



**OCTOBER 2017**

# **The Player**

**Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.**

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

### ***WDTC - Another Tennis Year starts***

Thanks to Graham Blackburn for declaring the tennis season open for another year. All our grass courts are looking good and are now available for use. (Thanks Rob F.)

Thank you to everyone who came, particularly those who set up the hall and those who provided afternoon tea.

Once again Clrs Stephanie Proud and Liz Re attended, representing Stirling Council. (Congratulations to Liz Re on being re-elected as a Councillor in the recent elections).

Narelle Finch again represented Tennis West President Wayne Firns. Narelle did a great job judging the best mad hatter for the afternoon.

The Social Committee for putting on a delicious dinner for over sixty people, well done to Nola's team.

### ***Community Open Day***

This year we will be conducting a Community Open Day on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1:30 -4:30pm. Please come along and bring your family and friends, it all free. There will be tennis, tennis challenges, face painting, a bouncy castle (for the young ones) and a sausage sizzle and soft drink.

The day is being sponsored by 3 Oceans Iconic Scarborough Trust, Sharper Tennis, City of Stirling, Tennis West and the Club.

The aim of the day is for people to have fun and to encourage people to become members.

### ***Support for our Teams***

With league now underway, it is a good opportunity for members who are not playing to support those who are representing the Club. As the weather gets warmer I expect to see more people sitting outside the lounge cheering on our players.

Cheers,

Peter

## **Captain's Room – Susanna Monaco**

### ***Captain's Room***

Hi Everybody, thanks for the welcoming I received for my new role, I promise I'll do my best and I will give all my support and my ideas.

A huge thanks to Mike Underwood who gave to me a big help in the hard work of Men coordinator. Nobody could do a better job in recruiting new players than him. Bravo Mike.

October was a full-on month with the Pennant Ladies Gala day, the Opening day and the start of the Summer Leagues. We did our best to keep all the players happy in their teams and tried to get the right division despite the Tennis Australia rating system gave us very 'Mad' moments.

I wish to all WDTC Players a Great year. Enjoy and Win as much as possible.

### ***Ladies Teams Summer leagues***

The 'Queens of the Wednesday' are all back in 5 Ladies teams:

- Open Div1 – Capt. Sally Revell.
- Over 45 Grass Div1 – Capt. Louise Hall.
- Over 45 Grass Div2 – Capt. Bobbie Edwards.
- Over 45 Grass Div2 – Capt. Christine Cooper.
- Over 45 Grass Div3- Capt. Janet Paterson.

On Saturday the team of our young ladies jump from division 3 to division 2 so we will see a very strong competition.

- Open Div2 – Capt. Jane Naude

The 'Evergreen' Sunday team also got the div2:

Over 35 Grass Div2 – Capt. Rosie Harris.

A big welcoming to all the new ladies in the Summer Pennant teams:

- Sally Revell (Open Div1), Sandie Clark (Grass Div1), Cathy McNelly (Grass Div3), Paulette Contessi (Grass Div2), Beverley Doggett (Grass Div2).
- Brooke Corbett the youngest (19 years old) joined the Saturday Div2. She didn't play from year 7 but I can tell you her shots will become famous at WDTC. We hope she will bring more young girls in our Club.

Welcome back to Rae Savage in Open Div1 and to Jane Crisp in Div2.

All our wishes to Jane that is now playing with her left hand after the wrist injury.

### ***Men & Mixed Teams Summer League Wrap (from Mike Underwood)***

This summer league season we will have 8 Men and 2 Mixed teams representing Wembley Downs. Have highlighted some info below:

- A big welcome (or welcome back) to new members Serge & Nicholas Sergeev (Men Sat Open Div12), Clayton Berry & Jonathon Jones (playing on Monday Night Div 3 & Wednesday Night Northern Districts), Julien Terrade and Piravin Ananda (Wednesday Men Doubles Div2), Jimmy Campbell and Jake Thomas (Saturday Mens Open Div7), Aidan Crabb and Kalen Coughlin (Saturday Men Open Div8), Mark Lawrence (Men Seniors over 50 Div 3).

