

FEBRUARY 2018

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *Peter Doherty*

Firstly, welcome to another year at our wonderful Club, especially to those people who have joined over the last two months. Please make it your Club by playing tennis, supporting our teams, attending social functions or just coming down to catch-up for a chat.

Sadly two members passed away since the last Player edition, Brian Fricker and Glenys Watters. May they Rest In Peace.

Court Light poles

The light poles have now been replaced and we have also fixed an issue with the lights failing when they were all turned on at once.

Club events

-Pirates Night 3rd February 2018

Aaah!!! What a great night. Well done to Nola and her assistants once again for a great event. Check out the photos on our facebook page. Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes. Thanks also to Chris and the other volunteer bar staff.

- I look forward to seeing everyone again on Saturday March 17 at the Irish Fling.

-Don't wear yourself out on Saturday night though because the next day we have the President versus Patrons challenge. Always a fun afternoon with a bit of competition and a few nibbles and drinks to follow.

League Finals

The League finals start mid-March, good luck to all our finalists, play well and have fun.

Cheers
Peter



Captain's Room – Susanna Monaco

Very Hot Month February...all the leagues players are fighting hard to get the Semi and Final in March. Good luck to all.

From the ladies side at least 4 or 5 teams could get the Semi. The Saturday team is not so lucky coping all year around with the injuries of the two unlucky young ladies Jodie and Kate.

For the Mens side have an update from the good Mike.

I kindly remind all to avoid to forfeit any match or the team will be in charge to pay the \$40 fine. For any issue please ask for help and me and Mike will help with reserve.

Winter Pennant

It's time to express your interest for the winter tennis league. Winter is the perfect season for all the players that like hard Court and less hot sun to show their shots. Team Nominations will open on 9th March and will close on 4th April 2018.

President VS Patron Tournament on 18th March

Personally I really like this tournament, it's such a tradition. I suggest to all the social player and anyone who has a Sunday free to join us in this happy day where all the Club members will be divided in two teams with a great spirit of competition. Who will be the winner this year?

Club Championship 2018 in April.

Dear WDTC members please book the dates:

7th and 8th April Open Mens & Ladies (age limit of 14).

28th and 29th April Veterans Mens & Ladies (age limit of 40).

Don't be shy but have a try.

Not more than two events and \$14 fee for person. Prizes will be amazing and we will welcome also young players from 14 years old to mix up with the experience ones.

The Championship form with the closing date of 2nd April (Open) 24th April (VETS) will be sent by Email to all.

Ladies Pennant Windup Dinner.

Hi Ladies, the Pennants final dinner will be held on 21st March the day of the Final for the Wednesday leagues so we can celebrate or consulate together the end of the summer season.

No Catering but Curry night in 2018 because we cook better than any Master Chef.

Men's Doubles Handicap Event – Alan McLaughlin

The Men's Doubles Handicap event was completed on Sunday, 21st, with outright winners, Joel Forsyth and Kevin Lynch.

Runners-up were Sean MacFarlane and Josh Hewton.

Despite the extreme, blustery conditions the the majority of participants enjoyed a good afternoon of tennis.

Mens and Night League Wrap

After travelling to the Gold Coast in January it does provide a powerful reminder of how lucky we are to live and play tennis in Perth. Clearly the weather this summer has been perfect for tennis without any real extreme days. This has been appreciated as quite a few of our league players have been involved in two league teams.

We have almost 90% of our league teams well positioned for a good run at the finals in the next few weeks so good luck to all players. And well done to all captains as we have had a tough run with injuries, sickness and unavailability. This has been a major headache in trying to get enough players qualified for finals. Finals will commence in mid March and we will send a club wide email with information on all matches.

Best wishes to Joshua Hewton who is recovering from gall bladder surgery (and some severe complications) and we hope to see you back on court soon. Also a speedy recovery for Nathan Sharp who injured his knee earlier in the season.

Nationals Seniors Tournament on the Gold Coast 2018

A few club members Neale Bougher, Mark Corbett, Mike Underwood with Marek Pawelek from North Beach and Paul Moss from Applecross (see attached photo) participated in the above event (over 55) for the first time in January. Very tough conditions with the heat, humidity, playing on clay and slippery synthetic grass (and trying to keep up with Mark's drinking capacity). Our team was competitive with clear improvement every day. John Dehring enjoyed his time participating in an over 70s squad and Gordon Gregory's team won their division again. Henry Michael was recognised for his contribution to seniors tennis in WA and was the WA flag bearer.

Next year's tournament will be in Shepparton on grass commencing the 7th Jan and I recommend the experience.



Social Committee News – Nola Carmignani

***All pics from Social Functions can be seen the WDTC fb page**

Pirate Party 3rd Feb!

