



September 2015

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *Peter Doherty for John*

Hi Everyone,

AGM 2015

It was pleasing to see a good turn-out for the AGM again this year. I'd like to thank John Pritchard for ensuring that nominations for most of the committee positions were in-hand before he went on his holiday. Also thanks to those people who asked questions about the Club's financial position, coaching contract, uniform and availability of courts. If any member has a question on the status of any club activity or improvement, please ask any member of the Management Committee.

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

President – John Pritchard

Vice President – Peter Doherty

Secretary – Jon Bowden

Treasurer - Janet Paterson

Captain – Mike Underwood

Registrar - (TBC)

Bar/Hall Hire - John Venn

Juniors - Louise Hall

House & Grounds - Terry Tinsley

Publicity – Lorraine Sims

Social – David Simpson

A few work in progress items that I mentioned at the meeting were:

- Development of a Junior Development Foundation/Trust
- Creating a new Strategic Plan
- A junior Easter tournament in 2016 at WDTCC

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

Men's State League/Division 1 - 2015/16

This year WDTC will be fielding a Mens State League team built from players who last season played in the UWA State League team (which made the semis) and our Division 1 winning team. We will also have a strong Division 1 team.

The players who will be representing WDTC in these teams will be:

Brenton Bacon, Sam Ashenden, Darren Slater, Dean Cochrane, Jake Robinson, Charles Williams, Rafe Bonini, Alex Downey, Tristan Schoolkate and Peter Schoolkate.

WDTC will also have a Division 1 Ladies team trying to win a place in Women's State League.

AT THE AGM HELD ON 30TH AUGUST 2015 THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL RESOLUTION WAS PASSED.

Amendment to the Rules of the Club

That section 5.1 encompass the following addition;

(m) Parent Associate (a parent of an existing junior or sub-junior WDTC member is allowed to play with their child; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (afternoon), Thursday (afternoon), Friday, Saturday (morning) or Sunday, when courts are available (Full members, coaching and court hirers have priority), excludes use of lights).

House and Grounds – Terry Tinsley

HI All

First of all I would like to thank Mark and his team for looking after the club. Great Job

I would also like to thank all of you for staying on the H & G committee and I would like to welcome our new H & G committee member, Henry Wood. It is always great to have a new person to help us.

As my time formally starts, I have some good news and some bad. Firstly, many thanks to Laurel, Keith and Gary for spreading the sand on the grass area. This area has become degraded with some large ruts and holes from the car tyres. The sand was an attempt to fill in the holes and to even out the surface. The weather is perfect for the grass to grow through this sand and so restore the area. However, because some cub members continue to park in this area all of the hard work of Laurel, Keith, Gary and myself (your fellow members) will be wasted. So I am asking, for the last time, please **do not** park on the grassed area.

Also thanks to all of you for keeping up the work that you do to make the club really great.

THE BAD NEWS.

From now on anyone parking on the grass will be contributing to the funds of the club by paying \$5.00. That's for the first time, after which the "donation" it will be increased to \$10.00.

This will do two things: help keep the club in profit, and act as a disincentive to park on the grass.

This area will become available when the grass has grown but only on special occasions, with the permission of the House & Grounds. This is to keep the club looking great, rather than like a sand pit.

In addition, the hit up wall has a NO PARKING sign on the ground, and so anyone parking in this area will also be fined.

I thank you all for your cooperation.

Cheers,
Terry

Many Happy Returns!

Happy birthdays to and including belated ones! Pam Venn, Lis Blackburn and yours truly and anyone else celebrating birthdays!

Members – David Drake

A big, warm, welcome to new members

Social Committee News – David Simpson

The Social Committee has returned with last year's strength plus several new additions. At our meeting on the 9th September, we set out a Draft of what we have in store for you this year.

Opening Day ; 17th October. Theme is, "Footy Fever" (What else??).

Afternoon Tea and "Footy Dinner!". Cost will be \$15.00 per head (less than last year).

