

RREADE PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC

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ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2019/2020

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 23rd July 2020 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 12 June 2019
2. **Business Arising** from Minutes
3. **Financial Report** for year ended 30 April 2020 and adoption thereof
4. **Election of Office Bearers** for the 2020/2021 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)

TWO REPRESENTATIVES – 2 year appointment

- Ian Randell, Heath Vogt, Rohan Weckhert and Craig McIntosh 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 22nd July 2020** 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

Thanks to our hard working president Tom Twelftree for another very successful year. Tom continues to work towards acquiring grants for club improvements and the retention of juniors. Extra work to get the irrigation project happening and COVID 19 requirements were also undertaken. Tom also organised the Wednesday night Fast4 tennis. 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 Emma Twelftree for running the kitchen and to those who assisted during the tournament. 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 2019/2020 were steady, with a small increase in full and junior memberships. 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. 14 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/Honourary Members	11
Full Membership	69
Midweek/Saturday Social	63
Student (tertiary)	1
Juniors	61
Leave of Absence/Non Playing	<u>1</u>
Total	206

Fees remain unchanged from last season.

Fees for the season 2020/21 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 (u' 18 years as at 1/1/19 senior comp)	\$170
Junior (<i>Under 12 non competitive</i>)	free
Junior comp	\$135
Nonplaying/LOA	\$ 45

Payment of Fees

Fees have remained the same as last year. They are due and payable in full, on or before 31 October 2020. 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 - albeit one that fizzled out due to COVID-19.

At the outset, all members should assume that at this stage the 2020/21 summer season will be proceeding as normal. This is based on the winter tennis competition being underway and the current COVID-19 situation in South Australia. The nature of tennis has meant that we have been able to continue with coaching and social tennis throughout COVID-19 and I know that tennis was an important outlet for many people who have had to cancel holidays and cease other recreational outlets. In fact our lawn courts stayed open till June 30 to accommodate this and there were good numbers of members hitting right up till then (and continue to do so on the hard courts).

During the season we maintained our team count with 34 entered across the various competitions Senior competition, maintaining our place as one of the 5 largest clubs in Adelaide on this measure. The breakdown is 14 Junior Teams, 10 Mid Week Ladies, 4 Metro Lawn and 6 Saturday Morning Men.

We have good news in terms of **facilities development** with your Committee just approving the replacement of the irrigation system on courts 1-12. This is the single most important action to maintain our lawn playing surfaces as the current system does not deliver consistent watering performance due to the age of the system and the variable water pressure from mains supply. The replacement system will also free up greenkeeper time (less hand watering) to allow them to focus on other remedial works to maximise court preparation and presentation. It will also be more efficient, delivering water savings of approximately \$3000 per annum. The prior attempt at this project (2015) stalled due to lack of grant money but we now have \$22,500 that has been awarded by Fed Govt (\$7,500) and City of Mitcham (\$15000) and I thank them for their support. Unfortunately we were unable to achieve any assistance from State Govt (due a hiatus in their grant program) and or Tennis SA (due to CIVOD-19) but will continue to seek their support for future projects. The total project cost is \$57,445 and the cost to our Club will be \$34,945. The work is commencing in mid July 2020 for completion in time for the upcoming season.

I am continuing to work with the City Of Mitcham to have the Reade Park Reserve be listed for a masterplan, which provides a vision and plan for the future improvement and development of a Council owned reserve. Serious funding appears to be linked to these masterplans which likely become even more important with the likelihood that Government funding will be less in coming years due to bushfires and COVID-19.

The masterplan process continues to take longer than I had hoped for but will be my highest priority and I am in regular contact with Council/Mayor, Gault Ward Councillors and our State and Federal MP's to make this happen. Separately we are seeking funds for standalone projects like resurfacing the three hardcourts along with separated fencing and lighting.

The other important development relates to the three hardcourts, which have for many years been controlled by the Colonel Light Gardens Uniting Church Tennis Club (CLGUCTC) which is an independent tennis club. Reade Park has been lucky enough to lease these courts from CLGUCTC for a few years which has been required for our Junior club development and they have been very accommodating in this regard. Due to declining membership and limited financial resources the CLGUCTC has decided to cease being the lessee of the courts and they now are included in our lease with the City of Mitcham which is an important development for us. Importantly, the CLGUCTC continues to operate and now essentially lease the hard courts from us. We will continue to support them in any way possible so that they can continue as a separate club as long as they wish and enjoy their tennis.

The **Junior Club** had a great year maintaining our team numbers with 63 children representing Reade Park. This is effectively our maximum and we were only able to do this by leasing courts at Tennis World Millswood. Megan Phillips took over as Junior Coordinator and did a magnificent job whilst juggling her four kids, working and moving house during the season! 10 teams played in Divisions that hold finals and 9 of them participated. We had four teams finish as minor premiers in a season that was called off after the first week of the finals. Congratulations also to Georgie Twelftree who was awarded the Cecily Carman Memorial Trophy.

