

November 2016

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *Peter Doherty*

New Members

Welcome to all new members (people who have joined the Club in the last 12 months).

Thanks for choosing to join WDTC, we appreciate your presence.

Being a new member at a Club is something that we all have been through.

Our Club is made up of members, new and experienced, old and young, males and females, together we make it what it is, a great Club.

The Club is always on the lookout for new members, so please encourage your friends and family to come and give us a try.

We frequently have Visitors come along to try our organised Social tennis on a Saturday or Sunday. Please make them welcome, involved them in your conversation at afternoon tea or invite them for a drink at the end of play.

Some Visitors may not initially be able to consistently get their serve in or hit a winner off their backhand. It does not matter. There is no trophy to be won at the end of the match, just a friendly smile and a good hand shake.

Anyone who is interested in improving their game should book a session with our excellent coaches or get some practice in against the hit-up wall.

Above all have fun.

New Year Raffle

New Year Raffle Tickets for our end of year raffle go on sale on Saturday 10th December. Be in it to win two tickets to the Hopman Cup and or numerous other prizes.

Tickets may be bought from me or on line. Just transfer \$20 (7 tickets), \$10 (3 tickets), or \$5 (1 ticket) to our bank account, BSB 306-050, Account 5528258, quoting "Raffle" and "your surname". Tickets will be held by our Treasurer and numbers advised to you by email.



President's Cocktail Party – Peter Doherty

The President's Cocktail Party was held on 4th November. Good company, good food and good conversation made for a fun night for the 60 members and guests who attended.

Thanks to Nola and her Social team and Chris and the bar team for their efforts setting up, serving and cleaning. This night is held each year to thank those members who have volunteered to serve on Club Committees.

Our club is built on the generosity of our volunteers. Please consider being one next year.



Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

Social Play

For the month of December we would like to trial some initiatives for social play with a focus on social player recruitment leading up to the 1st Jan when our prorata membership ticks over for the second half of the season.

- **Organised social sets every Wednesday from 3.30 pm to 6 pm during December commencing on the 30th November.** Team and singles practice will need to change to Tuesdays and Thursdays. Food will be provided from 5.30 pm and we would like to see members stay back for a drink. Can all members bring a friend, colleague, family member or previous club member (pay a visitor's fee of \$15 first visit free). We see this social session as a fantastic way of bringing new people to the club and can I remind all members to play their part in mentoring new players and making them feel welcome.
- The club will be organising a local mail drop with a special invitation (as per above). If there are any walkers or dog walkers please contact me if you can assist with distribution in your area. We want to make sure our invitation doesn't end up with all the usual marketing stuff which is thrown away.
- If any member is keen to get a family member back into tennis consider a Xmas gift of a half year membership from the 1st Jan. Can't think of a better gift for fitness, fun and social activities.
- We would like to form a working committee of social players with a focus on member recruitment (ideally targeting members keen on social play on weekends) so please contact me to register your interest.

