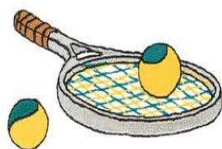


# St. Patrick's Tennis Club

## NEWSLETTER July 2023



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**Secretary: Catherine Boulton**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Saturday 5th August 6pm

Tuesday 11th July

Wednesday 12th July

Saturday 15th July

Sunday 16th July

Monday 17th July

Wednesday 20th September TBC

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Sunday 29th October

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December TBC

March 2024

AGM

Tuesday Night Mens commences

Midweek Ladies commences

MDC Junior comp commences

BRTA Junior comp commences

Monday Night Ladies commences

Ladies Spring Luncheon

Club Championships – Week 1

Club Championships – Week 2

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Ladies Weekend away

## **Annual General Meeting**

**SATURDAY 5th AUGUST 2023**

**6.00 – 6:30 PM**

### **Your Tennis Club needs you!**

All the fun and success we've had over 50+ years has all been due to the teamwork of all members and committee. Please try to get to our AGM on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

We have a great bunch of volunteers who keep the club running. It would be great to see you there, to hear what we've been up to and to discuss ways that we can make St. Patrick's Tennis Club even better!

# ST PATRICK'S TENNIS CLUB MENTONE

## Committee Members 2022-2023

President:	Anthony Jackson
Vice President:	Geoff Harrison
Secretary:	Cathie Boulton
Treasurer:	Leanne Vearing
Member Protection Information Officer:	<b>Vacant</b>
Club Captain:	Cameron de Silva
Membership:	Rosa Cirnigliaro
Midweek Ladies:	Lisa Lam
Juniors (Saturday):	Geoff Harrison
Juniors (Sunday):	Niki Buschkuehl
Court & Clubhouse Maintenance:	Kevin Milesi
General Committee:	Michelle Brinkley
Social:	<b>Vacant</b>

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hi Members of St Patrick's Tennis Club,

How fast has the last 12 months gone with a true sense of normality in our lives. Competitions, coaching, social games all in full swing at our wonderful club.

Let me start this years' report by thanking the committee for another year of volunteering your time and energy to assist with the running of our parish tennis club. We have 60-minute meetings, normally the third Wednesday of every month commencing at 7:30pm.

It's after these meetings when the actions (To Do list) and extra time is devoted to doing the membership e-mails, collecting fees, organizing junior and senior teams, keeping the clubhouse and courts maintained, liaising with Tennis Victoria, preparing and distributing the minutes of the meetings, balancing the books and paying suppliers, ordering clubhouse supplies (balls & cleaning items), keeping the clubhouse clean and organizing both the mowing and garden maintenance inside our club's grounds.

A huge thank you to our incredible committee members for your time and professional skills.

Being a tennis club, we pride ourselves on ensuring you our members have the best facilities. If any of you see areas of the club that need attention, we encourage you to communicate to any of your committee members. It is key to the health of our infrastructure that we all look out and share the desire to continuously maintain and improve our club.

Modernization and continuous improvement. The big news for our club is that we have paid the

deposit and will see courts 1 and 2 being resurfaced in the September school holidays. Below is a picture of what the new synthetic courts will look like – yes two shades of green to really make the playing surface pop and assist with those close line calls.

The process started twelve months ago when we invited three suppliers to submit proposals. We then inspected the work they had done – driving across Melbourne on Saturday afternoons and then cross referenced with many conference calls to the clubs they provided for testimonials.



Unfortunately, we don't have the budget to do all four courts given local, state and federal funding through grants don't want to give parish tennis clubs money! We tried with Grant Professionals, our local City of Kingston council, Tennis Victoria and the honorable Brad Rowswell MP, Liberal State Member for Sandringham – yes, our courts fall within his boundary!

Brad was happy to meet us and write a letter on our behalf but sadly no funding came.

**The honorable Brad Rowswell MP with AJ**



Through the wonderful work of our past and present Treasurers prudently investing in medium term investment accounts, the fund raising from our trivia nights, money collected from weeknight and weekday competitions, membership renewal fees and a very generous donation from Kevin and Anne Milesi we found ourselves in a positive position to **'push the button'** on the resurfacing project.

