

# **RREADE PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**SEASON 2021/2022**

### **COMMITTEE**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Tom Twelftree
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b>	Michael Bawden Jeremy Carter
<b>TREASURER</b>	Darren Klenk
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Dawn Hurley
<b>CLUB CAPTAIN</b>	Jeremy Carter Daryl Matthew
<b>REPRESENTATIVES</b>	Penny Twelftree Ann Langman Ian Randell Rohan Weckert Craig McIntosh Heath Vogt Daryl Matthew Kat Giblin
<b>GREENKEEPER</b>	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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 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 17 June 2021
2. **Business Arising** from Minutes
3. **Financial Report** for year ended 30 April 2022 and adoption thereof
4. **Election of Office Bearers** for the 2022/2023 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**

Rohan Weckert, Ian Randell, Heath Vogt, Kat Giblin, Daryl Matthew, Craig McIntosh 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 15th June 2022** 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. **Change to Constitution** Proposal to change the Constitution to award the President and Club Captain an honorarium
6. **Any Other Business**
7. **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 been active in lobbying council and members of parliament to obtain funds for our club and the Rochester courts. Tom has presided over the committee to realise another very successful year for the club. He 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 Jeremy Carter and Daryl Matthew in their roles as Club Captain and to Mike Bawden, our Bar Manager and assistant Ian Randell. Ann Langman has again donated her time to run another junior tournament, creating extra funds for the club. Penny Twelftree has organised our always successful Quiz Night for July 2nd and also ran junior functions. Thanks to Graeme Burrows for running the Saturday morning barbecues and afternoon teas.

Ann and Fran kept us supplied with delicious cakes for our afternoon teas and Max regularly baked scones, which he served with homemade backberry jam and cream. Thank you to those who assisted during the tournament and to Julie Quist and Anne Sweet 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 2021/2022 showed a slight decrease in overall membership, particularly juniors, but an increase in full members due to extra competition teams. There was an increase of teams in the Saturday Morning Men's competition, which included two doubles teams. We had one Metro Ladies team and a new mixed team in the doubles competition and increased our Metro men's teams. Midweek Ladies fielded 10 teams. The social side was steady, but we are keen to welcome more players. Eight 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 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:

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Life/Honorary Members	13	13
Full Membership	89	60
Midweek/Saturday Social	61	66
Student (tertiary)	6	6
Juniors	<u>45</u>	<u>79</u>
	214	224

Total

### Fees for the season 2022/23 will be: Paid by 31<sup>st</sup> Oct

Full Membership - competitive	\$430 (pensioner discount available)
Midweek Competitive and Social	\$320
Family (includes four or more members, member with lowest fee is free)	
Student ( <i>full time tertiary</i> )	\$210
Junior (u' 18 years as at 1/1/22 senior comp)	\$180
Junior ( <i>Under 12 non competitive</i> )	free
Junior comp (summer & winter)	\$145
Nonplaying/LOA	\$ 45

### Payment of Fees

**Fees are due and payable in full, on or before 31 October 2022. 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 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.

**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, where we won 10 pennants!

The big news item relates to **facilities development** where we received a \$490,000 pledge from the Labor Party in the March State Election. Getting this level of commitment has been sought for many years and it is a great thing for our Club. It is also much deserved when you consider that we are a top 3 club in Adelaide in terms of both number of teams and facility size - but we have never had any substantial assistance from any level of Government.

But there are two hurdles remaining:

Hurdle 1 is the new Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) - a document that outlines the type of usage and development that can occur at Reade Park over the next 20 years (or thereabouts). I thank all those who participated in the community feedback process - it really did assist. The CLMP update is run by Council and has been underway for about 18 months and 9 months behind schedule. But it is my hope and expectation that the CLMP will be formally adopted at a Council meeting towards the end of June 2022.

Hurdle 2 is getting the City of Mitcham (as Landlord) to run the project and this requires them to include it in their 22/23 Budget, which they are currently finalising. Council benefits from being in a marginal seat (both State and Federal) with the various grants that are provided as part of the election process, but they still need staff to implement the projects which can be problematic, particularly now as we have had both elections back-to-back. I am hopeful that this project will be included in the 22/23 budget and we can proceed with works as soon as possible.

This money is 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, the two bitumen community courts on Rochester Avenue that we have a licence to use are being resurfaced right now. With one week of clear weather they will be completed. This gives us two excellent hard courts that our juniors will use and will remove our need to hire courts at other venues.