- We have 5 night teams which is a record for WDTTC with 3 Men doubles teams playing on Wednesday night including one of them playing in the Northern Districts comp for the first time. Another first is two Mixed Teams Tuesday Night Div3 and Sat Northern Districts.
- WDTTC is back in Men Seniors Over 50 Div1 along with a new look Div3 team captained by Alan McLaughlin.

All of our teams are well placed in their division to do well, so best wishes to all players and captains and make sure you enjoy your tennis.

### ***Handicap Singles Tournament***

On Sunday under the perfect organization of Alan McLaughlin the first Handicap tournament of the season started with the Men and Ladies singles. The tennis courts were full of Men players and that was a pleasure to see.

The Men's Single winner was James Hass, the Men's Runner-up was Aiden Crabb and in Third position Brendan McAlpine. Congratulations to all.

Also 4 sparkling Ladies were spotted in the bottom courts with the young Brooke Corbett and Nicole Short from the Saturday team. Alan was delighted to see the Ladies competition after 3 or 4 years of absence.

Despite the Handicap, the experience won over the fitness: Martina VanRensburg was the winner, Susanna Monaco the Runner-up.

### ***Mixed Handicap Tournament***

The mixed Handicap Tournament will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. Men and Ladies doubles on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, I hope to see a lot of us, it will be a good fun with great prizes.

### **A Big BRAVO to...**

- Alan McLaughlin (see photo) competed in the over ITF Senior + 75 Men Singles round robin Tournament at Robertson Park and was runner up in his division.
- Rosie Harris (see photo) and Richard Yorg (from Kings Park Tennis Club) were runners up in the State Seniors Mixed +50 Tournament.

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## Social Committee News – Nola Carmignani



### **QUIZ NIGHT!**

Last Month our Quiz Night proved very successful raising over \$5500, plus good bar takings. An enormous thank you must go to Janet Paterson who put in an enormous effort for weeks on end to make this happen. Thanks to all who helped setup the hall, went on the scrounge and collected prizes, worked on the bar that night and of course all the people who donated an enormous amount of prizes. John as usual made a great Emcee, and Jeff always good with the auctions! A truly fantastic effort!

### **OPENING DAY! “MAD HATTERS”**

The room spelt “FUN” from the moment you walked in.

I take my hat off to you all! Some of you made some very creative hats!! I believe Ann Doherty and Rae Savage were probably the most creative home-made hats! Simply amazing!

Thanks to all who prepared a plate for afternoon tea!

With Ann, Mary, and Judy at the reins, Laraine’s precise 100g patties, Brett ‘al dente’ pasta for the Salad, great kitchen helpers Marion, Tina, Sarah, David, and Lauren, who together produced, no overcooked peas and corn (hahahah) a rather simple but fantastic meal. BBQ kings Gary, Richard, Rod cooking all the crazy kebabs! Perfectly cut strawberries by Fiona B! Susanna who collected that very yummy cheesecake. To everyone who helped in the kitchen. THANKYOU!

*We look forward to the Community Open day on the 12<sup>th</sup> November your neighbours and family to come along. It should be a great day!*

“Aftermath of QUIZ NIGHT” one of the Live Auction prizes “A Cooking Experience with yours truly” took place on Thursday night at the club. What a fun entertaining night we had.



## Mid-Week Ladies – Heather Maitre

### OPENING DAY LUNCH!

Lots of great tennis, followed by a feast!



## Members – Mark Sims



Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 Season. Thank you to those who have already paid their membership fees.

For those who haven't, please note that the fees for the new season are now overdue and we would appreciate payment as soon as possible.

Welcome to the following new members:

Full:	Sergei Sergeev, Aric Song
Mid-Week:	Clay Berry, Cathy McNally
Intermediate:	Kane Hardeman, Aiden Crabb, Kalen Coughlan
Junior:	Charlie Brooks, Nicholas Sergeev, Aysha Reid, Zac Cobley, Tejas Eseltine, Cassius Mok Hart, Sienna Weerakody, Charlie Maisey, Oliver Nutt, Jacques Creighton
Country:	
Social:	Janet Halligan, Cooper Johnson
Senior League:	Piravin Ananda, Julian Terrade, Mark Lawrence

## Sharper Tennis – Simon and Angie Harper

Hello from SHARPER TENNIS....



