

MAY JUNE 2017

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *Peter Doherty*

President vs Patrons Match

Our annual President Patrons match took place on the 30th April.

The final result was a win for the Patrons' team, decided by a match tie-break, (12/10) after the teams were tied on games.

Well done and thanks again to our generous Patrons, ***Graham Blackburn and Alan Starke***. Graham and Alan provided prizes for the players who won the most games for the respective teams and a couple of encouragement awards.

Players and members were also treated to nibbles and reduced price drinks at the end of the day.

Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation Night

What a stellar night we had celebrating the people who had contributed to the Club in the last 12 months both on and off the court. Check out the photos later in this newsletter and on our Facebook site.

A big thank you to Nola Carmignani, the Social Committee, Bar Committee and all the other people who helped make such a wonderful night.

Thanks also to the 90+ guests who supported the dinner. I've had good reviews from those who attended.

Congratulations to the many trophy and award winners. May you continue to be stars for WDTC for many years to come.

Club Person of the Year

Graham Blackburn is our 2016/17 Harry Spilsbury Club Person of the Year. Thanks Graham for being such a great member, Patron, Trustee and supporter.



Annual Dinner Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle. Congratulations to the prize winners and thank you to our kind prize donors (Terry & Evelyn O'Meara, Tom & Janet Paterson, Sharper Tennis, Entertainment Books, Crs. Elizabeth Re and Stephanie Proud).

Sponsors

As the financial year draws to a close I wish to again acknowledge our sponsors and say THANK YOU. Without our sponsors we would have struggled to provide improvements around the Club and contribute to the development of our Juniors.

WDTC appreciates the support of:

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The Club will again be seeking support next year so to our existing sponsors, we would be honoured if you "stayed on board". To anyone else who would like to sponsor the club next season, please call me and we can discuss how you may be able to assist us. Once again on behalf of the Club, thank you very much for your support.

Entertainment Books

I have 2017/18 entertainment books available at \$70 each. Please call or email me on 0411 529 227 or ptd59@outlok.com.au for your copy/copies. For every book bought WDTC receives \$15.00.

Life Lessons

Finally, I shared the following, 10 LIFE LESSONS in Tennis, which come from the internet site www.TheSilverPen.com, at the Annual Dinner. I thought they were good enough to share again here.

1. Every game begins with "love"
2. Miss-hits can be a winner
3. Faults happen. You get a second chance
4. Each point is a new opportunity
5. No matter how far out of the match you think you are, there's always hope for a comeback
6. Celebrate the wins
7. Learn from the losses
8. Keep your eye on the ball
9. Commit to following through
10. Believe in yourself.

Vale David Staunton

On behalf of the members I would like to pass on our sincere condolences and prayers to Serene on the sad passing of her husband David on Thursday 8th June 2017.

David and Serene joined the Club in 2015. David played socially on a regular basis and enjoyed a drink and good conversation at the end of play. Rest In Peace David

Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

How good is this weather and this combined with Rob's excellent job in keeping our grass courts in top condition is making for good tennis, we are very lucky to live in Perth. Had some sad news last week with Sorrento Tennis Club legend and stalwart Hedley Vaughan passing away a week after suffering a heart attack playing the game he loved. Our members Gaye, Lauren & myself who were long term members of STC would have fond memories of Hedley's enthusiasm for the club, Northern Districts competition, his ability to lob very well and his cheeky line calls from time to time. I was informed at his funeral he had the pain, thought it would pass and was resting in the club rooms. It was only after the intervention by a club member that an ambulance was called an hour later. Impossible to know if the delay made a difference however clearly in these situations every minute counts so better to take no chances and call the ambulance immediately.

Please see photos below of Tennis West's League MVP and Volunteer appreciation cocktail party which was recently held at the Old Pickle Factory/Restaurant. Our MVPs Peter and Noriko and dedicated volunteers Susanna, Marion and Richard attended and it sounded like they all have a wonderful time.



Congratulations to Gareth Fricker, Deidre Coombe and Jodie Thatcher in winning most improved awards recently announced at the annual dinner. The Club and Sharper Tennis have been contemplating holding a tournament at some stage. It could be a junior, seniors, team, doubles based etc the hard part is finding a niche and time of the year that would assist in making sure it was well patronised. If anyone has any ideas please discuss with Peter Doherty, Simon Harper or myself.



