



READE PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC

READE PARK RESERVE
COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS, SA 5041
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ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2022/2023

COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Tom Twelftree
VICE PRESIDENTS	Michael Bawden Jeremy Carter
TREASURER	Darren Klenk
SECRETARY	Dawn Hurley
CLUB CAPTAIN	Jeremy Carter
REPRESENTATIVES	Ann Langman Ian Randell Rohan Weckert Craig McIntosh Heath Vogt Daryl Matthew Kat Giblin Dave Weygandt
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 15th June 2023 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 16 June 2022

2. Business Arising from Minutes

3. Financial Report for year ended 30 April 2023 and adoption thereof

4. Election of Office Bearers for the 2023/2024 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)

SIX REPRESENTATIVES – 2 year appointment

Ann Langman and Dave Weygandt remain to complete the 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 14th June 2023** 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 again presided over the committee to realise another very successful year for the club. His involvement with the juniors and coaches contributes to maintaining our strong junior presence in the district. 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. 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 Jeremy Carter in his role as Club Captain and to Mike Bawden, our Bar Manager and assistant Ian Randell. Thanks also to Dave Weygandt who has taken on organising the juniors and also to Penny Twelftree who continues to be the driving force behind our always successful quiz night.

We have successfully trialed the junior parent cooked barbecue, pay at the bar and self serve model following Graeme Burrow's retirement. We thank Graeme for his many years as barbecue king.

Tennis SA ran a very successful junior tournament in December and a big thank you to those who assisted during this event and to all of the regular helpers behind the bar and in the canteen. Thank you to all members who contributed to the running of the club in any way. We appreciate the efforts of our greenkeeper Brendan Fisher for maintaining our courts and for his extra work for tournaments.

The membership numbers for 2022/2023 showed an increase in overall membership, particularly juniors, but a decrease in full members due to less competition teams. We fielded ten Saturday morning, seven Metro and ten midweek ladies teams. The junior competition remains strong, and there are four teams playing in the winter comp. The Saturday social side was steady, but we are keen to welcome more players. The midweek Wednesday men's group remains strong and they contribute extra funds for special projects. It is great to see so many juniors at our club and we thank all 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:

	2022/2023	2021/2022
Life/Honorary Members	15	13
Full Membership	72	89
Midweek/Saturday Social	64	61
Student (tertiary)	7	6
Juniors (playing senior comp)	6	-
Juniors summer	<u>71</u>	<u>45</u>
	235	214

Total

Fees for the season 2023/24 will be: Paid by 31st Oct

Full Membership - competitive	\$450 (pensioner discount available)
Midweek Competitive and Social	\$340
Family (includes four or more members, member with lowest fee is free)	
Student (<i>full time tertiary</i>)	\$220
Junior (u' 18 years as at 1/1/23 senior comp)	\$190
Junior (<i>Under 12 non competitive</i>)	free
Junior comp summer	\$155
Nonplaying/LOA	\$ 45

Payment of Fees

Fees are due and payable in full, on or before 31 October 2023. 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 a financial member to play in finals. An invoice for fees will be sent by the Treasurer.

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. Visitor fee for the coming season will be \$15.

DawnHurley/Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to report on what has been another successful tennis season for Reade Park, both off court and on court.

Sadly however, our progress with **facilities development** remains slow. This is primarily a reflection on us being located in a heritage listed suburb which adds complexity to the process. I do think things could move quicker, but I am loath to directly criticise council staff who I believe are doing their best.

I hope to have plans confirmed by the end of this calendar year for spending of the \$490,000 pledge from the Labor Party in the March 2022 state election.

This money is still earmarked for developing our hard court facilities including

- Hard courts 1-3 redevelopment including new fences, lights and a separated walkway through the playing surface
- Lawn Courts 13 and 14 conversion to hard courts
- Clubhouse improvements
- Hereford Entrance redevelopment

In the meantime, council is currently upgrading our disabled bathroom to install a shower.

The **Junior Club** had a great year maintaining our team numbers, with 59 children representing Reade Park and another 14 participating in red ball internal clinics. Eight teams played in divisions that held finals and seven of them participated, with our Premier League boys and Div 3 girls winning their grand final in great fashion. Congratulations also to the Carman girls who were awarded the Cecily Carman Memorial Trophy.

