



August 2015

# The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

## From the President – *Peter Doherty for John*

Hi Everyone,

I will be standing in for President Pritchard for the next couple of months while he enjoys a well-deserved overseas holiday. It's not true that he had to leave Perth because he no longer has a house to live in. John and Rita will be returning in late September.

I've also been away for three weeks on a great holiday with my wife Anne to Wimbledon, touring England & Scotland and visiting Paris. (Thanks to Frank Perry from Axis Travel for his help with airline tickets and finding a tour that met our timetable.)

At Wimbledon we saw Casey Dellacqua play and win two great matches. We also spoke briefly to Matt Ebden after he had come from the practice courts. The weather was too hot for strawberries and cream, so I tried a Pimms, it was not worth £8.

When I returned to the Club last week I heard that the Curry and Magician night was successful with just over 70 people attending. Well done Social Committee and curry chefs.

I also noticed how bright it is on the hard courts now that the replacement light pole has been installed between courts 3 and 4 (that was without the light being turned on). Well done to Terry Tinsley on getting the old unsafe light pole removed and replaced so quickly.

Everyone will shortly receive details about the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. One of the main tasks that the new Management Committee will undertake is creation of a new Strategic Plan for the Club. If you are interested in being involved please nominate for a management position or a position on one of our sub-committees, or let me know.

One of the key areas of our Club is our juniors; we had a record number of teams in the Tennis West junior pennant competition last summer. Please let Louise Hall or myself know if you are interested in helping with the development of facilities or events for our junior members.

Next month, I will update everyone on our new Men's State Grade team.

**SIMPLY THE BEST!**

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!



On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm at Wembley Downs Tennis Club the outside area and hall were transformed for the marriage of Matt Trefry and Melissa Ryan. All members were welcome to witness the ceremony and then invited to drinks in the bar with the happy couple. It was a very special day!

We all wish Matt and Melissa a life together full of happiness and love!



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

*Happy birthdays to and including belated ones! Tarryn Sullivan, Fiona Cargill, Janet Paterson and anyone else celebrating birthdays!*

### ***Speedy Recovery!***

Graham Blackburn has had his knee replacement and is chomping at the bit to be back up and about and dancing on it! See you soon!

Tammy Redell has had surgery on her shoulder – hope to see you back soon, Tammy!

Sue Volzke is also about to have shoulder surgery – good luck and hope all goes well!

## Members – David Drake

A big, warm, welcome to new member Gareth Fricker.

## Social Committee News – David Simpson



On 18<sup>th</sup> July, we held a Curry and Magician Night at the Club. We catered for 70 people and 70 people attended. David Rice and Chris George prepared Curries ranging from mild to medium and hot. The rest of the Committee did a splendid job of preparation; sweets; collecting money; setting up the lounge and cleaning up after. The Bar was ably managed by several people including John Venn; Chris George and others.

The magician, Matt Swift, entranced the guests, 5 or 6 at a time as he moved around the tables. Even the sceptics were amazed at his skill.

By all reports everyone had a great time and the Club made a reasonable profit.

This was the last event for our Club year. Next event is the AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Please be there and please bring some nibbles for after.



## Juniors – Louise Hall

The juniors have one round to play in their Winter League. Three of the four teams are on track to make finals so good luck to all those involved. The U12 Hots Shots Green Ball Div 1 team of Chloe Williams, Noah Brinsden, Isaac Picart, Alex Hegney and Sam Fisher-Bullen are undefeated for the season and will finish top of the ladder. Well done Superstars!

Forms will soon be available for Summer League and we look forward to welcoming back those who wish to play again this coming season.

## Global Tennis – Joe McCarthy



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## Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

### **Winter League Update**

Fantastic team effort by our midweek Div 1 ladies to make the semis on their non preferred surface and push a very good team all the way. Three of our weekend teams have scraped their way into the finals (Div 1 Ladies, Div 1 & 8 Men) and at this stage it looks like all teams may finish 4<sup>th</sup> and take on the number 1 team away. I always like this scenario as the pressure is on the other team.

Good luck all teams and players.

### **Summer League 2015-2016**

With WDTC winning their way back into State League this is going to be an exciting summer league season for the club and members. I have attached our nomination form for Summer League and the one form can be used for players for midweek Wednesday, night and weekend. Just email to Susanna or me based on which comp you are interested in.

With the Midweek Wednesday or Sunday comps if you are open to different options, ie Open, Vets Over 35, 50/55 or Fast 4 Format just circle all options and put your preference in order in the comment section. As always our number one priority is accommodating all members who want to play league and represent our club (The Fast 4 Format is a singles & doubles comp-suits players who are time poor and all teams members stay on court with comp lasting approx 2 and a half to 3 hours.

We would like to see at least two midweek night teams this year and at least 4 Sunday teams in particular so please start discussing with other members as early as you can. For midweek night the various competition options should be the same as last summer below. As we are ramping up with night league could you record your availability and preferences in order.

