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# The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

## From the President

A belated Happy New Year to all! Quite a lot has happened in the past month or so. In early December a few of the girls attended a breakfast at KPTC where **Matt Ebden** was the guest speaker. It was a lovely morning and Matt was quite inspirational with his advice.

On the social scene the Christmas Party and the Prawn & Boutique Beer Night were both great evenings, with the latter attracting over 100 guests shelling freshly cooked prawns on large sheets of butcher's paper, chased down with a good selection of boutique beers. It was a very well-organised night, so a big thanks to **Helen, David, Gary, Wendy**, and all the Social Committee involved. A huge effort!

At one point in January, I think half of WDTC was at the Australian Open. The play was very exciting and so was the shopping and the fun part! We watched the **Wembley Wizards** play in the Asia Pacific Tennis League play-offs. Great tennis was played and I would like to thank all our boys - **Andrew Roberts, Jack Lyttle, Zach Itzstein, and Brenton Bacon**, for representing our club and our State - a pleasure to watch. A big thank you also to **John Hilton** the team manager, mentor and an all-round great guy to have around and be involved with the team! For an in-depth report: <http://www.tennis.com.au/wa/news/2014/01/23/asia-pacific-tennis-league-finals-play-off>

On a more local note, **Kay Wood** has taken **The Player** over from **Debbie Simmonds**, who has been producing the magazine for three years, but can no longer do so due to extra work commitments. Thank you Debbie for revolutionising the newsletter, and thank you to Kay for taking this on. Some significant changes will be that **The Player will no longer be sent out in hard copy**. This was flagged in the December edition, so please **make sure we have your current e-mail address on our records!** We are also aiming to produce the newsletter monthly and a copy will be on the Club noticeboard and uploaded to our website [www.wdtk.com.au](http://www.wdtk.com.au)

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## Coming up

### FEBRUARY

**Thu 13** Midweek Ladies Lucky Envelope Tournament

**Sun 23** President v Patrons Day 1.40pm

### MARCH

**Sat 15** Spit Roast Night

**Thu 20** Midweek Ladies World Happiness Day

**Wed 26** Ladies' League Final & Dinner

**Sat 29** Junior Club Championships

**Sun 30** Junior Club Championships

### APRIL

**Sat 05** Club Championships – Open

**Sun 06** Club Championships – Open

**Sat 12** Club Championships – Open

**Sun 13** Club Championships – Open and wind-up

**Thu 17** Midweek Ladies Easter Raffle

**Sat 27** Veterans Club Championships

**Sun 28** Veterans Club Championships

## From the President (continued)

December and January were big for some of our junior players. **Megan Kaufmann, Ivana Vojinovic, Olivia Rimmer, Isaleyarna Bailey, Meg Connell and Charleen Tiwari**, attended the Girls' 16 and Under Nationals. With all six girls in this draw, it was the highest representation of any club in **Australia**. All members are part of the **Global Tennis** High Performance programme. **Scott Webster** gained acceptance into the Doubles 14s Teams event. Congratulations to the girls, **Skye Royall** and the great guys who played in the ATL. Meanwhile, **Elliot and Ffion Buzza** were lucky enough to be ballkids at the Hopman Cup. Quite a summer of tennis for the Club!



Charleen Tiwari and Megan Kaufmann



**President & Patrons Day** has now been changed to **Sunday 23 February**. Hope to see many of you out there playing. **Please sign in by 1.40** so teams can be arranged early. We will conclude with a meal for \$6 per head.

**Nola Carmignani**  
President

## Club Championships

The club championships are scheduled across two weekends, 5 & 6 and 12 & 13 April, with the finals being played on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. It is likely that if there are a large number of entries (as is expected for singles), these events may commence on 29 March. **Entry details and forms will be on the website and in hard form at the end of February**. Stay tuned!

– **Rae Savage, Captain**



## Liquor Licensing Regulations

The Club currently holds a full, unrestricted liquor licence, which enables us to purchase liquor products for sale from any registered liquor source, without restriction. We sell these products at agreed prices to recoup the purchase price and add an appropriate margin to cover operating costs and provide a profit to the Club.

Our defined registered “Red Area drinking” covers the entire WDTC club, inclusive of the area contained at the rear of the club, including sand pit area, full seated area above grass courts to fence, through to the entrance of the synthetic courts and the hall. **No person is permitted to bring into the Red Area any alcohol products which have not been purchased from the bar**. We do not and will not sell full bottles of hard alcohol products from the WDTC bar for consumption within our red areas.

All WDTC members, their friends and associates and Club hall hirers need to be aware that as the Club holds a full liquor licence, no-one is permitted to bring any alcohol products into the red area that have not been purchased at the WDTC bar. We also enforce the rule that any person over the age of 18 years cannot consume any liquor product that has not been purchased through the Club bar, for obvious reasons.

Hard liquor products are served in approved glass containers provided by the bar, in order to comply with the requirements of the responsible service of alcohol and our licence, an area in which bar staff are trained. The sale of alcohol in non-standard measures will not be allowed nor will any such drinks as “shooters”, “slammers” etc. A copy of the liquor licensing rules is on the Club noticeboard.