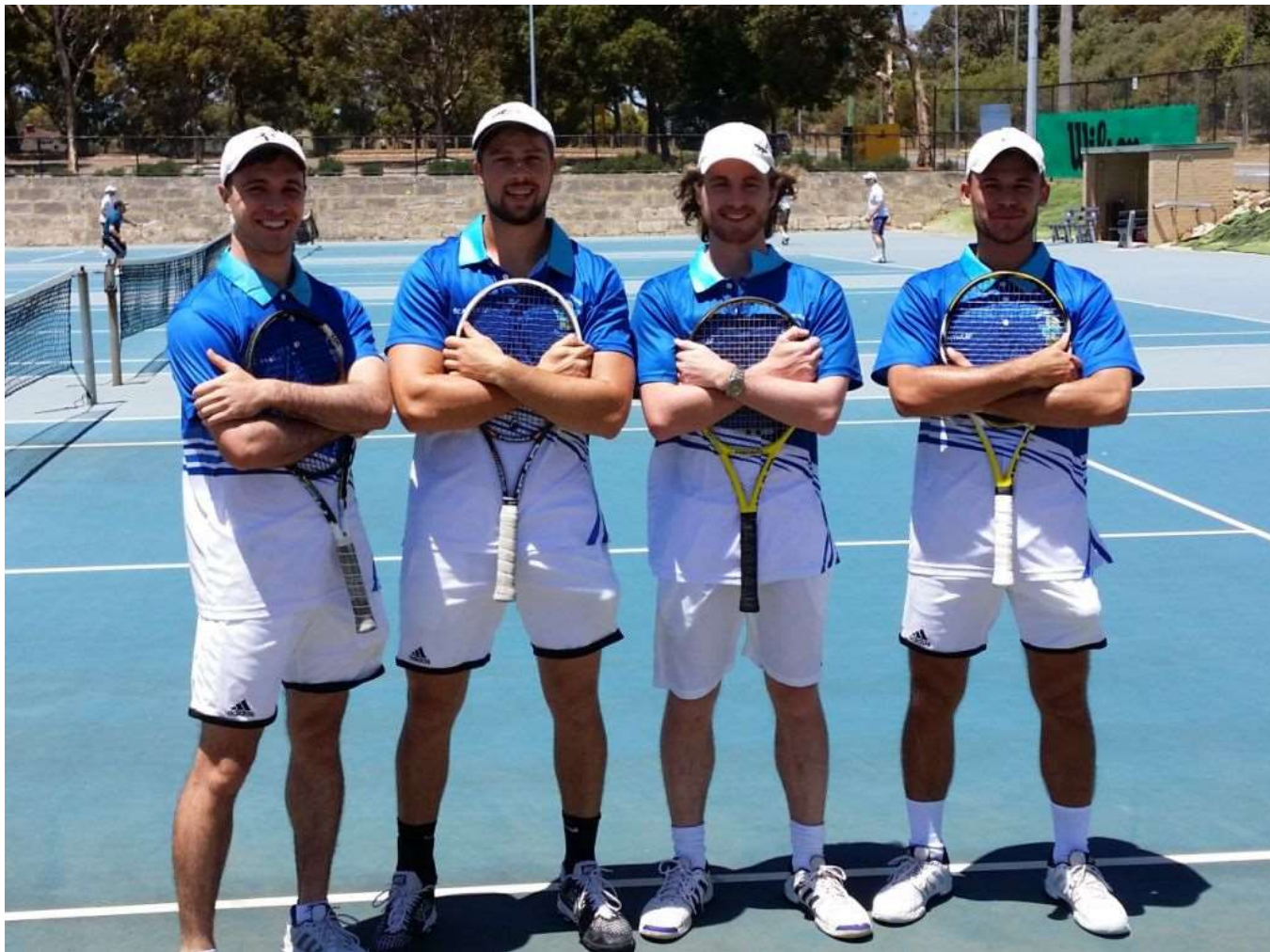
League Wrap

All is progressing well with league so far this summer. A couple of highlights are provided below:

- A Vet first for WDTC with father and son in the same team (at least to the best of my knowledge). Last Saturday we had the Fricker boys (see photo below) Gareth and Brian playing in the same over 35s team. Brian helped the team out playing one rubber with them winning 6-2 6-1 and contributing to a good team win 9 to 3 on the day. Whilst we have had many instances of father & son playing in open teams I cannot recall that this has happened previously at our club in over 35, 45 or 50s comps. Of course this will make both Frickers feel very old! If any member can provide any other instances of this occurring they will get a free drink at my expense.



- Many members may have seen some new faces playing league on the hardcourts. This is a new team for WDTC playing in Division 9. See the photo below from left Rob Ferritto, Joseph Delich Captain, Brendon McAlpine and Nino Volaric (Jackson Simkovic not playing on day of photo). The team is doing well currently around fourth spot of the ladder and had a fantastic win yesterday against the top team 5-1. Some background on the boys tennis wise. A few of them played juniors for WDTC and moved back to our club this season. They have played together for some years now and it shows in their team discipline/culture whilst still enjoying their tennis. It is no wonder they have won their division for the last two summers in a canter. This summer will be more of a challenge as they have jumped from division 13 to 9 so we will follow their progress with interest.



Members – Mark Sims

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

Junior	Keisuke Kogo, Lindsay Sawyer, Chris Lawrence, Alistair Harrison, Nenyasha Manzvera, Tawanenyasha Manzvera, Charlotte Nutt, Clay Morton, Jacques Baum
Parent Associate	Joanne Quinn

Social Committee News – Nola Carmignani



Coming up... **Xmas Party Saturday 10th December! Don't miss out!**

Remember to put your names down for the Xmas Party coming up on the 10th December. Children's Party starts at 4pm, Adults' party at 6.30pm.

**See flyer end of Player*

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"
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 year of socialising ahead! See you there!

Mid-Week Ladies – Heather Maitre

Firstly welcome to our visitor Patty who has been joining the Thursday ladies for the organised social games during this great spring weather. We are always pleased to have new members and you are most welcome.

