



March/April 2015

# The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *John Pritchard*

## ***Greetings***

### ***Don't Be a Spectator***

I am sure you all know or have heard of Graham Edwards, ex MLC and ex MP for Cowan. He is a remarkable man. In spite of losing both his legs in Vietnam when he was only 22, Graham has never wallowed in self pity. In a recent interview for the West Weekend he is quoted as saying “*I enjoy a physical challenge. It is a matter of challenging the odds. You have to get the most out of life but you have to put the most into life as well. You shouldn't be a spectator in life*”

How true this is. At WDTC we have an abundance of jobs to be done and I am pleased to say a large number of members do step forward. All I ask is “don't be a spectator at the Club”. If you have some time and any expertise please join in or have a chat to me. I am sure I can find a place for you.

The recent St Pat's night at the Club was a classic example of how many members bogged in, in so many different ways to make it a very successful evening. We are hosting the City of Stirling Tournament on 3 May which will require an enormous amount of work and I know Mike Underwood and David Simpson will need all the help they can get. If you can spare any time we would really appreciate it.

## ***Recruiting***

Have you recruited a new member yet?

## ***Council Boundary Changes***

Following the State Government passing the onus of reform onto local government authorities' the City of Stirling last month formally requested to withdraw from the Metropolitan Local Government Reform process. In early March the State Government wrote to the Governor requesting she rescind the previous orders of council boundary changes made last year. This means WDTC remains in the City of Stirling and we can get back to business. I am sure most of us will be happy with this outcome.

**BETTER THAN ALL THE REST!**

### **Men's Div 1/Sponsorship State Grade**

Congratulations to our Men's Division 1 team of Brenton, Rafe, Scott, Alex, Peter & Tristan, parents, coaches and supporters for a fantastic win against Mt Lawley on the 21<sup>st</sup> March!

While Rafe and Scott have not be available for a while they certainly played their part in getting the team to the finals. All things being equal WDTC should be back in State Grade next summer.

To put a good, competitive team together the Club will be looking for sponsors from now on. New sponsorship packages will be available in April so please, those who can, step forward.



### **Social Committee News – David Simpson**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March - The mouth watering aroma of 2 sheep on the spit wafted across tennis players nostrils for hours in the afternoon.

The Committee, as always, worked very hard to prepare for the St Patrick's night of fun.

Dennis Gillespie supplied one of the sheep, free, and Chris George (Chiro; welder; inventor; sheep cooker!) created and operated the 2 sheep spit.

We also had help from an unexpected source. Scott Grundmann, visitor from Kings Park Tennis Club, set up a long string of green fairy lights outside. Scott enjoyed the night so much, he has now become a member of our Club - welcome Scott.

73 people attended, paid a miniscule \$20.00 per head, had lots of fun and raised much needed funds for the Club. Photos attached to end of Player!

ANNUAL DINNER- 23<sup>rd</sup> May - will be held at the Club with a dynamic 2 person live band. We will have a poster, courtesy of Brett and Tina, up shortly.

### **Members – David Drake**

A big, warm welcome to the following new members!

**Full:** Dean Nicolo

**Midweek:** Cherry McNichol

**Junior:** Marc Papalia

**Social:** Corey Johnson, Pam Venn, Katrina Venn, Tania Papalia, Barry Wilson

**Parent Associate:** Samuel Boudailliez

## ***Many Happy Returns!***

Many happy returns to Dale Phillips and all those members celebrating birthdays this month.

We hope you all have a wonderful year ahead.

## ***Speedy Recovery!***

Terry Orrell has a “crook” knee but has been a good bar supporter for a while. He is still to have the problem diagnosed. Hopefully it is not serious.

John Venn will be having a double knee replacement on the 31<sup>st</sup> so will be out of action for some time. Welcome to the spare parts club, John. We all wish you a successful op and a speedy recovery.

## ***On the Mend!***

Three members are now well on the road to recovery.

Lauren Conlon tore her meniscus while playing at the Club before Christmas. She has told the Prez she will be back soon. Looking forward to seeing you Lauren.

Phil Hingston continues to make steady progress after his double heart by-pass op and Terry Mannion is now out and about with his new knee. Well done guys.

## **Captain's Room – Mike Underwood**

A couple of updates. Our Midweek Supervisor Rae Savage will be taking a well earned break from the role with Susanna Monaco taking over (with support from Rae and the Tournament Committee). Combining supervising a league programme and Club Captain's duties is a very tough gig and Rae's efforts are really appreciated.