Members Tournament Results (and other highlights).

Don't forget to email me your tournament results with photos for future editions! And as we all know keeping a balance between sporting and academic success is very important for our younger members so we want to hear about these results as well.

Kent Yamazaki

Kent won U12 Singles at Applecross, South Perth, Midland, Dalkeith, Alexander Park, Busselton, Esperance, Hensman and Gold Slam (Total 9 tournaments). 8th position in U12 Singles and Runners Up in U12 Doubles in National Grasscourt Championship in Berri SA.

Luka Brown

Luka won U14 Singles at Robertson Park, Midland, Esperance. Luka won MVP in Junior State League in 16-17 Summer Pennant. 10th position in U14 Singles in National Grasscourt Championship in Berri SA.

Please see photo of Kent and Luca below.



City of Stirling 2017

This year's tournament was held at North Beach on the 7th May. Please see photo below of most of the squad that competed on the day. As usual the standard of play was very high with many State League & Division 1 players involved. Mount Lawley had a strong team and was the overall and handicap winner. Whilst WDTC struggled this year we competed hard and are well positioned for the handicap next year.



Club Champs Vets Mixed Doubles Final 2017

The final of the above event was completed in early May with Neale Bougher and Susanna Monaco (photo below) winning with Paul Gregson and Rae Savage runner-up.



Boort Easter Tournament 2017 Wrap by Peter Doherty

Since 2005, every two years, I have been going to the Boort Easter Tournament in country Victoria with my brothers, their families and friends. My accommodation is a tent for 5 nights. There are 80 to 100 other people staying at our campsite in everything from one person tents to luxury caravans. Three out of 5 nights I needed earplugs to get to sleep. It can get very noisy around the camp fire, particularly after the pub closes and the younger campers return.

This year we had some of my brothers' grandchildren, Meika, Willam, Jett and Lulu, enjoy the camping experience. They particularly liked the Easter egg hunt and burning the marshmallows on the open fire.

I played in 4 events this year, Vets Men's Doubles, Vets Mixed Doubles, Fast 4 Men's Doubles and Mixed Round Robin. My brother Stephen with his partner won Division 1 of the Vets Mixed and the Mixed Round Robin Div 1.

My partner and I won Division 2 of the Vets Mixed Doubles in a play-off tie-break, 10/8. The tie-break is played if two pairs in the same Division have the same number of wins (3). Each person has only 1 service game, if the score is then 2 all, a 7-point tie-break is played.

The Doherty Clan!



Diggers Cup ANZAC Day Leederville Tennis Club

A few photos from the "Leederville - Diggers Tennis Tournament" on Anzac Day. The four of us entered as a team. Dave and Rosie were runners up in their division and Pete and I won our division. About 120 players took part.

Di Rice



Members – Mark Sims

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

Full	Michael Carter, Andrew Reid
Mid Week	Alexander Bretti
Fifo	Joshua Hewton

Bar – Chris George

NEXT PLAY AND STAY

For all those who missed out on the legendary steak night, save yourself for.

Saturday 17th June - Play and stay, come hail rain or snow.

Charcoal roasted whole rump served on a roll with homemade spicy fried onion and tomato with a side of mystery salad. All this for \$10 to the lucky first 50 to sign up.

Table tennis is an option if raining.

NEW LINES

We are now stocking the following -

Beer

Swan Draught 750 ml \$8.00

Bubbles

Villa Yolanda Prosecco \$22.00

Grandin Méthode Traditionnelle Brut \$22.00

Red Wine

Palmer's Cabernets Grandee Reserve \$35.00

Krackerjack Shiraz Cab \$22.00

Social Committee News – Nola Carmignani



So the Annual Dinner is over for yet another year. Pre-dinner drinks and catch up chit chat was the go, before entering the main “Starry Night” themed hall. This was accentuated by the fairy lights across the hall ceiling, the twinkling wall at the far end, and of course the centrepieces on the tables. We received lots of “Wow! This is so beautiful!” comments on the night.

We all enjoyed a scrumptious meal, whilst our Emcee JP, club captain Mike, and President Peter, along with various dignitaries did a great job with the presentations.



