



# On the Net

December 2012

**Dear Club Member**

**As this is the last "On the Net" for 2012, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for the Festive Season and the ensuing New Year.**

**Thank you all for your support and a big "thank you" to the Committee for the generous giving of their time and energy. If you get a chance, give them a pat on the back or better still a festive drink!**

**In the New Year we will be seeking nominations for the new membership category (details follow) that offers full NG membership at a vastly reduced rate. This is an excellent opportunity to improve the numbers of active tennis players in the Club and is one of our initiatives planned for next year.**

**I look forward to seeing you on the courts!**

**Barry Nazer  
President**

## Don't forget to note our next social events:

- **Saturday Tennis 22 December 2-5.30pm**

Come and celebrate the Festive Season with your tennis mates at our last Saturday tennis for the year. Afternoon tea of fruit mince pies provided by Next Generation (NG) and after tennis drinks available in the lower Pavilion.

- **Wednesday Twilight Tennis 16 January 2013 5pm-6.30pm**

Kick start your New Year's tennis with some games on grass in the cool of the evening.

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## Your new committee members

<b>Barry Nazer</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Gerry Hofmann</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Ric O'Donnell</b>	<b>Captain</b>
<b>Pamela McMahon</b>	<b>Vice-Captain</b>
<b>Peter Sarandopoulos</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Laurie Eastwood</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Anthony Eisentrager</b>	<b>Squash Representative</b>
<b>Jill Munyard</b>	<b>Committee Member</b>
<b>Simon McDonald</b>	<b>Committee Member</b>
<b>David Peterson</b>	<b>Immediate Past President</b>

### **AGM**

The Club's AGM was held on Wednesday, 26 September 2012 and there were 49 club members in attendance.

The main items on the agenda were:

1. election of office bearers.
2. consideration of motions relating to
  - i. working more closely with NG to encourage all current and future Ace members of NG to apply for membership of RKPTC
  - ii. the Committee to urgently enter into discussions with NG to have all tennis activities at RKPTC/NG operate under the guidance of a joint RKPTC/NG committee
  - iii. the committee to negotiate with NG to allow a Tennis Only membership for the mutual benefit of RKPTC and NG
  - iv. the full bay of courts 26 - 30 being replaced by 4 courts of red European clay plus 2 mini courts for the Hot Shots program

The first three motions were carried and the fourth motion was lost.

## NEW "PASSPORT" MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

The third motion considered by the membership at the AGM required the committee to negotiate with NG to allow a "tennis only" membership for the mutual benefit of RKPTC and NG. While the outcome of a "tennis only" membership category has proved impossible to achieve, we are pleased to announce that NG has agreed to 25 new Passport memberships with the possibility of another 75 such memberships becoming available if the initial 25 are successfully managed by the Club. The new membership category is designed to attract active tennis members to RKPTC.

NG for internal management purposes has designated it as a Passport membership (passport to active membership of a great tennis club with outstanding recreation and fitness facilities).

Details of this new Passport membership category are as follows:

- The new arrangement will be effective from 1 January 2013.
- New Passport members will pay the same annual fee and be subject to the same terms and conditions as current Foundation members.
- New Passport members will have full access to all club facilities.
- The category will only be available to new members of the Club.
- Unfortunately existing NG ace members may not join or restyle to this category.
- The membership category may not be advertised externally and may only be offered by invitation from the Club.
- A probationary period for new members in this category will be implemented and enforced by the Club. In other words members must participate in an agreed number of Club activities for an agreed period to maintain this membership status.
- The Club will establish a membership committee to vet applicants, and usage.
- The arrangement will be withdrawn by NG for an individual member if the member is deemed to be "not active" by the Club committee.

In terms of defining an active member we would be reviewing the member's participation in:

- i. organised play on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons and twilights,
- ii. pennant teams,

- iii. tournaments (such as Easter tennis, Club Championships and Calcutta) and
- iv. the Club's social events.