Our planning for the City of Stirling is on track for hosting the event on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May and our aim is to make it a festive atmosphere. The club and Global Tennis will be holding a fun day for kids on the hardcourts with activities planned for most of the day. So please don't hesitate to bring along your kids. There will be no courts available for social play on the Sunday so we will make Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> May a great day for social tennis and all players will be required to test their service speed and accuracy before they play. Prizes for the best and worst.

### ***League Update***

WDTTC has completed its summer league commitments and have won 5 shields across our senior and junior teams and was very competitive in every final contested. It is fair to say our club is in a rebuilding stage and it was very pleasing we had enthusiastic participation across midweek, junior and weekend teams. I would like to thank all players for their efforts, our coaches at Global Tennis and all the families who support our teams.

Winter league commences on the 2<sup>ND</sup> May and WDTTC will have 4 teams playing on hardcourt.

### ***Club Champs***

Our Open Club Champs will be conducted this weekend 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March and we have a very good field this year in both the mens and ladies singles. Our Vets Club Champs will be played on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April with entries closing on the 5<sup>th</sup> April. On both weekends there will be very good tennis matches still being played after 4 pm on the show courts so please join us for a sausage sizzle from 5 pm each afternoon.

This year's events are sponsored by:



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### ***Players in Feature***

This edition we have **3 players** in profile.

Nikita Hill is a new member of WDTC. Nikita is coaching with Global Tennis and will be playing league for us in summer.



Aleks Sergeev (also coaching with Global Tennis) is pictured here in action for Div 6. Aleks has had a great summer in league winning consistently in Div 2 & 6. His CTR points have improved by 1500 since the beginning of summer!



This third photo is a picture of our Div 1 player Scott Webster (he is the one on the left) at his College in the US. Scott has settled in well to college and tennis life and as of a couple of weeks ago was 10 wins and 2 losses. A great start to collegiate tennis.



And fantastic news on Tristan Schoolkate Tristan Schoolkate has moved to number 1 on the Australian Rankings for the 14/under age group in February and has been selected in the Australian team! Well done Tristan!



### ***From the History Vault***

This edition features one of our successful Midweek Over 45 Div 2 team members - ***Margaret Robinson***. There is a black and white photo below of Margaret around mid 1950s when she was in the top 10 Western Australian women players (junior and seniors). Newer members of the club may be surprised to know Margaret is still competing and winning in singles for Australian Vets teams locally and overseas however she is taking a break from it for while. I have to say I don't know how she does it.

#### ***Wilderspin for Wimbledon.***



*Margaret Heron, (later Robinson) on right with Mary Blacklock on left 'Top player, coach and veteran'*

### **Etiquette Tip**

No contributions this month other than I have suspended myself for a month for spitting the dummy 3 times in a 6 month period. Apologies to all concerned.

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- We had a great weekend at the Esperance AMT event. We had 20 players coming down with us with 7 winning their events! Please email Joe asap if you would like to be part of our Geraldton trip over Easter, spots are very limited so get in ASAP! .
- Well done to all our pennant teams we have 12 out of 18 teams in the top 2 including boys and girls junior state league both heading towards a Grand Final appearance again!!.
- Well done to all the Global Tennis/WBTC players in the recent Summer tournament period - we had some great results which can be seen below.
- Dalkeith Open- Tom Hann 16 under boys champion, Simon Ferreira 16 under Consolation champion, Nadia Rajan 14 under girls Consolation champion, Chloe Williams 10 under girls champion. We also had many players in main draw semi finals well done Luca K, Will H, and Anya R.
- Alexander Park Open- Nadia Rajan 14 under girls R/up, Chloe Williams 10 under girls Champion.
- We are planning our next trip away for 2015 which will be to Geraldton over the Easter long weekend in April for the AMT, if you would like to be part of the duty of care please contact me ASAP.
- Scott W, Charleen T and Megan K have all signed with Division 1 colleges in the U.S which is a great success story for Global Tennis college recruiting, we are very proud of these athletes and can help anyone achieve there college tennis dreams, just get in touch with us!

## Free Coaching Session!

Global Tennis is offering a free 1 hour group coaching session for any non-member interested in attending. Please invited your family and/or friends who are currently not members of WBTC to attend.

