



# On the Net

May 2014

Dear Club Member

We have just completed the busiest period in our tennis calendar. Among other items this edition of OTN includes reports from all of our summer pennant teams, the results of the Club Championships and a report on our Easter tournament.

We have moved to winter start times for Saturday and Sunday organised social play and are entering the quiet period in the Club's tennis and social calendar. The availability of grass tennis courts will become more uncertain and no doubt the weather will prevent many playing opportunities.

A reminder that social tennis is held every Saturday and Sunday afternoon throughout the year, weather permitting, and we look forward to your continued participation.

The next main event on our calendar is the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 24 September 2014. Opening Day for next season is set down for Saturday 25 October but this date is subject to change as it depends on how our courts respond to the spring growing season.

Barry Nazer  
President

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## TENNIS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events to diarise are:

2014			
1	Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 24 September	6.00pm
2	Opening Day	Saturday 25 October	Date subject to change
3	President's Cocktail Party	Friday 5 December	6.00pm

Details of upcoming winter twilight events will be advised to members by e-mail.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's tournament was held over three weekends with the finals taking place on the afternoon of Sunday 13 April and the presentation ceremony held immediately at the conclusion of the finals.

It was encouraging to see a number of new players participating for the first time this year with some of them competing with success. A big thank you from the Committee to all of those who participated.

To repeat a comment from last year's tournament, we will be looking for a greater number of entries next year, **especially from our female members.**

The results of the 2014 Club Championships were:

Championship Events	Winner	Runner - up
Men's Singles		
Open	Blake Brinklow	Jason Starcevich
50+	Gerry Hofmann	Allan D'Orsogna
Men's Doubles		
Open	Blake Brinklow Jason Starcevich	Danny Usher Akhil Chandra
50+	Gerry Hofmann Richard Yorg	Erik Petersen Peter Matviev
Ladies Singles		
Open	Astrid Kanther	Debra Waters
50+	Carolina Morace	Kerry Atherden
Ladies Doubles		
50+	Tracey Hondros Jean Mallinckrodt	Rae Yorg Pam McMahan
Mixed Doubles		
Open	Danny Usher Astrid Kanther	Ryan Maxfield Pam McMahan
50+	Richard Yorg Rae Yorg	Barry Nazer Jean Mallinckrodt

## **Plate Events**

### **Men's Singles**

Open                      Jeremy Hultin  
50+                        Bruno Camarri

### **Men's Doubles**

Open                      Brendan Ragus  
                              Richard Yorg  
50+                        Ivan Zuvella  
                              Darryl Calligaro

### **Ladies Singles**

50+                        Barbara Oldfield

### **Ladies Doubles**

50+                        Wendy Doyle  
                              Barbara Oldfield

## **EASTER TOURNAMENT**

For this year's tournament we again experienced outstanding weather and some very entertaining tennis. By way of a variation to the normal Easter format, an exhibition match was held on Sunday afternoon featuring Ryan Maxfield, Carlos Herrero, Chris Watson and John Hilton. The tennis was outstanding and held the crowd despite the slightly chilly wind which threatened to drive the audience away. A big thank you from RKPTC to our exhibition match participants.

This year the number of participants was slightly lower than usual possibly due to the Easter and Anzac Day holiday falling close together and offering potential participants the opportunity to take an extended holiday. This year over 40% of participants were visitors to the Club. The number of visitors participating in the tournament is increasing and a high number of our visitors are returning each year.

A special thank you to all those who contributed to the planning and organising of the event. They were all mentioned on Easter Monday during the presentation ceremony but they are worth mentioning again. A big thank you to (in no particular order) Pam McMahon, Stacey Holmnas, Eve Broadley, Jean Mallinckrodt, Judith Harwood, Julie Martin, Suzanne Bradsher, Olivia Brill, Ric O'Donnell, Richard Yorg, Brendan Ragus, Simon McDonald, Mac McDonald and Sean Lim. Also a big thank you to Carmen McFaull for donating one of her paintings for the raffle, Tracey Hondros and Alan Clements for their excellent contributions to the hamper and Next Generation Clubs, Platinum Sports, Theo Marshall, Ryan Maxfield, Adrian Manescu, John Chappell, Kim Robinson and Ric o'Donnell for donating great door prizes.

