



July 2016

The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President – *John Pritchard*

Leadership and the AGM

Much has been written about leadership over the centuries because it is so important. Allow me to quote from a book "A Tender Warrior" by Mac Anderson in which he writes about an American Lt Genl Hal Moore. In discussing leadership Genl Moore states: "..... there are two duties of a leader at all times: *he or she is in that role to serve others first and concurrently to lead them to an objective. A crucial and delicate balance is required. To achieve this, to serve well, he or she must serve with honour and lead with civility*".

With the AGM on Sunday 28th August, we are again seeking leaders to take on positions within the Club, be it on Management or on one of the sub-committees. We are looking for members who are willing to serve others first to achieve a common objective, the betterment of WDTC and by doing so to "put a little back".

Please think seriously of how you can help our Club and step up. Feel free to speak to me, our VP, Peter or any of the Sub-Committee Chairs. The more leaders we have the stronger our Club will be.

To those members, on Management and the various committees, who are standing down this year, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for your contribution to WDTC. Rest assured the time and work you have given us is certainly appreciated. Enjoy your tennis and the ambience of our Club.

SIMPLY THE BEST!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Sunday August 28th at 3.00 p.m. in the WDTC Hall

Positions up for nomination on the Management Committee



President	House and Grounds
Vice President	Captain
Secretary	Juniors
Treasurer	State Grade
Publicity	Bar
Registrar	Social

Any member wishing to nominate for the above positions should submit to the Secretary in writing ensuring that they have a proposer and a seconder.

Members wishing to bring forward specific business at the Annual General Meeting shall submit a Notice of Motion in writing to the Secretary at least twenty days prior to the meeting.

By Order of the Management Committee

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Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc

Election of Office Holders - Nomination Form

Completed nomination forms are to be returned to the Secretary in person or via the Club mailbox by Saturday 27th August

I wish to nominate for the position of
at the Wembley Downs Tennis Club for the 2016/2017 tennis year.

Please print name

Signature

Nominee

Proposer

Secunder

Nominees must be a member of the Club.

Nominees must give consent in writing if not present at the Annual General Meeting.

Office holders are not eligible for election as Trustees.

Only Full playing, Intermediate, Midweek, Country and Life members may vote at an Annual General Meeting

State League – Peter Doherty

State League Report July 2016/17

WDTC will not have a Men's State League team next season, 2016/17.

Most of the State League and Division 1 players from last season have decided to move to other Clubs next season.

The State League Committee had meetings with several players and their representatives over the last 3 months.

Most of the last year's State League team have accepted a deal from King's Park. They expect King's Park to get into State League with the withdrawal of the team from Sorrento. No expressions of interest have been issued by Tennis West for this to occur as yet.

Contracts were issued to several players from last year's Mens Division 1 team but none were returned signed. On follow-up, some of the Division 1 players admitted that they had accepted a contract with Mt. Lawley.

Tristan Schoolkate has moved to Cottesloe Tennis Club.

Without the above players your State League Committee concluded that it was not in the Club's, future players and tennis' best interests to submit a team next season.

Our Club has sent Tennis West a letter notifying them of our disappointment at having to withdraw from the competition. We have suggested to Tennis West that they have a unique opportunity now to strengthen the Mens State League competition by reducing the number of teams to six.

Over the last three seasons, four Clubs (UWA, Greenwood, Sorrento and WDTC) have withdrawn teams from the competition.

I would like to again extend my thanks to Properties & Pathways for their naming rights sponsorship last season, all our other sponsors and members for their support.

We had a great team, great sponsors and even better supporters.

Finally I'd like to thank the State League Committee, John Venn, Brenton Bacon and Mike Underwood for their efforts, advice and encouragement over the last 12 months.

Peter Doherty
Chair State League Committee

Captain's Room – Mike Underwood

Hi everyone from a sunny and warm Broome 34 degrees and a light easterly blowing (I think it is an easterly) and the nights are balmy and beautiful with no humidity. This time of year the grey nomads and oldies are up here in force getting around as best as they can. Now that I am 56 I am having to remind myself, and Linda, that we are getting old however perhaps 56 is the new 36 or so I will choose to believe or another good one is your only as old as you feel.