Our **Hotshots** groups kicked off Term 4 with great turnouts promising a fun and busy Summer season for all! Tennis is a great sport to get your kids into and offers a variety of social and health benefits. We really do consider it a SPORT FOR LIFE.... So if you know anyone who is thinking about getting their kids involved send them our way 😊

Many of our tournament players have had great successes over the October holidays both here in WA and further afield, and are now raring to go for the 2017/18 Summer League season. We anticipate some great tennis both at home and away.... Good luck to all our players!

We do still have some availability so if you are looking for something for the kids this term, then check out our website via the button below for more details on our junior programme. You can also drop us an email at [info@sharperennis.com.au](mailto:info@sharperennis.com.au) or call Angie on 0424909083.

For the grown-ups, we will be continuing our popular Adult Beginners group on Mondays 7-8pm. This is a drop-in group so get there when you can or sign up for the full six weeks to receive a discount!

The Tuesday Intermediate group is on from 9.30-11am and is a fun way to practise for pennants and whilst getting some tips from our coaches to give you an edge. You're very welcome to drop in and have a try!

We will also be offering a **BRAND NEW EVENING CARDIO CLASS** later in the term so do let Angie know if this is something you'd like to try out. Drop us an email ([angie@sharperennis.com.au](mailto:angie@sharperennis.com.au)) and we'll keep you updated.

**"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard"**

All the Best,

The Sharper Tennis Team

## House and Grounds – Dennis Gillespie

### **Busy Bee**

The annual Busy Bee was held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. in perfect weather. A good attendance of approx. 35 helpers including two councillors (one aspiring) ensured most tasks were completed. A huge amount of tree lopping, weeding and sweeping was done as well as sanding and painting of our patio tables and seats. Inside a lot of cleaning and sorting was done to make the kitchen and lounge much neater and tidier. A terrific morning tea concluded the morning. Thank you so much to all the willing workers. Your efforts were much appreciated. Photos are on WDTC Facebook page and at the back of Player!

## Juniors – Fiona Brinsden and Linda Paterson

The junior committee has been busy over the last few months getting things ready for a big summer of tennis at Wembley Downs and we hope the kids are ready for some fun! Check out the clubs website and facebook page for more info about happenings around the club.

### ***Pennants***

We have 8 pennants teams playing this summer which includes a boys Junior State League team. There is pennants training every Friday 4.30 – 6pm. Coach Jimmy will help organise the kids into some singles and doubles match play. The bar will be open for the parents so feel free to stay and enjoy a drink and watch some good tennis being played.

### ***Junior/Senior Challenge***

This is the juniors chance to show those more senior members a thing or too! This is a doubles competition between the juniors and the seniors of the club, it is on Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5 – 6.30pm, put your name down on the sheets around the clubrooms to join in. You will be paired up with other junior members according to your ability and play the seniors in a number of short matches. The bar will be open and there will be pizza to follow.

### ***Club Champs***

The junior club champs are being held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> followed by a Christmas party. Save the date and more details will follow closer to the event. This is an event for all children who are members, not just pennant players.

### ***Junior Development Tournament***

Coach Simon is running a JDS tournament at Wembley Downs December 9 & 10. This is a great way to introduce kids to playing tournament tennis, it is designed for children who are interested in playing more tennis but are just beginning. Entry for the tournament can be found on the Tennis West website <https://www.tennis.com.au/wa/tournaments/junior-development-series> Have a look around the website and get some more information about what is happening in tennis in your state.





## W.D.T.C. Annual Golf Classic

A very enjoyable but challenging golf day was experienced this year on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017!

Firstly, we played on the Tuart course for the first time, and secondly it rained heavily for the first time in many years.

However, all 40 golfers turned up and enjoyed the different conditions. Congratulations to the winning team captained by Mark Sims and supported by Kevin Lynch, Gordon Kendall and Sue Thomas. Very well done. Second team was Geoff Westbrook (Capt), Glen Callanan, Peter Downey and Jan Hibbard.