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 six of them participated, with our Div 1 and Div 6 boys winning their grand final in great fashion. The Div 1 victory was special as it included three boys who were part of our Junior Club when it formed about eight years ago! Congratulations also to Grace Giblin who was awarded the Cecily Carman Memorial Trophy. We have 18 Reade Park kids currently playing winter tennis, including some 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 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. On the first Wednesday evening this summer we had 54 FAST4 players, which was amazing. Every court was in use.

**Senior Competition** Tennis had a terrific season with increased team numbers - more details in the Captains 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 run school holiday clinics, winter coaching and ran two inter club tournaments against Somerton Park Tennis Club (where FTD also provide the coaching service). Again 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 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. The irrigation system is coming up to two years old now and is performing as expected which affords Brendan additional time for 'manicuring' the courts.

We are undertaking preliminary investigations into the purchase of a roller that could be used during the season on our courts. We think that this would improve court playability even more and we would be the only club in Adelaide that would own a roller. In the past we have hired a roller from time to time and it would be great to have our own,

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 also held our first wedding during the season! It was to be held at a local home but due to COVID it was moved to Reade Park. We also held a couple of 18th birthday parties and a 50th. 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.

Social events were light on this year as we had to cancel the Quiz Night due to COVID but we are running it on July 2 instead and expecting to sell out as normal.

Due to the stable membership and activity at the club we have achieved a good **financial result**. In particular, membership revenue is up by approximately \$10,000, which is a sign of a healthy club. Members will be pleased to hear that the overall financial result means there is a minimal 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, Gibline 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 - I have thanked a number of them in my report thus far but need to also thank Jeremy Carter (Vice President and Club Captain) - thanks for stepping back into the role this season.

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.

Daryl Matthew (interim Club Captain) - Daryl stepped up to the plate whilst Jeremy was away and many thanks to him.

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.

Penny Twelftree, Heath Vogt, Kat Giblin, 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 BBQ and the mid week men (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, 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 22**

I am pleased to report the club's financial results for the year ended 30 April 2022 was an operating surplus of \$9,424 (FY21: \$9,221) excluding Government grants received.

Net assets increased \$22,424 over the year to \$218,558.

Total membership fee income increased 18% compared to the previous year. All of this increase was attributed to adult memberships, principally in the full membership category. Junior Membership income was \$9,020 (14%) of total membership income.

During the year the club successfully applied for grants totalling \$13,000. The most significant of these was \$10,000 from Tennis Australia as part of the National Court rebate program. A further \$3,000 was received from the SA Government to assist with minor projects. We are very grateful for these grants.

During the year the committee has invested \$5,160 on plant and equipment with the most significant items being the purchase of two mowers totalling \$2,249. I note one of the mowers was purchased on the understanding that the equipment required significant maintenance to renovate the equipment back to a good standard (i.e. we paid a reduced price that compensated us for the costs we would need to incur to make the mower fit for our purpose). The cost of the renovation has been expensed resulting in an unusually high mower repair/servicing cost for the year.

Again I particularly wish to thank those people who organise the various fundraising efforts throughout the year. Whilst the surplus is small, the contributions made by those members makes a significant difference to the membership fee levels. As the financial report shows, there are a number of activities that contributed to the generation of \$106,478 income throughout the year.

Whilst our net asset position is healthy, we are looking at significant redevelopment of the Reade Park facility in the near future. I am keen to ensure we maintain a strong financial position so that 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**

### **CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

A very good season for both the courts and the players! A lack of rain meant match disruptions through rain and heat were fairly limited. COVID did, however, cause some disruption but not like the previous two seasons. The courts played well all year. Combined with Fast 4, Tuesday social with Sturt and Unley Park, and lots of team practices, hirings and junior events, we had the courts well used throughout the year. Thanks once more to Brendan, even double cutting the courts early in the morning of Grand Final day.

Overall, 2021-22 was an excellent overall year for both juniors and seniors with 38 teams taking the fight to their opponents—with 14 Grand finalists and 10 flags won—2 junior, 2 Midweek ladies, 2 Saturday morning men, and 4 on Saturday afternoon. A great turnout.

Reade Park did well in the Midweek Ladies competition winning two divisions (Fran Carter's Division 3 team and Mary Jarvis' Division 5 team) and Mary was also her division's most consistent player. Our division 1 teams were upstaged this year by the first outing in the comp of a men's team from the Seniors on Greenhill road.

