



**NOVEMBER 2017**

# The Player

**Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.**

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

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

The Community Open Day at the Wembley Downs Tennis Club was a big success with many families taking advantage of the tennis, cardio tennis, bouncy castle, face painting, afternoon tea and free sausage sizzle.

We had at least 100 people attend the day. It was great to see the mix of age groups on the courts and most of our courts in use. Our existing members and potential members all had a good time.

Membership application forms were handed out and so far we have received one new membership application.

Coaching vouchers and other prizes were also handed out during the afternoon. Sponsorship and prizes for the day were donated by 3 Oceans, City of Stirling and Tennis West.

### ***Welcome New Members***

Welcome to all new members (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.

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

### ***Busy December***

December is almost here and it looks like being a busy time at WDTC. Junior championships are being held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>, then for the first time WDTC will be hosting a Junior Development Series Tournament on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December (in the mornings).

The Pennant Ladies and Mid Week Social Ladies are having their Christmas celebrations and the Club's Junior and Adults Christmas celebrations are to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December we have a mixed handicap tournament.

I would like to wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## ***Christmas Raffle***

Our annual Christmas/New Year Raffle tickets will go on sale from Saturday 9th December. Be in it to win two tickets to the 30<sup>th</sup> MasterCard Hopman Cup and or several other prizes. Tickets may be purchased from me or other members of the Management Committee. 3 tickets for \$5 or 1 ticket for \$2.00.

## ***Community Open Day***



## Captain's Room – Susanna Monaco

November has the Black Friday but I had the Black Thursday; while sailing on the river I received a big hit to the face. Thankfully there were no broken bones but only a lot of pain and a swollen face. I'm confident I'll be able to come back and play as soon as possible.

My recommendation for the month: **NO SPORT OTHER THAN TENNIS** before Christmas please. However good luck to all the injured players we need all of you.

This month all the Pennant teams were in full activity and we've had some very great matches. Only few weeks left before the holidays: Go Wembley Downs.

A big thank you to the good work of all the Day captains during the weekends.

### ***Handicap Tournament Mixed on 17th December***

On the 17<sup>th</sup> our great Alan will organise the Handicap Mixed tournament with prizes. It's a good occasion to see players from social and pennant teams playing together regardless of their tennis skills. If you are not away please come down and have a lot of fun.

### ***Ladies Pennant Christmas party***

This dinner is a long tradition at the club and it's so nice to see how funny and competitive the ladies are when it comes to exchanging gifts in secret Santa. Remember it's on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and not the 13<sup>th</sup> as in the calendar.



**SIMPLY THE BEST!**

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

We are nearing the half way point of summer league (and the pre xmas break) and our league teams are doing very well despite an above average number of serious injuries. Teams are getting by with excellent cooperation/support by teams and captains. Well done to all. Good to see many of our newer members doing very well Nicholas and Serge Sergeev, Clay Berry, Mark Lawrence, Joshua Hewton, Andrew Reid, Piravin Ananda, Aidan Crabb, Kalen Coughlin, Julien Terrade and Jonathon Jones.

#### **Team Ladder Positions are as follows:**

Monday Night Singles & Doubles Fast Format (Captain Nathan Sharp)-4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Night Mixed Doubles Div 3 (Captain Janet Paterson)-1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday Night Mens Doubles Div 2 (Captain James Haas)-1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday Night Mens Doubles Div 3 (Captain Sean Macfarlane)-1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday Night Mens Double Northern Districts (Joel Forsyth)-6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 (this will split into 2 divisions later in the season).

Saturday Open Mens Division 7 (Captain Aubrey Hingston)-1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday Open Mens Division 8 (Captain Joseph Delich)-8<sup>th</sup>

Saturday Open Mens Division 11 (Captain Sean Macfarlane)-2<sup>nd</sup>

Saturday Open Mens Division 12 (Captain Baden Bowen)-2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday Seniors +50 Div 1 (Captain Mike Underwood)-7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Seniors +50 Div 3 (Co Captains John Pritchard & Alan McLaughlin)-4<sup>th</sup>

Enjoy your festive season and make sure you get plenty of practice in.