It is in the Club's interest to ensure this new membership category is not misused by people seeking a discounted access to the gym, pools and other non-tennis facilities.

We certainly believe this is a major step forward in ensuring the future of the Club and the Committee will be seeking your assistance in the new year to recruit Passport members.

## TENNIS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events to diarise are;

<b>2012</b>			
	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time / Notes</b>
<b>1</b>	Christmas Tennis	Saturday 22 Dec	2.00 pm to 5.30 pm Fruit mince pies provided by NG for afternoon tea in Lower Pavilion
<b>2013</b>			
<b>2</b>	Twilight Tennis	Wed 16 January	5.00pm to 6.30pm
<b>3</b>	Friendly vs Nedlands	TBA	Hosted by RKPTC
<b>4</b>	Calcutta Social Mixed Tennis Day	Sunday 3 February	9.30am to 2.30pm
<b>5</b>	Twilight Tennis	Friday 8 February	5.00pm to 6.30pm
<b>6</b>	Twilight Tennis	Friday 22 February	5.00pm to 6.30pm
<b>8</b>	Friendly vs Allen Park	TBA	Hosted by Allen Park
<b>9</b>	Ken Bennett Classic	Sunday 10 March	9.00am to 4.00pm
<b>10</b>	Easter Tournament	30 March - 1 April	Dinner/dance Sun 31 March
<b>11</b>	Club Championships	TBA	Dates selected to fit in with Pennants

## **OPENING DAY**

The winning combination of perfect weather, great tennis and catching up with friends lured 112 members to our opening day, with 74 staying on to celebrate the tennis season opening with a feast of soups, cheeses and entertainment from the Zucchini Bros.

A big "thank you" to Julie Martin who impressed us all with her mathematical mind and expertise in managing sets for so many players, and to Jill Munyard who managed the evening event with her usual aplomb.

## **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES**

This year the annual presentation of trophies was held immediately prior to the AGM. Congratulations to all the deserving winners. The winners and runners up were previously listed in the May 2012 OTN and are available on the Club's website. The winner of the Pennant Player of the Year was Danny Usher. Danny was also the winner of the men's singles and men's doubles in this year's Club Championships.

## **MIKE McCAUSLAND AWARD**

The recipient of the Mike McCausland Award for 2012 was announced at the conclusion of the presentation of trophies. Congratulations to Dr Graeme Hartill, a very worthy recipient, in recognition of his very long and dedicated service to the Club.

## **PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL PARTY**

Barry "Pinko" Nazer and Jill "Pinkie" Munyard threw down the gauntlet to the members to "wear something pink".

The winners went even further and took the very brave step of wearing pink swimming costumes (over their clothes we hasten to add). Congratulations to Josh and Pam Pitt on their winning outfits (and their bravery).

Of the remaining 60 members and guests who attended - a few "honourable mentions" were noted:

- Pat Hughes "elegant in pink" (the President's comment)
- Kay Maskiell and Kay Solomon (in full pink)
- Jill "Pinko" Munyard as glorious as ever but in disguise with a pink wig

Men you need to lift your game! (ask Josh how it's done)

## **RKPTC vs ALLEN PARK TENNIS CLUB - EIGHTH ANNUAL CHALLENGE MATCH**

A fine day on Sunday 18th November allowed the previously weather delayed annual match against Allen Park to take place at RKPTC. This was the eighth time this, always very friendly, contest has been held and the record showed APTC ahead by five wins to RKPTC's two.

The invitation to play had been sent to ALL club members with special emphasis on encouraging interest from newer members and those who did not regularly participate in these inter-club friendly matches. A good response was received so the team looked somewhat different from the teams normally fielded on such occasions.

The intention was totally to avoid, as far as possible, anyone being on the court more than once with any particular partner or opponents so a "selective handicapping" was introduced to enable the sets to be mixed to the maximum. By and large, this worked pretty well and some great tennis was played, in excellent spirit, with the result at the end of the day being very close. It came right down to the wire in the last round but RKPTC managed to hold onto a slim lead they had established by round three and the final score was 35 - 29 in RKPTC's favour.

