



READE PARK LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC

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ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 2023/2024

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 Awais Choudry Dave Weygandt Mark Buckland
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 13th June 2024 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 15 June 2023
2. **Business Arising** from Minutes
3. **Financial Report** for year ended 30 April 2024 and adoption thereof
4. **Election of Office Bearers** for the 2024/2025 season
Nominations are invited for the following positions:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

CLUB CAPTAIN

- each of the above to hold office for 1 year

ONE VICE PRESIDENT

- to hold office for 2 years
Michael Bawden to complete second year of his term

THREE REPRESENTATIVES – 2 year appointment

Ian Randell, Heath Vogt, Craig McIntosh, Rohan Weckert, Awais Choudry and Mark Buckland 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 12th June 2024** 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

Many thanks to President Tom Twelftree for again presiding over the committee and continuing to lead us in another successful year for the club. His involvement with the juniors and coaches contributes to maintaining our strong junior presence in the district. Tom maintains a very active role in ensuring that our club is one of the best around. Also he continues to organise the Wednesday night Fast4 tennis and many non-members thoroughly enjoy their hit. Dealing with council is another of his headaches and lack of progress in spending our grant to improve the club continues to be a challenge. 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. Penny also opens the clubhouse on Thursdays and writes up courts allocation. Thanks to Jack O'Dea for rallying the social players each week and to Chris Verrall for bringing many cakes for afternoon tea.

Ann Langman 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 adult membership numbers for 2023/2024 showed a slight increase but a decrease in junior membership, We fielded 11 Saturday morning, seven Metro and nine midweek ladies teams. The junior competition remains strong, and there are 18 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:

	2023/2024	2022/2023
Life/Honorary Members	15	15
Full Membership	79	72
Midweek/Saturday Social	64	64
Students (tertiary)	5	7
Juniors (playing senior comp)	5	6
Juniors summer	50	71
Total	218	235

Fees for the season 2024/25 will be:

	Paid by 31 st Oct
Full Membership - competitive	\$465 (pensioner discount available)
Midweek Competitive and Social	\$355
Family (includes four or more members, member with lowest fee is free)	
Student (<i>full time tertiary</i>)	\$230
Junior (<i>u'18 years as at 1/1/24 senior comp</i>)	\$200
Junior (<i>Under 12 non competitive</i>)	free
Junior comp summer season	\$165
Junior comp winter season	\$155
Nonplaying/LOA	\$ 45

Payment of Fees

Fees are due and payable in full, on or before 31 October 2024. 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

Another terrific year for our tennis club!

I know that 'diversity' and 'community connection' are overused terms nowadays but when I am at the club during various times of the week it really does hit home how lucky we are to have such a club that ticks these descriptors.

For me, Saturday around midday is the best time of the week when we have juniors from the age of 7 through to social adult players approaching 90 all mingling in the clubhouse enjoying the wonderful facility. This is very uncommon in Adelaide tennis clubs because (along with Woodville) we are the only lawn club that has hard courts and juniors. And, at the non lawn clubs, most juniors have cleared out well before the seniors arrive.

I joined the Wednesday afternoon men for one of their salubrious dinners a few weeks ago. The atmosphere and camaraderie amongst this group is really quite special. One of their number told me how it was such a great place to be for mateship - the tennis is almost secondary.

It is my annual onerous task to report on the lack of progress regarding **facilities development** and the spending of the \$490,000 pledge from the Labor Party in the March 2022 State Election - yes over two years ago!

But I am pleased to inform you that I have a December 2025 project completion date from Council and this is the first time they have been prepared to provide such a date. The reality is that they needed to get the Mortlock Park project (also in Colonel Light gardens and subject to the same heritage suburb processes) underway before they seriously looked at Reade Park.

The other real development was that heritage advice precluding us from converting 13/14 from lawn to hard court. This was expected but still a bad outcome for the club and the community in my opinion. They will remain as useful lawn courts into the future - but would be more heavily used as hard courts.

I will soon advise of the community consultation process and seek your support in this. There are many steps to go but the money is still earmarked largely for developing our hard court facilities including

- Hard courts 1-3 redevelopment including new fences, lights and a separated walkway through the playing surface
- Replacing fences on lawn courts 13/14
- Clubhouse improvements (acoustic treatment and kitchen upgrade tbc)
- Hereford Entrance redevelopment

The **Junior Club** had a great year maintaining good numbers in summer, winter and internal format. A number of other kids performed super well in adult competitions, representative teams and tournaments. Please refer to Dave Weygandt's report for further details. Many thanks to him for his efforts and all the parents for ferrying kids to training and matches.

Social Tennis has been steady on Saturday afternoons and quite buoyant on both Tuesday / Wednesday afternoons where a number of new players have joined. The Wednesday evening social FAST4 had excellent numbers and is a great source of new and fill in Saturday competition players. We held a lovely social day with Brighton Tennis Club in April and this was organised primarily by Dawn Hurley with help from Phil Williams - we look forward to this being an annual event. Max Williams turned out some magnificent scones so thanks to him as well.

