



**MARCH APRIL 2019**

# **The Player**

**Wembley Downs Tennis Club Inc.**

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

Well Done to the Social Committee and any other helpers involved in the Ides of March social night. The photos on our Facebook page show that a lot of people were able to find their old togas at the back of the wardrobe.

### ***End of League Season Wind-Up and Official turning on of our new LED lights – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April***

Everyone is invited to attend the end of League season wind-up for Junior and Adult teams. This is a new event for the Club where we are trying to cater for all members. This event is for all teams not just those who won the grand finals.

After the league presentations are completed and everyone has had the chance to enjoy some food and drinks we will be officially turning on our new LED lights.

### ***President v Patrons Challenge Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April***

Keep the 28<sup>th</sup> April free for one of the biggest challenges of the year and always played in great spirit!

### ***City of Stirling tournament***

Thank you to Susanna Monaco and Aubrey Hingston for organising all the players who represented the Club at the Annual City of Stirling tournament. Thanks also to all the players who gave up all or at part of their Sunday and the Club members who came along to cheer our team on.

I was fortunate enough to catch up with Cr Stephanie Proud who was there supporting the team. I have asked Cr Proud discuss with the City the inclusion of the following infrastructure activities in their 2019/20 budget.

1. Replacement of four grass courts with hard courts and associated lighting
2. Improved lighting and access along the walkway behind the synthetic grass courts leading to Eltham Street from the WDTC car park.
3. A contribution towards the cost of our new LED lights
4. The Club will be obtaining expert advice and quotes on what needs to be done to bring the existing hard courts up to an acceptable playing standard for the next 5, 10 or 20 years. The Club's longer term aim is to have 2 of the hard courts converted to synthetic grass courts. This would mean that the Club had 8 grass courts, 6 hard courts (all under lights) and 5 synthetic grass courts (2 under lights).

### **Wembley Downs Patrons Bronze AMT & Junior Tournament Oct 7th to 9th 2019**

One of our patrons, Rob Martin has agreed to become the Naming Rights sponsor for a new Australian Money Tournament and Junior Tournament to be run at the Club from October 7 to 9, 2019.

More details on the tournament will be provided in future issues of The Player.

### **Annual Dinner Raffle**

I will be again conducting a raffle in conjunction with the Annual Dinner.

Prizes include – Club Voucher for \$100, Oakley Flak 2.0 XL polarized Sunglasses, Entertainment Book, Wine and more.

Raffle to be drawn at Annual Dinner 25th May 2019.

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Purchase tickets from the President

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, it should be a fun night.

Cheers,

Peter

## **Captain's Room – Susanna Monaco**

### **Summer Leagues 2018-2019**

#### **WOMEN BEAT MEN 3 - 1**

Yes in 2019 the ladies teams beat the men teams 3 to 1....

Why? Because 3 were the fantastic Wednesday ladies teams that won the TW Summer 2018-2019 Grand Final, and 1 was the Superman - team.

All of them Stars of our Wednesdays, under the sun for the ladies and under the moon for the men.

#### **TW Wednesday Women Grass 45+ Doubles Div1**

Noriko Thompson, Louise Hall Capt, Christine Stanton, Sandy Clarke, Diana Rice.



***TW Wednesday Women Grass 45+ Doubles Div2***

Rae Savage, Rae Yorg Capt, Lorraine Sims, Sandy Bateman, Fiona Cargill. Rosie Harris,



***TW Wednesday Women Grass 45+ Doubles Div3***

Debbie Hanrahan, Tammy Reddel, Janet Sutton, Nola Carmignani, Cathy McNelly, Janet Paterson Capt,



Also our TW Women Wednesday Grass 55+ Double team had a great battle in the Grand Final at North Beach but lost with honour. Well done to Bobbie Edwards Capt., Mary Gribbon Glenyse Banfield Jan Hibbard, Tina Lord, Margaret Robinson,



There was another team on Wednesday the TW Women Wednesday Open Div1, Fiona Brindsen Capt, Sally Revell, Jane Crisp, Susanna Monaco, Martina Van Rensburg, a team that didn't get the semi but had the best tennis ever, very challenging, with very strong and young State League players never seen before on the Wednesday competition.

The Mens winning team for Summer season 2018-2019 is ...

***NDTA Wednesday Mens Doubles Div1***

Joel Forsyth Capt, Matt Connell, Roland Townend, Drew Hemphil, Mark Corbett, Dave Malesic.

But... 4 winning teams were enough for 2019? No ... so here there is the mixed team that with a bit of luck won the grand Final too

***TW Wednesday Night Mixed Double Div 3***

Serene Stauton, Lex Brickland, Rachel Schairer, Joshua Hewton, Donna Lynch, Kevin Lynch, Jennifer Staniforth-Smith.