The RKPTC team, led by the motivational Elena Yaschenko, consisted of: Barry Sanders, Matteo Vinci, Ronnen Rosengart, Paul Marsh, John Chappell, Wayne Spilsbury, Doug Ranford, Rob Stark, Susan Tay, Liz Joyce, Judith Harwood, Caty Chappell, Liz Sticca, Elena Yaschenko ©, Jaime Adeane and Sandra Gordon.

The team hosted the Allen Park visitors to lunch on the poolside rooftop. NG staff provided an excellent service throughout and a friendly and highly enjoyable time was had by all.

Thanks to Bob Stevenson for a great effort in organising the challenge match.

### **COURTS REPORT**

As most of you are aware we have had a major crisis with the bore breaking down and deemed to be beyond repair. The bore located to the east of the hit up wall had been supplying the grass courts with water for over 50 years.

A new 61 metre deep bore has recently been sunk to the west of the hit up wall. There have been major problems and delays with the installation. The

existing main line which feeds the water to each bay is also in the process of been replaced. A new above ground sprinkler system has been designed which will mean no more of the unsightly rusty old aluminium pipes on our courts.

The good news is all of the above changes will mean a vastly improved quality of water on the grass courts. The quality of the water has been a major problem in the past few years (through picking up 50 years of iron oxide and junk as it pass through the main line) and has contributed to a less than acceptable standard of courts. The new system should be fully operational within the next fortnight.

Since the old bore broke down, sourcing an emergency supply of water has been a major problem. At one stage, an urgent supply of water was trucked in from over in Colin Street. This was a costly exercise. Currently a limited supply of the mains water supply has been made available.

With the hot spring weather and limited amount of water available the courts have suffered as a result. The late October breakdown could not have occurred at a worse time as we had new grass on courts 6-22 from the winter maintenance program which had yet to be fully established. The result has been these courts are in a poor condition. Courts 1-5 which were played on all through winter have held up remarkably well in the circumstances.

Our groundsman is confident that the recent damage done can be overcome given time and if everything goes according to plan the courts should be vastly improved by the end of January 2013.

## **PENNANTS REPORT**

Pennant Co-Ordinators: Terry Frankland and Jane Cunningham.

This season is well under way and we have now completed our 6th round.

It's been very interesting tennis for our teams as we've experience all that our weather can throw at us so far with heat waves, near on cyclones, just plain old rainy days and of course what you would expect from our lovely Perth, a couple of just perfect days to play tennis. But we have got through it and here are the individual reports from our team Captains and some help from Jane.

## LADIES AND MIXED.

The Kings Park Ladies pennants teams have been fighting valiantly each week. Donna Thomas' Ladies Sunday, 0/35 team is second on the ladder.

Yvonne Hirst's Thursday Div 10 team are just out of the four but looking extremely good for the second half of their season.

Thursday Div 1 have been enjoying the very strong tennis and are hoping to move up the ladder a bit next year.

Our Wednesday mid-week teams have been competitive but have also been fighting the weather with heat, storms and wash-outs.

Jamie Adeane's Tuesday mixed team is also doing us proud at third on the ladder.

Special mention that all the games have been played with great team spirit, given that there have also been a few injuries. Also our substitutes have been generous in offering their time to make sure we get all our teams on court each week.

## MEN'S

Carl Somers' Sat Men's Div 10.

Overall, we've found it a pretty tough competition so far as we are new players to pennants. The opposition have mostly been around for years and are usually graded higher than us guys. However, we are settling down and getting on with our job and that is to represent RKPTC in as fine a fashion as we can. Watch this space !!!.

Darryl Daisley's Sat. Men's Div 14

Season to date - 5 wins, 2 losses, (currently 2nd on the ladder) Our team has had its best start to a season in living memory! Strong performances by Craig Anderson and Merlin Nicholas (who has recently returned to WA) coupled with some good performances in our doubles has placed the team in a strong position heading into the summer break.

