



August/September 2016

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *Peter Doherty*

AGM 2016

I would like to say thanks again for the privilege of being elected as President of Wembley Downs Tennis Club. I promise to do my best to fulfil the position with the same enthusiasm and passion as our past Presidents.

My main aim will be for members to see the Club as a friendly, fun place to come, play and stay.

I'd like to thank John Pritchard for ensuring that the AGM ran smoothly by organising nominations for most of the committee positions well in advance of the meeting. Also I'd like to thank him for his comprehensive handover notes and advice.

Thanks to the outgoing Management committee members and congratulations all those who have been elected to serve this year.

President – Peter Doherty

Vice President – TBA

Secretary – Phil Hingston

Treasurer - Janet Paterson

Captain – Mike Underwood

Registrar – Mark Sims

Bar – Chris George

Juniors - Bryn Parsons

House & Grounds – Jeremy Bowden

Publicity – Lorraine Sims

Social – Nola Carmignani

I'd like to thank the Social Committee and any other members who provided the tasty nibbles to go with drinks after the meeting.

Life Membership Award to Bruce McKenzie

It was my pleasure at the AGM to recommend the awarding of Life Membership to the Club, on behalf of the Management, to Bruce McKenzie. Bruce's volunteer contributions as member for over 28 years have been as President, Vice President, member of the Tournament, House & Grounds, Social and Bar committees.

Congratulations Bruce on your Life Membership Award! Well deserved.



New Light Poles Grant

I'd like to thank John Pritchard and Terry Tinsley for putting together the Club's comprehensive submission for a Grant from the City of Stirling and Department for Sport & Recreation (DSR) to replace the Light Towers on Courts 1 to 4.

Thanks also to Crs Stephanie Proud and Liz Re for recommending and supporting the Grant application. The City of Stirling have agreed to contribute to the cost of the new light towers, we now await approval from the DSR.

SIMPLY THE BEST!

Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

Spring finally seems to have arrived and you can see the difference the weather makes with the grass improving day by day. Our new Grounds person Rob Firns will have the courts looking great for the Sat 15th October which will be first day all grass courts are opened. Please make a note of the following key dates and I would encourage all members to enter the handicap events as it is a fantastic way to shake off the cobwebs and Alan McLaughlin always makes sure teams are even with everyone having a good chance to do well. All you need to do is record your name on the registration sheet on the Club notice board in the lounge ASAP and make sure you are down the club by 1.15 pm on the afternoon (*please note we have changed the dates for the handicap doubles & mixed due to the cold weather and likelihood courts won't be ready. For those that have entered already no need to record your name again, we will send a reminder a week before*).

Sat 15th October Open Day (see notice board for function after play).

Sun 16th October Mens & Ladies Handicap Singles

Sat 22nd October First round of weekend summer league

Sat 21st January Mens & Ladies Handicap Doubles (kebabs from 5 pm!)

Sun 22nd January Mixed Handicap Doubles

At the end of the Player you will see a poster which provides club shirt options and order information. We are able to make smaller orders for these shirts (to avoid stockpiles) so we will put in an order once we get at least 15 requests.

Summer League

First of all best wishes to our league players that have taken up opportunities at other clubs. Our club understands our younger league players want to play at the highest level possible however that said we want to see you back playing for WDTC in the future.

A big welcome (or welcome back) to new league players for WDTC Baden Bowen, Geoff Sutton, Roland Townend, Noriko Thompson, Servane Remnant, Joseph Delich, Robert Ferritto, Nino Volaric, Brendon McAlpine and Jackson Simkovic (the last 5 are a team that has come from City Beach with a few of them having played for WDTC as juniors. We will get the boys down the club at tea on a Sat afternoon soon to introduce to all members).

This season our club will have 4 night, 5 midweek ladies, 5 Sat Open and 3 Sun Vets adult teams. Good luck to all captains and players. With Tennis Australia's player ratings finally being updated a couple of months ago it allows our league supervisors more flexibility with league teams. It could take a season or two for ratings/teams to evolve to where they should be so I would ask all league players for patience as we all get used to these systems.

Interview With Our Ladies League Supervisor Susanna Monaco

Question - League selection is always a challenge for league supervisors. How are the summer league midweek ladies teams shaping up?

SM-This year we started early as it is a hard job to do. I met each team Captain over the last 12 months to listen to their concerns and requests. This has resulted in new combinations and five beautiful teams. The cooperation amongst teams and players is a key factor to success for league teams and all involved have been working together very closely to support other teams and share players.