I have 4 member profiles/updates this month later in my report Aleks Sergeev, Connor Jenkins, Kent Tomio and Pam Brand. Aleks and Conner also coach with Global and Kent participates in their tennis programme.

Summer League Nominations & Member Recruitment

We have a minor setback in our State League situation however as always these situations create opportunities for our next crop of stars. We also have some extra courts now being available for summer league which enables all league players to play their home matches at WDTC (with smaller team squads) and also some scope to attract friends, colleagues and players from other clubs. And these new members (full and midweek only) will receive a 25% discount in their membership fees with the introducing member receiving an equal value in a bar voucher. Please contact me for more information and to register the introduction. This offer expires on the 1st September 2016.

A summer league nomination form is attached and also available in the Day Captain's office. Please email forms to Susanna or myself ASAP with closing date the 15th August. I would like to see us enter a mixed team on Tuesday night (Tennis West) and or Sat afternoon (Northern Districts) a very popular competition which avoids travelling all over Perth. Please contact me for more info on the mixed options. Mixed doubles is always very enjoyable to play in and watch.

Member Profiles

Connor Jenkins



I have played in, or managed Connor's teams for a number of years. I have always been impressed by his level of tennis and his balanced/positive attitude both on and off the court. And this balance has clearly ensured he has made sure his studies were the priority in year 11 and 12. Connor had a call from the Vice-Chancellor of UWA recently advising him he had been successful in receiving the Fogarty Scholarship at UWA a fantastic achievement. Well done Connor and all the best for your uni studies. The first year is always the hardest.

Kent Tomio



Kent made his senior league debut for WDTC this winter filling in at short notice in our Mens Div 1 team and having only just turned 12 did very well against a seasoned player. It is clear Kent has a fantastic work ethic and attitude. See a photo of Kent below at a recent national junior tournament in Adelaide where he made the U12 quarter finals before the tournament was called off due to the weather. Kent has had an excellent June and July with the following results against tough opposition.

He reached to QF in U12 singles in PEAKE GARDENS GOLD Tournament.

Junior State Open Age Gold U12 Singles 7th place

City of Joondalup Tournament U12 Singles Quarter Finalist

Melville Junior Tournament U12 Singles Runner Up

NT Age Championship Gold U12 Singles 7th place

90th SKYCITY NT Open Championships U12 Singles 4th place/U14 Singles Quarter Finalist

Aleks Sergeev



Aleks is one of the Division one players who will be playing his final match for our club for a while (hopefully a semi final win in a couple of weeks). Aleks is heading to the US to study and play tennis in the Collegiate competition. You couldn't meet a nicer young person always a smile on his face. Moving overseas is a big step and I asked Aleks to provide some insight into his college and plans which he has provided below. When you read his words you can see clearly he will be a fantastic ambassador for our club.

'My college is Earlham College, a small liberal arts school located in Indiana, near the cities of Cincinnati and Indianapolis. I chose this college because it is quite academically focused, making sure all the students are prepared for full time jobs anywhere in the world post-graduating. They ensure this by making sure we take social classes pertaining to our majors and at least taking one year of a second language. But since it's so small and internationally accepting it also means the few hundred people in your year will all know you by the end, which is really cool as I will make friends from all over the world. Of course though I will also be playing tennis there and I'm really looking forward to travelling with the Quaker team as a (hopefully) highly ranked player!

I am most looking forward to establishing a home in a new country by myself, where I can say I am independent, but of course the travelling will be awesome. The school does support exchange programs with near no extra cost so even though my degree will be one big exchange I hopefully will also be studying in France.

Family and friends is one of the two things I will miss, all their support and presence in my life which has been there from day 1 now half way around the world. The second thing to miss will be the Australian weather, the winter snows will be an interesting experience over there! Wembley Downs was my major club for the most part of my tennis life here, and I wouldn't be the same athlete I am now if it wasn't for this club. I look forward to visiting the club when I come back!