It will be very exciting once completed and our club captain, Cameron de Silva is planning the **2023 Club Championships** on the new courts with a BBQ and club event to unveil the surface. Please keep an eye on the website and your inbox for dates and entry forms.

The committee has also made a decision to change the locks on the front entrance gate, side gate and glass door entrance to the downstairs clubhouse.

We will be providing members with old keys a free swap for the new key. Remember, key holders have to be a senior or family member and over 18 to have a key.

Throughout 2022/23, Chris Tregonning has continued to coach our juniors. Chris has been with our club for 12 years. Last year, your committee applied and won a coaching grant. This has allowed the club to invest in a 'Slinger' Tennis Ball machine for the coaches to use in their lessons and mix up the drills! Thank you, Chris for your contributions to the development of our juniors (*and some seniors*) on their tennis journey.

Membership renewal are due from 1<sup>st</sup> July every year. You will notice an increase this year for the club to start paving for the resurfacing of courts 3 & 4 down the track. Please support Rosa Cirnigliaro, our excellent Membership Secretary, with prompt payments to reduce any chasing of funds. We are all passionate about St Patrick's Tennis Club Mentone. Preserving our warm and friendly family values, continuously looking for minor improvements and focused on the next generation of members with the commitment to a healthy Juniors program led by Niki Buschkuehl. Niki has done another amazing year in the juniors and we are calling out for two extra junior players' parents to join the committee.

One parent for the new position on the committee, **Member Protection Information Officer** and a second parent as committee member to assist with the juniors' program.

My children played at St Patrick's and it was from putting my hand up to be a team manager that led to being President. After seven (7) years as president, it is time to vacate the position between now and the 2024 AGM. Providing 12 months notice will allow us to find a replacement to guide our club on the next phase of its existence. Ideally, our new president would start in December this year and I can mentor this person into the role. It's important for any business or club to have a succession plan.

It has been an honour to be President and work with such an enthusiastic committee. Seeing a high utilization of our club's facilities and the success of the juniors' competitions has been a highlight. So please think about what you can do for our club – it's very rewarding and giving back to your local community and parish makes for a better world.

A few other committee members are also ready to pass the baton to the next team of volunteers. More announcements at this year's AGM on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August – the future is very exciting.

So, members, stay tuned for the club championships and please think about joining the St Patrick's Tennis Club Committee.

Happy tennis times ahead.

Best Regards,  
AJ



## **CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT:**

We currently have 1 team in Bayside regional tennis association on Saturday afternoon for the winter Season.

Our team was premiers for the 2022 winter season which was a great result.

There is some interest from others to potentially form another team for the upcoming summer season.

If anyone is interested in playing senior Saturday afternoon competition or has any questions call Cameron De Silva on 0481537929.

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Club Championships will be held October 22 and 29 just after the completion of the new tennis courts. More info to follow.





# NIGHT TENNIS:

## MONDAY NIGHT LADIES

Our Monday night tennis season finished with a final of great quality tennis! We had quite a few ladies travelling so our number of spectators was down which was a shame. The teams that played off in the final were Bananarama and Destiny's Child.



### **DESTINY'S CHILD**

Maria Glover  
Emma Doble  
(played for Karin Hutson)  
Jenny Collins  
Mary McSwiggan



### **BANANARAMA**

Hilda Looker  
(played for Anne O'Meara)  
Andrea Milroy  
Emma Rowe  
(played for Cath Hurst)  
Sally Pellegrino

The winners were **Destiny's Child** – Congratulations!!

The next season commences on Monday 17th July. We are always in need of emergencies so if you would like to play please call:

Karin Hutson           0401 072 120

Leanne Vearing       0412 614 634

Thanks to Leanne and Karin for all their effort in organising this competition.

Michelle Brinkley, General Committee.

## TUESDAY NIGHT MENS



We had another successful season that culminated in the team above, consisting of (from back left) Paul O’Gorman, Madhu Sarvode, James Tyquin and Mark Tyquin taking home the prized glassware. Thanks to Rob Draper for his excellent organisation of the competition.

Geoff Harrison, Vice President.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES

If you know someone who would like a hit on Wednesday nights please contact Michelle Robinson (0410 659 821). We always have room for more players and you don't need to be a member to play.

