



February 2017

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *Peter Doherty*

Welcome Back!

Now that the holiday season is over, it's time to get back into the routine of coming to the Club for a couple of sets of social tennis and staying back for a bit of social interaction. Organised social tennis is available Thursday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Please contact the Club Captain if you are interested in playing at any other time.

Court Booking System Opening

Speaking of our Club Captain, as from the 1st February 2017, Mike Underwood has taken over responsibility for hiring out our courts to non-members. The Club has invested in a new court booking system developed by Tennis Australia.

An official "opening" for the new system is to be conducted by the Mayor of Stirling at 4:00pm on Saturday 25th February 2017. Also in attendance will be the CEO and President of Tennis West and our local Councillors, Elizabeth Re and Stephanie Proud. All members are invited to attend.

Court Light poles

The Club's application to the Department for Sport & Recreation for 1/3 funding for replacement light poles for courts 1 to 4 was rejected. The Club is now working with the City of Stirling to confirm the urgency of the poles replacement and whether or not the City of Stirling will increase their contribution to the costs from 33% to 50%.

Courts 5 to 8 Replacement

The Club's application to the Department for Sport & Recreation for replacement of courts 5 to 8 with synthetic grass and lights was rejected. The Club is now re-considering its options.

Hoedown (Valentine's) Night 11th February 2017

Well done to Nola and her assistants once again for a great event. Check out the photos on our facebook page. Terry, Evelyn, Matt and Melissa all looked fantastic in their costumes.

2017 Entertainment Books are coming.....

WDTTC will again be selling the Entertainment Books this year. If you like saving money these books are a must. They make excellent presents and can also be shared amongst family members.

Please think about how many you and your friends would like. The more the Club sells, the more the Club makes!

I will be coordinating sales this year, so please let me know if you wish to reserve a book.

Australia Day Honours

On behalf of the Club I've congratulated David Hough (see photo below) on being awarded the Order of Australia Medal on Australia Day Honours. David was awarded the medal "for his service to the performing arts as a journalist and author".

David can be seen regularly at the Club, late in the afternoon, working on his tennis service.



Cheers,

Peter

SIMPLY THE BEST!

Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

Court Hire Update

Just thought I would update all members on the court hire arrangements at WDTC. From the 1st Feb the club has taken back control of all court hire from Global Tennis so all revenue collected will go to the club. You also may have noticed some work going on next to court 5 and your club was selected as one of the pilot clubs to participate in an automated court hire system which has now been installed and is operational. This system includes a security keypad gate (next to court 1) which is linked to an online booking system that even turns the lights on and off. We will have Tennis West's new CEO Michael Roberts and President Wayne Firms along with our friends from the City of Stirling including the Mayor Giovanni Italiano officially open the system at a presentation at **4 pm on Sat the 25th Feb** with some refreshments afterwards. It would be fantastic to get some photos with lots of our members included.

One of the key objectives of the Tennis Australia programme is to open up our courts for hire to their local communities which no doubt will lead to more people playing tennis regularly and new members. And it is our aim to hire out our grass courts 5 to 8 on occasions subject to ensuring courts are not required by members and they are in good condition.

How you can help? If you get an enquiry about court hire please give them my mobile number or if available I will come over and have a chat. If any member takes a casual booking please record the court hirers name, mobile, email address and the court surface on an envelope in the Day Captain's office and just send me an sms and I will collect it later. The process from there would be for me to contact them and ascertain their regular court hiring needs and set them up on the system. My contact details and the hourly court hire rates are all on a poster next to the Day Captain's office and outside the club near the main gate.

Club Champs Launch

Our Open Club Champs will be played on the Saturday the 1st April and Sunday the 2nd April. The Vets event the weekend after (the attached form is fine for both entries). We encourage all members to get involved and this year's event will see very even fields. Can you all complete (and email me) your entry form ASAP. Our preference is all payments online so just note club champs and your name on your electronic transfer. If all members can ensure they support our Club Champ sponsors Jaydee Air Conditioning, Tennis Only (member discount 10%) and Hugos Pizza as the event could not run without them.

Note: Susanna, Nola and the social committee will be holding an Italian night on Sat 1st April starting just after 6 pm so all club champ entrants are encouraged to register for the event and try to wear something Italian (or play like Fabio!).

