



March 2016

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *John Pritchard*

Last month I wrote about our “magnetic” club and the importance of growing the club so let us all make a concerted effort to make WDTC the best. A club is only as good as its members and whilst we do have an enviable reputation for being friendly, hospitable and welcoming to visitors and members alike let us try and build on this. If we can all be just a little more:

- Encouraging and patient with those playing members who may not be as good as ourselves.
- Understanding when sets may not be ideal (Mike would love more help over the weekends).
- Appreciative of all the work many of us put in voluntarily to ensure the Club runs smoothly.
- Helpful to our partners on the court (and to our partners at home).
- Positive and enthusiastic about our tennis, our club and our lives in general.
- Forgiving of ourselves and others (no one is perfect, ask Federer).
- Willing to step in and lend a hand when a situation arises.
- Responsible for what we each do.
- Complimentary of each other (friendly sledging accepted).
- Welcoming of visitors and new members (until they settle in)

then this year will be a great year. Thank you.

Survey

Thank you to the 136 members who completed our survey. This represented 36% of our membership. Your comments will assist Management in completing our strategic plan for the next five years. I hope to publish the results of the survey in May after the analysis has been completed.

Summer League

Congratulations to every player and team on a very successful summer of tennis. Some of us won, others lost but we all played the game in the right spirit. Thank you. More on the individual team results further on in the Player.

THE 2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE COMING.....

WDTC will again be selling the popular Entertainment Books this year. If you like saving money these books are a must. They make excellent presents and can also be shared amongst family members. Please think about how many you and your friends would like. The more the Club sells, the more the Club makes!

The President will be coordinating sales again this year, so get in early.



Men's State League Finalists 2016

In our first season back in the State League, the Properties & Pathways WDTC Mens' State League team has finished runners-up.



The Property & Pathways WDTC Final team, (L-R) Charles, Dean, Jake, Sam, and Brenton.

The team put up a valiant fight against Cottesloe, at Cottesloe, but were not able to overcome a better team on the day. The final stopped with Cottesloe having an unbeatable lead of 3 rubbers, 8 sets to 1 rubber, 3 sets.

Thanks to everyone who was a part of this team throughout the season:

***Brenton Bacon, Sam Ashenden, Dean Cochrane, Jake Robinson,
Darren Slater, Charles Williams and Alex Downey***

Thanks also to the following sponsors who made it possible to put this team on the court:

- ***Properties & Pathways (Alan & Cal Doggett)***
- ***Wellington Surplus Stores (Alan Starke)***
- ***Temorex (Rob Martin)***
- ***Wright Real Estate (Jeff Wright)***
- ***Bateman Architects (Norm and Sandie Bateman)***
- ***The Downs Chemist (Henry Gulev & Ryan Tan)***
- ***Diana Rice Interiors (Di Rice)***
- ***Met Recruitment (Mike Underwood)***
- ***Bada Bing Café (Nathan Sharpe)***
- ***Axis Travel (Frank Perry)***
- ***David & Meg Simpson***
- ***Hugo's Pizzas City Beach (Hugo Diao)***

Thank you to Life Members ***Bobbie Edwards, Dale Philips and Marnie Taylor*** who provided MVP prizes for the best player/s at our home matches.

A big THANK YOU to all the WDTC members who showed their support by coming along to the matches, particularly the Final at Cottesloe, it was great to see so many members there.

Our challenge now is to go one better next season and win the Final.

Peter Doherty

Chair State League Committee

Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

I always love playing tennis this time of year as the wind is not so strong and the temperature is just right. And I find as I get older I need ideal conditions to play anywhere near my best tennis (adjusting for decline in abilities). When I watch our vets members play socially and compete hard in tournaments in difficult conditions it always impresses me (and reminds me that I need to toughen up). Along with the way they take the time to smell the roses and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with playing with and against their mates.

A busy time of year with winding up summer league, organising winter league & club champs and keeping track of how our members are going with their tournaments. Have provided a summary below and please let me know if I have missed any results/achievements.

Summer League Wrap

Our club had a strong season with a high percentage of our teams competing in finals with several very unlucky and just missing out on reaching a grand final or making the top four. Our Wednesday wizards performed exceptionally well all season finishing on top of their ladders and all 3 teams demolishing their opposition in the semis and finals. See photos of the Wednesday open Div 1 Ladies and Div 3 over 45 teams (combined photo) and the Mens Div 4 Night team.



Martina, Fiona, Susanna, Christine, Tarryn, Noriko, Tina, Mary, Chris, Sandie, Jan

Mid-week Div 1 and Div 3



Aubrey Hingston, Andrew Blackburn, Gareth Fricker, Jordan Powell and Sean Macfarlane (Captain)

(other squad members Fred Lerch and David Drake Div 4 night team)

Well done to all captains and players for hanging in during a challenging season. We needed larger squads this season due to player injuries, unavailability and age and the cooperation between teams and players was outstanding.