Special thanks must go to our Club coach Ryan Maxfield for his contribution over the weekend given his current list of injuries. He played in the exhibition match and in two events notwithstanding Sean Lim's medical advice that he should not be playing tennis at all.

Thanks also to our curator Michael Maartensz who came in every morning at 6 am for the three days of the tournament to mow off the dew and re-mark the lines. And finally a big thank you to Gina, Nikki and the team at NG for the terrific food at Sunday night's BBQ and over the weekend.

Also congratulations to the winners of the major cash prizes at Monday's presentation event: Jeanette Gray (first), Tom Silvan (second) and Klaus Langer (third).

And the results of the 2014 Easter Tournament were:

	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner - up</b>
<b>Mens Singles</b>		
Div 1	Jason Starcevich	Craig Anderson
Div 2	Geoff Sutton	Stephen Fee
50+	Craig Campbell	Ivan Zuvela
<b>Ladies Singles</b>		
Div 1	Astrid Kanther	Libby Mussared
<b>Mens Doubles</b>		
Div 1	Jason Starcevich Ryan Maxfield	Craig Anderson Merlin Nicholas
Div 2	Phil Smith Kevin Wren	Lee Dallow Adrian Manescu
<b>Ladies Doubles</b>		
Div 1	Astrid Kanther Libby Mussared	Fiona Davis Jenny Irvine
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>		
Div 1	Astrid Kanther Jason Starcevich	Jenny Irvine Garry Fraser
Div 2	Karen Campbell Mac McDonald	Stacey Holmnas Steven Shee
Div 3	Carmel Oud Daniel Ashard	Joanne Landy Kevin Wren
Div 4	Trish Heggie Phil Smith	Eve Broadley Joe Wong

### **Mens 55+ Doubles**

Div 1	Garry Fraser	Peter Matviev
	Richard Yorg	Erik Petersen
Div 2	Roger Hobbs	Ric O'Donnell
	Kong Wong	Tim Sewell

### **Ladies 50+ Doubles**

Div 1	Karen Burbridge	Rosie Harris
	Jenny Irvine	Gaye Hawthorn
Div 2	Sandra Gordon	Judy Lonsdale
	Judith Harwood	Rosemary Tomkinson

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## **PENNANTS**

### **PENNANT PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

While none of our teams won a pennant this summer, a lot of hard work goes into losing.

There were eight people mentioned in the nominations for pennant player of the year. The seven who were nominated but didn't quite get the big prize were Kay Maskiell, Darryl Daisley, Mike Steber, Bob Stevenson, Jason Starcevich, Sudock Hong and Nikhil Wanigaratne in the juniors. Thank you to those players for their great efforts during the pennant season.

Our pennant player of the year is Merlin Nicholas. He won 79% of his sets in singles and 96% of his sets in doubles and was a great contributor to the overall team effort. Congratulations Merlin.

## **TENNIS WEST MVP AWARD**

Congratulations also to Kaye Maskiell who was named by Tennis West as the Most Valuable Player of Division 10, Thursday Women's Night in the 2013/2014 Summer League.

There was a special Thank You Party incorporating the Summer League Most Valuable Player presentations on Friday 9 May 2014 at the State Tennis Centre. Kaye was invited together with one guest. Kaye advised Tennis West that all six members of her team wanted to come and to her delight Tennis West said they were all welcome to attend and share the occasion.

## **TEAM REPORTS**

### **Hot Shots Orange –Junior Division**

Captain (non-playing!) - Ryan Maxfield reports

We had a reasonably successful campaign winning 50% of our matches which is a great effort because most of the kids hadn't played competitive tennis before. It was great to see Royal King's Park have their first junior tennis team in so many years. Hopefully we can build on this and be a bit more of a threat in this coming winter pennants.

Congratulations to all the kids for their good behaviour and passion they showed throughout the campaign.

### **Saturday Mens Open - Div 1**

Captain - Ryan Maxfield

We had a successful first half to the campaign finishing 3rd in the ladder. Then our troubles started with our captain getting injured and the departure of Tennis Central, who took half of the team back to Robinson Park. We eventually finished 4th on the ladder qualifying for the finals.