SMM saw five teams make the finals, including several new teams. We won two flags, Simon Oates, Scott Way, Chris Brain and Craig Watson in Doubles Division 1 and Paul Mills' awesome seven in Division 3, while we had a runner-up in Doubles Division 2. Again two players of the division—Simon Antosik (again) in Division 3 and Dave Littler in Doubles Division 2. Of special note was the triumph of the doubles team, who had to forfeit their semi-final because of Covid, just won their preliminary final with 2 ½ players with a long supertie as Simon Oates came out of Covid that morning, and won the final comfortably. Meanwhile, Rohan Weckert was able to win Division 3 both morning and afternoon.

In the afternoon, all seven teams made the finals. With all the men's Grand Finals being played at Reade Park, our Men's team in Division 1, led by Nick Heard, won comfortably and Andy Durand was player of the Division. In Division 3, the team of Nick Bohn triumphed in their final. As well, we had the debut of a Metro League Division 3 team, led by Adrian Johnston, winning. Meanwhile at the Drive, Ann Langman's ladies in Division 2 beat the Drive in the final, with Deb Misfud winning player of the division. Our new Reade Park mixed doubles team lost out very narrowly to the unbeaten Drive in their final, but was able to introduce lots of new players to Reade Park team tennis.

While I leave the junior team report to others, I am happy to note that Ollie Twelftree was our young player of the year, winning the Bill Franzi Trophy. He won his Friday night junior flag and went on to help the Division 3 senior afternoon team as well. He was also praised by all for his great attitude—all this while growing several centimetres during the season.

Overall a very good year. I must thank all those who helped during the season, opening up, closing, chasing up teams, buying balls etc. Most of all, Daryl Matthew, for taking over while I went north for the middle of the season.

**Jeremy Carter**  
**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 all five divisions. We welcomed new and returning players Olivia Manzie, Lyn Wells, Christine Tinney, Karen Ahrens, Eli Davies, Sandra Vallance, Alison Madigan, Jill King and Natasha Russell.

The grand final was played at Kensington Gardens. Six teams made it to the semi-finals and Div 1 Blue, Div 3 Gold and Div 5 Gold played in the final. Grand Final winners were Division 3 Gold (Stephanie Stephens, Ann Fudge, Simonne Anderson, Marie Farmer and Fran Carter) with a thrilling win over the unbeaten Tranmere team and Div 5 Gold (Yvonne Freeman, Mary Jarvis, Judy Rishworth, Mary O'Neill and Julie Grunert) defeating Memorial Drive. Congratulations to Mary Jarvis for obtaining the highest percentage in Division 5. Division 1 ladies (Natalia Irvine, Ania Kritzinger, Wendy Butler, and Julie Maitland) had a hard task playing the Senior Men's team which was admitted to the competition this season on a trial basis. The Division 1 players enjoyed the challenge throughout the season, with two of our teams defeating the men in the minor



rounds. The matches were played in good spirits and hopefully the men will submit a team for the coming season to keep Division 1 viable.

An end of season lunch, after the grand final, was held at The Feathers Hotel with 18 Reade Park ladies attending. The committee will be seeking a new venue for next season.

Thanks to all captains for their co-operation throughout the season and to our COVID marshalls Penny, Jane, Mary and Gill. 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**

A Reade Park casual reunion of former and current members, controlled under strict Covid restrictions, was held in the clubhouse in November last year, with some 60 people in attendance. It was a very successful, happy gathering with many memories shared. The Club will be 100 years old in 2025, when a more extensive, formal celebration will be planned. **Larry Boord**

**Quiz Night** – To be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 7pm**. Christmas in July, prize for best dressed. \$20 per person (includes three raffle tickets), table of eight. Bookings through [www.trybooking.com/BXPAT](http://www.trybooking.com/BXPAT).

BYO supper, purchase drinks from the bar. \$10 corkage for bottled wine.

Prize donations welcome. Contact Penny Twelftree <pennytwelftree@hotmail.com>.

### **WEB SITE/FACEBOOK**

Thanks to Tom Twelftree for maintaining our web site at [www.readeparktennis.net](http://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 email Dawn Hurley ([dawnhurley@internode.on.net](mailto: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 one of our members.

Toni Williams, one of our midweek ladies and a regular helper in the canteen for tournaments.

**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**