- Monday night is the comp for singles/doubles fast four ladies and mens.
- Tuesday night is mixed
- Wednesday night mens doubles
- Thursday night ladies doubles

And make sure you mention it to friends from other clubs and colleagues who may be interested in playing for WDTC.

***If you can complete and return nomination form by 20/8/2015 it would be greatly appreciated.***

### ***Breaking News as at the 1<sup>st</sup> August!!!!!!***

*I have just been advised by Tennis West there will be 4 new comps for this summer. I like the idea of a Men's over 45 doubles comp on Wednesday and would like to see a WDTC team. If you are interested in any of these comps just complete the attached amended nomination form. A list of all competition options is also provided at the end of this report.*

- *Saturday Mens, Womens & Mixed Doubles*
- *Sunday 18-30yrs Mens & Womens Fast 4*
- *Tuesday Mens Open Doubles*
- *Wednesday Mens Grass 45+ Doubles*

## **Member Profile**

This month's member profile is about **Carol Putland**. Despite being unwell it was fantastic to see Carol down supporting her WDTC midweek teammates this week with our ladies playing their semi against Reabold. And of course this would have been tricky for Carol as whilst she came to play midweek for WDTC in 2010 she continued to play weekend open for Reabold right up until last year.

This is an indication Carol always puts her teammates and club first and this is clearly evident when you peruse her results since 2002, particularly for Reabold, always filling in where necessary. Some playing highlights and stats are provided below:

- Part of our winning WDTC midweek teams in 2011 and 2015.
- Has won Tennis West's MVP 4 times.
- Achieved highest career CTR ranking of 2.5 doubles and 4.3 singles and has played at Div 1 level Open Ladies weekend.
- Since 2002 has played 170 singles rubbers and 1084 doubles rubbers (56% winning ratio).

Here is a photo of Carol below (top second from left) and her winning midweek team in 2015. Now members will already know that she is a very good tennis player, what you may not know that in her younger days (and as a Vet in some sports) she has competed in surfing, judo, athletics, netball and gymnastics (these sports have included state representation). Carol truly is a multitasking athlete.



## **Etiquette Tip**

It has been a very interesting period of Australian tennis players, over the last month, from very strange behaviour at Wimbledon to an amazing quarterfinal win in Darwin. My tip for this month is partly etiquette and part philosophy however I feel it is relevant to tennis players both in their sporting pursuits or personal/work life. No matter what you are doing, ie training, rehab, playing socially or competing always enjoy the moment and give it your 100% focus and energy. And if you stick to this when you feel great or average good things will happen.

## Mid-Week Ladies – Wendy Hawkes

Apart from warming up on the crisp winter mornings by playing some very energetic tennis (having been inspired by watching Wimbledon and Davis Cup tournaments), the Mid Week Ladies have been busy celebrating a few milestone birthdays.

In honour of all the birthdays, a lunch outing to Preston's Café was thoroughly enjoyed by the 15 of us who were available to attend.



Ann McKenzie, Linda Townsend and Bernadette Brooke-Smith, some of the ladies who recently celebrated their birthdays.



Lunch at Preston's

## Members Out and About

How strong is our Prez!!!! And Rita is getting really good at selfies! Looking very relaxed guys! Enjoy!

Leaning Tower of Pisa!

Before!

After!

The happy couple in Amsterdam!



Rae Savage and Nola Carmignani are having a ball in Italy! (not to mention a few drinks!)



## WDTC Uniforms

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

## Defibrillator



Please remember to check out the following link, which gives a short, 3-step demonstration on how to use the club's defibrillator (press Ctrl + click to follow link).

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

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

**SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – OPENING DAY**

'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 month

“ Don't let the fear of losing be greater than the excitement of winning!”  
*Robert Kiyosaki*

## The Funny Side





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# WA TENNIS LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

Summer 2015/16



## Weekend Competitions

DAY	COMPETITION	FORMAT	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Men's State League	Singles/Doubles	
	Women's State League	Singles/Doubles	
	Men's Open	Singles/Doubles	
	Women's Open	Singles/Doubles	
	Men's Singles/Doubles (3 player team)	FAST4 Format	
	Women's Singles/Doubles (3 player team)	FAST4 Format	
	Men's Open Doubles	12 Sets	
	Women's Open Doubles	12 Sets	
	Mixed Open Doubles	8 Sets	
<b>SUNDAY (AM)</b>	ANZ Hotshots 7-10 Mixed Orange Ball (Singles/Doubles)	Match Tiebreak Games	
	ANZ Hotshots 9-12 Mixed Green Ball (Singles/Doubles)	FAST4 Format	
	Junior Boys 12U Div 2 and lower (Singles/Doubles)	FAST4 Format	
	Junior Girls 12U Div 2 and lower (Singles/Doubles)	FAST4 Format	
	Junior Boys 12U (Div1), 14U, 16U & 18U (Singles/Doubles)	Doubles FAST4	
	Junior Girls 12U (Div1), 14U, 16U & 18U (Singles/Doubles)	Doubles FAST4	
	Junior Boys State League	Singles/Doubles	
	Junior Girls State League	Singles/Doubles	
	<b>SUNDAY (PM)</b>	Men's Singles/Doubles (3 player team)	FAST4 Format
		Women's Singles/Doubles (3 player team)	FAST4 Format
Men's 18-30 Singles/Doubles (3 player team)		FAST4 Format	
Women's 18-30 Singles/Doubles (3 player team)		FAST4 Format	
Men's Senior 35+ Doubles - (8 players allowed)			
Men's Senior 50+ Doubles - (8 players allowed)			
Women's Senior 35+ Doubles - (8 players allowed)			
Women's Senior 50+ Doubles - (8 players allowed)			
Men's Open		Singles/Doubles	
Women's Open		Singles/Doubles	

