

RREADE PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC

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ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2020/2021

COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Tom Twelftree
VICE PRESIDENTS	Michael Bawden Jeremy Carter
TREASURER	Darren Klenk
SECRETARY	Dawn Hurley
CLUB CAPTAIN	Andrew Burrows
REPRESENTATIVES	Penny Twelftree Ann Langman Ian Randell Rohan Weckert Craig McIntosh Heath Vogt
GREENKEEPER	Brendan Fisher

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of The Reade Park Lawn Tennis Club will be held on
THURSDAY 17th June 2021 at 6.45pm for 7pm in the Clubhouse

A G E N D A

Apologies

1. **Minutes**
Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 23rd July 2020
2. **Business Arising** from Minutes
3. **Financial Report** for year ended 30 April 2021 and adoption thereof
4. **Election of Office Bearers** for the 2021/2022 season.
Nominations are invited for the following positions:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

CLUB CAPTAIN

- each of the above to hold office for 1 year

ONE (OF TWO) VICE PRESIDENTS

- to hold office for 2 years
(Jeremy Carter remains to complete second year of his term)

FOUR REPRESENTATIVES – 2 year appointment

- Ann Langman and Penny Twelftree remain to complete second year of their terms.

Nominations must be on the form attached (or copies thereof) and must be received by the Secretary Dawn Hurley by **Wednesday 16th June 2021** at 5 Station Road, Blackwood SA 5051 or by email <dawnhurley@internode.on.net>.

Only where insufficient nominations are received by that time will nominations be accepted at the AGM.

5. **Any Other Business**
6. **Presentation of pennants to the club**
Presentation of the Bill Franzi Trophy

D. Hurley
Secretary

5 Station Road,
Blackwood SA 5051

SECRETARY'S REPORT

President Tom Twelftree has been active in lobbying council and members of parliament to obtain funds for our club and the Rochester courts and has presided over the committee to realise another very successful year for the club. Tom is also involved with the juniors and coaches to maintain our strong junior presence. We thank him for his very active role in ensuring that our club is one of the best around. Tom also continues to organise the Wednesday night Fast4 tennis and many non members thoroughly enjoy their hit. It is great to see the irrigation working and the improvement to our courts. Thanks to coach Josh Boots and assistants for their coaching efforts and junior activities. A big thank you to all those who assisted in the running of the Club during the past season, in particular to Darren Klenk as Treasurer, to Andrew Burrows in his role as Club Captain and to Mike Bawden, our Bar Manager and assistant Ian Randell and Vice President Jeremy Carter. Ann Langman has made a great contribution in running another tournament and creating extra funds for the club. Penny Twelftree organised another very successful Quiz Night and junior functions. Megan Phillips was the co-ordinator for the junior teams. Thanks to Graeme Burrows and Max Williams for running the Saturday morning barbecues and afternoon teas.

Ann and Fran kept us supplied with delicious cakes for our afternoon teas. Thank you to and to those who assisted during the tournament especially to Julie Quist on the canteen. Thank you to all members who contributed to the running of the club in any way. We appreciate the efforts of our green keeper Brendan Fisher for maintaining our courts and for his extra work for tournaments.

The membership numbers for 2020/2021 showed an increase, mainly due to more junior members. We continue to field a good number of teams in the Saturday Morning Men's competition, including a doubles team. We had only one Metro Ladies team in the doubles comp and retained our three Metro men's teams. Midweek Ladies fielded 10 teams. The social side was steady, but we are keen to welcome more players. 10 teams were entered in the junior competition. The midweek Wednesday men's group remains strong and they contribute extra funds for special projects and this year donated \$420 to BlaizeAid. It is great to see many juniors at our club and we thank their parents for their support.

Please invite your tennis playing friends to enjoy our great courts and facilities for next season.