Just a note to all league players that we are assured by Tennis West that player ratings will be reviewed at some stage in the next 6 weeks (based on performance and any significant changes in player level). From a club perspective we are keeping the pressure on as the system (or lack of one) leaves a lot to be desired.

Winter League

Winter league teams have now been nominated and we will have 5 midweek teams (2 day and 3 night) and 4 weekend teams playing on hardcourts commencing in May.

Club Champs

The open Club Champs will be played on the 2nd & 3rd April.

The vets Club Champs will be held on the 9th & 10th of April.

There will be some fantastic tennis played on both weeks and a big thanks to the Social Committee for holding their function this Sunday evening to wind up the open event.

Members Tournaments & Achievements

Please make sure all members keep me posted on how they go!

- Esperance Tournament-Alex Downey beat Rafe Bonini in the Men Singles final. Rafe and Luca Bonini won their Men Doubles final beating Nathan Nelmes and Jarron Kretschmann.
- Geraldton Easter Tournament-Sam Ashenden had a very good tournament and was runner up in the Mens Singles event losing to Zack Itzstein. The Consolation event field was strong with Alex Downey winning the final against Sam Alexander. Jake Robinson & Darren Slater beat Tom Hann & Tristan Schoolkate in the Mens Doubles semi final and Sam Ashenden and Charles Williams in the final. Tristan Schoolkate won the Boys Under 18 Singles final beating Luca Bonini (BTW Tristan was recently selected in the Australian Junior Davis cup team and got to attend a camp and watch the Davis Cup tie against the US). Gavin Tay was runner up in the under 18s Boys Consolation event final.
- Busselton Tournament-Rosie Harris and Gaye Hawthorn won the Ladies Doubles Handicap event (these are gruelling events to win). Joel Forsyth & Mike Underwood came runner up in the equivalent mens event. And some of our members did very well in supporting the local Busselton economy particularly the liquor sector however no prize for that other than a hangover.
- Kings Park Easter Tournament-Ken Nosaka was finally rewarded for his patience in playing with and having to carry Mike Underwood winning their doubles event.

SIMPLY THE BEST!

Members – Mark Sims

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

Full: Tony Evans, Lizelle van Wyk

Parent Associate: Dante Yvon

Junior: Gizelle van Wyk, Stevan Ilic

Social to Full: Gary Penberthy



Everyone is invited to the **“The Best BBQ in the West”** on the Sunday 3rd April, at the finish of the Club Championships, when we will have the opportunity to watch some top tennis followed by a fantastic BBQ and scrumptious dessert.

The BBQ will commence at 6.00pm and the cost is \$20.00 per person!

List is on the Club notice board – please get your name down ASAP and payment to Meg Simpson before the night!

On the Sick List!

Jill Morton has not been well and we look forward to seeing you back on the court soon!

Many Happy Returns!

Happy Birthday to Dale Phillips, Louise Hall, Bobbie Edwards and any other members enjoying birthdays in March!



Mid-Week Ladies – Wendy Hawkes

Trish Wilkie recently invited the Thursday Mid-Week Ladies for morning tea at her home to help celebrate her birthday. A delightful morning of off-campus socializing and munching on Trish's delicious home-cooked treats was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks Trish and we hope you had a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



After our regular morning's play on the Thursday prior to Easter, we enjoyed hot cross buns, Easter Bunny cupcakes and a delicious fruit platter followed by an Easter egg raffle. Many thanks to Margaret Newman (a very talented cake decorator), Dale Reddie and Heather Maitre for organizing the morning.



Our next event will be our Lucky Envelope Tournament on April 28th, which will be organized by Ann McKenzie and Sarah Davis.

Juniors – Louise Hall

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR JUNIOR LEAGUE FINALISTS!

The Juniors had 4 Grand Final winning teams!

Green Ball Division 3 defeated Reabold



Connor Wirth, Sam Fisher-Bullen, Evan Cheng, Zac Bryan, Gabby Clements

Manager : Marco Wirth

Green Ball Division 5 defeated Allen Park

Arthur Baker, Zali Schoolkate, Zac Hosgood, Rohan Macneill, Evan Mitchell

Manager : Rebecca Baker (Hopefully will have a photo for next Player)