Pam Brand (Hatt)



Pam Brand, (Hatt) leading player as a junior, senior and veteran. Prominent professional

A big welcome to Pam who has joined our club. I was recently playing a singles match on a Saturday morning and noticed Pam assisting Bobbie Edwards in her preparations for an upcoming Vets Tournament overseas. Clearly Pam must have been/ is a very good coach as she getting Bobbie to do things she didn't want to do.

Have provided a photo of Pam from around 1965 from the History of Tennis in WA. The photo was from an article which covered the WA Champion of Champions Title where Pam had beaten Lesley Hunt in the final. Pam had considerable success playing in Europe and is one of only a small number of Western Australians to have played at Wimbledon. Pam also has experienced many highlights as a Vets player and one of her accomplishments come in 1987 when she won the National over 40 Womens singles, doubles and mixed. Pam also has left her mark involved in tennis administration and leading junior teams interstate and overseas.

Social Committee News – David Simpson

SOCIAL YEAR 2015/16.

We, the Social Committee, have had a very busy and enjoyable year. Our activities included:

October - OPENING DAY Our theme was "Footy Fever" with stalls; hamburgers; chips and beer.

November- PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL PARTY. Well attended and excellent catering

December- CHILDREN'S AND ADULT'S XMAS PARTY. With Father Xmas and his pretty Helper. Everyone had a heap of fun.

January - AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST - 42 people attended and enjoyed Jon Bowden signing "Advance Australia Fair", followed by a huge breakfast and fun tennis

April - THE BEST BBQ IN THE WEST - Play and Stay. The Steak was awesome and everyone had a lot of fun.

May - ANNUAL DINNER - Once again Nola weaved her magic and the Committee did a huge amount of work to produce a great night

July - QUIZ NIGHT. Organise by Janet Paterson, helped by Nola and assisted by the Social Committee. A very successful fund raiser.

Our last function for the year is a Send off for John Gillett, our Groundsman of many years and a Welcome to our new Groundsman, Rob Firms on Saturday 6th August.

This is a "CASSEROLE NIGHT" which means you bring a Casserole and share, starting at 6.00pm

Thanks to all the Members who supported us during the year.

WDTC Quiz Night Fund Raiser – Janet Paterson

WDTC QUIZ NIGHT FUND RAISER

The club held a very successful quiz night at the beginning of July.

We had twelve tables of bright sparks and the evening was filled with interesting and frustrating questions plus some great games in between rounds.

The southern wall of the hall was jam-packed with silent auction items which proved very popular. The most entertaining part of the evening was the live auction with our sponsor, Jeff Wright of Wright Real Estate as the auctioneer extraordinaire. It was a pleasure to watch him in action as he successfully auctioned off two items – a beautiful pastel painting by local artist Julie Silvester and a signed tennis racquet and hat donated by our honorary club member, Matt Ebdon. Thanks Jeff.

The winning team was The Racqueteers – possibly the WDTC management committee of the future!!

A special thank you to the "Quiz Biz Team" - Nola C, Jeff, John P, David Simpson, Tom P and to the social committee for helping to set up the hall.

And just in case you are wondering, we made a whopping **\$3,700**. A huge thank you to all who attended.

Photos at end of Player!

On the Sick List!

Alan McLaughlin underwent surgery earlier this month and is currently visiting family in the UK. Great recovery Alan.

Our VP, Peter D, has also undergone surgery recently and will be back on "sets duty" in a couple of weeks and on the court soon after that. All the best, Peter.

Peter Sullivan recently swapped his knees for two new ones and will be missing "in action" for a while. Welcome to the "Spare Parts Club" Peter. Hobble down when you can.

Lucia has been missing from the Club for a while. Where are you Lucia? We hear your wrist is not too good but don't let that keep you from coming down mid week or even for a cuppa on a Sunday !