Midweek ladies and midweek membership holders have an opportunity to join in social tennis on Wednesday afternoon / evening from 3.30pm. where social sets will be organised until 6.00pm and then followed by a b.b.q. and a drink.

There is also family fun tennis on a Friday afternoon for the juniors and families to play together so this is another opportunity to play tennis and enjoy the great outdoors and have some fun.

The ladies all enjoyed a lunch out last week at the "Blue Lotus" cafe in Stirling after there morning of tennis. It was a lovely venue at Waldeck garden centre and we all enjoyed delicious food.

The next event on the tennis calendar is our craft day on Thursday 7th of December. So come down and see the wonderful crafts, gifts and treasures and get some great Christmas presents.



On the Sick List!

Lis Blackburn is having a rough time at the moment and we all wish her a speedy recovery!

Many Happy Returns!

Happy Birthday to Meg Simpson, Nola Carmignani, Tina Lord, Laraine Penberthy, Sandie Bateman, Lucia Roselli, Lauren Conlon, Wendy Hawkes, Kate Naude, Sean MacFarlane, Gordon Gregory and Jodie Thatcher!

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.



Juniors – *Bryn Parsons*



Global Tennis – *Joe McCarthy & Brenton Bacon*



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!

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Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

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”

WDTC Uniforms

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

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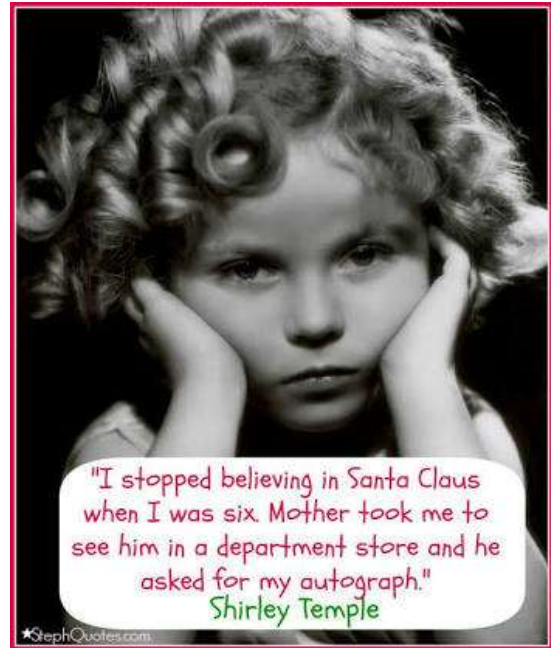
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Quote of the Day! Getting into the Christmas Spirit!



On the Funny Side!



Members Out and About!

John Hemsley bought and then very kindly donated a beautiful painting by Kshanti to President, Peter Doherty to be hung in Wembley Downs Tennis Club bar area for all to see and appreciate. He then serenaded us with a lovely song called "Trees" taught to him by his wife, Jan. Thankyou John for this kind gesture from all of us at Wembley Downs Tennis Club!



Birthdays at the Club!

Thought I'd share some of these innovative birthday cakes the girls are baking or making!!!



Melbourne Cup Luncheon at W.D.T.C!

A great time was had by all who attended the 2016 Melbourne Cup Luncheon! Ladies were all glammed up and the men were looking spiffy! Stakes were high, food was wonderful and thanks to all the organisers, John Venn and David Simpson, along with all their helpers, for a lovely event – too many to mention and I don't want to leave anyone out! Fantastic job! So saying that special thanks to Mike Collett and Gordon Gregory for running the sweeps and to Barbara Jones for taking the great photo's! Really captured the spirit! Thanks everyone!



And more





WDTC XMAS PARTY

10th December 2016

CHILDREN'S PARTY

- 🔔 4PM: CHRISTMAS CRAFT
- 🔔 4:45PM FATHER CHRISTMAS
- 🔔 5:30PM PARTY FOOD BOX
- 🔔 COST: \$5 PER CHILD
- 🔔 (PLEASE BRING A SANTA GIFT UP TO VALUE \$15) WITH CHILD'S NAME

ADULTS' PARTY

- ★ 6:30PM FOR 6:45 DINNER
- ★ DELICIOUS TWO COURSE XMAS FARE
- ★ Cost: \$25 p/p



Payment : Prior to Wed 7th Dec

Online: Bsb :306 050 Acc: 5528258 Ref XP (your name)

Or directly to David Simpson

Enquiries Laraine 0437 287 557

Merry Christmas

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