Afterwards 53 people attended an enjoyable dinner catered by La Vela restaurant and Jennie and Tony Leahy (desserts).

Thank you to the very efficient organizing team for this years event comprising of Dennis Gillespie, David Simpson, Tony Leahy and Wendy Greenway. Photos on WDTC Facebook page.





## ***On the Sick List!***

Best wishes to the following people who are not 100% at the moment: Graham Blackburn, Bruce Phillips, James Taylor, Chris Cooper... We hope you are all back fighting fit soon.

We look forward to seeing you back at the Club as soon as you can make it.

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](mailto:simsml@bigpond.net.au)

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

Graham Blackburn, Rae Savage and Jan Hibbard all celebrate birthdays this month. We wish you and any other members having birthdays all the very best for the coming year!



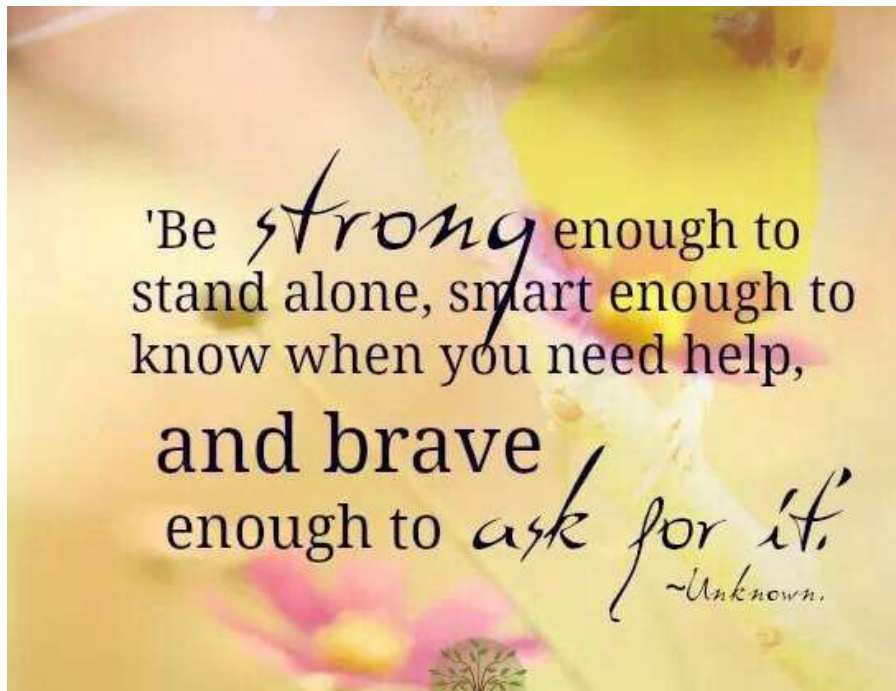
**Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!**

***FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> – JUNIOR / SENIOR CHALLENGE 5 – 6.30PM***

## ***WDTC - SOCIAL COMMITTEE 2017-18***

12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	WDTC “Open Community Day”
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Xmas party Kids Xmas Party
3rd Feb	Pirate’s Ahoy!
17th March	Irish – St Pat’s
19 <sup>th</sup> May TBC	Annual Dinner
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Wimbledon 2018 – opening night party
28 <sup>th</sup> July	1920’s night

Quote of the Month!



On the Funny Side!



**Members Out and About! – Opening Day! – see Facebook page for all photos!**





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Frank Sinatra and Frank Holmes “catching up!”



Bobbie Edwards and her partner, Terri Egger, competing in the USA!!!



### On Holiday

JP & Rita have recently returned from their first cruise and guess who they met on board the Sea Princess on the high seas to Singapore? long standing retired members of WDTC; Grat & Elaine Erskine and Barry & June Gregory. One can imagine the stories these four came out with. Rita and I learnt a lot more about some of their WDTC contemporaries. For a VB John will elaborate. At the time this photo was taken, Barry was lying low suffering from the night before & June was wiping his brow!!!



## 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).

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## House and Grounds – Dennis Gillespie – Busy Bee



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