

READE PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC

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ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2017/2018

COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT	Tom Twelftree
VICE PRESIDENTS	Michael Bawden Jeremy Carter
TREASURER	Darren Klenk
SECRETARY	Dawn Hurley
CLUB CAPTAIN	Jeremy Carter
LADY REPRESENTATIVES	Penny Twelftree Ann Langman Sirelle Mollison
MEN REPRESENTATIVES	Ian Randell David Macdonald Andrew Burrows Rohan Weckert
GREENKEEPER	James Gregory

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 14th JUNE 2018 at 7pm in the Clubhouse

A G E N D A

Apologies

1. **Minutes**
Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 15 June 2017
2. **Business Arising** from Minutes
3. **Financial Report** for year ended 30 April 2018 and adoption thereof
4. **Election of Office Bearers** for the 2018/2019 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
(Michael Bawden remains to complete second year of his term)

THREE REPRESENTATIVES – 2 year appointment

- Ian Randall, Andrew Burrows, Rohan Weckert and Sirelle Mollison 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 10am on Wednesday 13th June 2018** 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. **Appointment of Auditor and Sealholders**
6. **Any Other Business**
7. **Presentation of pennants to club**
Presentation of Bill Franzi Trophy

D. Hurley
Secretary
5 Station Road,
Blackwood SA 5051

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Congratulations to Tom Twelftree for another very successful year as President. Tom continues to keep the club moving with the times and has employed Foundation Tennis Development to run our coaching. 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. Ann Langman has made a great contribution in running several tournaments and creating extra funds for the club. Penny Twelftree organised a very successful (sold out) Quiz Night and junior functions. Sirelle Mollison organised the junior teams. Thanks to Graeme Burrows for running the Saturday morning barbecues and afternoon teas. Thank you to those who assisted during tournaments. A special thank you to members Bill Carman and Max Williams for maintaining club infrastructure and also to our greenkeeper James Gregory and Brendan for maintaining our courts and their extra work for tournaments.

The membership numbers for 2017/2018 were boosted by even more juniors and adult numbers slightly increased. A good number of teams were fielded in the Saturday Morning Men's competition, including a new Division 1 team, Metro and Midweek Ladies' competitions, while the social side could do with more players. Nine teams were entered in the junior competition. The midweek Wednesday men's group remains strong and they contribute extra funds for special projects. It is great to see many juniors at our club and thank their parents for their support. Wednesday evening Fast4 Tennis organised by Tom Twelftree continues to be a success.

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

Membership at the end of the season was:

Life Members	5	
Full Membership	71	
Midweek/Saturday Social	59	
Student (tertiary)	5	
Junior (Seniors) 1		
Junior	45	
Leave of Absence/Non Playing	5	
Honorary	1	
		Total 192

Fees for the season 2018/19 will be: Paid by 31st Oct

Full Membership - competitive	\$410 (with pensioner discount \$370)
Midweek Competitive and Social	\$290
Family (includes four or more members, member with lowest fee is free)	
Student (<i>full time tertiary</i>)	\$190
Junior (<i>u'18 years as at 1/1/18 senior comp</i>)	\$170
Junior (<i>Under 12 non competitive</i>)	free
Junior comp	\$135
Nonplaying/LOA	\$ 45

Payment of Fees

Fees are due and payable in full on or before 31 October 2018. 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.

**Dawn Hurley
Secretary**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to report on what has been another busy and successful tennis season for Reade Park, with so much happening on and off the court.

The **Junior Club** continued to consolidate and it is important to support and structure it so that it continues to be sustainable. We were able to appoint a junior mum in Sirelle Mollison to the position of Junior Coordinator. Sirelle did a wonderful job in organising the teams, entering the scores, organising court allocations and the multitude of other tasks required to run the Junior Club. Thanks also to the parents who filled the positions of Team Managers. We increased the number of teams to 9 and it was great to see our young members representing our Club so well. We continued to expose our Club to visitors from other teams in the Southern Districts Tennis Association, which is very important. The highlight of the season was having two teams make the Grand Final and this included our Div 6 Girls' Team who saluted in a very tight grand final - well done girls! Congratulations also to Will Vogt who was awarded the Cecily Carman Memorial Trophy.

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 last year but to inject something new we are looking to work with the other nearby lawn clubs (Sturt and Millswood) by joining once a month at each club on a roster basis including a BBQ. This will likely mean approx 40 players at these shared events which will really add a new element. I think FAST4 is a great format to run alongside traditional competition and competition players might consider the Wednesday evening FAST4 as your weekly practice option.

