



On the Net

October 2013

Dear Club Member

With the weather starting to warm up it will soon be time to dust off your tennis gear and prepare for our 2013 Opening Day.

As previously announced, Opening Day has been set for Saturday 9 November. Details of the day, including how to book for the evening function, are included in this edition of On the Net.

The short official ceremony to open the season will include the unveiling of a plaque in recognition of the many years of outstanding service given to the Club by the late Vern Beckett. Vern served the Club in an official capacity for 27 of the 59 years he was a member and continued to make countless contributions over the years he held no official position. He served continuously on the Club Committee from 1969 to 1983, and was elected Club President for 1975-76. His service was recognized in 1983 when he was awarded a life membership, and he later became a permanent member (recognising 50 years of membership).

I hope you will join fellow members on the courts and at the evening function and make this year's Opening Day a memorable event.

Barry Nazer
President

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TENNIS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events to diarise are;

2013			
1	Opening Day	Saturday 9 November	Tennis from 1 PM Evening function starts at 6 PM
2	Twilight Tennis	Wednesday 20 November	Hit up from 5.00pm Organised sets from 5.30pm
3	Twilight Tennis	Wednesday 4 December	Hit up from 5.00pm Organised sets from 5.30pm
4	Twilight Tennis	Wednesday 18 December	Hit up from 5.00pm Organised sets from 5.30pm

OPENING DAY

The fun and action on the tennis court starts from 1 PM and you can also catch up with friends or meet new ones at our casual Opening Day Function starting at 6 pm in the Members Pavilion.

The first organised set is scheduled for 1:30 PM (you will need to be in attendance by 1:15 PM to be guaranteed inclusion in the first organised set).

A brief "opening ceremony" will take place around 2 PM which will include the unveiling of a plaque in recognition of the many years of outstanding service given to the Club by the late Vern Beckett.

There will be another organised set prior to afternoon tea which will be held around 3 PM. We hope to have five organised sets with play concluding around 5:30 PM. The bar in the Members Pavilion will be open from 4:30 PM.

The casual Opening Day function will commence at 6.00pm with entertainment by "Zucchini Bros" and includes a three course buffet dinner - all for \$30 pp.

Booking for the evening event can only be made at <http://www.trybooking.com/14556>

Given the delay in the start of our season there will be no President's Cocktail Party this year so make sure you don't miss out on our Opening Day Function.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club's AGM was held on Wednesday, 25 September 2013 and there were 50 club members in attendance.

The main items on the agenda were:

1. Election of office bearers.
2. Consideration of a motion "that the Committee of RKPTC be instructed to immediately apply for membership of the Centenary Tennis Clubs and arrange payment of the Swiss franc 600 application fee and commit to the annual fee of Swiss francs 400 as required" The motion was amended by the addition of the words "for a trial period of three years". The amended motion was carried by a small majority of the members present.

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Barry Nazer	President
Gerry Hofmann	Vice President
Ric O'Donnell	Captain
Pam McMahon	Vice-Captain
Marco Piccionello	Treasurer
Laurie Eastwood	Secretary
Ant Eisentrager	Squash Representative
Stacey Holmnas	Committee Member
Simon McDonald	Committee Member
David Peterson	Immediate Past President

A special welcome to Marco Piccionello and Stacey Holmnas who join the Committee for the first time.

TENNIS VISITOR PASSES

Following the urging of one of our members, John King (otherwise known as JK) we have been exploring a special tennis club visitor pass with Next Generation (NG). We are pleased to announce that NG has agreed to introduce such a pass which will only be available to members of RKPTC.

The guidelines are as follows:

- Each entry pass will cost \$15 (the normal visitors fee is \$30)
- Each member will be limited to buying a maximum of 10 passes per annum (the club will monitor this restriction)
- Each individual visitor will be limited to 4 visits per annum, even if being introduced by different members
- You must pay for your tennis visitor passes on Trybooking at <http://www.trybooking.com/60483>
- Marika will complete the passes and leave them at NG reception for collection
- Marika also will forward to you NG's "guest disclaimer" forms. These forms will need to be completed by each visitor.
- **The tennis visitor pass will provide full access to all club facilities.**

We hope you will agree that this is a very positive development.

VISIT BY SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB

The players from the Singapore Cricket Club duly turned up hoping for a change in the weather but we didn't even get a break in the lousy conditions. The courts never had a chance to dry out, so we were reduced to socialising in the Restaurant. Tough! The SCC presented the Club with a memorial shield and tennis shirts for our team. I would like to thank all who nominated, all those who agreed to fill in when we had three players pull out due to injury or business commitments, and a special thank you to those team players who came down to the courts on a miserable day, so as not to make the visitors day less memorable. We fielded almost a full team, which was heartening on the day.

Of course, Sunday stayed sunny all day, and the visitors were at least able to play some tennis, on a trip where they basically came to play tennis.

Perhaps next time the weather gods will smile on us.

(Ric O'Donnell Captain RKPTC)

SENIORS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

RKPTC was well-represented at the recent Seniors State Championships

We are very pleased to advise that the following players won their events:

- Kerry Atherden won the Ladies Singles in her age group.
- Geoff Mueller and partner won the 75 and over Mens Doubles (Geoff was successful in the 70 and over age group for the last 4 years)
- John Nelson and Richard Yorg won the 70 and over Mens Doubles.

SATURDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

Just a reminder that for the next two Saturdays (26 October and 2 November) Saturday social tennis will take place on the hard and synthetic grass courts at Kings Park.

TWILIGHT TENNIS RECOMMENCES

Twilight tennis recommences on Wednesday 20 November 2013. We had excellent attendances at twilight tennis earlier this year after we decided to move our summer twilights from Friday to Wednesday afternoons. We look forward to seeing many of you again at this year's twilights. Organised sets start at 5:30 PM and you should be able to find someone to join you for a friendly warm-up from 5 PM.

RKPTC OFFICE

If you have changed your street address, email or telephone number in the past few months please let Marika know as soon as possible. An up to date mailing list ensures that you will receive all Club communications to keep you fully informed of Club activities. Marika will be present at the office each Tuesday and Thursday between 2.00 pm - 5.00pm.

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