## THURSDAY NIGHT MENS

Contact Frank Tesoriero Phone: 9583 7358 for details.

Night tennis is not restricted to members so if you have a friend who would like to play please bring them along.



## MID WEEK LADIES:

Wednesday Midweek Ladies 2023 – February to June.



The first half of 2023 provided a great season of tennis. We entered one team in Section 1 and two teams in Section 3. Our section 1 ladies (Lisa L, Michelle B, Leanne V, Marg W and Mary Mc) welcomed a new player to their team, Leeann Flipp, formerly of Stella Maris TC. We are so happy to have you as part of our team Leeann!

One of our Section 3 teams made it to the Grand Final again! Well done on being Runners up in a wonderful season of tennis.

Here is what Val had to say :  
We are an old team in more ways than one. Jenny A, Marie T, Rosa C and myself have been playing together for many seasons, with Joanne joining us more recently, and given our combined ages totalling approximately 350 years it is miraculous that we made finals at all! Unfortunately, we lost to Black Rock who had occupied top of the ladder for the 2023 Wednesday Summer Season. We must thank our emergency Hannah for playing for month of May. All looking forward to Spring Season.

Valmai Ryan, Captain.



We are looking forward to more fun on the courts next season. Enjoy ladies, and remember being outside, exercising and having fun with fabulous friends is a blessing.  
Good luck ladies for the second half of 2023.



## **JUNIORS:**

### **BRTA Autumn 2023 season wrap up:**

St Patricks fielded its largest junior contingent yet with over 50 players across seven teams participating in the most recent BRTA tennis competition. The club is so proud of all players that represented us; the team spirit, competitiveness and courteous manners were wonderful to see both on and off court. Thank you to all the players, team managers and parents for their support throughout the season.

Not only did we have our largest contingent yet but three of our teams also made it through to the semi-finals, with one of these teams taking out the top spot and another becoming runner up in their respective sections. Congratulations to all the teams for their outstanding efforts last season:

- Section 7 – Stingrays: champions
- Section 11 – Penguins: semi-finalist
- Section 14 – Stars: finalists (runner up)
- Section 19 – Sharks: 7<sup>th</sup>
- Section 22 – Dolphins: 5<sup>th</sup>
- Section 23 - Seahorse: 8<sup>th</sup>
- Section 24 - Seals: 8<sup>th</sup>

### **BRTA Spring 2023 season preparation:**

St Patricks has submitted six teams for the upcoming season. All players who submitted an expression of interest in June have secured a spot. The season commences 16<sup>th</sup> July and will run throughout school terms 3 and 4 with a break for the Cup long weekend and school holidays. The club will also be hosting a team welcome afternoon on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July from 2 to 4pm. This is an opportunity for players to meet their teammates and other junior teams in the club.

### **Key dates:**

- 9<sup>th</sup> July: team welcome
- 17<sup>th</sup> July: new competition season commences
- 16<sup>th</sup> September -7<sup>th</sup> October: mid-season break (no tennis)
- 5<sup>th</sup> November: Melbourne Cup long weekend (no tennis)
- End November (TBC): season ends
- Late November / early December(TBC): semi-finals and finals (for top 4 teams from each section)

### **Junior communication:**

The St Patricks Junior Tennis Facebook community is a platform for Junior families to connect with each other. The Facebook page has grown to 33 community members. In addition to this, regular communication via emails provides updates and awareness to members. All Junior enquiries can be sent to: [sptcjunior@gmail.com](mailto:sptcjunior@gmail.com)



## SOCIAL:

### LADIES WEEKEND AWAY 2023 - QUEENSCLIFF

We had a wonderful and relaxing weekend away in March this year. As always, plenty of food, wine and good times were had by all the ladies. The weekend is a celebration for all the wonderful women that are involved with our wonderful community club. It's a great way to connect and reconnect outside the tennis court.

We can't report much more, because "*what happens on the ladies' tennis weekend away stays on the ladies' weekend away!!*"





## MEMBERSHIP:

Memberships this financial year have been increasing steadily, after the drop during the Covid years. The best increase has been in junior memberships due to increased activity in the juniors programme, with thanks to Niki Buschkuehl.