Membership at the end of the season was:

	2020/2021	2019/2020
Life/Honourary Members	13	11
Full Membership	60	69
Midweek/Saturday Social	66	63
Student (tertiary)	6	1
Juniors	79	61
Leave of Absence/Non Playing	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	224	206

Fees for the season 2021/22 will be: Paid by 31st Oct

Full Membership - competitive	\$420 (with pensioner discount \$399)
Midweek Competitive and Social	\$310
Family (includes four or more members, member with lowest fee is free)	
Student (<i>full time tertiary</i>)	\$200
Junior (u' 18 years as at 1/1/21 senior comp)	\$180
Junior (<i>Under 12 non competitive</i>)	free
Junior comp (summer & winter)	\$140
Nonplaying/LOA	\$ 45

Payment of Fees

Fees are due and payable in full, on or before 31 October 2021. Any variation to these terms must be submitted in writing to the committee. Late payment will attract a \$20 penalty.

Competition players are reminded that they are not entitled to play matches if unfinancial after 31 October and must be financial members to play in finals.

Court Hire

The Club has very reasonable court hire fees for those members who wish to bring a group of friends out to the Club. Corporate functions can also be catered for.

Visitors/ Match Fill-ins (home matches) Members/team captains are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that visitors' fees are paid. Envelopes are located in the green cupboard by the roller door and envelopes complete with details and cash can be handed in at the bar. Team fill-ins may NOT play in finals unless they become members of the club.

DawnHurley/Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to report on what has been another successful tennis season for Reade Park.

Apart from the 'mini lockdown', our season proceeded essentially unaffected by COVID-19. I think it is obvious that the pandemic has led to people appreciating their local community even more than normal. And Reade Park is central to many of us in that regard - we sometimes forget how lucky we are to have such a facility to visit and play tennis at. Once again we will avoid closing courts till as late as possible to provide for those members who might normally be jet setting overseas!

During the season we maintained our team count with 36 entered across the various competitions senior competition, continuing as one of the 5 largest clubs in Adelaide on this measure. The breakdown is 13 Junior Teams, 10 Mid Week Ladies, 4 Metro Lawn and 9 Saturday Morning Men.

In terms of **facilities development** we were able to complete the sprinkler system upgrade on time and on budget. Many thanks to James Gregory (former Greenkeeper), Brendan Fisher (Greenkeeper) and Jeremy Carter (Project Manager) for their efforts. Whilst the infrastructure is hidden in the greenkeeper shed, the benefits of this project will be visible for years ahead as excellent lawn courts. Whilst it was a mild summer, we were still able to achieve considerable water savings and the overall level of playability improved across all courts. With more sun they would have been better still and I am excited for the years ahead. It certainly allowed Brendan more time to manicure the courts in other areas and I know that he very much appreciated the club going down this path.

I am continuing to work with the City Of Mitcham (COM) on **facilities development** but have changed tack somewhat. The original vision of a Reade Park Reserve master plan seems to be a difficult nut to crack albeit it remains listed as a COM future project. In the meantime we have had a short term but important win with the COM approving \$20k budget to resurface the bitumen Rochester Avenue courts that our juniors use and this is a very big win, as it means we can play an additional home match essentially at Reade Park, without having to hire courts at Tennis World (Millswood). COM is also replacing the clubhouse roof which will be completed in mid June.

The other projects are as follows (in order of priority)

- P1: Hard courts 1-3 redevelopment (including lights, fencing and resurfacing)
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- P2: Lawn Courts 13 & 14 conversion to hard courts
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- P3 - Lawn Courts 1-12 fencing replacement
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- P4 - Club House improvements
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- P5: Hereford Place entrance redevelopment

COM is updating all Community Land Management Plans (CLMP) for the 30+ recreational spaces in the COM. They have committed to having Reade Park done in the first four of these and the outlook is the end of 2021. With the updated CLMP, the COM is then able to provide 'landlord approval' for the various initiatives listed above as we look forward to the 2022 election cycles at both State and Federal level. There are other opportunities outside of the election cycle that I will be looking at but

COM has expressed the importance of the updated CLMP. I just wish it could happen a bit quicker but there is a process to go through unfortunately.

The **Junior Club** had a great year maintaining our team numbers with 59 children representing Reade Park and another 12 participating in red ball internal clinics. This is effectively our maximum and we were only able to do this by leasing courts at Tennis World Millswood. Megan Phillips completed her second year as Junior Coordinator and did a great job. Ten teams played in Divisions that held finals and eight of them participated with our Div 5 girls winning their grand final in great fashion. Congratulations also to Sam Keane who was awarded the Cecily Carman Memorial Trophy.