Summer league

With finals commencing in a few weeks your club has many senior and junior teams in the top 4 and well placed for a run at their division title. The cooperation between team captains and players (midweek and weekend) has never been better as all teams have had their challenges with injuries and travelling. I have also been very impressed with the sporting spirit demonstrated during the season as this aspect of our sport is equally important as winning.

A good example of this was our Div 9 and Div 13 Mens teams who recently negotiated a fair outcome with opposition captains after late arrivals. Now sometimes even the good karma doesn't result in a win however I have no doubt this one percenter creates a positive ripple for our team & club, our sport, the opposition club and league club relationships generally so a well done to Joseph and Baden. Now on occasions Team Captains and Managers may find opposition teams unreasonable for various reasons. Can I encourage you all to consult with your League Supervisor prior to lodging a dispute. And on the day if there is a conflict just record teams and scores as played and we can sort on Monday.

Winter League Nominations

Winter league runs from early May to end of August. We will need to submit teams in early March so can league captains and players start discussing with your teams and email myself or Susanna with their expressions of interest ASAP. All the night league options are available in winter, ie Monday fast format, Tuesday mixed, Wed mens' doubles and Thursday ladies' doubles. And for those members new to the club please don't hesitate to contact me for more information regarding all the league options available.

Members Tournament Results

Don't forget to email me your tournament results with photos for future editions!

Handicap Tournament Results

A big thank you to Alan McLaughlin for organising this season events and providing prizes.

Women's Handicap Doubles

This event has been scheduled for **Saturday 4th March**, part of the long weekend and a couple of weeks before league finals. This is great opportunity to sharpen your doubles (playing a range of opponents) and we hope that sufficient women register in order to make the event a viable competition. Entry sheet have been posted on the inside Notice Board.

Mixed Handicap

As an innovation, the mixed event was held on Friday afternoon/evening February 17th that proved to be much more convenient for many of our ladies. There were two round-robin groups with each group winner competing for the overall winner and runner-up.

Group A winners were Di Rice and Dennis Gillespie winning all three rounds. Group B winners were Peter Doherty and Nola Carmignani (with the help of Rae Yorg who partnered Peter for the first two rounds and is owed a drink or two). The Final Winners were Peter Doherty and Nola Carmignani with Di Rice and Dennis Gillespie Runners-up.



Mens Doubles Handicap

The men's doubles handicap tournament, held on Saturday 21st January, saw 8 teams playing 7 matches in a round-robin event in a Fast4 format. Outright winners were Mike Underwood partnered by Gareth Fricker, winning 6 of their matches. Runners-up were Brian Fricker and Malcom Mason winning 5 of their matches with 25 winning games. Missing out by a very small margin were Joel Forsyth and Geoff Sutton who also won 5 of their matches but with a total of 23 winning games. (when the match scores are equal the winner is decided by the team with most winning games).

Denmark Mixed Doubles Tournament

Neale Bougher managed to sneak away from his holiday and family commitments to be part of a winning combination in a Mixed Doubles at the Denmark Tennis Club.

National Vets Carnival

Our ageless vet Bobbie Edwards (perhaps ageing a little bit, sorry Bobbie could not resist it) was selected as flag bearer (see photo below) for the WA Teams for the 2017 Australian senior's tennis team's carnival and individual championships held in Adelaide from 8 - 20 January. In the team's event WA entered 6 men and 6 women's teams. Representing WDTC in the teams were Rosie Harris, Gaye Hawthorn, Bobbie Edwards, Max Purdy, Kevin Hardiman and Mike Harris. The competition was played mainly on synthetic grass and was very strong and competitive. WA's men's O/70 div 1 team was the only team to win a medal. In the individual events the only WA winner was Henry Michael in the 70's mixed doubles.



Members – Mark Sims

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

Full	Francisco Leyes, Benjamin Hunt, Tamara Hunter, Edward Barden, Wilson Casado, Paul Gregson
Junior	Felix Forsyth, Guy Taylor, Zach Harper, Tamish DeGois, Kai Bennet
Parent Associate	Michael Bennet
Social	Wilma Borgmeyer, Trevor Smith, Chris Weston, Natalia Tasovac

Social Committee News – Nola Carmignani

Hi all,

Ya'll seemed to have a pretty good toe-tappn' time at the Hoedown on the 11th Feb. Outside under the patio was the perfect location for the country feel.

A few thank-you's are in order. The dance floor was full much of the time, thanks to Blackie and Lorraine's choice of country hip-swinging toones! Thanks to all the committee who helped with food, set-up, and clean-up. Super dooper effort!

