



# The Player

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## From the President - Nola Carmignani

There has been much talk around the club in the past few months regarding Management's decision to go to tender in order to select a team of coaches for WDTTC, with the view of a long term relationship with the successful applicants. I would like to share with you a brief version of the exhaustive process the sub-committee has been through. The decisions for Coaching Contracts are not made lightly. There is much to consider, and discuss, before any decision is made. This is a long term business decision, which could affect the future of the Club, not only it's members, but it's financial situation.

**THE PROCESS:** A sub-committee was selected, headed by myself, and the position advertised. A comprehensive set of criteria was developed and agreed of what WDTTC wanted in a coach. We received 20 applications, from local, interstate, and overseas coaches. The sub-committee reviewed and evaluated all applicants, in accordance with the criteria, short listing five.

These five were advised of the short listing, provided with draft copies of the proposed WDTTC Service Agreement, a list of questions relevant to them, to be answered prior to their interview date. All unsuccessful applicants were notified at this point. Many meetings were held, preparing questions, and deliberating on the best way to go into the next phase, forever making sure the whole process was thorough, all expectations and criteria met, and fair for all applicants.

The five shortlisted were interviewed by the sub-committee, and reduced to two. These two were then recommended to Management, and with the information given, Management agreed to interview the final two. Both applicants were asked to present to Management, a power point presentation, with identical specific requirements. When the other three unsuccessful applicants were notified, they all wrote back saying they were very impressed with

the professionalism of the whole process we had undergone.

This is the point we are up to at the moment. This edition of the Player will probably go to print just before an announcement of the successful applicants is made. I can assure you all, that as a sub-committee we have spent many, many hours working on this in a very thorough and professional manner, leaving no stone unturned. *So as I have said before...*

**The decision Management make will be what we believe to be in the best interest for the Club not only now, but in the long term. I trust you will respect our decision.**

On this note I would like to thank my sub-committee of Gary Penberthy, Mark Sims, Rae Savage, Stu Campbell, John Venn, and David Simpson. You all worked very hard on this one, and each of you contributed in a very big way. Could not have done it without you! Well done.

Welcome to new Mid-week member MARGARET NEWMAN!

**If there is anyone out there looking to fill the Vice- President position – don't forget to give me a call! Yes we are still looking for one!! Ring me on 0403 003 507.**

Easter will be here soon, so I do wish all Members and their families a very Happy Easter, full of happiness and good memories.

Cheers

Nola



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## Captain's Report - Rae Savage

### PRESIDENT Vs PATRONS' DAY

Thank you to all who came and supported this day. It was a great success with about 60 players participating. The Patrons' team was again, victorious, making two consecutive years of winning. The afternoon was played over 5 sets, with four sets contributing to the scores. Some variation of play was introduced to add interest to the afternoon. Some fifteen prizes were awarded for individual efforts, ranging from the most outstanding player of the day – Janet Paterson – to individual men's and ladies awards, through to "booby" awards for "trying hard"!

Special thanks to the helpers on the day – Laraine Penberthy for generating the sets, caterers Pam Venn, Heather Adorno, Janet Paterson, Mary Gribbon, Helen Donovan, Jenny Collett, John Venn and chefs, John Hemsley & Nigel Breeze.

### SUMMER LEAGUE COMPETITION

Summer League is coming to the end of the season, with one more round to be played before the finals. Midweek will have at least 3, and possibly 5 teams (out of 5) in the semis.

Saturday weekend teams will have one team in the semis

– Ladies Div 3. The five men's teams don't appear to be in contention. At this point, State League is hoping to stay off the bottom of the ladder! One Sunday team will likely be in the semis.

### WINTER LEAGUE COMPETITION

New Competitions – A new format for the night comp is to be trialled over winter: Ladies singles & doubles on Monday night and Men's singles & doubles on Monday night. Both comps will have 3 members. There is also a shortened doubles event to be held on Tuesdays.

If you want to play winter league, please advise Rae for the midweek competitions, and Mike Underwood for the weekend comp. There is no need to use a form, and it is preferable, but not essential, that players form their own teams for winter.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are scheduled over two weekend in April - 20/21 and 27/28. The format is the same as last year, with all events being scheduled across the days. The finals will be played on the last weekend. Entry forms will be available on the website, in the Captain's room and via a separate email in early April.