We are very proud that Reade Park Juniors have competed on the national stage!

Max Edwards qualified and competed in both the 12U National Clay Court and Hard Court Championships and Ben Chisholm made the Pizzey Cup Team. The Pizzey Cup is a national schools tennis championship open to boys and girls aged 18 and under. The event was recently held in Canberra. Well done to both.

We have 25 Reade Park kids currently playing winter tennis including kids in the Southern Districts Juniors, Tennis SA Winter Pennant (seniors) competition and Glenelg Districts Friday night (juniors) competitions. One thing I was particularly pleased with this season is that we had a new team of 18 year old school leavers, at least five Reade Park juniors filling in for senior men's teams during the season and another two juniors moved to Reade Park to play in the Saturday morning men's competition. All of this shows that lawn tennis is an attractive option for juniors, which is a great thing for Adelaide lawn tennis.

Social Tennis has been steady on Saturday afternoons and Tuesday / Wednesday afternoons but we are still keen to see this grow. The Wednesday evening social FAST4 had excellent numbers and is a great source of new and fill in Saturday competition players and I am actively suppressing attendance to ensure courts are active for club members on this night.

Senior Competition tennis had a terrific season with increased team numbers - more details in the Captain's report. The most important achievement is that yours truly finally won a pennant after 12 years of effort and many near misses!

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 run school holiday clinics, winter coaching and ran two inter club tournaments against Somerton Park Tennis Club. Again this year we had 240

local primary school students at Reade Park for a Hot Shots clinic! Josh Boots is our Club Coach and assisted by Nick (who has recently moved to the US), Olivia and one of our juniors, Ben Chisholm. Josh is very committed to our club and we thank him and the other coaches.

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. It was a close run thing getting the courts ready for this season, due to lack of rain, but they came up beautifully and sustained heavy use across the season.

We continued to see good demand for our **clubhouse and court hire** including the normal regular hires. These types of events provide important revenue, but also expose the club to the wider community. These events are a good source of revenue, in addition to exposing our club to people who often live nearby and may join our tennis programs. This year we saw significant birthdays held at Reade Park for John 'JR' Reynolds and Greg Cramey. We also saw Walford and Scotch hire courts on eight occasions for their Monday night Premier League girls teams and they love playing on the lawn!

Social events were light on this year as COVID still had an impact but we ran the Quiz Night in July and it was a great success and it was nice to get people back to the club during the winter months.

Due to the stable membership and activity at the club, we have achieved a good **financial result**, which our Treasurer Darren Klenk will report on separately. Many thanks to Darren for his continued hard work as our Treasurer.

We have great continuing **sponsors** in Ken Hall Plumbing, Dunn Insurance, Options Wines, Holiday Wonders, Unitech Building Services, Giblin Real Estate 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, and I want to thank them all for their contribution to our great club. We farewell Kat Giblin and Daryl Matthew who are stepping down - thank you for your contributions.

Thanks as always to our other volunteers who have contributed to the success of the club during the year, most notably the Wednesday men (and Bill and Max in particular) for their ongoing work with various odd jobs around the club.

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

Remember our Quiz Night is being held on Saturday August 12 - visit this site to book your table:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CIHRW>

Looking forward to seeing you next season at the Club.

Tom Twelftree
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 23

I am pleased to report the club's financial results for the year ended 30 April 2023 was an operating surplus of \$12,738(FY22: \$6,765) excluding Government grants received.

Net assets increased \$12,739 over the year to \$228,638. We have a strong cash position of \$163,476 as at 30 April 2023.

Total membership fee revenue was approximately the same compared to the previous year.

During the year the committee has invested \$1,123 on minor Plant & Equipment.

The Bar continues to be a significant contributor to meeting our costs. Gross Bar sales were \$25,541 (a slight increase on last year) generating a net profit of \$15,816. There are a lot of volunteer hours that have been invested in generating this result.