Although cowboy hats were the order of the day, some made a great effort to really look the part, as you will see by the pics at the end of the Player! Terry Whyatt Earp O'Meara, and his Saloon- gal Evelyn, looked amazing! Glam-cow girl Melissa, was all but tasselled out, Tammy's Mexican snake skin boots were made for walk'n, and Matt in true form with his blow-up bull around his waist, was of course, sooo very funny, and acted the part. (surprise!)

Then of course really worth mentioning, was Susanna's love of the dancing pole, which seemed to be a real hit! All in all, much fun and laughter was had by all!

Next event is "An all Italian Night" on 1st April. This will start at about 6.30pm, immediately after the conclusion of the Club Championships, which are on the same day.

Flyer will be out soon, so please get in early!

See you there.

Nola C and Team Social

27 th May	Annual Dinner & Presentation Night
8 th July	"Mexican Night"
WDTC Bsb: 306 050 Acc: 5528258	** To reduce cash handled at functions Tickets to all social functions can be paid on line Ref: initials of the function & your name. i.e. OD Carmignani (Opening Day) Carmignani

Cheers to a great 2017 of socialising ahead!

Mid-Week Ladies – Heather Maitre

Hope everyone is enjoying their tennis.

The next event for midweek ladies will be on Thursday 16th of March in which we are having a St Pats day. So wear something green and come along for some tennis and fun games.

Congratulations to all the winners of the lucky envelope tournament that we had recently and keep in mind we have an Italian night coming up at the tennis club. See Nola's report above for all the details.

On the Sick List!

Martina Van Rensburg is having a tough time at the moment! See you on court soon, Martina!

Trevor Lusty has just had a knee replacement! All the best for a speedy recovery, Trev!

If you know any Club members having a rough time at the moment and want to send a get well wish through the Player please give me a call or send me an email! Lorraine Sims – 92850331 or simsm1@bigpond.net.au

Many Happy Returns!

To Margaret Robinson and the many others celebrating during February - congratulations and enjoy the coming year. Long may you be around to enjoy playing and or socialising.



Hopman Cup – John Pritchard

Sponsors Morning at the Hopman Cup

Thanks to Tennis West, Wembley Downs Tennis Club was able to invite three of our loyal and valued sponsors to a morning session of the Hopman Cup. Jeff Wright from Wright Real Estate, Sandie Bateman from Bateman Architects and Di and David Rice from Diana Rice Interiors joined John P and Rita on Monday 2 January to watch France and Germany battle it out. What an amazing morning of tennis it was and thoroughly enjoyed by all of us. Thankyou Jeff, Sandie and Di for a very pleasant and enjoyable morning.

WDTC is forever grateful to all our sponsors for their support throughout the years. Thank you very much.



Juniors – Bryn Parsons



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.
- Restrunging services ready for summer - \$30-\$45 depending on your string.

Please email Joe to book in!

joe@globaltennis.com.au or call 0439497032.



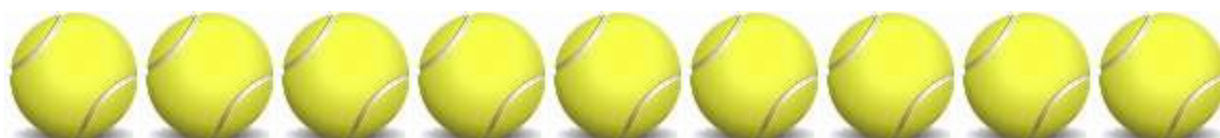
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Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL – “AN ALL ITALIAN NIGHT”

SATURDAY 27TH MAY – ANNUAL DINNER AND PRESENTATION NIGHT

SATURDAY 8TH JULY – “MEXICAN NIGHT”

WDTC Uniforms

All pennant players are expected to wear the shirts/tops with plain 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

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Quote of the Day!



On the Funny Side!



Members Out and About – Valentine Hoedown February 2017







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Club Champs Entry Form 2017

Open & Vets



Name		CTR Singles	
Email Address Please include as draw will be emailed		CTR Doubles	
Phone Number		DOB (VETS)	

Scheduling Requests:

Please scan and email entry form to michael.underwood@metrecruitment.com.au or keep a copy and put form into the club letterbox. The draw will be emailed to all players and put up on the front window of the club on the Thursday prior to the first day of competition.