### **Members – Mark Sims**

Welcome to the following new members:

Full:	Kane Blackburn
Mid-Week:	
Intermediate:	Brooke Corbett
Junior:	Henry Hanlin, Stacey Jones
Country:	
Social:	Ken Perry
Senior League:	Paulette Contessi

## Social Committee News – Nola Carmignani



### ***PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL PARTY***

“The President’s thank you for volunteering party!” Over 80 members were thanked for their contribution to the club over the past year. Always a good night, and this one was no exception. Thank you to all who helped.

### ***OPEN COMMUNITY DAY***

It was all there! The Hot shots, the bouncy castle, the face painter, the tennis challenges, prizes, the sausage sizzle – all free to whoever wanted to come along and enjoy the day!

Peter our Pres, along with Simon our trusty Coach, David R and moi, great organising, and a big thankyou to all who manned the various activities on the day. A great success!

### ***Looking forward to the following up and coming***

16<sup>th</sup> December Afternoon - Children’s Xmas Party

16<sup>th</sup> December Evening - Adult’s Xmas Party

3<sup>rd</sup> February Pirate Party

See you all there!

## Mid-Week Ladies – Heather Maitre

Midweek ladies have been enjoying some good tennis with the nice warm weather.

We had a very enjoyable lunch outing recently at Bada Bing in Woodlands which does amazing food and lunch menu.

Our next event is the Christmas craft morning on Thursday December 7th, so this is a great opportunity to find a Christmas gift or bargain.



## Sharper Tennis – Simon and Angie Harper

Hello from SHARPER TENNIS....



Whew, what a great year it's been.... But it's not over yet!

**Still to come is our Xmas Cardio on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7-8pm**

Come along and see what all the fuss is about!

Fee: \$20 including mince pie

Plenty happening for the Juniors too, with squads finishing up over the next couple of weeks. Our young Hotshots players have been working hard all term and as usual all that hard work cumulates in an end of term Hotshots Challenge with the youngsters competing on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 9.30am. And on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, our brightest young Junior Members take part in the Club Junior Championship Shootout. Come down and see how the next generation are performing from 8.30am. We expect Finals to be happening around midday and these will be fierce!

The following weekend (8/9/10<sup>th</sup> December) sees the inaugural Wembley Downs Junior Development Series event with young beginner players competing at our club from all over Perth. This is another exciting event with many youngsters getting their first taste of serious competition in the glorious surrounds of our club.

Next month also sees some of our Junior members off to Melbourne where they will be competing in the December Showdown, Tennis Australia's Junior National event where over 16 days, more than 1500 matches will be played to find out who is the best player across each age group nationwide. We wish our Sharper players: Will Hann, Arden De Melo, Kent Yamazaki and Luca Katsamakis, the very best of luck.

With the school term coming to an end, Sharper Tennis will be running our usual Holiday Club (suitable for ages 5+) over the first week of the school holidays. Running from 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> December 9-12pm, these sessions will be a fun distraction for your over excited kids and offer an opportunity to sort out that last minute bit of prep or even just to put your feet up whilst the kids are having a ball at the club. Come for one day or come for all four. For more info email Angie at [info@sharperennis.com.au](mailto:info@sharperennis.com.au)

Lastly, Sharper Tennis will be closed from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and although we hope to bump into many of you before then, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Healthy New Year!

**"Talk with YOUR racket; play with your HEART"**

All the Best,  
The Sharper Tennis Team

## **Juniors – Fiona Brinsden and Linda Paterson**

### ***JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - 3<sup>rd</sup> December***

The junior club championship is open to all junior members. This year it will be held as an 'open' 18 and under event. This means that all players will be in the same category, and players who are eliminated will be placed in a consolation draw. With significant prize money on offer, we are hoping to attract more players to the event.

The final will be held on Sunday, late morning or early afternoon, where we will have a chair umpire and ball boys/girls.

There will be some great tennis so please come down and support our juniors!

### ***JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES TOURNAMENT***

From Friday 8 - Sunday 10 December, WDTC will be holding a JDS tournament.

The Junior Development Series is a group of round-robin tournaments conducted around Australia for beginner to intermediate players and are a great introduction to tournament play for juniors who are developing their tennis skills.

Please speak to Simon if you have any questions regarding this event.

Entry is online at [tennis.com.au](http://tennis.com.au)

### ***JUNIORS vs SENIORS CHALLENGE***

In February we will be holding another Juniors vs Seniors Challenge. This time the juniors will be out for revenge, as in the previous event the experience of the seniors overcame the force of the juniors (by just 4 games!!).