Water costs are significantly lower than last year arising from SA Water meter reading issues. A liability provision of \$8,109 has been made in anticipation that SA Water will rectify the fault and issue us with amended invoices.

The 2023-24 financial year is likely to be challenging given the high interest rate environment. The Greenkeeping costs alone will increase 8%. In setting the fee structure for 2023-24 we are mindful that many members will experience difficulties in the high inflation environment and we don't want to add unnecessary additional pressure. The member fee increases are predicted to not cover all of our cost increases. We hope members will support our fundraising efforts and bar sales to help ensure that next year we are not in a deficit position.

It is not yet clear to us what our contribution might be in respect to the Reade Park redevelopment proposal so I am keen to ensure we maintain a strong financial position so we can make co-contributions towards the project(s) should the need arise.

Financial Statements will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

Darren Klenk
Treasurer

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Overall, 2022-23 was an excellent team season, with lots of teams enjoying the courts—despite serious early weather problems. RP had 10 teams playing Thursday Ladies, 10 in Saturday morning men, and 7 in Metro and Metro League. And the junior numbers continue to grow and grow. It is so pleasing to see the sheer number of teams we have these days. And lots of new members, as well as juniors, coming through to play with the seniors.

First off I must thank Brendan for all his hard work before and during the season. Reade Park was notable for its quality lawn courts while most of the other clubs suffered very badly. We were also called upon to help other clubs by lending courts for some of their matches. And our newish watering system is working really well.

In terms of results, Reade Park dominated Division 1 of the MWL, with 3 of the 4 semi-finalists, with great team and individual performances in the other divisions, including the division 3 flag.

SMM saw a very strong performance up to Easter with 4 teams reaching home grand finals at the club, divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5—but on the very last day of competition after Easter all 4 missed out with many absent players. This included the Division 5 team who won the minor premiership captained by Ian Randell with players qualifying aged 15, 16, 17, mid 40s, 69 and 70, including Conrad Connley, who won this year's Bill Franzi award for young player! Individual honours did go to Paul Cahill (Division 2) and Carsten Gabrisch (Division 5) as players of their division. However a special mention to the doubles division 1 team, who won their last regular round match at the club. Then waited to see if that was enough to reach the playoffs—sadly not. And they were still at the club some 5 hours later drowning their sorrows even as the arvo grand finals were coming to a conclusion.

Those arvo finals finished in grand style with wins at home for the Metro League D2 team, fresh from promotion the year before, and divisions 1 and 2 in the Metro open section. Only disappointing note was the bar running out of Corona beer. Of note Josh Gregg (D1) and President Twelftree (D2) took player honours. Unfortunately, our mixed team went down in their grand final held at the Drive.

Lastly, the Wednesday afternoon men's doubles had a great time during the year as usual—with upwards of 20 players at times, followed later by Fast 4, which with some team practices, often needed all 14 of the lawn courts!

Jeremy Carter
Club Captain

MIDWEEK LADIES' REPORT

This season we were again able to maintain our ten teams, including three Division 1 teams, which is vital for that division's competition. Reade Park had teams in all five divisions. We welcomed new players Ebony Harper, Deanna Shillabeer, Donna Brewster and Luana King.

Four teams made it to the semi-finals, Div 1 Blue, Div 2 Blue, Div 3 Blue and Div 4 Blue. Unfortunately Div 1 Gold had to forfeit their semi final due to COVID. The grand final was played at Kensington Gardens, with Div 1 Blue and Div 3 Blue playing in the final. Grand Final winners were Division 1 Blue (Natalia Irvine, Ania Kritzinger, Wendy Butler, Sandra Vallance and Julie Maitland) and Div 3 Blue (Penny Twelftree, Jacki Antony, Natasha Russell and Julie Quist). An end of season lunch, after the grand final, was held at the Kensington Hotel with 26 Reade Park ladies attending. Thank you all for your support.

Thanks to all captains for their co-operation throughout the season and 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

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 Facebook.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please advise change of email/contact details to <dawnhurley@internode.on.net>.

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.

**YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE AGM WILL BE APPRECIATED (6.45pm for 7.00pm)
FREE GLASS OF WINE AND NIBBLES
BAR WILL BE OPEN**