



May 2016

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *John Pritchard*

National Volunteers' Week

The National Volunteers' Week was celebrated from 9 – 15 May. We at WDTC have our fair share of volunteers to thank for all their help throughout the past year. I am very grateful to our 70 + members serving on different committees and the many others who help out from time to time. Please accept my thanks for all you do to keep our club viable.

***“We do not pay our volunteers, not because you are worthless,
but because the work you do is priceless.”***

City of Stirling Tournament

Congratulations to Susanna Monaco, Peter Doherty and every team member for a fantastic win on the 1st. WDTC won the overall competition, our first since 2003. WELL DONE. See below for further information.

Annual Fees

Management, this month considered whether or not to increase members' fees for 2016/17. The need for additional revenue weighed against the current economic climate when a number of families are struggling was a lengthy point of discussion. Management ultimately decided in favour of retaining fees at the current level for another year. In return, members are asked to pay their new fees as promptly as possible.

I hope members appreciate the goodwill the Club is showing in these difficult times. I sincerely hope next year will be a better year for all of us.

2016/2017 Entertainment Books

The Club, through the President, is selling the new entertainment book this year. Most of us will be familiar with the book. It is packed with hundreds of vouchers and discounts and if a person only uses it twice on meals, the book has been paid for. It is valid from 1 June 2016 to 31 May 2017 and is currently available to purchase. The books also make great presents, so don't delay call John now on 0413 092 147 or email at pritch@fcs.org.au and place your orders before 10 June.

PS. The books cost \$65.00 each and the Club will receive \$13.00 per book purchased (as does every organisation which sells them).

Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

I am looking forward to the Annual Dinner this Saturday the 28th May. The Tournament & League/Social Committees are making the finishing touches to the programme. As always we will ensure the presentations/ceremonies flows along with no speeches (perhaps one or two). So from my side I would just like to thank all social and league players for their efforts over the last 12 months in particular continuing to assist in building a culture where club/team is the priority and competing fiercely but fairly. Let's continue the momentum for 2017.

In relation to league teams we will be looking to form smaller squads for summer so players will get to play every week if that is their preference. Not sure if that will require the club hiring a couple of hard or grass courts at Robertson Park/State Tennis Centre. The negative about this option in the past has been one team was designated to play at the hired courts and did not get to play at home every fortnight which is not ideal. We thought we would try something different this year and have all teams having to take their turn playing home matches away from the club. This may result in only one home match away from the club every six weeks.

Presidents v Patrons

Congratulations to the Patrons for a good win last Sunday backing up their win in 2015. It was a nice afternoon of competitive tennis with excellent food afterwards. A big thanks to Alan McLaughlin and Andrew Blackburn for organising the afternoon and to Graham Blackburn, Alan Starke and John Pritchard for providing prizes, food and drinks.

Individual top scorers Lorraine Sims (Patrons), runner-up Keith Farley (Patrons), third was Meg Simpson (Presidents), fourth Jeremy Kessel (Presidents), equal fifth Alyson Blackburn & Janet Paterson, (both Patrons), sixth Tony Evans (Patrons), seventh Ann McKenzie (Presidents) and eighth Joel Forsyth (Presidents).

City of Stirling Win For Wembley Downs by Team Captain Susanna Monaco

After 13 years we are the winner of 2016 City of Stirling Tournament. Was such a great day, tough tennis and very good teams. Our boys from the State League & Div 1 squads Brenton, Sam, Dean, Darren, Charles and Aleks led the day along with our two very young angels Crystal and Talia who smashed the opposition with not a word, so tiny and so good!

Of course the rest of the team with the 'age' experience did the rest Peter and Ken for the men and Martina, Fiona, Christine, Taryn, Louise and myself for the ladies. There was a really great team spirit which played a big part in the win. Many thanks to Peter for helping all day in the difficult job of deciding the best combinations of players. The 1st May 2016 will be an unforgettable day for a very happy Team Captain.

The Wembley Downs City of Stirling Winning Team



Pictured from left Crystal Mildwaters, Talia Gibson, Charles Williams, Louise Hall, Dean Cochrane, Susanna Monaco (Team Captain), Martina Van-Rensburg, Sam Ashenden, Taryn Sullivan, Christine Stanton, Darren Slater, Brenton Bacon and Aleks Sergeev (absent from photo Fiona Brinsden, Peter Doherty and Ken Nosaka).



Second photo is some of the winning squad with the perpetual trophy and shield.

Tennis West MVP & Volunteer Night by Susanna Monaco

On the 20th of May Tennis West held their MVP/Volunteer function at the State Tennis Centre. It was a great night under a beautiful full moon for our three happy and talented MVPs. Jan Hibbard Wednesday Over 45 grass Div 3, Martina Van Rensburg Wednesday Open Div 1 and Gareth Fricker Mens Doubles Wed night Div 4 received their awards in front of a crowd of 250 people. And you can't win an MVP in doubles, or a division Grand Final, without a great team so our club will honour our MVPs and their teams at the Annual Dinner on the 28th May. So proud of them It was a pleasure to see their big smiles on the stage.