There will be a membership price increase this year:

Family – \$210.

Senior – \$130.

Junior – \$100.

Social and Veteran memberships remain unchanged.

This increase is necessary due to rising costs and we have the cost of 2 new courts which will begin in September. There hasn't been an increase in fees in 10 years and compared to other tennis clubs, our fees are on the lower end of the scale.

We have recently sent out our renewal notices for membership.

If you haven't received a renewal email and wish to renew please go to our website [www.stpatrickstcmentone.com.au](http://www.stpatrickstcmentone.com.au) or feel free to contact me if you are having difficulties.

We look forward to another great year of tennis 2023-2024.

Rosa Cirnigliaro  
Membership Secretary



## MEMBER NEWS:

Congratulations to Barb and John Meyer who welcomed a new grandson, Johnny, brother for Kelifa! Magic!

Congratulations to a few people who had special birthdays in the past year. Kay Walker turned 80 recently and had a lovely celebration with her card ladies! Monica Sweeney turned 80 and so did Denis Foley (hubby of Linda)! Hope you all had lovely celebrations of these special milestones!

Exciting news in the Brinkley household with 2 engagements announced in the last year. Congrats to Pat and Kate who will be married in April 2024, and to Edwina and Joe who are yet to set a date. Both Pat and Edwina had coaching and played juniors with St Patrick's tennis club.

We would also like to acknowledge some sad news for our club too. We will miss Julian Bracchi (hubby of Maria and father of Lisa Lam) who passed away in early June. He was so well loved, a truly beautiful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at this difficult time.

We also pray for Denis Foley (hubby of Linda) who has had recent health issues. We hope you feel better soon Denis.



## COACHING:

Whether you want to learn from scratch, improve your backhand or serve, and keep warm during these cold winter months while having fun, contact Chris Tregonning on 0418 381 568 for all your coaching requirements.





# QUIZ NIGHT

**Grand Slam Trivia** will be back in 2024!

We're looking forward to coming back bigger and better.

Here's a little taste of what to expect.....

1. In the game of tennis, if you win the first two points, then lose the next three points, what is the score?

A: 15-40      B: 30-40      C: 30-30      D: 15-30

2. Who plays the leading lady in the 2005 Woody Allen movie, "Match Point" (where a former tennis pro falls for an actress who happens to be dating his friend)?

3. Which male and female tennis players have set the record for the most singles titles won at a single Grand Slam?

4. Solve these anagrams – Famous Tennis Players

A: fit rap tracker

B: wireless animal

C: rim or juice

D: birth shy algae

5. Place the four Grand Slam cities in order of population, from largest to smallest

6. True or False?

Martina Navratilova appeared on series 14 of the USA Dancing with the Stars.

7. Name the famous soccer clubs supported by a) Rafael Nadal and b) Novak Djokovic?

8. What is the largest distance between Grand Slam venues? Melbourne to New York, or Melbourne to Paris, or Melbourne to London?

9. Name the brand of tennis clothing worn by Alex de Minaur?

10. Name these four Tennis Players



# QUIZ NIGHT

## Answers:

Q1:

B: 30-40

Q2:

Scarlett Johansen

Q3:

Margaret Court – 11 Australian Open Titles  
Rafael Nadal – 14 French Open Titles

Q4 – Anagrams

- A: fit rap tracker      Patrick Rafter
- B: wireless animal      Serena Williams
- C: rim or juice      Jim Courier
- D: birth shy algae      Ashleigh Barty

Q5:

London – 8.3 million  
New York – 8.2 million  
Melbourne – 4.5 million  
Paris – 2.2 million

Q6:

True! In February 2012 Navratilova was announced as a cast member on the 14th season of ABC's Dancing with the Stars. She was in the first pair eliminated after dancing the foxtrot and the jive.

Q7:

Rafael Nadal – Real Madrid  
Novak Djokovic – AC Milan

Q8:

Melbourne to London - 16,923 km  
(with Melbourne to New York - 16,677.63km and Melbourne to Paris 16,811km)

Q9:

Asics

Q10:

Photo 1 – Pat Cash and Ashleigh Barty  
Photo 2 – Nick Kyrgios and Iga Swiatek