to finish.

If a parent who is a member is having a hit (but not actually playing a set) with a child they are allowed to hit for 15 minutes after other members arrive.

## HOLIDAY COACHING CLINICS

Anyone strolling through St Vincent's Gardens in the first week of the September holidays would have realised tennis is alive and well at Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club. More than 40 Juniors under the guidance of our coach Nicole-Bruce Smith were involved in activities both inside and outside the courts. It is great that a number of Nicole's former pupils return to act as assistants to in her coaching duties. Well done Nicole.

## OVER 60's ROUND ROBIN

Earlier in the year we asked if there was any interest in an **Over 60's Mixed Round Robin**.

Close to 30 people have indicated their interest. It is to be noted that the over 60's group make up the nucleus of our social tennis groups on Wednesdays and Sundays.

We will probably run this event early next year, probably in February. More details to come.

## CHRISTMAS WISHES



As this will be our last newsletter for this year, the Committee extends our best wishes to all members for an enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year.

See you at the Club in 2020

APLTC Committee



## CLUBHOUSE and COURTS HOUSEKEEPING

The committee were very concerned to find that the courts and clubhouse were left open and all lights left on in the clubhouse at 11.30 p.m. on a Saturday night recently. This is not the first time that the club has been left open and not the first-time things have disappeared from the club. The committee is considering the installation of CCTV. With nearly 500 members in total, it is difficult to police who enters the courts. There have been several instances where non members have been playing without a member present. In addition, we are concerned that VISITOR'S fees are not always being paid

Members are reminded that it is a club for playing tennis but this can be combined with a BBQ/meal etc for your friends but you must contact The President Peter Davidson on 0409 935 936 to avoid clashes.

## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

While the Committee witnessed an improvement in the punctual payment of subscriptions, there were still close to 100 outstanding subscriptions by the due date. All committee members then spent 3 or so weeks trying to track down the non-payers.

While it is conceded that some subscription notices went to Junk Mail there were a number of changed emails and changed addresses but the overwhelming excuse seemed to be "I forgot".

The committee is considering much stricter enforcement of late fees and resultant loss of membership next year.

## CHRISTMAS DRINKS AND BREAKUP

All members are again invited to our Christmas Drinks on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December starting at 10.30.am. Food and drink supplied by the club and lots of FREE lucky dip prizes for those present.

Some members choose to have a hit beforehand.

We hope to see some new faces this year.