There are heavy penalties for non-compliance of the licence regulations - up to \$10,000 for non-compliance, to the licensee, the Bar Manager and any trained bar person. Our policy of periodic reduced price drinks falls within the appropriate guidelines, with special care adopted when this does occur.

– **John Venn, Licensee**

## Social Notes



Well, the poster said “back by popular demand” and it certainly was popular! Thank you to all who attended the Prawn and Boutique Beer evening. It was a huge success and once more demonstrated how social WDTC is and how generous people are with their time and expertise. **Bruce Philips** was amazing as our head chef, and the Social Committee, under the guidance of **David Simpson** who organised the night, did a wonderful job. Thank you also to **John Venn** who offered a range of seven international boutique beers which went exceptionally well with the prawns, and to the bar staff who handled the pressure of serving one hundred people with great patience.

I hope to see all of you at our next event, which is the **Spit Roast Night on 15 March**. Come and join us for a spit roast, donated by **Dennis Gillespie** and prepared by **Chris George**, then dance the night away with the band, *In Vina Veritas*, featuring our own talented WDTC members. – **Helen Donovan**



## Members' news

A big welcome to the following new members. We look forward to seeing you on court and around the Club!

Full:	<b>Deborah Charles, Alan Morrison, Fred Lerch, Judy Lerch, Fiona Cargill</b>
Midweek:	<b>David Hough, Neville Gibson</b>
Intermediate:	<b>Sam Bertram</b>
Junior:	<b>Katie Morrison, Georgia Parker, Skye Royall, Lewis O'Neill, Harry O'Neill</b>
Social:	<b>Garry Peach, Debra Peach, Barry Tandy, Alex Stojkovic</b>



Bouquets to newlyweds **Andrew and Alyson Blackburn**, on their recent nuptials. We hope to see a wedding photo or two when you get back!

**Marion McGuire** has recently joined the Spare Parts Club and will be sporting a new knee upon her return. We wish her all the best for a speedy recovery and perhaps a return to tennis down the track.

Well done to our **Midweek Ladies** who raised \$160 for the Salvos Christmas Appeal from their raffle. A great effort ladies!

A long-standing member of WDTC, **Russ "Barney" Barnett**, suffered a stroke on 30 January. He lost the use of his left arm, partially his left leg and his speech was slightly affected. He is currently in Osborne Park Hospital for rehabilitation before going home for further recovery. His spirits remain buoyed nevertheless and he is under good medical care. John P visited him last week and he is looking well and his morale is great, with his memory not affected. He would welcome a call or visit from WDTC friends.



The 70+ ladies team, who competed in the National teams event in Hobart in January for Western Australia, included **Bobbie Edwards** and **Margaret Robinson**, with **Bruce Robinson** in charge of transport.

Unfortunately the team lost to New South Wales in the final, having won the event in Perth last year, but by all accounts a great time was had by all.

## Coaching Corner GLOBAL TENNIS

### Super 10s

The Super 10s event held during the Australian Open was a great experience for both Joe and **Skye Royall**. The team went over there seeded 5<sup>th</sup> and finished runner-up National Champions by only 4 games. The girls played on the same courts as the Australian Open players and had the opportunity to toss the coins before many matches, as well as meeting the current Australian Davis and Fed Cup teams.

The competition was in a Davis Cup format, so Joe was able to sit on the court and give advice during all the matches. It was great for the players to experience on-court coaching and will play a significant part in their tennis development. Skye left the event with a 2/2 singles record and a 3/1 doubles record which was a great result. She is now the number 2 player in WA for her birth year and sits in the top 10 in Australia. She currently trains 15 hours per week and is continuing to improve! Watch out for her in the women's Club Championships this year!



Talia Gibson, Emily Lind, Lauren Nikoloski and Skye Royall

## Wembley Downs Wizards

The Wembley Downs Wizards have returned from the Asia Pacific play-offs with their heads held high. The first rubber, which was against the NZ Davis Cup team, was a tough start that almost ended in a victory. Both Brenton Bacon and Andrew Roberts lost in three tight sets against world ranked players. They ended up going down in a well-fought tie to a team that made the final. The second rubber was against the Trinity Titans in the semi-finals. All players lost their singles matches, but fought back hard to take both doubles rubbers from the Titans. The ATL was a great experience for Head Coach, Brenton Bacon. He is the only player in Australia to have won three State-based ATL titles. The team of Zach, Andrew, Brenton, Adam, Fariz and Jack all represented the Wizards with great determination. We look forward to continuing on the Wizards team for next year under some further exciting changes to the ATL competition.



Andrew Roberts and Brenton Bacon

### COACHING TIP

The ball toss is a key component to a good serve. When the toss goes awry, so does the serve. A quick drill to check the location of the toss is to lay the racquet on the ground at an angle, in line with your front toe. Place your weight in your back leg. Cradle the ball with the thumb, index, and middle finger of your toss hand. As you shift your weight from the back to the front foot, toss the ball up, aiming for it to land in the middle of the racquet head. Give this a go and see how your ball toss is going! - Joe McCarthy, Master Club Professional



Global Tennis is now running Cardio Tennis on a Wednesday morning from 6.15am-7.15am. This is a great time of the day, as it is cool. For those of you who would like an early morning workout to kick-start your day, just come down, starting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you all down there!

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