



The Player

Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.

From the President - Peter Doherty

December has been a great time at the Club this year with a Hot Shot tournament, Junior Development tournament and our wonderful Christmas parties for the young and old.

Congratulations to Mary Gribbon, the winner of our Christmas Raffle for 2 tickets to the Hopman Cup. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle by buying tickets and to our sponsors, Tennis West, Sharper Tennis and Cr. Stephanie Proud.

New light poles are being installed on the hard courts from the 8th to 11th January. For your safety, please avoid this area during those dates.

Also regarding court availability, the 4 grass courts on the lower bay have been vertimowed and will not be available again until the end of January 2018.

The Club is once again supporting the Tennis West promotion of Have a Hit on us, as part of the Hopman Cup. Any person with a Hopman Cup ticket is entitled to come and hire a court for an hour for free. As our Christmas present to members, their guests will not need to pay a Visitor fee for their first visit in January.

Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year to all.

Cheers

Peter

Captain's Room - Susanna Monaco

December is all about Christmas. The Pennant teams are all ready to go to holiday or to relax with family while the good Day Captains will stay until 31st December to support the Social. Please players remember that the first match of the Pennant season next year will start from Saturday 27th January (yes Australia day weekend).

Handicap Tournament Mixed on 17th December:

12 ' Hero' Players come down to the club despite the most horrible weather of the season. We saw the young Andrew 16 years old trying his best with the sweet Meg, many different hats were flying everywhere and balls jumping high with the wind. Only a heavy rain blocked them to finish the 6 rounds...nobody wanted to stop looking for the prize ...but it was impossible to postpone to the following Sunday.. it will be 24th - Father Christmas is coming. After three round robin we however had the winners Alan and Rosie and the runners up Ross and Serene for 2 games . Well done to everybody and a big thank you to the organizer Alan.



Ladies Pennant Christmas party:

The evening was a success with a beautiful set up table and very gourmet food from the multi talented ladies of the Wednesday pennant teams. In the secret Santa game there was a prize ..a homemade Christmas cake... that was jumping from one hand to the other, they tried hard to keep it ..also hiding under the table.

I Wish everybody a fantastic Christmas and a wonderful New Year hoping we will all come back with new trick watching tennis at the Hopman Cup. We will see what Australia will do against the good Federer.

Social Committee News - Nola Carmignani

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

Welcome everyone to 2018! What a year it's going to be for "Social Functions" at WDTC!

Thank you to all the helpers who assisted with the President's Cocktail Party, and the Community Day. Although not officially Social Functions, there is still a substantial amount of work done by the committee, so thank you for assisting!

THE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

KIDS!

Gary Penberthy and John Pritchard, organised and actioned the Kid's Party, and did a fantastic job! The kids enjoyed a great day, with activities, gifts from Santa, and a good in the end! A huge thank you to Gary, John, Stu, Fiona, and all the other elves involved in this one!

ADULTS!

Laraine Penberthy once again waved her magic and took charge of the adult's party.

Traditional Christmas fare was enjoyed by all, including turkey, ham, salads, pudding, and more! Great reviews were received, and many kitchen elves were seen scurrying around preparing the evening dinner, decorating, and setting up!

A huge thank you to Laraine, and her Elfin's for this great night!

A special thank you to Fiona, Anne and Bruce for stepping in the last minute, when there was some illness amongst some of the other elves!

COMMING UP VERY SOON - See full Poster below, and in Club Room. Don't miss out!



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:	
Mid-Week:	
Intermediate:	
Junior:	Josh Paparde, Ryan McConkey
Country:	
Social:	
Senior League:	

Mid-Week Ladies - Heather Maitre



Sharper Tennis - Simon and Angie Harper

Hello from SHARPER TENNIS....



Sharper Tennis will be closed from Friday 21st December until Monday 15th 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 CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the help of Sharper Tennis the junior open club champs were held in early December. We had a field of about 15 entrants.

18 Open Event – Winner - Jasper Paterson

Runner up - Austen Ladhams

Consolation event – winner- Harry Davison-Petch

Runner up - Zach Harper



Winners are grinners!

Harry Davison-Petch, Austen Ladhams, Jasper Paterson (champion) Zac Harper

Junior Development Tournament

Sharper Tennis ran a very successful junior development tournament in December and the junior committee would like to thank Nola and her team for running the canteen for this event. They did a wonderful job and the feedback from the customers was all positive.

Junior Nationals

Two of Wembley Downs junior members went to Melbourne to compete in the December Showdown. Arden De Melo finished in the round of 32 and Kent Yamazaki made a consolation final. Congratulations to both the boys.

FROM TOMIO YAMAZAKI -REPORTING IN MELBOURNE! - with Kent and Arden

Thank you very much for your support to Arden and Kent.

I write to you on behalf of both boys.

Both boys played U14 Australian Championships.

Arden finished R32.

Kent lost first round but he won 3 times in cons south draw then he reached to cons south final.

Both boys had great experience at Melbourne Park. They are proud to be members of WDTC.



















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!

Bar - Chris George



House and Grounds - Dennis Gillespie

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





On the Sick List!

Time heals all, including broken collar bones. Terry Orell is back at the Club albeit only socialising after his fall. He assures JP he will be back on the courts in the new year. Good onya Terry.

Our Patrons are doing it tough. Blackie is always cheerful but now we learn Alan Starke is not well. He is due for a MRI in early December followed by a likely op on his neck and back. We miss you around the Club Alan and wish you a speedy and successful recovery.

Angie Harper, our coaches' beautiful wife, has also been having a tough time! We all hope you're feeling a lot better Angie!

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 you and any other members having birthdays all the very best for the coming year!

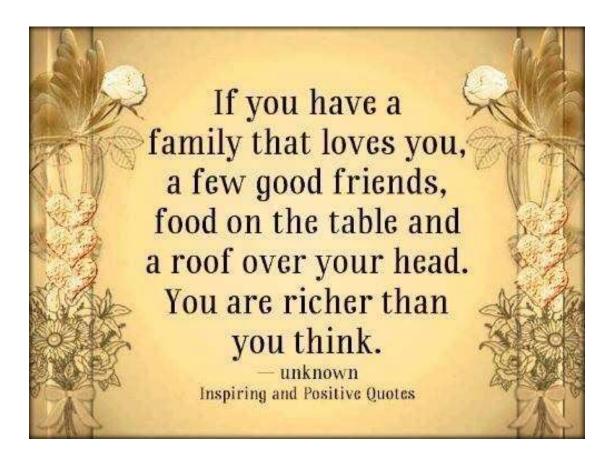


Upcoming Events - please mark them on your Calendar!

WDTC - SOCIAL COMMITTEE 2017-18

3rd Feb	Pirate's Ahoy!
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! – Christmas Parties































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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