Senior Competition Tennis had a terrific season with an overall increase in teams and achieved great success in the Metro and Mid Week Ladies competitions. It was our pleasure to host not only all the Metro Grand Finals but also the Mid Week Ladies. Having a Div 1 team entered in the Saturday morning competition was important and special thanks to Paul Griffin in getting the team together and into the finals.

Foundation Tennis Development (FTD) was engaged to deliver all coaching services from January and this was a relief to the undersigned in that the weekly organising of a coaching roster of 81 kids was becoming hard work. It was always the plan to have an external party take over and FTD has brought a lot to the table already in organising a school holiday clinic, winter coaching and running a fantastic internal tournament for our kids. Next year we will see more of the same as well as a tournament against Somerton Park Tennis Club (where FTD also provide the coaching service). Josh Boots is our Club Coach and assisted by Nick, Max, Jayden and Trent. Josh is very committed to our Club and has been out on Saturdays watching his students playing matches and meeting parents. Next year we hope to see him playing some tennis for our Div 1 Saturday morning team!

We were approached by Tennis SA to host a \$5000 Platinum **Australian Money Tournament** in February. There were 66 entries in the men's singles and 24 in the women's singles with doubles on top of that. It was a very significant undertaking for us and a level above the tournaments we have hosted in the past and involved organising umpires chairs, lines people and sports trainers amongst other things. Ann Langman was the Tournament Director and I am pleased to say that we put on a great tournament with a lot of hard work from Dawn and Penny in the canteen along with Jeremy, Mike and many others.

Members might be aware that we have invested in the **Club House** by updating the audio/PA system and updating the outdoor tables. We also worked with our three co-tenants to install a defibrillator and we were successful in our application for a \$1400 City of Mitcham Mayoral Grant and an anonymous donor for the balance of our share. We hope it is never used! If you weren't able to attend the training then just search online for 'Zoll AED Plus' and you will find some short training videos.

Many thanks to **Greenkeepers** James and Brendan for their efforts during the year in maintaining our courts for both normal play and the various events and tournaments that we held. It was a very challenging year with the lack of rain and the significant increased in court traffic. Due to these factors, it is fair to say the courts were probably not as good as last year (particularly towards the end of the season) but the fact we got through is testament to their efforts. Next year I am sure we will be blessed with lots of rain to assist them. Optimum courts playability is one of our highest priorities.

We continued to see good demand for our **clubhouse and court hire**. In addition to the normal regular hires (Hamburg Sub, Sue Linford Memorial Day) we had a local financial services company (Financia) hold a corporate event for the first time and they have declared it will become an annual event and already re-booked for 2019. Scotch College held their end of season tennis break up at Reade Park for the second year and again

this will be an annual event. 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.

We had a number of excellent **social functions** - with the highlight being the annual quiz night which was again sold out two weeks in advance and raised approximately \$3,000. We had some other events that were aligned with the Junior Club that were very well attended and we have some new ideas for next season. I would like to thank the Social Sub Committee of Penny Twelftree, Sirelle Mollison and Ann Langman for their efforts.

Due to the increased membership and activity at the club we have achieved an excellent **financial** result. Members will be pleased to hear that this result means there will be no increase to your subs next season. Many thanks to Darren Klenk for his continued hard work as our Treasurer. Apart from his excellent stewardship of financial affairs, Darren coordinated our NBN changeover during the season and many of you will know the many challenges this can present!

We have great continued support from **sponsors** in Ken Hall Plumbing, Dunn Insurance, Options Wines, Holiday Wonders, Unitech Building Services, and Astal. We also welcomed Ray White Daw Park as a new sponsor (Matt and Kat Giblin - parents of Junior Member Grace). 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. Again, there has been extra load on them due to the increased activity around the club and they have all stepped up to the mark and played their part.

I have thanked a number of them in my report thus far but need to also thank

Jeremy Carter (Club Captain and Vice President) - for all the work involved in establishing teams and liaising with the Greenkeeper. As an example, during the AMT Jeremy was out there in the evenings hand watering the baselines to keep the courts in the best possible condition!

Mike Bawden (Vice President / Bar Manager) - it was another record year in bar takings and the number of hours Mike puts in is just incredible - thanks Mike.

Dawn Hurley (Secretary) - for volunteering her time at so many events 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 with over 140 entrants (as well as the AMT Tournament).

Dave Macdonald, Ian Randell, Rohan Weckert and Andy Burrows (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 BBQ along with the help of Max.