Question - From a league supervisors perspective what are you hoping for this season, results wise and anything else?

SM-I have two dreams, all midweek teams winning their division (at least 3 more likely) and having all players saying they enjoyed their season so much and no dramas!

Question-We have some fantastic captains and players in our midweek teams. Who are the 5 captains this season?

Open Div 1 Captain Martina Van Rensburg-knows the opposition teams very well.

Over 45 Div 1 Captain Louise Hall-a new captain in a tough division.

Over 45 Div 2 Captain Bobbie Edwards-continues the tradition.

Over 45 Div 2 Captain Sandie Bateman-a new captain with Jan having a long term injury.

Over 45 Div 3 Captain Janet Paterson-always well organised and leads a happy team.

Member in Profile Joel Forsyth

Please see photo of Joel with daughters Jade and Elisa below. Joel has been a strong advocate for night league tennis at WDTC and I asked him why it is important for our club to expand our court options in the future:

'I have enjoyed my first season back at the club since playing as junior and I am looking forward to getting my kids involved with the club in the near future.

I have been playing night pennants for the past 5 years at both WDTC and at my old club Higgins Park T.C. I find with work and family commitments these days, the night tennis gives me the best opportunity to get some tennis in during the week, after Fat Cat has gone to bed... The competition is thriving, with most clubs having night pennant teams. There are plenty of pennant opportunities on offer with Monday fast four, Tues Mixed, Wednesday Mens Doubles and Thursday Ladies Doubles.'



Club Members in Tournaments

Please keep me posted on how our members go in tournaments.

Our two Vet dynamos Ken Nosaka and Sean Macfarlane recently were runner up of div 2 in the Tennis Seniors WA Mens Tournament in August. See the photo below of the boys receiving their prize from Gavan Sullivan.



Members – Mark Sims

A big, warm, welcome to the following new members –

Full:	Geoff Sutton, Baden Bowen, Roland Townend
Mid-Week:	Servane Remnant
Social	Benjamin Hunt, Corry Corbett
Intermediate	Joseph Delich, Robert Ferrotto, Brendon McAlpine, Jackson Simkovic, Nino Volaric
Junior:	Harry Davison Petch, Benjamin Raszyk, Angus Urquhart

Social Committee News – Nola Carmignani

Hi all and welcome to the new Tennis Social year!

Thank you to all the members who have put their names to be on Social Committee, and a few extras who are officially are not on the Social Committee but are going to help out anyway!

Here is a list of the Social Functions planned for the 2016-17 season.
Please note the following dates in your dairies.

Tickets to all social functions can be paid on line.

WDTC

Bsb: 306 050

Acc: 5528258

Ref: please use the initials of the function & your name. i.e. OD Carmignani

This will reduce the cash to be handled on the night.

15 th Oct	Opening Day "True Colours" (see flyer attached)
10 th Dec	Children & Adults Xmas Party
11 th Feb	"Valentine's Western Night"
1 st April	"An All Italian Night"
27 th May	Annual Dinner & Presentation Night
8 th July	"Mexican Night"

Cheers to a great year of socialising ahead! See you there!

On the Sick List!

On behalf of everyone at the Club I'd like to wish the following people the best for a speedy recovery from their illnesses/injuries, Lis Blackburn and David Cross (Tues/Golf). We look forward to seeing you back at the Club as soon as you can make it.

Good to see Graham Blackburn and Pete Sullivan about after their knee ops.

Alan Starke is still having shoulder problems – hope to see you back on court soon!

Alan McLaughlin had an appointment with the dentist to fix a huge abscess – hope it all went well!

Many Happy Returns!

Firstly Belated birthday wishes to Maryanne and Terry!!

August and September were popular months for birthdays! Happy Birthday to Janet Paterson, Fiona Cargill, Pam Venn, Susanna Monaco, Richard McGuire (a big one!), Lis Blackburn and moi!

To all of you and the many others celebrating this month, congratulations and enjoy the coming year. Long may you be around to enjoy playing and or socialising.



Mid-Week Ladies – Heather Maitre

Recently the midweek ladies enjoyed a social gathering to the Herdy hotel.

This was on Thursday 25th of August, where we had 18 ladies turn up for a delicious lunch and great venue to sit and relax and catch up, chat with all our friends. Thanks Val for suggesting the venue and for all those who came along.