Henry Wood (Woody) has also been under the knife recently and is now at home recovering from back surgery. His nurse, Heather Mac, is keeping a watchful eye on him. Take it easy Woody. We all wish you a quick and successful recovery.

Ron Gepp has been missing from his regular Saturday afternoon tea duties for sometime as he copes with a glandular problem. Hope you get better sooner than later, Ron. Pop down and have a cuppa on the "other side" of the hatch when you are better.

Kim Breakwell had an emergency appendix operation! Hope to see you up and about soon!

And Phil Hingston had a bit of an altercation with his bicycle! Was there a coffee involved Phil?

Many Happy Returns!

Alan Doggett celebrated a BIG one and Rosie Harris, Wendy Greenway, Mary Gribbon, Marnie Taylor, Wilma Borgmeyer, Marion McGuire & young Matt Trefry celebrated minor birthdays this month. To all of you and the many others celebrating this month, congratulations and enjoy the coming year. Long may you be around to enjoy playing and or socialising.



Members – Mark Sims

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

Mid-Week: Pam Brand

Junior: Lucas Dunlop, Josh Blundell-Williams

Social: John Bolton, Elizabeth Larsen

Parent Associate: Shinya Kogo

2016 – 2017 Member Subscriptions

To all those (currently 'Unfinancial') members who have not yet paid, please be reminded that the fees for the 2016 – 2017 tennis year were due as of 1 July, as per my email to all members in early July.

Thank you very much to all those members who have forwarded their payments.

Mid-Week Ladies –Heather Maitre

WDTC Annual Golf Classic – Gary Penberthy

Hi All Golfers

The WDTC Annual Golf Day and Dinner will be held on Tuesday, 11 October, 2016. Please mark this date in your diaries.

More details (including entry forms) will be forwarded closer to the time.

Please send enquiries to Gary Penberthy mob 0402201947 home 94451220, email gpenberthy@bigpond.com.au

Juniors – Louise Hall

Letter from our Club Champion Singles winner – Tom Hann on his latest tournament! Well done Tom!!



Hi Louise,

Queensland Junior Winter International 2 was the name of the competition.

I won my first 3 rounds of qualifying convincingly against higher ranked opponents to qualify into the main draw. Unfortunately I had a disappointing 7-6 7-5 loss in the first round of main draw in a match that could have gone either way. In the doubles my partner Tristan and I lost in the first round of doubles to a second seeded Hong Kong/Taipei combination that ended up winning the competition. Tristan and I were the only pair to win a set against the second seeds throughout the tournament, losing 10-7 in a deciding super tie-break.

<http://www.itftennis.com/juniors/tournaments/tournament/info.aspx?tournamentid=1100037133> (here is a link to the tournament page)

Unfortunately I was unable to get any photographs of myself playing over east as it violated the code of conduct of the ITF. I can send through a photo from the recent U/18 state team (Pizzey Cup) trip if that suits?

Once again, thanks to yourself and others involved that gave me the opportunity to travel and compete in an internationally recognised competition.

Kind Regards,
Tom Hann

Recruitment - Special Junior/Sub-Junior Membership Offer 2016/17

Wembley Downs Tennis Club (WDTC) in conjunction with Global Tennis (GT) is offering a discount for any Junior/Sub-Junior client of GT to become a new member of WDTC.

The discount of 25% will be applied when the GT client enters “Global Tennis” and your GT client number in the *Nominated by* field when you complete the WDTC membership form.



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Upcoming Events – please mark them on your Calendar!

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST – CASSEROLE NIGHT

SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER – WDTC ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

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

'Like' Wembley Downs Tennis Club and you'll see all the latest notifications, offers, photos and news! Your participation will encourage others and give our club exposure to possible new members. Thanks to those who have already checked in!



Quote of the month

Life is short! Smile while you still have your teeth!

On the Funny Side !