Scheduled for a Friday evening, this is a great chance to get to know our talented juniors (and vice versa).

Once again, the challenge will be followed up with the delicious Hugo's Pizzas.

More information to follow!





Visiting Teams say we have the best grass courts in Perth!!!





## ***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, Tina Lord, Rod Ellice, Terry Orrel, ... 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!***

Nola Carmignani, Sandie Bateman, Laraine Penberthy, Meg Simpson and Tina Lord all celebrate birthdays this month. We wish you and any other members having birthdays all the very best for the coming year!

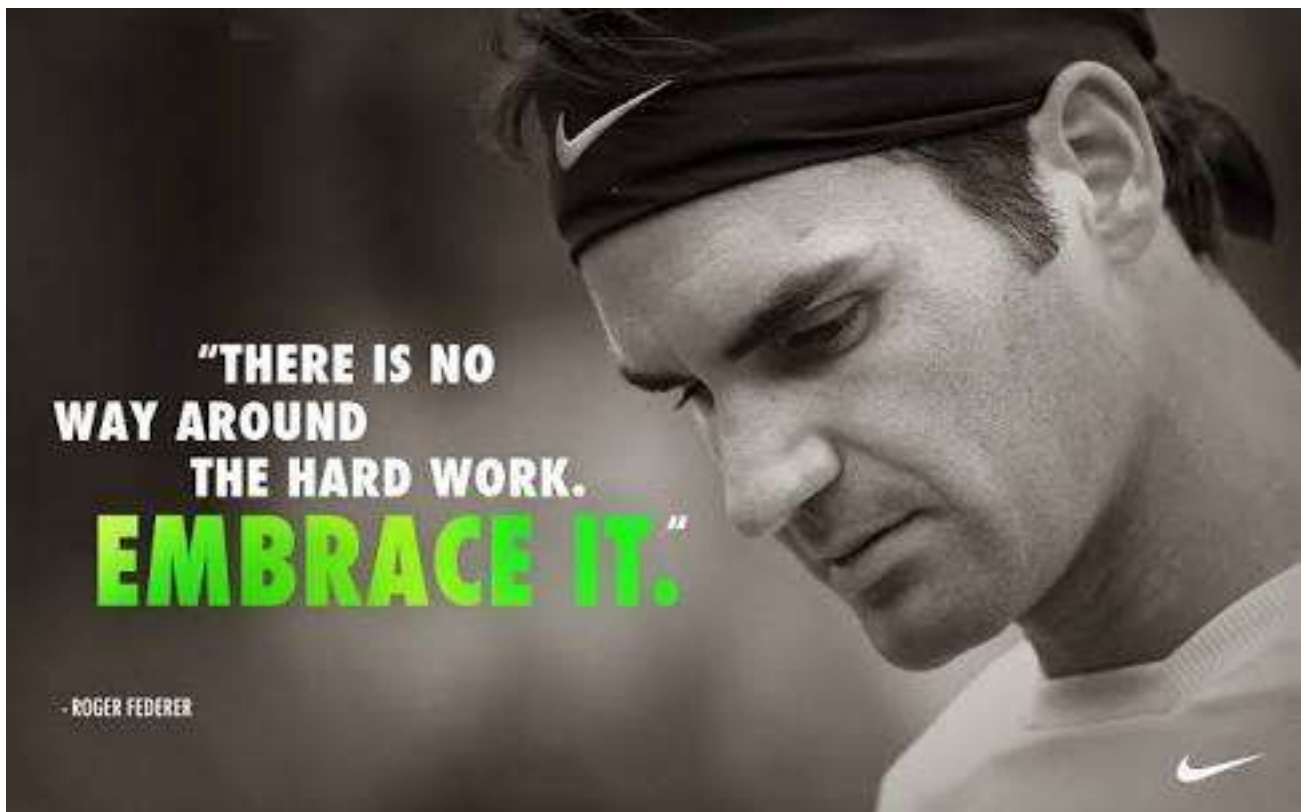


**Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!**

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

16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Xmas party Kids Xmas Party
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Pirate's Ahoy!
17 <sup>th</sup> 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! – Presidents Cocktail Party – see Facebook page for all photos!**



**Members Out and About! – Melbourne Cup Day! -see Facebook page for all photos!**





## 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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