Spring is here and the sunshine has arrived so it is nice to see a good turn up each Thursday morning. Just a little reminder that fees are now due and that the ladies opening day is Thursday the 13th of October. This will be a great event for social tennis and followed by a shared lunch with all. Hope to see a good turnout for the start of the 2016 tennis season.



Juniors – Bryn Parsons

A big welcome to Bryn Parsons as Junior Chairperson! Have a great year!

Global Tennis – Joe McCarthy & Brenton Bacon



FRIDAY FUN SOCIAL JUNIOR TENNIS AT WEMBLEY DOWNS TENNIS CLUB

In terms 4 and 1 (2016/2017) we will be running junior social tennis at WDTC. This is for ages 8-16 years of age. It is a great chance for kids to come down to the tennis club and play tennis! Please see all details below and we look forward to seeing you all on court Friday afternoons!

TIME: 4:00-5:30 pm- begins Friday 14th October.

PLACE: Wembley Downs Tennis Club

COST- Members of the club it is free, non members it is \$5.00.

FORMAT- You will be playing sets of tennis. There is a minimum standard required as you must be able to play a very basic level of tennis. This is not a coaching session it is a chance to play the game. Coaching sessions can be found on our website if you require to work on your game! Each week there will be prizes, BBQ and we have a great viewing area where parents can relax and watch their kids play!

CONTACT: Please contact Joe McCarthy- joe@globaltennis.com.au or 0439497032 if you are keen to come down and give it a go!

Global Tennis Adult Training

2016/2017 season

- Team training morning - Tuesdays 900 am -1030 am - \$20.00 per player
- Team training evening- Tuesdays 630 pm-800 pm- \$25.00 per player
- Private team training- On request
- Private lessons- Specials for league players on request
- Sparring/Drilling sessions- \$50.00 per session.
- Restringing services ready for summer - \$30-\$45 depending on your string.

Please email Joe to book in!

joe@globaltennis.com.au or call 0439497032.



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Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER – BUSY BEE

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER – W.D.T.C. ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER – OPENING DAY – “TRUE COLOURS” (SEE POSTER)

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER – CHILDREN AND ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY - “VALENTINES WESTERN NIGHT”

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL – “AN ALL ITALIAN NIGHT”

SATURDAY 27TH MAY – ANNUAL DINNER AND PRESENTATION NIGHT

SATURDAY 8TH JULY – “MEXICAN NIGHT”

W.D.T.C. Annual Golf Classic – Tuesday 11th October 2016

The big day is fast approaching so get out there and practise, practise, practise!!



WDTC Uniforms

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Shirts

For Sale \$35

Mens



Ladies



Singlet

Cap Sleeve

Sleeveless

To order ladies shirts please contact Louise Hall on 0416 202 922 or email louise.hall@inet.net.au (we presently have some samples to try on to assist with style and size. To order mens shirts contact Mike Underwood on 0422 922 467 or email michael.underwood@metrecruitment.com.au

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

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/pwc_hc/main/shared/Assets/multimedia/flash/resuscitation/AED/HS1_onsite_demo/index.wpd

'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!



Young. Old. Just words.

– George Burns

On the Funny Side – Ahhh! So true!

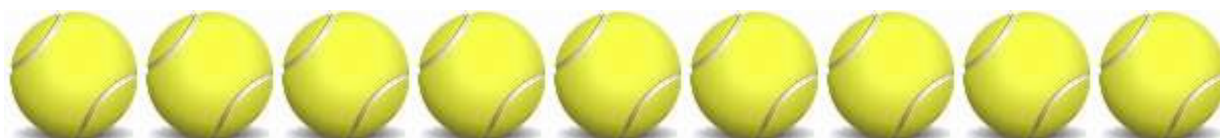


Members Out and About - W.D.T.C. Bar!

Friends having fun! Come and join us!



**Live,
Love,
Laugh,
& Tennis.**





WDTC Opening Day

**Saturday 15th
October**

**"True Colours"
Wear colours of your
country of origin**

**Afternoon Tea!
ALL Please
bring a plate to
share
3pm**

Dinner: 6.30pm

**Beef or Chicken
burgers & salads
& Dessert:**

Cost \$ 15 per head

Pay Online: Bsb: 306 050

Acc: 5528258

Ref: OD (name)

Enquiries: Janet 0402 347 334

Or see notice board at
WDTC



BUSY BEE!



**Sunday
9th October 2016
8.30 – 11.30am**

**Come help clean up your
club!**

***Byo. Rake, gloves, brooms, shovels,
power tools, etc & will to work.**

***Instructions & morning tea provided by H & G.**



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