Thank you to all the helpers who assisted with the Pirate Party. A little low on numbers for this one, as so many people are away (lucky them!)... However the biggest bunch of Scallywag's were there, arrrrring their way through the night, wielding their cutlasses, pistols, and parrots!

Almost everyone was dressed as pirates! There was lots of fun and laughter the whole night.

Good food and good company is really hard to beat!

Thank you to all the team who helped put this together! You are truly wonderful. ☺

Next -

17th March - ST. PAT'S – IRISH NIGHT **See full Poster below, and at Club! Don't miss out!

*Lamb on the spit! *Delicious Irish fare! *Leaping Leprechauns! *Fair bonnie lassies! *Bring along your favourite Irish Jokes! ***Children welcome \$10per head!**

Book the dates!!

19th May – Annual Dinner

30th June – Wimbledon 2018 – White Night!



See you all there! Nola

Book the dates!!

17th March – St. Patrick's – Irish Night

19th May – Annual Dinner TBC

30th June – Wimbledon 2018 – Opening Night

See you all there! Nola ☺

Members – Mark Sims

Welcome to the following new members:

Full:	Mrs Natalie Dell, Mr William Gasqueres, Mr David Bryant, Mr Frank Rothschild
Intermediate:	Mr Jordan Powell, Mr Geoffrey Dwyer, Miss Emily Cockle
Junior:	Ryan Gasqueres, Cooper Bennet, Ediz Yahya
Family	Mr Arnaud and Mrs Laure Thepenier, Miss Amaury Thepenier, Miss Apolline Thepenier, Miss Damarys Thepenier, Master Philae Thepenier
Parent Associate	Mr Michael Bennet

Sharper Tennis – Simon and Angie Harper

Hello from SHARPER TENNIS....



.....In Esperance for the March Open..... to be continued.....

“Talk with YOUR racket; play with your HEART”

All the Best,
The Sharper Tennis Team

Juniors – Fiona Brinsden and Linda Paterson

Welcome back to all our junior pennant teams. Most teams have had a good season and we should see some finals action during March. Don't forget there is a bye over the long weekend. Good luck to all the teams in the finals.

Wind Up Sunday 18th March 4 – 6.30pm

We are planning a junior wind up from 4 – 6.30 pm Sunday March 18th at the clubrooms for all the junior pennant players. There will be pizza for the kids and hopefully some entertainment. Please RSVP to your team managers so we have an idea of numbers.

Senior Club Champs April 7/8

The senior or open club championships are being planned for the weekend of April 7th and 8th. They are open to junior players aged 14 and over. More information will be sent out about how to enter but the club would love to see as many juniors enter as possible.

Winter Pennants

Junior pennants are played over winter. The season is about the same length, 10 home and away matches, starting at 9 am. Formats are usually a little reduced in winter with more fast 4 formats. Nominations are usually required by late March so have a think about whether your kids would like to continue playing through winter.



Mid-Week Ladies – *Heather Maitre*

On Thursday the 8th of February we had a lucky envelope tournament for our mid week ladies. This was well attended and very enjoyable.

Thanks to those who ran the tournament and well done to the winners.

With this lovely mild weather we would love to see everyone at tennis during the week either on a Wednesday and or Thursday morning from 9.00a.m. Visitors and friends are very welcome.

Bar – *Chris George*



The New Bar Sign!

House and Grounds – *Dennis Gillespie*

Still say we have the best grass courts in Perth!!!



On the Sick List!

One of our newest members, David Bryant, has hurt himself on the court playing tennis – we all wish you a speedy recovery, David, and hope to see you back at the Club soon!

Alan Starke is also on the sick list – we all hope to see you up and about soon, Alan!

Rita Carr is not the normal “twinkle toes” we know and love due to an operation on her foot! Hope to see you back on the dance floor soon, Riet!

Alan Hill has been having a tough time but as members would have seen he’s back making his beautiful, afternoon tea and being as cheeky as ever! Thank you, Alan!

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

Many Happy Returns!

We wish Margaret Robinson, Louise Hall and any other members having birthdays all the very best for the coming year!