The writing was on the wall when we headed to Higgins Park with a weak team and lost 4/0 in the singles. After that start it was all over. Next year we will come back stronger!!!!!!

Many thanks to boys in the team and special thanks to Carl Somers for all his help in playing and with team selection.

### **Saturday Mens Open - Div 10**

Captain - Carl Somers

To summarise - we were out of our league and lost every round. I would footnote that comment to explain that our top 3 ranked players, Ryan, Danny and Hugo were required elsewhere and never played for the team.

There was some confusion at the start of the season and Jason managed to poach all our top ranked players to Div#1.

We remain hopeful that in Div#8 Winter Comp we will make amends and start to win rounds, with nominated players.

### **Saturday Mens Open - Div 11**

Captain - Bruno Camarri

We had a tough draw, finishing second last in division 11. We lost several matches by games or a set and if we had won those games we may have finished higher up the ladder. Chris Oldfield had an outstanding season improving his CTR by 400 points.

### **Saturday Mens Open - Div 12**

Captain - Darryl Daisley.

We had a great season finishing in top spot at the end of the home and away fixtures (our best result in 12 seasons!).

We won our Semi Final against Willetton and faced off against Manning in the Grand Final at RKPTC on 29 March. Unfortunately we lost 4-2 on the day, with the rain threatening all afternoon.

It was a great team effort to get to the finals with solid performances from all team members - Craig, Merlin, Greg, Mike, Pierre and Owen.

We are already in planning for next season - with a gathering of the team this week to discuss 'what was, what can be and what will be'.

### **Wednesday Men Night - Div 1**

Captain - Sean Lim

An injury marred season sadly! Although we made the finals playoff, it was forfeited due to all our injuries (including a one Mr Maxfield, who is still limited by his injury).

It is also sad to report that we have opted out of this season's winter competition due to persisting injuries and inability to consistently field a fit team for competition!

Let's hope our next season will be a healthy one!!

### **Saturday Womens Open - Div 1**

Report by Stacey Holmnas

Saturday Women's Open Division 1 Team, otherwise known as Ted's Angels, started the summer fixtures strongly and endured some searing matches on court in the summer heat. By the second half of the season, the strength and heat of the competition had taken its toll and there were more injured Angels than flying Angels. Despite Ted's insistence that tennis should take priority, further Angels joined the growing sidelines cheer squad due to pregnancies (congratulations Mareena Weston and Jasmon Hilton) and house building and wedding planning (soon to be congratulations Kimberley Kain).

Thanks to outstanding commitment from the team's own pocket rocket (Kerry Atherden) and other team players and with the addition of new recruits, the team presented every week without forfeit and completed the season with their heads held high. Without a doubt a personal favourite of mine was the off-court 'team bonding' sessions which usually involved too much wine, too much food and great hospitality (thanks Vidette Wood and Kerry Atherden). You'll see us out on court at RKPTC in the early hours of winter mornings over the coming weeks as we train for the upcoming winter fixtures.

### **Thursday Women Night - Div 10**

Captain - Caty Chappell

The Thursday Ladies Div 10 made it to the final but faltered at the final hurdle losing to Cottesloe on games with sets split 4 : 4

Jill Munyard , Yvonne Hirst, Judith Harwood, Kay Maskiell and Donna Taggart were battling on finals night in front of a lot of supporters at RKPTC.

The captain Caty Chappell and the rest of the team Pam Pitt, Helen Allen and Sarah Birkbeck are very proud of their exploits that night.

We all enjoyed our summer season and now have time to recover from the injuries to be ready for next year.

### **Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 2**

#### **Team 1 - Captain Richard Yorg**

The 2013/14 season began full of promise. Unfortunately this promise was unfulfilled due to unavailability of players through absence and brittleness (our top 3 players missed a total of 19 matches) and, just possibly, those playing not being quite up to the mark in a strong field.

After searching long and hard we did manage to come up with three highlights -

- wins over every team other than the top two
- debuting two promising youngsters in Cal Rogers and Steve Dempsey
- securing bragging rights over our no 2 team with a strong win in round 2 after being washed out in round 1

And so the season finished with the sadly well-worn call of "next year!"