Event (Please see Tournament Conditions on Reverse)	Date Of Event	Closing Date	Partners Name (please indicate if partner required).	\$12 Per Event (enter amount to confirm entry)
Singles Ladies Open	1st & 2nd April	28th March		\$
Singles Mens Open	1st & 2nd April	28th March		\$
Mens Doubles	1st & 2nd April	28th March		\$
Ladies Doubles	1st & 2nd April	28th March		\$
Mixed Doubles	1st & 2nd April	28th March		\$
VETS Mens Doubles (Age 45+)	8th April	4th April		\$
VETS Ladies Doubles (Age 40+)	8th April	4th April		\$
VETS Mixed Doubles (Age Men 45+ Ladies 40+)	9th April	4th April		\$
Online Deposit to BSB 306-050 Account 005528258 (Ref Club Champs) (All payments to be made at time of lodging entry form and prior to first day of competition)			Total	\$



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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN MENS & LADIES EVENTS 2017

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entry fee must accompany form; entry is available for financial members only. ENTRY FEE: \$12 PER EVENT.
2. Competitors are responsible to check their playing time.
3. Players will be entered into either the qualification or seeded tournament based on tournament numbers and seeding. The winner/winners of qualification will gain automatic entry into the seeded tournament.
4. The organisers will endeavour to accommodate scheduling requests where possible.
5. All competitors should be available from 9.30 am. To commence play at 10 am on all days of competition.
6. Players 15 minutes late without prior advice after being called for play will be disqualified.
7. Tournament will be conducted under general rules of play as set by Tennis Australia and ITF. Any disputes will be resolved by Tournament Referee – Mike Underwood (0422 922 467).
8. Time allowed between matches will be no more than twenty minutes, provided courts are available.
9. A five minute hit-up is allowed before matches commence.
10. Each match to be best of either, 3 Tie Break sets or 2 Tie Break sets with a Super Tie Break decider, unless otherwise advised by the Tournament Committee. Play shall be continuous. The Club reserves the right to change the format subject to entry numbers and any other requirement.
11. In the event of an injury, a once only 10 minute injury time will be allowed before a match is forfeited.
12. Events may have a consolation event for first round losers, depending on numbers. Consolation Play will be: First to 9 games with a Tie Break at 8 games all. Please Note:- a bye in the first round of any event constitutes a win and rules you ineligible to enter the consolation event.
13. The draw will be on the front door of the tennis club on the Thursday evening prior to the first day of play. The draw will be emailed to all players if a valid email address is provided on the application form.
14. All players must be available for all days of the event. The Final of each event must be at the scheduled time.
15. Your entry will be deemed acceptance of the above conditions.
16. Trophies/prizes will be presented at the Annual Dinner.

VETERANS MENS/LADIES AND MIXED DOUBLES 2015

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entry fee must accompany form; entry is available for financial members only. ENTRY FEE: \$12 PER EVENT.
2. A minimum age limit of 40 will apply for ladies events and 45 for all men's events.
3. All Events will be completed in one day and may be scheduled from approx 9.30 am
4. The club will endeavour to accommodate scheduling requests where possible.
5. All competitors should be available 30 minutes before the scheduled time. Times will be listed on the draw sheet & may vary slightly, according to the number of entries for each event. Competitors are responsible to check their playing times. Players 15 minutes late without prior advice after being called for play will be disqualified.
6. Tournament will be conducted under general rules of play as set by Tennis Australia and ITF. Any disputes will be resolved by Tournament Referee – Mike Underwood (0422 922 467).
7. Time allowed between matches will be no more than twenty minutes, provided courts are available.
9. A five minute hit-up is allowed before matches commence.
10. The format of play for the main event will be determined by the number of entries. This will be listed on the draw sheet.
11. All events will have a consolation event for first round losers if numbers are sufficient. Play will be: First to 9 games with a Tie Break at 8 games all. Please Note:- a bye in the first round of any event constitutes a win and rules you ineligible to enter the consolation event.
12. In the event of an injury, a once only 10 minute injury time will be allowed before a match is forfeited.
13. The draw will be on the front door of the tennis club on the Thursday evening prior to the day of play and will be emailed to all players if a valid email address is provided on the application form.
14. All players must be available for the whole day of the event. The Final of each event must be at the scheduled time.
15. Your entry will mean acceptance of the above conditions.
16. Trophies/prizes will be presented at the Annual Dinner.
17. A sausage sizzle will be held at 5 pm on each day of competition.