The next session will be held on Friday 24th April 2015 at 6:30pm.

Attendees must contact Joe at Global Tennis on 0439 497 032 or email [joe@globaltennis.com.au](mailto:joe@globaltennis.com.au) to register for the session.

## Juniors – Louise Hall

Juniors March 2015.

What a fantastic season the Wembley Downs Juniors have had! With a record number of 18 League teams we had 14 teams in semi-finals, 11 teams in grand-finals and three teams of champions. Well done to all our juniors and many thanks to all the parents for all their interest and support.

The club really appreciates the efforts of all the Managers of these teams – we know that for several of you it was your first time and you all did a wonderful job.



Above are Juniors getting ready to play in their finals!



Photos of winning teams receiving medals with President John Pritchard.

Under 16 Division 1

Elliott Buzza Connor Jenkins Gavin Tay Stevan Ilic Tim Jacques



## Under 14 Division 7

Joaquin Picart Mitchel Baker Joel Willoughby Andrew Floan Joshua Cheng (Absent)



## Under 14 Division 12

Zack Sanderson Tom Walton Edward Finnie Mitchel Craig Daniel Westbrook



## Mid-Week Ladies – Wendy Hawkes

### ***Easter Raffle***

Our Easter event will be held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Players will receive a raffle ticket in return for bringing an Easter egg to the value of a few dollars. Lynne Merton and June Parrotte will create baskets of eggs to be used as raffle prizes, which they will draw after the morning's fun tournament. We'll tuck into hot cross buns for morning tea.

## Members Out and About

**Norm Bateman** - March 2015 Noosa Festival of Surfing

Veteran WA longboarder Norm Bateman (former State longboard champion & past President of Surfing WA) competed in the 2015 Noosa Festival of Surfing event held in Queensland. Norm won through to the final of the Over 65s longboard division and finished 4th in a strong field.

Norm said: "I was in the finals of the O/65 division and it was very good surf. 4th place was less than I had hoped for, but I did have my board stolen after the first round. Gooselegs (a long time surfing friend now living over in Noosa) lent me his board for round 3 and I borrowed a 3rd board for the final. Not ideal, but I was happy to make the final. There was only 0.6 points between 2nd and 4th place."

We are going back to Noosa in June to surf "Wrecks and Relics" competition so that I can defend my over 60's title which I took out last year.



## WDTC Uniforms

The Club has available stocks of new WDTC white shirts and tops (in a variety of styles) in time for this summer season.

All pennant players are expected to wear the shirts/tops with plain navy blue shorts/skirts or skorts.

## Defibrillator

The Use of the Defibrillator

A few members have now attended the St John's Ambulance Community First Responder System (CFRS) Demonstration / Presentation. It is very important as many members as possible understand how to use the defibrillator. Please see the links below:

1. A demonstration of the Heartstart First Aid defibrillator.

<http://www.healthcare.philips.com/main/products/resuscitation/products/onsite/demo.wpd>

2. A short explanation of the Community First Responder System.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ppl4ymKsLP0&feature=plcp>

## Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - City of Stirling Tournament**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Annual Dinner**

## Lost Property

Laraine Penberthy has lost a black Kathmandu windcheater – could anyone finding it please return it to Laraine.

'Like' Wembley Downs Tennis Club and you'll see all the latest notifications, offers, photos and news! Your participation will encourage others and give our club exposure to possible new members. Thanks to those who have already checked in!



### Quote of the day

To err is human. To put the blame on someone else is doubles!  
Author Unknown

## The Funny Side – Blame the Prez!

Two policemen call the station on the radio.

"Hello. Is this the Sarge?"

"Yes?"

"We have a case here. A woman has shot her husband dead for stepping on the floor she had mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?"

"No sir. Not yet! The floor is still wet!"

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# ST. PATS NIGHT







## Real Estate Market Conditions MARCH - APRIL - MAY

Despite what everybody tells you... These three months can be, and usually are, our **BEST SELLING MONTHS!**

It has been a consistent observation over my thirty years of real estate (yes 30 years!!!), that Western Australians show more interest in moving or buying through the autumn months. We all prefer to **DO things** when the weather is most pleasant, rather than during those extreme heat waves or cold rainy days.

**GOOD NEWS...** these milder sunny months have arrived! So our prediction is that real estate **sales will increase** from now through to June.

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