Later, members and friends did some serious gyrating on the dancefloor to the tunes of the band Nightfever. Rumour has it that some “members and friends” got home after 3am! ☺ Yours truly included. Clearly a great night!

I would like to thank all of you who helped put this together. You know who you all are, and again thank you. It's never a one person job. You guys are the core of not just Social, but of the club.

Once again thank you to all.

If any of you have any suggestions, so we can try improve next year, please e-mail me. I would love to hear from you. nolacarmignani@bigpond.com

COMING UP NEXT... Saturday 8th July 2017
“MEXICAN FIESTA” flyer attached! Asta la vista baby!

Mid-Week Ladies – Heather Maitre

It is the end of another great season of tennis and the Thursday morning ladies had their AGM and shared lunch. We had a good turnout and an enjoyable day with a morning of tennis and great food.

Thanks to all the mid- week ladies for all the support and keep enjoying your tennis.

Sharper Tennis – Simon and Angie Harper

Hello from SHARPER TENNIS.....

We are tearing through Term 2 with a great turn out for all Hotshots groups and we were very pleased to welcome several new families into the programme this term.

Our Easter camp was well attended with lots of chocolate consumed both on and off court! Holiday camps are a great way to get the kids off the couch and onto the courts and we hold regular camps each school holidays. The next will be during the second week of the upcoming holidays so if you have players keen to carry on regardless, drop us a line and we will email you with the finer details.

We are still looking to introduce Beginners and Cardio sessions however we do need a minimum of four per class to get these off the ground. If you would be interested in trying one of these new classes don't be shy. Get in touch... the first one is FREE to WDTC members!

You'll notice our new signage going up very soon and our website will be going live in the next couple of weeks so why not bookmark www.sharpertennis.com.au or join our Facebook group to keep up to date with what's happening in your coaching programme.

We're very lucky to have a great team of coaches working with us, many of whom have come through the coaching programme here at WDTC. We're delighted that after a lot of hard graft Coach Lachlan has won a scholarship to Meridian University, Mississippi. We all wish him well in his adventure and look forward to having him back on court in the holidays.

Lastly, as The Player goes to press, our triumphant Sharper Team returns from the 2017 Goldfields Financial Solutions AMT & JT in Kalgoorlie clutching a plethora of prizes! Each and every one came back with a win and a big smile. Well done team!



On the Sick List!

Nice to see Trevor Lusty and Rod Elise up and about!

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 simsml@bigpond.net.au

Many Happy Returns!

To Di Rice, Chris Cooper, Virginia Burke, Lawrence Ellis, Terry Berryman, Mark Sims, Tammy Reddell - congratulations and enjoy the coming year. Continue to enjoy playing and or socialising.



Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

SATURDAY 17TH JUNE – PLAY AND STAY

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



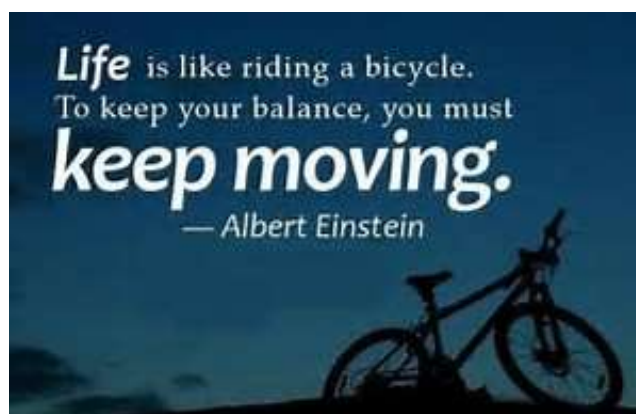
Please remember to check out the following link, which gives a short, 3-step demonstration on how to use the club's defibrillator (press Ctrl + click to follow link).

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 – Annual Dinner and Awards Night 2017 – Starry, Starry Night!







WDTG SOCIAL PRESENTS
MEXICAN FIESTA
SAT 8TH JULY 6.30PM
COST \$25 PP

- *Sangria
- *Chilli con carne
- *Margarita's
- *Chicken Tortillas
- *Mexican Dip
- *Refried beans
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