Senior Competition tennis had a terrific season with excellent team numbers - more details in the Captain's report. I have already had a team from a hard court club indicate they will be joining us next season - lawn tennis seems to be an attractive option for players looking to look after their bodies. Congratulations to Pete Davis who was selected in a 23-member Australian team who competed at the ITF Masters World Team Championships in Mexico. What a great achievement!

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 kids at Reade Park for a Hot Shots clinic! Josh Boots is our Club Coach and supported by a number of coaches including some Reade Park juniors like Ben Chisholm, Will Vogt, Larson Weygandt and Milla Engelhardt. Josh is very committed to our club and we thank him and the other coaches.

Brendan Fisher in his role as **greenkeeper** has continued to present magnificent courts that are the envy of most other clubs. At the time of writing there is no need to close the courts in a hurry due to the warm and dry autumn - and we may see them in use till early July!

President's Report cont'd.

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 me and look forward to Ron Giblin's and Larry Boord's (80th) and Max William's (90th), all celebrating very significant birthdays over the winter months.

Walford and Scotch continued to hire courts for their Monday night Premier League girls teams and they love playing on the lawn!

Our main social event was the Quiz Night in August and it was a great success and it was nice to get people back to the club during the winter months. Thanks to Quiz Master Michelle and to Penny Twelftree for organising the event.

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 continued **sponsors** in Ken Hall Plumbing, 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. I won't name individuals but it has been a very even contribution across the board.

We farewell Jeremy Carter who has been Club Captain for many years and his knowledge of the game of tennis and his dedication to our club will be sorely missed. Fran Carter was also a committee member for many years and we wish both of them all the best with their relocation to the US.

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.

Looking forward to seeing you next season at the Club.

Tom Twelftree

President

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report the club's financial results for the year ended 30 April 2024 was an operating surplus of \$11,617(FY23: \$12,738). Net assets increased over the year to \$240,255. We continue to have a strong cash position – our cash holdings as at 30 April 2024 are \$176,527.

Total membership fee revenue increased 4.7% to \$66,250.

During the year, the committee has invested \$2,697 on minor Plant & Equipment.

The bar continues to be a significant contributor to meeting our costs.

I note the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 4.3% for the year to 31 March 2024. Most financial commentators anticipate inflation will continue at a similar rate for the next 12 months. The Government budget forecasts 3.5% which most commentators say is very optimistic. Our green keeping costs will increase 4.3% for season 2024-25.

In setting 2024-25 membership fees, we have again tried to keep increases to a minimum with the important strategy that membership fees should ideally cover the direct costs of maintaining courts – this leaves fundraising activities more likely to be able to contribute to replacement of equipment and enhanced member facilities.

It is still 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

In the words of Sean Connery “never say, never again”. But this looks like my final captain’s report. And I apologize for not being able to attend the AGM. Thus, my first task is to thank all those who made the 12+ years so much fun. Brendan for all his hard work before and during this and past seasons. Reade Park was notable for its quality lawn courts again this year—we are so lucky! Second to committee members, especially Tom. But most of all to the club members, team players and social.

Overall, 2023-24 was another good team season, with lots of teams enjoying the courts. RP had nine teams playing Thursday Ladies, 11 in Saturday morning men plus ex-Reade Parker Michael Thomas bringing his Peake Garden D2 team for home matches, and 7 in Metro and Metro League. And the junior numbers continue to grow.

In terms of results, Reade Park were very much challenged in Division 1 of the Midweek Ladies but managed to win the division. In the other divisions a quiet year, but only injury during the grand final halted the D3 gold team.

SMM saw a mixed performance with seven teams in finals and four teams reaching grand finals—divisions 1 and doubles D2 and both finalists in D4! Individual honours did go to Martin Davey (Division 4) and Chris Brain (Doubles Division 1) as players of their division. A special mention to Lachlan Raffan, who wins this year’s Bill Franzi award for young player—although he left the state at Christmas, he flew back twice to anchor his team in D4. Such team spirit.

This year Reade Park hosted all the Metro grand finals with 14 courts in use. The old powerhouse, Nick Heard’s team beat Xavier in the final after a very competitive season this year. Meanwhile the Mixed team also triumphed, completing a near flawless season. Thus, the club captain’s likely last competitive match at the club was a winning one with Fran. The D4 team lost out on the last day with a weakened team, three other teams made finals and the Metro League team survived a challenging year in division 1—and enabled us to see some of the best players in the state at our club. Of note Andy Durand (D1) and Fran Carter (Mixed) took player honours.

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, again needed all 14 of the lawn courts!

Jeremy Carter
Club Captain

MIDWEEK LADIES' REPORT

This season we unfortunately lost two teams due to injuries, but gained one Division 3 team of new players to the club.