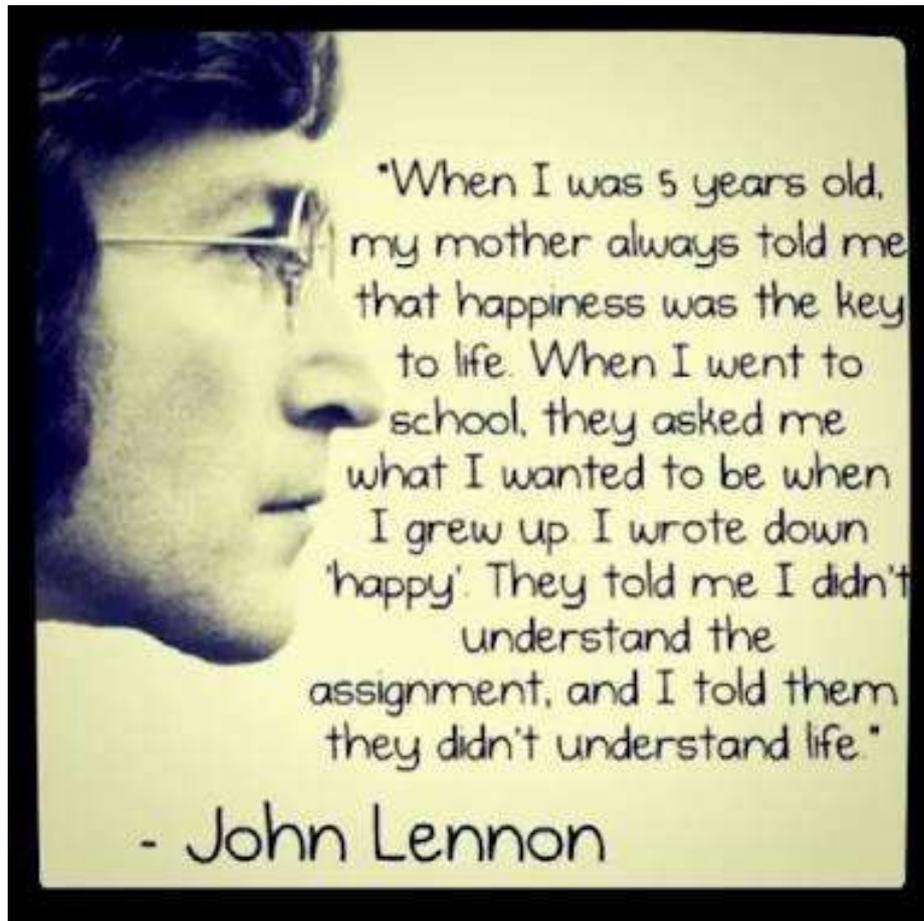


Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

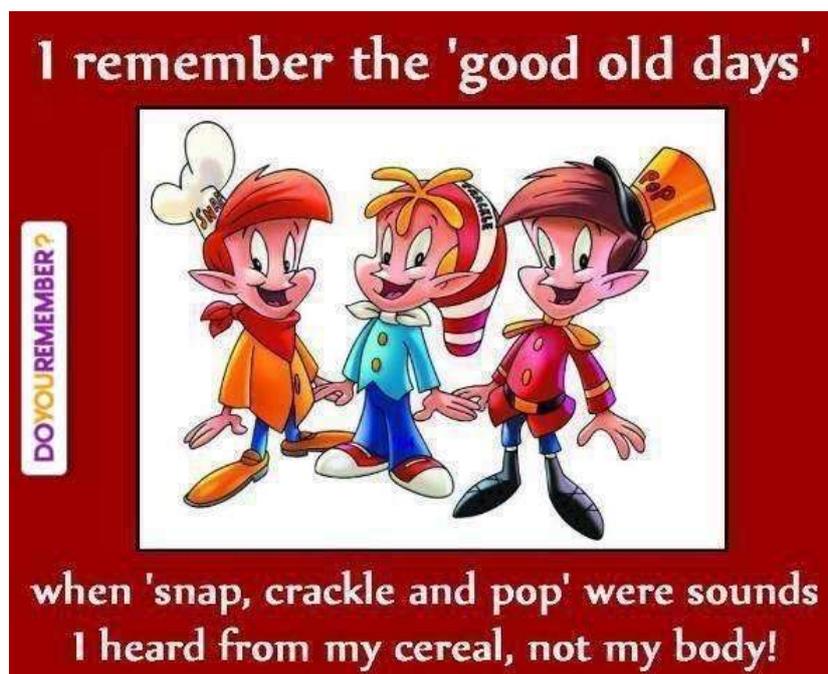
WDTC - SOCIAL COMMITTEE 2017-18

17th March	Irish – St Pat’s
19 th May TBC	Annual Dinner
30 th June	Wimbledon 2018 – Opening Night party
28 th July	1920’s night

Quote of the Month!



On the Funny Side!



Members Out and About! – Pirate Party





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).

http://www.healthcare.philips.com/pwc_hc/main/shared/Assets/multimedia/flash/resuscitation/AED/HS1_onsite_demo/index.wpd

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AT WEMBLEY DOWNS TENNIS CLUB!





Irish Fling

WEMBLEY DOWNS TENNIS CLUB

Sat 17th March

Dinner 6.45pm

Lamb on the spit

(Yummy Chicken dish for non Lamb eaters)

Cost \$25 pp

Payment prior to Wed 28th Feb

Online: Bsb 306 050 Acc: 5528258

Ref:IF (your name)

Or directly to David Simpson

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