President's Cocktail Party. Date to be set by the President. Probably Friday 6th or 13th (horror!) of November.

Xmas party for children and adults - 12th December

Australia Day Breakfast- Tuesday 26th January. Probably run in conjunction with Tournament Committee "Fun Tennis"

St Patrick's Day March 19th. Nearest Saturday to St Patrick's Day. Irish theme, Irish stew and Mash ; Irish music. Irish jokes.

Annual Dinner. May 28th . We are investigating the possibility of holding the function at a suitable outside venue.

July. Possibly a Quiz night.

We look forward to the tremendous support for our efforts, that we received last year.

Juniors – Louise Hall

Winter League finished with two of our four junior teams playing in Grand finals. The U12 Green Ball Div1 team continued a fantastic season with a grand final win while the Boys U16 Div 1 team had a nail biting close grand final loss that came down to a few points!

Congratulations to all involved in getting in to the finals.

The Juniors have 15 teams nominated for the Summer season. We will be opening the Junior season on Oct 18th at 10 am. This will be a chance to come and meet your team and have a hit. Managers packs and balls will be given out at this time.



Winners are Grinner!

By Roving Reporter – Fiona Brinsden

Little did people know that on August 15th, 2015, the Derby was not the only game in town.

Wembley Downs U12 Division 1 Green Ball had remained undefeated all winter season and were playing in the grand final against Onslow Tennis Club.

With Chloe Williams leading the team as Wembley Downs' number 1 player, Zac Picart, Noah Brinsden, Alex Hegney and Sam Fisher-bullen were ready to take out the title.

Following some investigative inquiries it was clear that nutrition was of the utmost importance in preparing for the final.

Journo: What did you have for breakfast this morning in preparation for today's final?

Chloe: Butter on toast plus a milo

Noah: Pancakes plus OJ

Sam: Toast with strawberry jam

Alex: Porridge with soy milk

Zac: Cornflakes

Such great preparation obviously paid off when all players won their singles matches, giving Wembley Downs an unbeatable lead heading into the doubles matches.

However, only one doubles match was played (the other having being forfeited by Onslow) in which Noah and Sam fought gallantly.

However, with morning tea on their minds and the other players already finished, it was a difficult task to hold concentration for both boys. Onslow won this in a tight 3 set match.

A big congratulations to all Wembley Downs players in this team. I hope you enjoy continued success in the coming summer season.



Right to left – Sam, Zac, Noah, Chloe and Alex

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Adult group lessons/Cardio tennis.

Cardio Tennis is a fun group activity for anyone at any playing level looking for a fun way to burn calories & interact with others outside of the gym. We will be offering Cardio Tennis at WDTC on the below days. Come down for a try your first session is always FREE so bring a friend and try it out. Call or email us to book in.

- Tuesdays 700-800 pm \$20.00 per session.
- Fridays 930-1030 am \$20.00 per session.

Adult Group Lessons

We will be offering both adult beginner and intermediate classes on the below days and times. These classes are a great way to learn the game in a group environment with Players of a similar standard. You must book in for these but you do not need to commit for a whole term. The intermediate groups are perfect for pennant players and teams wanting to practice.

- Mondays 1000-1100 am Intermediate group \$20.00 per session
- Wednesdays 700-800pm Intermediate group/drills tactics \$20.00 per session
- Thursdays 930-1030am Beginners group \$20.00 per session.

Adult League training sessions

Whether you are in mid week team, night league or Saturday afternoon team we offer team training once a week for league teams. With a focus on tactical development, doubles fundamentals as well as technical work on areas such as serve and return these sessions are a great way to improve and train as a team.

Please Call Joe or email

joe@globaltennis.com.au to book in for a lesson.

Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

Bring on the heat and a sizzling summer of tennis. Our summer social tennis programme will kick off with our **handicap events** and this year we have them commencing on the first day our grass courts open on the 10th October and finish before the first round of league commences on the 24th October. I would like to see plenty of league and social players register to play with the organiser Alan McLaughlin so look out for posters and we will send an email closer to the time.