We have 19 Reade Park kids currently playing winter tennis, with teams entered in our own right and shared with Somerton Park and Hope Ward. This includes kids playing in multiple competitions including the Southern Districts Juniors, Tennis SA Winter Pennant (seniors) competition and Glenelg Districts Friday Night (juniors) competitions.

Social Tennis has been steady on Saturday afternoons and Wednesday afternoons but we are still keen to see this grow. The Wednesday evening social FAST4 had similar numbers to prior seasons and is likely to continue for many years to come. One Wednesday evening this summer we had 34 FAST4 players which was amazing.

Senior Competition Tennis had a terrific season with increased team numbers and decent weather. More details in the Captain's report.

Foundation Tennis Development (FTD) continued to be a valuable partner to Reade Park and has delivered coaching to over 120 students over the summer. FTD has continued to organise school holiday clinics, winter coaching and ran two inter club tournaments against Somerton Park Tennis Club (where FTD also provide the coaching service). On one day this year we had 240 local Primary School kids at Reade Park for a Hot Shots clinic! Josh Boots is our Club Coach and assisted by Nick, Max and Olivia. Josh is very committed to our club and we thank him, along with all the other coaches, including the two Nicks, Max and Olivia.

Brendan Fisher in his role as **greenkeeper** has done a great job maintaining our courts for both normal play and the various events and tournaments that we held. I recall during the year when an elderly chap told me "I have been playing lawn tennis in Adelaide for over 40 years and those courts (7 & 8) are the best I have ever played on". Brendan was pleased to hear that story and make sure you say g'day when you see him at the club. He is also keen to provide his services to your own home lawns if you are looking for help.

We continued to see good demand for our **clubhouse and court hire** including the normal regular hires (Financia, Scotch College and Hamburg Sud). These types of events provide important revenue but also expose the club to tennis players and their families, who in many cases were not aware that Reade Park existed, so please keep this in mind.

We had some excellent social functions - with the highlight being the annual quiz night, which morphed into a Cabaret Show when Phil Williams found the microphone! More details in a separate report. I would like to thank the Social Sub Committee of Penny Twelftree and Ann Langman for their efforts.

Due to the stable membership and activity at the club we have achieved a good **financial result**. Members will be pleased to hear that the overall financial result means there is a minimal increase to your subs next season. We have frozen subs for four years now due to our good financial performance, but now feel that it is the time to apply a small increase. Many thanks to Darren Klenk for his continued hard work as our Treasurer and you will be able to see more details in his report.

We have great continued **sponsors** in Ken Hall Plumbing, Dunn Insurance, Options Wines, Holiday Wonders, Unitech Building Services, Ray White Daw Park and Urban Gin. Please consider our sponsors when you are in the market for the products and services they offer – and tell them that you appreciate the support they give our club.

Your **Committee** has functioned extremely well this year - I have thanked a number of them in my report thus far but need to also thank

Jeremy Carter (Vice President) - thanks in particular for assisting the new Club Captain in and support me with various matters including overseeing the build of the new irrigation system

Mike Bawden (Vice President / Bar Manager) - again it was another solid year in bar takings and Mike continues to go above and beyond in terms of the hours he puts in.

Andrew Burrows (Club Captain) - this was his 2nd year and final year as Club Captain - thanks Andrew for all your hard work.

Dawn Hurley (Secretary) - for volunteering so much of her time and remembering all the little things about how to run Reade Park.

Ann Langman (General Committee Member) - for once again co-ordinating a very successful Junior Tournament - it is great to see how many local juniors are keen to play tournaments on the lawn.

Heath Vogt, Craig McIntosh, Ian Randell and Rohan Weckert (General Representatives) - for their support and continuing commitment to the overall management of the club.

Thanks as always to our other volunteers who have contributed to the success of the club during the year, most notably to Graeme Burrows who once again ran the Saturday barbecue.