We have 26 Reade Park kids playing winter tennis, with four teams entered in our own right and four shared with Denman and Hope Ward. It is exciting to tell you that one of these teams is a group of 13/14 year old boys who are playing their traditional winter sports on Saturday mornings and Sundays and then playing in the Men's Winter Pennant competition on Saturday afternoons. They are learning a lot about tennis playing adults and extended matches.

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 it was amazing to see that we had all 17 courts being used across FAST4, member practice and junior coaching.

One of the social tennis highlights of the year for me was the unannounced arrival of a 15 year old from NSW called Sam who was spending the school term in Adelaide with his Aunt. An avid tennis player, Sam became a regular fixture at FAST4 and Saturday afternoon social as well as playing in a couple of intra Club junior events. I remember playing a doubles set that included him and Dawn, and got me thinking what other sport allows for such a seemingly disparate group to play a sporting match together? Just one of the great things about tennis.

Senior Competition tennis had a terrific season with steady team numbers and decent weather that of course came to an abrupt end due to COVID-19. 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). Josh Boots is our Club Coach and assisted by Nick, Max and Olivia. Josh is very committed to our Club and has been out on Saturdays watching his students playing matches and meeting parents as well as playing in our Div 1 Saturday morning team.

Some of you are aware that Brendan Fisher took over the **Greenkeeper** contract from James Gregory at the start of the season. Brendan has done a great job maintaining our courts for both normal play and the various events and tournaments that we held. The courts were in the main better than the prior season (when we had Memorial Drive hiring our courts plus more hot spells). Brendan is looking forward to the installation of the new irrigation system to help him deliver the very best courts that he can for our enjoyment. James is the principal contractor for the irrigation system installation and is supporting Brendan as required.

We continued to see good demand for our **clubhouse and court hire**, in addition to the normal regular hires Financia, Hamburg Sud and the Sue Linford Memorial Day. 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. More details in separate report. I would like to thank the Social Sub Committee of Penny Twelftree and Ann Langman for their efforts, which again were hamstrung due to COVID-19.

Due to the stable membership and activity at the club we have achieved a good **financial result**. COVID-19 did have limited impact on tennis clubs as we lost just the finals matches but we feel for winter sports clubs. Members will be pleased to hear that the overall financial result means there is no planned increase to your subs next season. 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 and Ray White Daw Park. 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 and supporting 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 Andy's first year as Club Captain and I am personally thankful that he was able to take on the challenge and he did a great job - a job for life if he wants it!

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, 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.

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 2019

Balance Sheet

At 30 April 2020 cash holdings net of creditors were \$141,649 (2019: \$123,420), a net improvement of \$18,229. \$7,500 of this was a Government Grant yet to be expended.

No significant capital investments were made this year.

Our net asset position was \$180,894 at 30 April 2020(2019: \$176,371)

Net Income

The income statement shows a surplus for the year of \$4,523, which compares favourably to last year's deficit of \$793.

Membership and visitors fees increased \$4,228.

Profit from the bar decreased \$2,703 - largely the result of an early end to the season finishing early due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Water Rates decreased \$4,550.

Direct costs of court maintenance, balls and player affiliation fees totalled \$58,409 (2019: \$60,242).

Hence there was a deficiency of \$1,833 in revenues from memberships and visitor fees (2019: \$11,627).

Future Commitments

As discussed in the President's report, the club has committed significant funds to the upgrade of the irrigation system. This is a project that the club has spent many years saving for and now has the necessary financial backing of Government to make now a good time to proceed. I am satisfied our financial position will continue to be strong following payment for this.

Summary

Achieving a surplus this year has been fortunate for the finances of the club. COVID-19 restrictions came into effect after the regular season ended so we avoided the pressure of membership fee concessions that might have otherwise been required if the regular season had been cut short.

Our club continues to remain in a strong financial position. COVID-19 has been a reminder that maintaining a conservative approach to spending, liquidity management and investing has served us well. As we continue to face uncertain COVID-19 restrictions, it is important to note we have the financial strength to meet at least 12 months of our expenditure without revenue.

Copies of the Financial Report will be available at the Annual General Meeting.

Darren Klenk
Treasurer

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

A disappointing end to the season with all finals series abandoned due to Coronavirus. Teams that finished on top of the ladder at the end of the minor round were awarded premierships. This was unfortunate for the four Metro teams as Nick Heard's Div 1 team, Heath's Div 2 team, Wayne's Div 3 team and Anne's Doubles Div 2 team all finished 2nd on the ladder.

In SMM Daryl Matthew's Div 4 Blue team were the only Reade Park team that finished on top after the minor round and were therefore our only premiership. A great effort by Jamie Armfield from this team who won the player of the year award for Division 4.