Thanks also to the mid week men (Bill and Max in particular) for their ongoing work with various odd jobs around the club. Sue Klenk helped at multiple events and many others put their hand up as they were able and it is much appreciated by the club (including Sue Durand, Wayne Looker and John Secomb - apologies to others).

During the season I have had multiple meetings with Tennis SA as we seek their assistance in promoting a 'Master Plan' project for the **Reade Park Reserve**. This will likely include a number of projects that will impact on all areas of the Club.

We are in an excellent financial position and my personal opinion is that we should (in a responsible manner) be investing in our facilities as soon as possible to benefit our current members who have contributed to this financial position.

The overall strength of Reade Park makes us a compelling and legitimate candidate for support from our other stakeholders (including Tennis Australia, Office of Recreation & Sport and the City of Mitcham) and we will be assiduously seeking this.

These things take time but we have made some progress and I am looking forward to seeking Member feedback at the appropriate time. Looking forward to seeing you next season at the Club.

Tom Twelftree President

TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2018

Balance Sheet

At 30 April 2018 cash holdings net of creditors were \$134,676 (2017: \$116,100), a net improvement of \$18,576. \$10,772 was invested in capital equipment during the year with the major items being the Boom Sprayer (\$3,636), Sound System (\$3,086), New Honour Board (\$930), Part share in the Defibrillator (\$935) and table tennis table (\$300). Our Balance Sheet is getting stronger with a net assets position of \$177,164 (2017: \$149,903)

Net Income

The Income Statement shows a net surplus for the year of \$27,260 (2017: \$8,820). However it should be noted 2017 included the abnormal expenses of the court 7 and 8 turf replacement (\$8,023).

Membership and visitor fees increased \$3,142.

Tournament revenues increased \$3,417

Profit from the bar was \$17,323 (2017: \$18,163).

Direct costs of court maintenance, balls and player affiliation fees totalled \$54,950 (2017: \$64,324), including court turf replacement. We therefore continue to rely on more than members' subscriptions to cover on-court expenses.

Grants

During the year the committee applied for two successful grants, including \$1,400 contribution from Mitcham Council towards the Reade Park Defibrillator and \$2,500 from Office of Recreation and Sport for minor capital items.

Summary

Note we should not become complacent in an improved Balance Sheet given there are significant capital expenditures in the foreseeable future – most notably fence replacement and irrigation upgrade. The committee will continue to seek opportunities to ensure surpluses accumulate funds for such projects, whilst being cautious in ensuring expenditures are timed appropriately to maintain a healthy Balance Sheet.

Darren Klenk

Treasurer

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Another good year for both the courts and the players! A lack of rain, birds deciding to feast on the courts at times, and lots of tennis put quite a strain on the Reade Park courts but they held up well. No Saturday fixtures were called off for poor weather until the penultimate weekend in mid-April. Our two new courts are, by the common consent of all who play comp on them, still the very best around. So, again, great job by our groundsmen, who put in extra time whenever needed and remain the club's major assets. With increased social and competition play, the added juniors playing matches on grass, the Platinum money tournament, two junior events, hosting the MLTA and Midweek Ladies grand finals and several new bookings, court traffic was high but all added up to a very successful season. It was particularly good to see our courts host both the men and ladies vying for pushing up the professional ranks—with Ann organizing the week excellently.

Overall, 2017-18 was an excellent senior team season. RP had 10 teams playing Thursday Ladies, 6 in Metro—and 9 in Saturday morning men, one more team than last year.

In terms of team results, Reade Park did well in the midweek Ladies competition winning four grand finals—Divisions 1, 2G, 3 and 5.

SMM saw four teams make the Finals, including our new division 1 team led by Paul Griffin. Both Div 2, captained by Ian Curran, and Div 3, by Paul Mills, went on to lose away in the grand final.

In the afternoon, five teams made the playoffs. With all the Grand finals being again played at Reade Park, our Men's team in Division 1, led by Geoff Winter, capped an unbeaten year beating SPOC in the final. At the number 1 spot of that team, Jack Schipanski was untouchable and was awarded the club's young player award—the Bill Franzi trophy. In division 3, the new team of Heath Vogt triumphed in the final. For the ladies in Division 2 Sue Durand's team just held off Woodville in the final, with Lyn Parnell winning player of the division. Our joint Reade/Drive ladies doubles team won most of their regular season matches, and won the final.

Outside the club, Reade Park again had a good group of players participate in the Renmark Easter tournament, winning several events. And we had a dozen players in various teams at the Berri seniors' event in May.

During the offseason work will be done to sort out court 1 as well as look further at improving the watering system.