Thanks also to the mid week men (Bill and Max in particular) for their ongoing work with various odd jobs around the club. Bill in particular did a wonderful job replacing the shade sail above our patio area, which looks terrific.

May others put their hand up as they were able and it is much appreciated by the club including Sue Durand, Wayne Looker, John Reynolds, Sue Klenk and John Secomb - apologies to others.

Looking forward to seeing you next season at the Club.

Tom Twelftree
President

TREASURER'S REPORT **YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 21**

I am pleased to report the club's financial results for the year ended 30 April 2021 was an operating surplus of \$9,665, excluding Government grants received. This is a very good result based on the operating position reported over the last couple of years.

I note that this year I have provided two years of comparative data in the financial statements as some members may be interested in understanding financial performance when compared to the pre-COVID-19 time period.

Net assets increased \$15,629 over the year to \$196,577.

Total membership fees increased 2.2% compared to the previous year. Junior Membership income made up \$9,790(18%) of total membership income, a 3% increase on total membership income compared to the previous financial year. This is a pleasing result given the committee's emphasis on building a strong junior membership.

During the year the club successfully applied for grants totalling \$20,965. The most significant of these was \$15,000 from the City of Mitcham to assist in the upgrade of the irrigation system. Other grants were received from the SA Government to assist with water costs (\$2,965) and minor projects (\$3,000). We are very grateful for these grants.

During the year the committee has invested \$47,146 on Plant & Equipment with the most significant items being:

- New irrigation installation \$32,287 (net of Government grants of \$22,500)
- Pergola Replacement \$ 9,718
- New High Tables and Chairs \$ 4,318

We anticipate the new irrigation installation will see a significant reduction in costs in coming years reflecting improvements in efficient water delivery, lower greenkeeping costs due to less hand-watering and the adoption of remote computer technology to ensure water is applied only when needed.

I particularly wish to thank those people who organise the various fundraising efforts throughout the year. As the financial report shows, there are a number of activities undertaken throughout the year including in no particular order:

- Sale of beverages
- Barbeque and Afternoon Tea
- Entertainment Book sales
- Fast4 Tennis
- Clubhouse Hires
- Quiz Night
- Sponsorships
- Corporate Functions
- Junior Tournament

Without the contributions of the people who drive these activities, membership fees would need to be significantly higher than they are.

On a final note, whilst I feel comfortable the club is in a strong financial position, we cannot lose sight of the likelihood of significant expenditure in coming years to upgrade our facilities. Most Government grants require a contribution of at least 50% from the club so the greater our capacity to contribute to a project, the greater the sum we could potentially secure from Government and other funding sources.

Financial Statements will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

Darren Klenk
Treasurer

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It was nice to complete a full tennis season with only a minor disruption due to COVID.

In terms of teams, we turned out additional numbers versus the prior season in Saturday morning men and maintained team numbers in Mid Week Ladies and Metro.

In the afternoon, Nick Heard's Div 1 team was undefeated and won their Grand Final in comfortable fashion and our Ladies Div 2 doubles team also won their pennant. This was a much closer affair all season and congratulations to Demi and Conni Vlass from that team who have been awarded jointly the Bill Franzi trophy for the Reade Park young player of the year. Both were new members and it was great having them at our club. Both other Metro teams made the finals.

We saw strong results from Saturday Morning men with Paul Cahill's Div 2 team winning their Grand Final in fine style. Commiserations to the Paul Mills' Div 3 team who went down in their Grand Final after a great season. Several other morning teams reached the finals.

Mid week ladies and juniors are reported separately.

The courts this season benefitted from the new sprinkler system with all courts available for the entire year. You may recall that in the prior season, courts 5 and 6 were unavailable due to turf issues. One of the benefits of the new system was to enable the courts to stand up to a serious heat wave but we were unable to test this due to the mild summer. In fact, we were actually looking for some additional heat to firm up the courts but this did not eventuate. We look forward to the continued benefit of the new system in the years ahead.