Well done to all our WDTC Champions.

Please read the Mens and Night League Wrap from Mike because you will find how also all the other WDTC team finished the Season.

Really all our leagues teams did very well and for sure more Champions will come next year.

On the **12th April** be ready to a big presentation night with shining shields - the first **Wembley Downs Tennis Club Wind-up** with Juniors and Adult together. Everybody is welcoming to join for a super night of fun.

We really would like to see kids and adult players receive their shields together in front of their happy family and of the TW President.

## **Summer Mens and Night League Team Wrap 2018-2019 (Mike)**

We are getting to the end of the summer league season with winter around the corner (you wouldn't know from the weather).

Our club has had a wonderful league season with excellent efforts by all teams.

We have 2 Division winners so far with our Northern Districts Mixed Doubles Div 2 playing their grand final at Ocean Ridge this Sat.

### **Champions**

- Northern Districts Wednesday Mens Doubles Div 1 (Team Joel) defeated Greenwood 5 sets to 3. Pictured from left Matt Connell, Roland Townend, Drew Hemphil and Joel Forsyth (Captain) other squad members Mark Corbett and Dave Malesic



Team came from fourth place to beat a very good side. The doubles played in the grand final was sensational and every set was a struggle.

### **• *Tennis West Tuesday Night Mixed Doubles (Team Serene)***

This was a new squad that came together very nicely from third spot on the ladder.

No photo available squad members Serene Staunton (Captain), Lex Brickland, Rachel Schairer, Joshua Hewton, Jennifer Staniforth-Smith, Donna and Kevin Lynch, Jarron Maisey and Sinan Yahya (Reserve).

### **Other League Teams**

- We had 2 Monday Fast Format teams with Div 3 just missing out on the final four and Div 4 very competitive with a squad of new members.
- Our Wednesday Night Mens Doubles Div 1 and 5 both made semis and had excellent seasons in challenging divisions along with our second Northern Districts Mens Doubles team that were having to compete against strong competition every week.
- Our Thursday Ladies Doubles Div 7 team performed very well all season with the ladies having to back up from league on Wednesday every week. Team lost their semi by a very close margin.
- We had 2 Sat Open Mens teams (Div 8 & 11) that both did an outstanding job to make the 4 in tough divisions and our Div 3 and Div 9 teams played well all season and only missed the semis by a few points.
- Our Sunday Mens Over 50s Div 1 tried hard all season however our fair share of injuries and illness affected the results significantly (along with playing some very good opposition).

Well done all players and captains.

## ***The Annual 2019 City of Stirling Tournament Championship***

On the 31st March at Alexander Park, 6 Tennis Club gave a big battle to win the City of Stirling trophy with the format of 6 men and 6 ladies each round and handicap points from the previous year. So many young faces all around the courts.

Mt Lawley won also this year the big Cup with overall more points, Alexander Park the Handicap ...with not many points of difference from the other teams.

Great tennis with the best players, coaches and State league players.

The Wembley Downs Team put an amazing effort with some incredible matches at very high level. Impressive the power of all our men and of their super fast serve. It was also the occasion to play mixed with the two youngest 16 years old Will and Zac at their first City of Stirling competition.

The ladies showed again their passion and experience against the youngest super opponents. In few matches they surprised the young girls with their excellent shots.

Thank you all for participating, really it was a pleasure to captain such a beautiful team.

Here our stars:

Ladies: Sally Revell, Fiona Brinsden, Jane Crisp, Susanna Monaco, Noriko Thompson, Christine Stanton, Sandy Clarke, Diana Rice.

Men: Jasper Paterson, Aubrey Hingston, James Haas, Gareth Fricker, Jordan Power, Zac Harper. In the afternoon also Jimmy Campbell, Matt Connell, Will Gasqueres.

A big Thank you also to our super supporter Stephanie Proud that followed the Wembley Downs team in this big adventure. We really appreciated to see her with all of us.

Photo City of Stirling:

From the left: Chris Cooper and Sandy Bateman (cheers leaders), Fiona Brinsden, Peter Doherty, Diana Rice, Jane Crisp, James Haas, Noriko Thompson, Sally Revell, Sandy Clarke, Susanna Monaco, Gareth Fricker, Will Gasqueres, Jimmy Campbell, Aubrey Hingston, Jasper Paterson, Matt Connell





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

“*The Ides of March*” not only indicated the murder of Julius Caesar, but also a very fun night at WDTC. As you will see by the pics all the old Romans were there in their Toga’s! Looking very distinguished were Cleopatra and Mark Antony, who also made an appearance.