Jeremy Carter

Club Captain

MIDWEEK LADIES' REPORT

We have maintained our nine teams playing in our midweek competition. We welcomed to the club new member Liz Kilbane and current member Lyn Parnell, to midweek ladies. We were sorry to lose Division 1 player Jodie Poole, who moved to Perth. Thanks to all captains for their co-operation throughout the season. The Grand Final was played at our club, followed by a catered luncheon for 103 ladies supplied by Argo on the Parade.

We were well represented in the Grand Final with Divisions 2G, 3G and 5G all winning pennants. Division 1 did not play finals, but our Gold team ended up top. Congratulations to all teams for making the finals. Debra Laginestra from Division 2 won best player in the division. An excellent season for Reade Park.

Thank you to Simonne Anderson for being our delegate. Simonne is happy to continue as delegate for another year, but players need to think on taking on this role in the future.

The Midweek Annual General Meeting will be held on 16th August at 2.00pm at Reade Park. All players are invited to attend. Anyone wishing to nominate for the committee, contact the association secretary vivienne.mckellar@iinet.au.

Thanks to our groundsman James Gregory and assistant Brendan, for maintaining our great courts. Please continue to promote our club to hardcourt players, as we need to maintain our numbers or ideally increase them.

Looking forward to seeing all players in the coming season.

Dawn Hurley/Midweek Ladies Convenor

SOCIAL REPORT

Fast4 tennis commenced on 25th October at 6.30pm with a good consistent turnout throughout the year. Evenings finished with a chat and a drink from the bar. It would be great to see some more ladies attending next year. Having junior coaching and fast4 on Wednesday nights made a great atmosphere around the club.

A Bottle and Plate night on 4th November was enjoyed by the few who came.

Past and present players headed back to Renmark for the Easter Tournament and a great time was had by all.

Our main fundraiser for the year was our Quiz Night on 10th February. A fantastic night, with about 100 people attending and a sell out a couple of weeks before the event. The use of Facebook and the success of the previous year helped. It would be great to see more senior members attending next year to make it a whole club event. We had great prizes, thanks to a lot of the junior families. Quizmaster Michelle did a fabulous job and the new speaker system worked extremely well.

Penny Twelftree

JUNIOR SOCIAL REPORT

A junior welcome was held on 27th October with a hotdog dinner and tournament. A good number attended and was enjoyed by adults and children.

The junior Christmas break up included a hamburger dinner and a round robin. A fun night again.

A well received German dinner of Bratwurst, rolls and potato salad was held for the end of season breakup with the bar doing a good trade.

The Cecily Carman Memorial Trophy was awarded to Will Vogt who was delighted.

Foundation Tennis hosted a fantastic junior tournament on a Sunday at the end of the season. The children all had a great time and coach Josh Boots did a good job of organising. Sirelle organised lunch and the bar was open.

The year has seen great junior social events, which are always well attended by families and that creates a lovely atmosphere around the club.

Penny Twelftree

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Two successful Australian Tournaments were held at Reade Park in 2018. Their success can be contributed to the wonderful work carried out by the green keeper and his team to ensure the courts were of a high standard for play over four days in February for a men's platinum and women's silver tournament, and two Sundays for the junior tournament in March.

The February Tournament attracted 101 players from interstate and locally for a prize money pool of \$10,000 which was provided by Tennis SA. The approximate profit was \$3,000. The March junior tournament attracted 140 players, and the approximate profit was \$3,500.

I would like to thank the volunteers in the canteen, bar and clubrooms, and in particular

1. Penny and Dawn for their organisation of food and helpers
2. Mike for his organisation of the bar and its rosters
3. Tom for his organisational support of the February tournament
4. All those who helped to ensure the clubrooms were clean and tidy

Tournaments of this size cannot be run effectively without such assistance. They have contributed approximately \$50,000 income to the club from 2009 till 2018. They have ensured that Reade Park is known as a club that supports Tennis Australia through providing wonderful facilities, excellent grass courts and friendly and welcoming volunteers.

Ann Langman - Tournament Director

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.

CLUB BROCHURE

If you can display our brochure in your work place, library, council office, gym etc., please contact Dawn Hurley on 8278 7170 or by email.

WINTER TENNIS

Men's afternoon winter tennis will be played from 1pm on the Uniting Church hard courts adjacent to the club for a small fee.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT AGM

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THE AGM WILL BE APPRECIATED (7pm for 7.15pm)

WINE AND CHEESE PLATTERS

BAR WILL BE OPEN