#### **Team 2 - Captain Steve Lockwood**

It was a disappointing season for the victorious Div 3 team from the previous season. Both long and short term injuries and unavailability due to work conspired to make it very difficult to put our strongest team on the park. I think it's fair to say that even if we had been able to do this, we were playing out of our class and coming up against teams who were much higher CTR ranked than us.

We actually managed to defeat Wembley Downs both times we played them, but these were the only wins we could muster for the season and this meant we finished 7th out of 8 teams.

Thanks to everybody who played during the season. The spirit was there even though the results may not show this. The main stalwarts of the team were: Peter Matviev who was outstanding and improved his CTR considerably. He also handled the acting Captain role brilliantly when my hip got the better of me. Dave Ervin who played his first season of pennants and performed well. Mike Bentley who worked hard all season, Kim Robinson who never gave up and Chris Taggart who was his usual reliable self.

Then there were the guys who helped out more than once - Murray Franconi, Tim Sewell, Erik Peterson and Terry Frankland. Special thanks also to Malcolm De Longville, Paul Gould and Paul Marsh for filling in against Leederville in February when everybody apart from Mike was unavailable.

Let's hope we can make our way back to Div 3 next summer and be competitive again. I'll be recovering from hip replacement surgery and would really appreciate it.

### **Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 3**

Captain - John Chappell

Our first season as a team was great fun and nearly a resounding success, losing by 1 game 59 to 60 in the semi- final against North Perth.

We were competitive all season, had good tight matches and our rotating team of 10 all got plenty of games and the chance to play with multiple partners.

Our no1 Walt Munyard got better and stronger as the season progressed as he recovered from various health issues. He was ably supported by Bob Stevenson who had the best win loss record of the team and highly competitive assistants in Dave Peterson, Josh Pitt, Ray Hirst, Ross Goldstein, Jerry Haley, John Goodlad and myself. Terry Frankland and Simon Moss both played one match as reserves when injuries or family obligations struck.

### **Sunday Seniors 35+ Women - Div 2**

Captain - Donna Thomas

We have had a great bunch of girls in our team - as we did the year before. We all just fit in and play as a team - someone always sits off without a problem. We play to win for RKPTC.

The Captain (Donna) messed up by having a 70th birthday in Paris and this meant we had 4 players short for a few weeks. Our reserves Pam and Jane turned into full time players and were great. Thanks also to Carmen who helped out during that time. Then Wendy managed to break her ankle in a fixture at Scarborough. After Christmas nearly everyone was back on court and we managed to hold onto third position and went on to play in the semis. Unfortunately Karina did not qualify as she had pressing business in France and we had to play the "old lady" Captain resulting in our elimination.

Never mind the loss, we had a great team and good tennis and "my girls" are a wonderful bunch.

### **Tuesday Open Mixed Night Div 3**

Captain - Ajintha Pathmanathan

Players: Juliet Taylor, Elena Yashchenko, Siobhan Lancaster, Jennifer Wallace, Punit Chugh, Richard Pearce, Bob Stevenson, Dave Chenik, Chris Oldfield and Ajintha Pathmanathan

I want to thank our dedicated team who made time out of their busy schedules to not only play as regularly as possible but also for helping making my job as captain easy. Bob Stevenson was our wise experienced team member who kept the ship steady and imparted few pearls along the way. For which the other members were grateful. Punit played week after week with dedication. Dave Chenik improved magnificently as did Juliet and Siobhan throughout the season.

Jennifer stepped in towards the end of the season after travelling away early on for her own wedding. To only return glowing happy and played very well for us. Unfortunately Elena, Chris and Richard although playing well early on, suffered injuries which hampered their best efforts.

Overall, especially compared to our winter efforts, playing in this second season all the members showed a marked improvement. We played in the semi-finals and played well against teams who had previously beaten us in the winter pennants the season before.

I wish everyone the very best in their ongoing social tennis career. It has been a pleasure to have the privilege to play with and captain this team.

### **CLUB COMPUTER MELTDOWN**

The Easter tournament started in the worst possible way with the Club's computer melting down on Good Friday. Many thanks to Brendan Ragus for providing a few innovative solutions over the Easter weekend and especially for his subsequent efforts, at no cost to the Club, to transfer the hard drive to another computer, which Brendan kindly donated to the Club.

### **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.

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