We fielded nine teams and maintained our three Division 1 teams, which is vital for that division’s competition. Reade Park had teams in all five divisions. We welcomed new players Linda Scholz, Sofie Roberts, Renae Weygandt, Lauretta Whittaker, Lisa Watts, Andrea Gladigau, Mel Ford and Janis Marsh.

Two teams, Div 3 Gold and Div 1 White made it to the grand final played at Kensington Gardens. Unfortunately a division 3 player suffered an injury in the first set and the team were unable to come back from that. Division 1 played an eventful final against Memorial Drive, with one player unable to continue after fainting after the first set. Natalia stepped into the breach at number one player after not

intending to play because of a foot injury. It was an excellent match with Reade Park the victors 4-2. Well done Natalia, Ebony, Donna, Karen and Wendy.

An end of season lunch, after the grand final, was held at the Kensington Hotel with nearly all division 1 players and division 3 Blue players 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 Sandra Vallance 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

JUNIOR REPORT

Overall, 2023-24 summer was an excellent team season, with good numbers of junior teams enjoying the courts, and winter 2024 is seeing a collaboration between RPTC and other Southern District (SDTA) clubs to enable Reade Park juniors to continue competing through the winter at appropriate levels.

A big thank you to Tom Twelftree for continuing to support junior activities recognising the importance of growing and maintaining our sport and looking toward continuity planning with developing the RP 'seniors of the future'. Also a huge thank you to FTD Tennis for supporting internal RP red and orange ball competitions, and the many parents who volunteer as team managers or support junior tennis through volunteering and encouraging their children.

Over the 2023-24 summer season, Reade Park had ten junior teams across Friday night and Saturday morning tennis, with two of these being Junior State League 1 & 2 in collaboration with Somerton Park. Having juniors play at the top junior level across the state is a first for Reade Park. Of the ten junior teams, five were girls' teams which is also the strongest girls participation the club has had to date. According to the SDTA and Tennis SA, girls'/women's tennis has been seeing a decline in participation over the last several years, so it is excellent to see growth in our Reade Park junior girl numbers. FTD run orange/red ball internal competition (with Tom Twelftree providing support) has seen consistent numbers. Reade had one junior boys team make semifinals, a girls junior team finish as runner-up, and a green ball girls team win the grand final.

Josh Phillips was awarded the Cecily Carman trophy showing not only improved performance over the season, but commitment, effort, willingness to listen, good etiquette/manners, and being a good team member.

Winter 2024 junior numbers are consistent with the previous winter and a FTD run orange/red ball internal competition. Reade Park has two players playing with CLWTC, a Div 4 boys team combined with Kingwood, Div 2 girls team combined with FHTC, a Div 3 girls team combined with BHTC (subsequently regraded to Div 2), and green ball players playing with Tennis World (1) and Hope Ward (2).

Dave Weygandt
Junior Coordinator

2023 Reade Park Tournament Junior Grasscourts Championships

The tournament was held over four days in December. It was again a successful event. The weather was very accommodating with no rain and no excess heat. There was wonderful support from the Reade Park volunteers who assisted in the canteen, at the bar and in the clubrooms. Special thanks to Dawn in the canteen and Mike on the bar.

104 players entered but 7 players withdrew. 83 players participated in yellow ball and 14 in greenball. The total of participants was 97 players.

Below is a list of income and expenses.

Expenses	Amount	Income	Amount
Trophies	\$504.90	Tournament Fees	\$6000 approx
Balls	\$755	Raffle	\$116.00
Officials	\$1710.68		
Players – 104 – 14 greenball – 7 withdrawals = 83 players fees to Tennis SA	\$411.40		
Total	\$3381.98		

Hence there was a profit of approximately \$2735.

Here is the list of winners who were offered a 12 month membership.

Winner	Age Group	Winner	Age Group
Hugo Yuen	10 & Under Boys	Nikola Markulin	14 & Under Boys
Chloe Siew	10 & Under Girls	Ruby Measday	14 & Under Girls
Santino Sposato	12 & Under Boys	Joey Goverlock	16 -18 & Under Boys

Lilla Norris	!2 & Under Girls		
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Ann Langman

Note: Ann donates her time each year to run a junior tournament. Many thanks Ann.

READE PARK/BRIGHTON CLUB SOCIAL DAY

On Saturday 27th April we held a combined social day at Reade Park with Brighton club. They sent 16 players and Reade Park managed to get 20 players. Brighton had some very strong players, so thank you to some of the competition midweek ladies and Saturday Morning men for helping out and bolstering our strength.

We made up the first set from names received so everyone was on the court at 1pm. Thanks to Phil Williams for organising further sets and assisting with matching up Brighton and Reade Park players.

It was a successful day with good weather, great afternoon tea and good tennis. We hope that this will be an annual event.

Dawn Hurley

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 on Wednesdays from 12.00 noon 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**