Many thanks to Brendon for presenting our courts so well during the season

Tom Twelftree on behalf of Andrew Burrows (Club Captain)

MIDWEEK LADIES' REPORT

This season we were able to maintain our ten teams, including three Division 1 teams, which is vital for that division's competition. Reade Park had teams in every division except Division 4. We welcomed new players Robyn Kenny, Hayley Riessen, Olivia Sam, On Chat, Linda Lam, Jo Thompson, Debbie Thomson and Brenda Calder.

We had the odd cancellation for heat and rain, but unlike the previous season, we were able to hold a grand final, which was played at Kensington Gardens. Six teams made it to the semi-finals and four made it to the finals. The final four were Divisions 1B, 2G, 3G and 5G. Grand Final winners were Division 1 Blue (Natalia Irvine, Ania Kritzinger, Wendy Butler and Julie Maitland), with a convincing 6-0 win over Memorial Drive and Division 2 Gold (Debbie Thomson, Debbie Mifsud, Carole Johnson and Wendy Venning), had a 4-2 win over Kensington Gardens.

Reade Park players scooped the pool with team and individual awards. Ania Kritzinger from Division 1 won the Doris Boyce trophy for *best overall player*, with Yvonne Freeman from Division 5 the runner up. Most consistent team was Division 1 Blue and runner up Division 5 Gold. Most consistent players in each division were Div1 Ania Kritzinger, Div 2 Wendy Venning, Div 3 Marie Farmer and Div 5 Yvonne Freeman. Congratulations ladies. A good season for Reade Park with two premierships and best player awards.

An end of season lunch, after the grand final, was held at The Feathers Hotel with 31 Reade Park ladies attending.

Thanks to all captains for their co-operation throughout the season and hope that all coped with the new scoring system. Thanks to Penny Twelftree for organising balls and courts allocation and opening the clubhouse.

Thank you to Linda Carter for being our delegate for this season and for all the work done with the Div 1 teams.

Thanks to our groundsman Brendan Fisher, for maintaining our great courts.

Looking forward to seeing all players in the coming season.

Dawn Hurley

Midweek Ladies Co-ordinator

SOCIAL REPORT

Unfortunately, due to COVID we only held two functions this year.

Quiz Night - Saturday 6th February

A fabulous night with 12 tables enjoying the fun. We had a great representation of all groups of our members, including Thursday ladies, Saturday men, social and junior parents. Michelle was once

again a great Quiz Master and even had the quizzers up on the dance floor! We had a great deal of people commenting on how much they enjoyed the night. We had wonderful prizes donated from a good cross section of our members. A brilliant night and one to be continued, as it is a great fundraiser and social event for the club.

Junior Break Up Party – Sunday 28th March

We held a family BBQ and a junior round robin to see out the season. From memory we had about 90 people joining in. The parents and children had a fun night, with most courts being used for tennis or cartwheels. Holding one event for the juniors was a bit disappointing, but did ensure a great turnout. It might be a good idea to hold a start of season function and an end of season function to maintain good numbers.

Penny Twelftree

WEB SITE/FACEBOOK

Thanks to Tom Twelftree for maintaining our web site at www.readeparktennis.net. The site contains up-to-date information relevant to competition and social players and to club events. Keep up with special events and what is going on around the club via Facebook. Please email Tom Twelftree <tomtwelftree@gmail.com> if you have any suggestions, photos or information for the site and join us on Face Book.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please email Dawn Hurley (dawnhurley@internode.on.net) to have yours included and to keep in touch with club events as we have limited mail outs.

Please advise change of email/contact details.

WINTER TENNIS

Men's afternoon winter tennis will be played from 12.30pm on the hard courts adjacent to the club for a small fee.

IN MEMORY

This year has seen the passing of three of our members.

Roger Thompson 21/2/21. Roger was a competitive player for many years, joining the club in 1979.

Harry Hewson 30/4/21. Harry was an active social player and the owner and rider of an immaculate old Raleigh bicycle. We will miss seeing Harry's bicycle leaning against the garden wall.

Life Member John Cross 12/5/21. John was secretary for eight years from 1961/62-1968/69.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE - DIGITAL VERSION ONLY

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE AGM WILL BE APPRECIATED (6.45pm for 7.00pm)

FREE GLASS OF WINE AND NIBBLES

BAR WILL BE OPEN