OUT OF MY MIND

Back in five minutes

Members Out and About – Quiz Night



Sponsors

WA Profiling
Jaydee Airconditioning
Wright Real Estate
Axis Travel
Robert Martin
Tom & Janet Paterson

Wellington Surplus Stores
Bateman Architects
Diana Rice Interiors
The Downs Chemist
Vince Panajia
Properties and Pathways

Signzone
Bada Bing Cafe
Tennis Only
Met Recruitment
David & Meg Simpson
Hugo's Pizza

This advertisement for Wellington Surplus Stores features a vertical layout. On the left, there is a silhouette of a hiker with a backpack standing on a rocky outcrop, with a reflection below. The background is a mix of green and brown tones. At the top, the text 'Perth's Biggest Range & Longest Established Store' is written in white on a dark green background. Below this, the store name 'WELLINGTON SURPLUS STORES' is written in large, bold, white letters on a dark green background. At the bottom, a list of products is provided in white text on a dark green background.

- Camping Equipment
- Hydration Equipment
- Adventure Clothing
- Stoves
- Thermals
- Sleeping Bags
- Tents/Swags
- Hiking Boots
- Travel Packs





WDTC Summer League Oct to April 2016-2017 Nomination Form Weekend & Midweek

(Refer To Page 2 for Conditions/Guidelines)

Name		CTR Singles Rating	
Email Address		CTR Doubles Rating	
Phone Number		DOB	

Please complete your form ASAP (nominations close 15/8/2015) and email to

Mens Weekend & Night League email michael.underwood@metrecruitment.com.au (enquiries 0422 922 467).

Ladies Midweek & Weekend email to susanna.monaco@bigpond.com (enquiries 0431 156 051).

Mixed Night & Weekend email to michael.underwood@metrecruitment.com.au (enquiries 0422 922 467).

Midweek Competition Wednesday	Division Type (Please Circle Preference)	Please Note Any Weeks Unavailable	Prepared To Captain?	Play As A Reserve & How Often	Ideal Maximum No Of Sets Per Week 2,4,6
Midweek Wed Doubles	Ladies Open +45 +55 Mens +45				
Comments & Preferences					

Night Competition	Division Type (Please Circle Preference)	Please Note Any Weeks Unavailable	Prepared To Captain?	Weeknight Availability	Play As A Reserve & How Often
Monday	Fast Format Singles & Doubles Mens Ladies				
Tuesday	Mixed				
Wednesday	Mens Doubles				
Thursday	Ladies Doubles				
Comments & Preferences					

Weekend Competition	Division Type (Please Circle Preference)	Please Note Any Weeks Unavailable	Prepared To Captain?	Court Type Preference	Play As A Reserve & How Often
Weekend Sat	Ladies Mens Mixed				
Weekend Sun	Vets +35 +50/55 Singles/Doubles (Fast 4 Format)				
Comments & Preferences					

Conditions & Guidelines For League Players at WDTC

- All players, other than reserves, should be available to play at least 75% of matches.
- All players must submit a nomination form by the required date to play league for WDTC.
- The club will endeavour to accommodate all players keen to play league for WDTC. This includes requests with personal preferences. Our guidelines will dictate teams are formed with players of similar ranking however other considerations may need to be factored in. We ask all members to be open to the possibility of playing with a new team. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make the final determination of team squads.
- All league players to wear the approved club uniform when representing WDTC.
- Players must have paid their club fees prior to submitting their nomination form.
- Team fees must be paid prior to the first round of the season.
- All players must be 15 years of age with the exception of Division 1 Open on Saturday (or any other exceptions advised by Tennis West). Our club will also have options for junior league for players aged under 15.
- All players will abide by Tennis West's League by-laws at all times.
- All matches to be played in a positive and sporting spirit. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to discipline players for any breaches of required standards of behaviour.
- Every team will include a Captain and or Team Manager along with organising a weekly team practice session.
- All Team Captains/Managers to develop a player roster, for at least the first half of season, prior to the first round. All players to make sure they check roster on a weekly basis and advise Captain/Manager if they are unavailable as early as possible.
- The Tournament and League Committee will aim to spread our team representation over Saturday and Sunday to even our use of courts.
- All home teams are expected to provide refreshments for their opposition team.