A difficult year was had by the Div 1 team after fielding some 16 different players throughout the year, however we saw excellent improvement, sportsmanship and demeanour from 14 year old Henry Lamchinniah who has been awarded the Bill Franzi trophy for the Reade Park young player of the year.

We saw strong results from our two morning Division 2 teams with Paul Cahill's Gold team finishing 2nd and Simon Oates Blue team finishing 3rd and Paul Cahill claiming the player of the year award with an incredible 24 wins from 26 matches across doubles and singles.

In Div 3, Paul Mill's team finished 2nd and Ben Raw's team finished 6th in a strong 10 team division and in Div 4 Tim Thompson's team finished 4th and Craig McIntosh's team came 6th.

For the first time Reade Park fielded a doubles only team in the Div3/4 competition, with Tony Burrows' team finishing 4th out of 11 teams. It was great to see two new teams this year with new members to the club.

Court scheduling was difficult at times with courts 5 and 6 unplayable for the first half of the season due to persistent weed problems and we unfortunately missed out on securing some turf to relay them. Brendon did an excellent job to get these courts up to a playing standard for the second half of the season and the implementation of the new irrigation system during this off season will greatly improve the playing surface for next season.

Andrew Burrows/Club Captain

MIDWEEK LADIES' REPORT

This season we welcomed a new Division 1 team (Christine Tinney, Elaine Percy and three young players – Olivia Hughes, Hayley Edwards and Emma Pienaar) to our midweek competition. New or returning players were Ania Kritzinger, Cathy Aktanarowicz and Beverly Hillier. In all, we fielded 10 teams in the competition. A few teams struggled to fill a team due to injury and work commitments, but we only had one forfeit for the season.

Due to COVID 19, the season came to an abrupt end before the finals. Teams that finished top were awarded premierships. Our Division 1 Gold team (Genevieve, Gillian, Linda and Jane) were top in their division and Division 4 White (Simonne, Jane, Nadine, Samantha and Sally) top in theirs.

Genevieve Dawson from Division 1 and Penny Twelftree from Division 3 won *best player* for their respective divisions. Our Division 1 Gold won *best overall team* and Genevieve Dawson won the Doris Boyce trophy for *best overall player*, with Gilliam Scott the runner up. Congratulations ladies. A good season for Reade Park with two premierships and best player awards.

Thanks to all captains for their co-operation throughout the season and to Penny Twelftree for organising balls and courts and opening the clubhouse.

Thank you to Linda Carter for being our delegate for this season. The Midweek Annual General Meeting will be held on 20th August at 1.00pm at Tennis World, Chelmsford Avenue Millswood. All players are invited to attend. Anyone wishing to nominate for the committee, contact the association secretary Joanne Lydemore <jodall_lyd@yahoo.ca>.

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 Convenor

2020 TOURNAMENT REPORT

Another successful Junior Grass Tournament was held at Reade Park in late January with approximately 100 young competitors from 10 year olds to 16 year olds. There were approximately 30 ten year olds that entered.

We were able to finish all events, as the weather was much kinder this year. Each winner was given membership of the club for the 2020 -2021 season.

The tournament made a profit of approximately \$2500 after the following expenses totalling \$2695.50 were covered.

\$1086.80 – Official fees

•\$519.20 – Trophies –paid in cash

•\$401.50 -Tennis SA Fees

•\$688 –Balls – (There was an excess of balls that were used for both senior and junior competitions)

I thank all the members who assisted in the canteen, bar and clubrooms to ensure players were fed and hydrated. I wish to again acknowledge the greenkeeper for his preparation of the courts for this tournament.

The feedback from players and parents is always positive, and is an acknowledgement of the band of helpers who make everyone welcome to the club.

Ann Langman
Tournament Director

SOCIAL REPORT

Fast4 tennis was once again very well received. Free for members and \$10 for non-members, including a drink from the bar. Fast 4 is becoming increasingly popular. There was a real buzz around the club on Wednesday nights with coaching and Fast 4.

We had a Junior Season Open Night. A fabulous BBQ dinner was very well received and enjoyed by junior players and families with a round robin tournament held.

Family handicap round robin was cancelled due to lack of interest. We decided to try this event instead of a Junior Christmas break up party. Late November and December is a difficult time to host an event due to families being so busy. We might give it another go next season at a different time.

The Quiz Night was again the main social fundraiser. We had a few less tables this year, which was a bit disappointing. Junior families were in great attendance. It would be lovely to have a few more of the senior teams hosting a table and a few more committee members attending. We had feedback that the night is noisy which is noted. Michelle does a great job controlling the crowd. It needs to be remembered that it is a social event.

Junior breakup and Winter Solstice were both cancelled due to COVID.

We used Trybooking to organise all events. It is a great way to make sure everyone pay for tickets and to have a confirmed list of attendees to events. We will continue to use this method for social functions next year.

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.

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