The menu based on ancient Roman recipes, were a hit, even though I could not find any rodents, nor Flamingo tongues to dish up on the night!!

I would like yet again to thank all the Social Committee and the extras who helped. Absolutely fantastic job!

**Coming up is “Summer Season Wind-up” on 12<sup>th</sup> April.** Management approved this function as a trail this year, to see if we could combine both Junior and senior players, League presentations, and any MVP’S!

Flyer is attached, so please book in early, so we have numbers for catering.

Be sure to book in the dates below, so you don’t miss out!

SAT 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Annual Dinner
SAT 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Marriage of Food & Wine

See you all at the next function!

Nola ☺

Social Chairperson

Mob: 0403 003 507

**Summer Season Wind-up**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**All Junior teams & Families**

- \*From 4.30pm
- \*Bubble Soccer!
- \*Table Tennis!
- \*Pool Table!
- \*On court games to music!

**All WDTC members welcome!**

**All Adult teams & Families**

**Happenings:**

- 4.30pm: Fun on the courts!
- 6pm: Presentation of all League Shields & MVP’s
- 6.20pm: Food Buffet
- \*Bar Open from 4pm

Adults \$10  
Juniors -12yrs \$5

Payment prior to Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Online: Bsb: 306 050 Acc: 5528258  
Ref: S5W (your name)  
Or directly to Fiona Brinsden or Nola  
Enquiries: Nola 0403 003 507

## Mid-Week Ladies – Donna Lynch

Mid Week Ladies recently played one of our annual Lucky Envelope □ Competitions as usual a lot of fun was had by all!

Nothing like a prize to bring out everyone's competitive spirit but the money was taken by Malyn Maley who played like a champion.

Our CPR knowledge was enhanced a couple of weeks ago when Mike Underwood came and gave a demonstration of how to use the clubs

Cardiac Defibrillator.

Some great knowledge and confidence was definitely gained. Many thanks Mike !





## Sharper Tennis – Simon and Angie Harper

Hello from SHARPER TENNIS...



Phew what a Summer that was!

Still lots going on though with Club Champs and Junior Challenges taking place this weekend. Sharper tennis will be offering our usual Holiday Club over the first weekend of the school holidays so why not get the kids up off the couch and onto the courts!



### NEW FOUR WEEK ADULT BEGINNERS COURSE:

So you fancy having a go at tennis but don't really know where to start? Don't want to look silly but still want to have fun and get fit in the process? Well, this is the class for you!

Each week our coaches will focus on a different skill to help you feel confident when hitting the courts.

Week One: Groundstrokes, Forehands and Backhands

Week Two: Volleys and Smashes

Week Three: Serves

Week Four: Doubles Matchplay

### New monthly four-week course beginning from Monday 6th May.

Simon will help you understand your continental from your semi-western and your buggy whip from your sledgehammer! He'll explain when it's best to be in Dagenham or when you need to hotfoot it to the Bahamas and before you know it your social tennis skills will be on point!

Fee: \$80 +GST

Starts: 6th May-27th May 4-week course

**"ABILITY** is what you're capable of doing. **MOTIVATION** determines what you do. **ATTITUDE** determines how well you do it."

All the Best,

The Sharper Tennis Team

## Juniors – Fiona Brinsden and Linda Paterson

Congratulations to all our Junior Summer League teams, especially the four teams who reached the finals. Of these teams, ALL WON!

Congratulations to our 2 Orange Ball Hotshots, our Green Ball Hotshots and our 16 and Under Boys Division 3 teams. We are very proud of you!

A reminder that all league players and families are invited to our Summer League Wind-up on 12 April from 4.30pm. There will be league presentations, fun activities and food and drinks to purchase. It should be a great evening. Please pay prior to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, bank details are BSB 306 050 A/C 5528258, Ref: SSW (your name)

Winter league teams have now been submitted to Tennis West. If you are interested in playing but missed the cut-off, we would still be keen to have you as a reserve player. Please contact [wtdcjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:wtdcjuniors@gmail.com)

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## House and Grounds – *Dennis Gillespie*

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#### ***Hardcourts Light Upgrade***

All the lights on courts 1 – 4 have now been replaced with LED floodlights. These lights are much brighter and have a more even light distribution than the previous lights. In addition, they have a much lower power consumption. The LED's also have a much longer life span than the previous lights and are expected to last up to 70,000 hours of use. At our current usage of about 1,000 hours per year, this means these lights will last beyond our lifetimes.

The lights were installed by ProCircuit Electrical and the cost was \$36,000 + gst. However, we obtained a grant of \$7,200 from Tennis Australia to offset the cost somewhat.

Hirers, coaches and pennant players should benefit from these new lights for many years.