We are currently in the process of finalising our summer league teams. Some highlights will be a new look State Grade team (our VP will be in touch soon to announce), 3 night teams and quite a few new faces playing for WDTC. To improve our interaction between the club, spectator and teams playing on our hardcourts we will be installing scoreboards so you can all keep track on how our players are going. Attracting talented players from other clubs is critical to our long term success so I would ask all league Captains and players to look after new members and provide support where necessary.

Room For Improvement!

I endeavour to stay positive in my player articles however this needs to be said. Some of our midweek league players have a tendency to put themselves first ahead of the club and other players. I remind all league players that representing our wonderful club is a privilege as is mentoring and assisting the next generation of league players to develop their games. I would ask all league players to adopt a more flexible attitude when it comes to formation of teams.

Winter League Wrap

We had 4 weekend teams in winter and two of them won their grand final recently (winning from 4th place). This was an outstanding effort and on behalf of the club I would like to congratulate the Division 1 and 8 mens squads. I was pleased with the attitude and contribution of all the players who represented our club this season and this provides a strong foundation for our summer league season.

Our winning division 1 Mens Squad consisted of Rafe and Luca Bonini, Marcus Bouckaert, Alex Downey, Aleks Sergeev, Lachlan Ivulich and Team Manager Joe Bonini (see photo below of the boys at the grand final).



Our winning division 8 Mens Squad consisted of Stevan Ilic, Ken Nosaka (Co Captain), Marc Worley (Co Captain), Connor Jenkin, Elliott Buzza, Alistair De Vroet, Tim Jacques and Guy Hall and Team Manager yours truly (see photo below of team at the grand final. In the photo you will notice one of the cheeky boys put 6-0 on the scorecard before play commenced so this was excellent visualisation by the team as it won 5-1!).



Our winter stars for the season was Alex Downey (8 wins no losses in singles) and Stevan Ilic (8 wins and 1 loss in singles). Stevan started the season ranked a CTR 6.1 in singles and finished 4.7.

Member Profile This Month - Tom Hann

Tom has been a member of the club since the age of 5, participating in group lessons and competing in 'Friday Fun-days' initially with coach, Tristan Venables. Currently, after more than 6 seasons of playing league for our club and under the supervision of his new coach Joe McCarthy, he has developed into a strong and reliable tennis player with a unique skill set. This has seen his ranking increase dramatically and he was recently ranked 2nd in the state for his age (born 1999) and in the top 10 nationally, with his overall Australian Ranking being just inside the top 250. Tom was recently selected in the 18/U state team (Pizey Cup), cementing his position in the team at number 3. On his return from Tasmania Tom competed in both of the Platinum AMT events in Perth, in which he qualified for the main draw for both, and won both his first rounds. Other significant results include winning the Perth Autumn Gold Junior (state title), winning the WDTC 17/U junior club and runner up in Mens Open Club Champs. With the climb in rankings and success come opportunities to compete at national level so Tom will be travelling regularly over the next twelve months.



The club is looking at ways we can support our promising young players like Tom by setting up a Junior Development programme with fund raising activities. We will announce more details over the following months. If any member is interesting to assisting please contact our **Junior Captain Louise Hall**.

Etiquette Tip

It has been a very interesting period of Australian tennis players, over the last month, from very strange behaviour at Wimbledon to an amazing quarterfinal win in Darwin. My tip for this month is partly etiquette and part philosophy however I feel it is relevant to tennis players both in their sporting pursuits or personal/work life. No matter what you are doing, ie training, rehab, playing socially or competing always enjoy the moment and give it your 100% focus and energy. And if you stick to this when you feel great or average good things will happen.

Handicap Tournament

Following last year's successful tournament we have brought them forward so that more club members can participate.