Competition for places in Feb and March will be tight as everyone is keen to play finals.

Bruno Camarri from Sat. Men's Div 17

We are not travelling very well unfortunately, more losses than wins but we expect to improve in the second half of the season. Injuries have not helped. We just love the competition though and it's there to test us each week.

Gerry Hofmann's Sunday over 50's Men. Div 1.

All we can say is that we have a very deep reserves list, we do appreciate the people who have agreed to fill that list and front up and do apologise to them for getting walloped - the opposing teams seem to have no respect for reserve players. Having only won 4 sets over a period of 4 matches (48 sets played) doesn't really make for a good competition. Unfortunately, injuries and pre-booked absences haven't helped matters either. We would add that we were entering a strong team for division 2 but overplayed our hand.

Murray Franconi's Sunday over 50's. Men's Div 3.

We have a very a strong team again this season with very capable tennis players in Kim Robinson and Chris Taggart. We are going very well with only one loss so far. We want to make the final like last year where we unexpectedly came second. We have another tough team to contend with in Blue Gum this season.

Sean Lim's Wednesday Evening Mens div. 1.

We have had 3 wins and 3 losses and 1 draw. We are 4th on the ladder and having lots of fun in doing so with a great bunch of guys. The weather hasn't been all that kind to us so far but everyone turns up and we make the best of it as friends do.

## **HERITAGE GRANT**

We are pleased to advise that the Heritage Council is providing a grant of \$100,000 towards conservation works for both of the centre court pavilions. This funding will be matched dollar for dollar by NG. The provision of the grant was in response to a joint application by NG/RKPTC with most of the detailed work for this application being carried out by NG.

As there is considerable, largely hidden work, including waterproofing, to be conducted on both pavilions, it may not be obvious at the end of the project where all the funds have been spent.

## **SATURDAY TENNIS ROSTER**

It is planned to move to a single duty captain roster in 2013 with assistance provided each week by the Club Captain. Details will be provided very soon.

## RECIPROCAL CLUBS

A reminder that if you are travelling interstate or overseas and decide to throw your trusty tennis gear into your travel bag, consider contacting any of the following clubs which have reciprocal playing rights with your Club;

Kooyong Tennis Club	Melbourne	03 9822 333
<a href="mailto:koo@planet.net.au">koo@planet.net.au</a>		
RAC Club Australia	Sydney	02 9233 2355
<a href="mailto:raca@raca.com.au">raca@raca.com.au</a>		
Memorial Drive TC	Adelaide	08 8110 7788
<a href="mailto:doho@nextgenerationclubs.com.au">doho@nextgenerationclubs.com.au</a>		
Hong Kong CC	Hong Kong	+2574 6266
<a href="mailto:hkcc@hkcc.org">hkcc@hkcc.org</a>		
Singapore CC	Singapore	+65 3383 121
<a href="mailto:scc@scc.org.sg">scc@scc.org.sg</a>		
Penang Sports Club	Penang	+65 229 7834
<a href="mailto:pspclub@po.jaring.my">pspclub@po.jaring.my</a>		
British club	Bangkok	+66 2234 0247
<a href="mailto:tadams@bkk3.loxinfo.co.th">tadams@bkk3.loxinfo.co.th</a>		
Ibiza Club	Bengal	+91 033 2470 9928
<a href="mailto:info@merlinprojects.com">info@merlinprojects.com</a>		
ACT National T & C Club	Canberra	02 6160 7800
<a href="mailto:tennis@tennisact.com.au">tennis@tennisact.com.au</a>		
Queensland LTA	Brisbane	07 3120 7900
<a href="mailto:info@tennisqueensland.com.au">info@tennisqueensland.com.au</a>		
Domain Tennis Centre	Hobart	
<a href="mailto:manager@domaintennis.com.au">manager@domaintennis.com.au</a>		

Remember to request a letter of introduction from Marika Leonard in the RKPTC office prior to travelling.

## 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 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

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