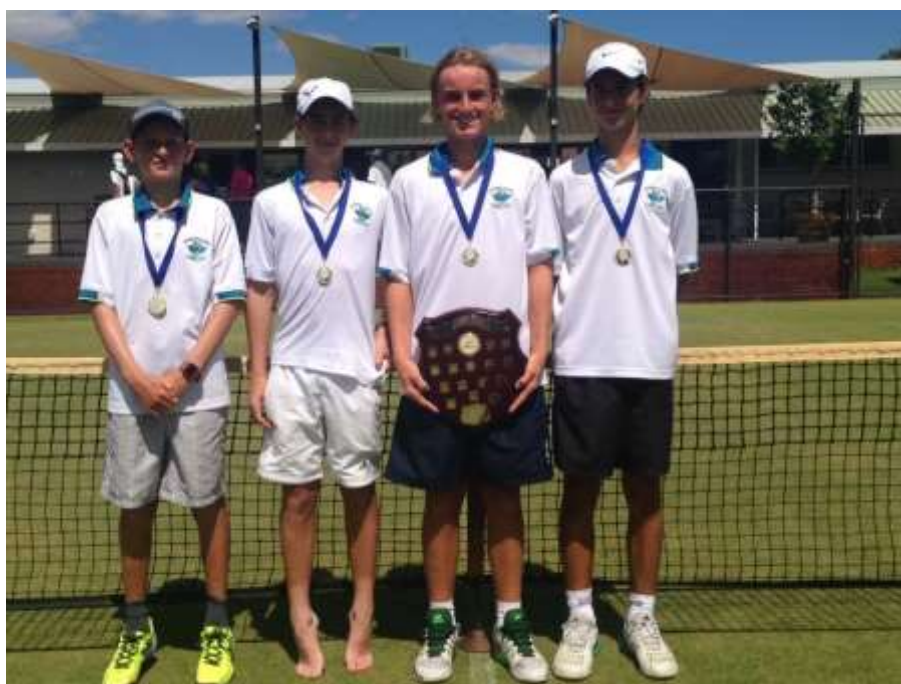
Girls U14 Division 1 defeated Cottesloe



Oh Skinner, Hayley Carter, Chloe Williams Gayle Leong

Managers : Chee and Wanna Leong

State Grade Junior Boys –defeated Alexander Park



Brodie Schoolkate, Simon Ferreira, Tristan Schoolkate, Will Hann

Manager : Richard Ferreira



Good luck to Global Tennis and their players on their first college recruitment trip to California, USA!

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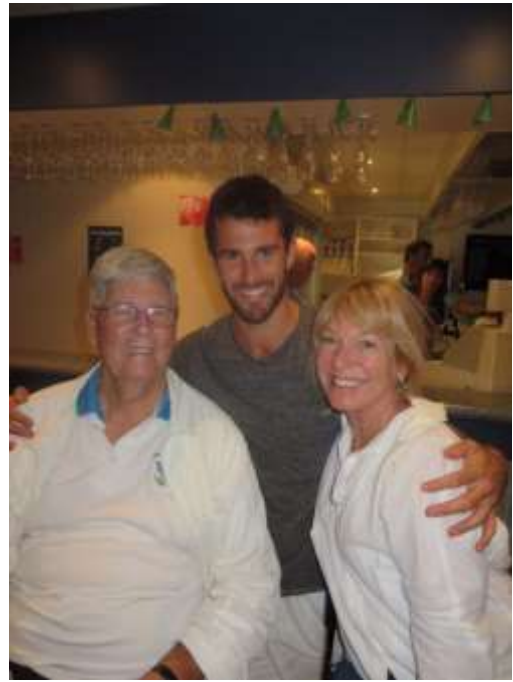
Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

SATURDAY 2nd April 2016 – COMMENCEMENT OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2016 – “BEST BBQ IN THE WEST!”

Members Out and About - 2016 Mens' State League Final





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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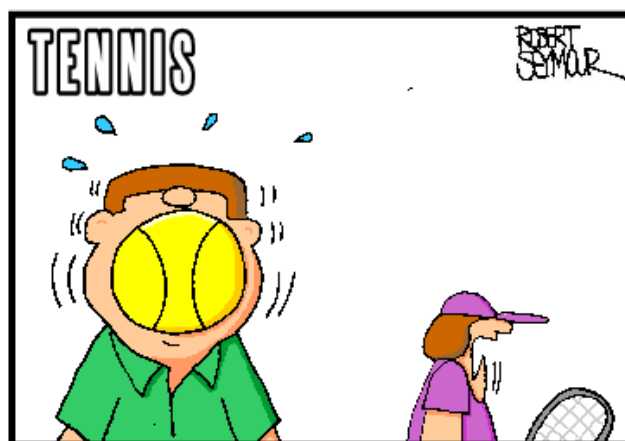


Quote of the month

LIFE IS LIKE A GAME OF TENNIS ; THE PLAYER WHO SERVES WELL SELDOM LOSES!

The Funny Side

DuJour



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