## Weekday Competitions

DAY	COMPETITION	FORMAT
<b>MONDAY NIGHT</b>	Men's Singles/Doubles (3 player team)	FAST4 Format
	Women's Singles/Doubles (3 player team)	FAST4 Format
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Women's Open Doubles	8 Sets
	Men's Open Doubles	8 Sets
<b>TUESDAY NIGHT</b>	Mixed Doubles (8 sets)	Short Deuces
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Women's Open Doubles - (8 players allowed)	12 Sets
	Women's Grass 45+ Doubles - (8 players allowed)	12 Sets
	Women's Grass 55+ Doubles - (8 players allowed)	8 Sets
	Men's Grass 45+ Doubles - (8 players allowed)	8 Sets
<b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT</b>	Men's Doubles	8 Sets, Short Deuces
<b>THURSDAY NIGHT</b>	Women's Doubles	8 Sets, Short Deuces



# WDTC Summer League Oct to April 2015-2016

## Nomination Form Weekend & Midweek

(Refer To Page 2 for Conditions/Guidelines)

<b>Name</b>		<b>CTR Singles Rating</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>		<b>CTR Doubles Rating</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>DOB</b>	

Weekend & Night League-Please complete your form by the **20/8/2015** and email to [michael.underwood@metrecruitment.com.au](mailto:michael.underwood@metrecruitment.com.au) (enquiries 0422 922 467).

Midweek Ladies (day) email to [susanna.monaco@bigpond.com](mailto:susanna.monaco@bigpond.com) (enquiries 0431 156 051)

Midweek Competition Wednesday	Division Type (Please Circle Preference)	Please Note Any Weeks Unavailable	Prepared To Captain?	Play As A Reserve & How Often	Ideal Maximum No Of Sets Per Week 2,4,6
Midweek Tues Doubles	Ladies    Open    +45    +55 Mens    Open				
Midweek Wed Doubles	Ladies    Open    +45    +55 Mens                    +45				
Comments & Preferences					

Night Competition	Division Type (Please Circle Preference)	Please Note Any Weeks Unavailable	Prepared To Captain?	Weeknight Availability	Play As A Reserve & How Often
Midweek Night	Doubles    Mens/Ladies    Mixed				
Comments & Preferences					

Weekend Competition	Division Type (Please Circle Preference)	Please Note Any Weeks Unavailable	Prepared To Captain?	Court Type Preference	Play As A Reserve & How Often
Weekend Sat	Ladies            Mens            Mixed				
Weekend Sun	Vets +35    +50/55    Singles/Doubles (Fast 4 Format)				
Comments & Preferences					

### **Conditions & Guidelines For League Players at WDTC**

- All players, other than reserves, should be available to play at least 75% of matches.
- All players must submit a nomination form by the required date to play league for WDTC.
- The club will endeavour to accommodate all players keen to play league for WDTC. This includes requests with personal preferences. Our guidelines will dictate teams are formed with players of similar ranking however other considerations may need to be factored in. We ask all members to be open to the possibility of playing with a new team. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make the final determination of team squads.
- All league players to wear the approved club uniform when representing WDTC.
- Players must have paid their club fees prior to submitting their nomination form.
- Team fees must be paid prior to the first round of the season.
- All players must be 15 years of age with the exception of Division 1 Open on Saturday (or any other exceptions advised by Tennis West).
- All players will abide by Tennis West's League by-laws at all times.
- All matches to be played in a positive and sporting spirit. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to discipline players for any breaches of required standards of behaviour.
- Every team will include a Captain and or Team Manager along with organising a weekly team practice session.
- All Team Captains/Managers to develop a player roster, for at least the first half of season, prior to the first round. All players to make sure they check roster on a weekly basis and advise Captain/Manager if they are unavailable as early as possible.
- The Tournament Committee will aim to spread our team representation over Saturday and Sunday to even our use of courts. Subject to the number of teams there may be a need for a team to play home matches at Hale School or a alternative venue.
- All home teams are expected to provide refreshments for their opposition team.