## Juniors - Tyson Buzza

I, like many other parents, have enjoyed spending a lot of Sunday mornings over the season watching our kids play some tough tennis matches. I'd like to say that our juniors have a very good reputation for their on-court behavior and the ability to show fair play in a game that requires self umpiring... and after the morning is done, you can sit down with the opposing team and eat the morning tea snacks, share a joke and talk about shots that you should have returned??? Or the one you put past your opponent, straight down the line!! And how about that BIG ACE... Well-done juniors you all should be very proud of yourselves!

Our summer season of junior pennants has been a successful one so congratulation to all our teams. A very big thank you all the parents who managed teams and drove the kids to all points of the metro area and let us not forget the coaches who come down to supervise the day's play.

These teams have made it through to play semi finals on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March; 12 Girls D2, 12 Boys D7, 12 Boys D11, 14 Boys D1, 14 Boys D7, 14 Boys D10 and 16 Boys D9. On behalf of the club I say good luck girls and boys.

Now some club news regarding our Junior Championships; this event will take place from 8am – 12.30pm Saturday and Sunday for the weekends of the 6/7<sup>th</sup> and 13/14<sup>th</sup> April. The coaches and I do hope that all you "young and up and coming champions" come along and have a go. We are planning to have the trophy presentation and quiz night in the hall at WDTA on the evening of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> after the finals. We would also extend this invitation to all parents to stay on for the evening. More details to follow.

Tyson Buzza (Elliott and Ffion's Dad)

## Midweek - Linda Townsend

Some competitive tennis was played at our February tournament, resulting in five ladies sharing the 'first prize'. Congratulations to them and thank you to Glenyse for organising it especially as she is unable to play tennis at the moment due to a troublesome shoulder.

Our next tournament will be on 28th March, bring an Easter egg to the value of \$4 to contribute to the raffle. We have just welcomed June back from her trip to Antarctica and are looking forward to seeing some photos. Congratulations to Bernadette's son Jeremy for winning the Rottneest swim back in February, very well done!

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## Club Social Activities - Jane Campbell

Thanks everyone for supporting the Pub Night. It was a great night, the band were fantastic (see pics below for proof!) and gave a good show providing a fun evening once again. With this in mind a huge thanks to Clive, Mark, Stuart, Mike, Jenny and of course my Stu (aka Ringo) on drums.

Please sign up on the Social Committee Board for the Casserole evening to be held on 13th April. There will be a choice of Chicken Casserole, Beef Curry or Vegetable

Stir Fry, followed by ice-cream. Simple, easy going play and stay evening. And then it is on to the biggy of the year The Annual Dinner Dance to be held on 25th May - watch out for details. We aim to close the year with a bang with a Barn Dance to be held at the end of June/ beginning of July.

Thanks everyone for your continued support. Without you none of it would be possible.



## From our Club Coaching Team

Well done to our junior pennant teams on a terrific season, and best of luck to the teams who made it to the finals! This summer we had 7 of 11 teams make finals, which is an outstanding effort and true reflection of the hard work everybody has put in over the season.

We have junior club championships coming up, a great tournament for all of our junior members. Head to our website for more information!

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Winter pennants are also coming up, so if you're hoping to play through winter, gather your friends and form a team! See you on court soon!

Cheers,  
Haydn Burke, Club Professional Coach





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## Around our Club ....



Above: WDTA Junior Brooke Corbett in action at the Aussie Open earlier this year.

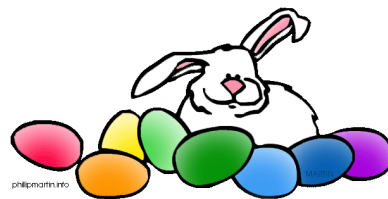
**Put these in your diary and sign up now ....**

**13th April** - Casserole Evening. Choose Chicken Casserole, Beef Curry or Vegetable Stir Fry. Ice-cream to follow

**25th May** - Annual Dinner Dance

**End June/Early July** - Barn Dance

**Happy Easter Everyone!**



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