The Round-robin format means all participants will enjoy at least three or four matches.

Partners for the Mixed and Doubles competitions will be drawn on a random basis from the list of all participants.

No Entry Fee and prizes for Winners and Runners-up

Schedule for your Diary:

Mixed Tournament on Saturday October 10th.

Singles on Sunday 11th.

Doubles Tournaments on Sunday October 18th.

Entry Forms are available at the Club.

Regards,

Alan



Mid-Week Ladies – Wendy Hawkes

SAVE THE DATE: The Midweek Ladies Opening Day Lunch will be held on **Thursday 15th October**.

So, it's time to dust-off racquets (especially those Ladies who've been travelling the world or hibernating during the winter months), perhaps even re-grip them! Maybe I'll even get around to buying a new pair of tennis shoes - well and truly due after four years!

As usual, please bring either a savoury or sweet dish to share at the Opening Day Lunch.

Members Out and About

It's been a busy month of August for member Jon Bowden! On August 11th he scored a hole in one at Wembley!

And then on 22nd August at 4pm he married the beautiful Doreen at Abbey Beach Resort with close family attending!

From everyone at WDTC we wish you a long and happy life together!



Tammy, Reddell, Lorraine Sims, Tim Gooch and Mark Sims holidaying in New Zealand!



WDTC Uniforms

All pennant players are expected to wear the shirts/tops with plain navy blue 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/main/products/resuscitation/products/onsite/demo.wpd>

Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER – OPENING DAY – FOOTY FEVER!

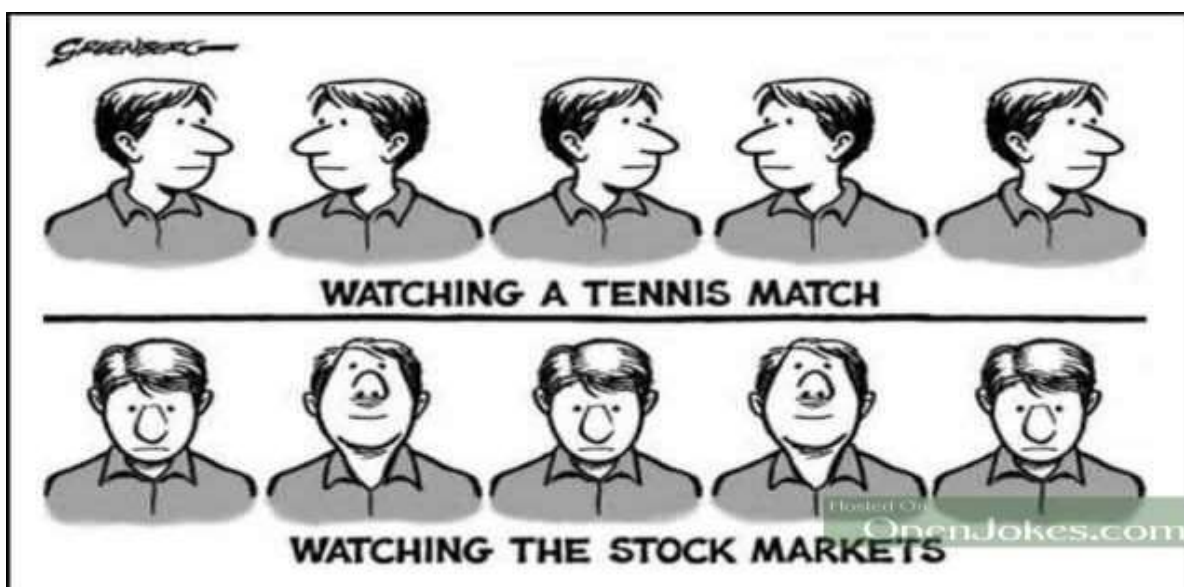
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Quote of the month

A team above all. Above all a team. -Unknown

The Funny Side



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Sunday

4th October 2015

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.**



Thank you for your support !