Live music, drinks and food were offered under their big tent (over tennis court) and a warm applause was given to say thanks to all the volunteers that helped the clubs during the season. One of our new social members Beverley Hunt represented her talented sister Lesley Hunt (who is recovering from some serious chronic injuries) to receive a replica of the 1971 Federation cup, as a member of the winning team, on the 50th anniversary of the Federation cup. On behalf of the club we wish Lesley a speedy recovery.



Our Members Performances in Tournaments & Achievements

Please keep me posted on how our members go!

- WDTC was well represented at the recent North Beach Over 35s Doubles tournament with Sean Macfarlane and Serene Staunton winning the U2 Division. Penny Askin and Phil Hingston finished runner up in the Spice Girls Division (Phil would have been especially proud as I know he has some of their CDs in his collection).



- Our club have several team members in the WA Pizzey Cup Team with Tom Hann, Lachie Ivulich and Nadia Rajan selected. The WA team finished third which is the best result for a number of years. Tom was selected as Captain of the WA team and also made All Australian which is a significant achievement considering the national talent in this age group. See photo below Lachie is back row third from left and Tom is the one in the back row looking 7 foot tall so he must be standing on a box.



- Many of our Div 1 Men and Ladies have been competing well in the major Autumn tournaments including the WA Open.

SIMPLY THE BEST!

Social Committee News – David Simpson

All is in place for a great night, next Saturday, 28th, for our Annual Dinner. While the Theme is " How green is your garden? ", we do not expect you to come looking like a Sunflower. Although, it could help you get " picked" for a dance!

Please try to avoid paying for the dinner on the night, otherwise, you may receive a special prize.



Our last event of the Club year will be a FUN QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 2ND JULY.

Entry will be \$10.00 per head with tables of 8.

So, dust off the cobwebs, find some friends and book a table. There will be lots of prizes. Not just for the " Gifted and Talented"!

On the Sick List!

Glenys Watters has recently undergone open heart surgery and is recovering at home. Get well soon Glenys!

Bruce Mac recently underwent minor surgery and is recovering well to the benefit of the bar!

Liz and Andrew Blackburn are both making good progress after their respective problems. Liz come on down and show us your progress!

Also Bob Ptolomy – hope all is going well with your recovery! See you soon!

To anyone else nursing an injury or illness we wish you a speedy recovery.

Many Happy Returns!

A number of us have or are celebrating birthdays this month. Congratulations to Heather Macnab, David & Di Rice, David Hough, Peter Adorno, Christine Cooper, Virginia Burke and all those other lucky members who are a year older. Hope this next year is a good one for all of you!



Members – Mark Sims

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

Mid Week: Ben Goldbloom

Junior : Gerhard van Wyk

JUNIOR FUNDRAISING SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Many thanks to everybody who supported our Bunnings barbecue to raise money for Junior Development.

The Junior Committee(and Janet) did a fantastic job ably assisted by juniors- Jasper, Andrew and Guy.

We raised \$1410.05 so well done to you all.



Juniors – Louise Hall

Congratulations to our MVP juniors from the 2015/16 season- 5 winners fantastic. These MVP awards will be presented at tea time on Saturday May 28th.

Sunday Junior ANZ Hot Shots 9-12 Yrs Green Ball	3	WDTC	Connor Wirth
Sunday Junior Boys 12 Years & Under	2	WDTC	Archie Morrision
Sunday Junior Boys 14 Years & Under	7	WDTC	Xavier Picart
Sunday Junior Girls 14 Years & Under	1	WDTC	Oh Skinner
Sunday Junior ANZ Hot SHots 9-12 Yrs Green Ball	5	WDTC	Rohan Macneill



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Mid-Week Ladies – Wendy Hawkes

Our “Closing Day” lunch will be held on 26th May.

Please bring a savoury dish or dessert. Setsuko McGrath, Pat Wenham and Di Clegg will be organizing the morning’s play and lunch!



Some of our lovely Mid – Week members getting together for a yummy lunch!

Members Out and About - President v Patrons!





Thanks to John, Alan and Graham for such an enjoyable afternoon!

Special mention to Alan McLaughlin for organizing sets on the day!

Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

THURSDAY 26TH MAY – MID WEEK LADIES CLOSING DAY

SATURDAY 28TH MAY – ANNUAL DINNER AND PRESENTATIONS

SATURDAY 2ND JULY – QUIZ NIGHT

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/pwc_hc/main/shared/Assets/multimedia/flash/resuscitation/AED/HS1_onsite_demo/index.wpd

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Quote of the month

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. Aesop

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