#### **Hall Hire – *John Venn***

The Wembley Downs Tennis Club hall is available for members to hire for their private function. Hire of the Hall also includes use of the lounge area. Please Note: that exclusive use of the lounge/bar area may not be possible, particularly on a Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday night.

The WDTC Hall Hire Manager is John Venn (phone: 0418 925 464 or email: [jfvennc@bigpond.com](mailto:jfvennc@bigpond.com)). John is able to provide details of hall availability and the conditions of hire.

Please contact the Hall Hire Manager to discuss your hire requirements in detail for your private function.



WDTC bar & Fare Play song (Apologies to Beach Boys)

Ba ba ba ba Bruce 'n Ann  
Ba ba ba ba Richard Mac  
Ba ba ba ba Marion (take my hand)  
Bar bar bar bar Chris 'n Fi  
Ba ba ba ba Mark 'n Lorraine  
You've got me rockin' and a-rollin'  
Rockin' and a-reelin'  
What a plan  
Bar bar bar the Wembley Clan

Fare Play dinner  
Nola's a winner  
Saw a VB can  
So I thought I'd take a chance  
Bar barman take my cash  
You've got me rockin' and a-rollin'  
Rockin' and a-reelin'  
What a clan  
Bar bar bar the Wembley Clan

Ba ba ba ba Tom 'n Jan  
Ba ba ba ba Marnie 'n Pam  
Ba ba ba ba Lauren (take my hand)  
Bar ba ba ba Dave 'n Fi  
Ba ba ba ba Pritchie 'n John  
You've got me rockin' and a-rollin'  
Rockin' and a-reelin'  
What a clan  
Bar bar bar the Wembley Clan

Tried Atomic  
Tried Coopers Too  
Tried Single Fin  
But I knew it would all do  
Ba ba ba ba Dennis 'n Lu  
Ba ba ba ba Bev 'n Al  
You've got me rockin' and a-rollin'  
Rockin' and a-reelin'  
What a plan  
Bar bar bar the Wembley Clan

## ***On the Sick List!***

If you know any Club members having a rough time 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!***

We wish Bobbie Edwards, Louise Hall, Dale Phillips, Serene Staunton 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 2018/2019***

Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	“Summer Season Wind Up”
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Annual Dinner
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Marriage of Food & Wine – Match Made in Heaven
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	WDTC AGM 2018/2019

## **On the Funny Side!**



## WDTC Uniforms

### **WDTC Club Shirts**

A minimum order of 4 is required. Once we have 4 or more, an order will be placed – the shirts will then be available within two weeks of order.

Cost of the shirt is \$40 - as we are no longer placing bulk orders, we do not receive a discount.

If you would like a club shirt, please contact Janet Paterson on 0402 347 334 or [wdtctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:wdtctreasurer@gmail.com).



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

'We now have a child's pad for our defibrillator unit (as a guideline this pad is inserted for children under 8 or under 25 kg). So if anyone needs to do this they will find the pad in a box behind the defib unit. All you need to do is rip the strip off the plastic bag, remove the adult pad from the defib unit and insert the child's pad. Then follow the instructions on the unit. There are instructions on the plastic bag on where to attach the two cords for children. The adult and child's pads will need to be replaced once used. Some key points to remember:

- The unit will analyse the person's situation and will not request a shock unless it is necessary so you can't hurt someone by connecting the unit to the person.
  - Always make sure someone else calls the ambulance immediately and stays on the phone whilst you are attending to the person.
  - St Johns always reinforce the fact that any level of CPR is better than no CPR so if in doubt give it a go.
  - The first 10 mins are critical and you can almost guarantee an ambulance will not arrive in this time so act fast!

If would be fantastic if we could get a few more members to do the free St John's course so if interested please let me know.

Regards

Mike Underwood Mens League Supervisor

Mobile 0422 922 467 Email [michael.underwood@metrecruitment.com.au](mailto:michael.underwood@metrecruitment.com.au)

***One of our sponsors – Ocean Gardens City Beach – have recently opened up their Wellness Program to over 55's in the community and they'd like to invite you to come along and try out some of their exercise classes.***

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Members Out and About- Ides of March





Members Out and About-



## Members Out and About- Well done boys!!!



"Super Senior" golfers, from left, Ken Perry (85), Ron Edwards (81), Terry Mannion (82), John Collins (82), Garnet Wilmot (82) and Ken Talbot (86) are part of a group that has been playing together at Wembley Golf Course since 1977. Photo: Billie Fairclough

By BEN DICKINSON

**Senior golfers have won back a prized discount at Wembley Golf Course after their green fees shot up 21% overnight.**

Cambridge council abolished its Super Seniors discount on January 1, which allowed players over 80 to play for less than the standard seniors rate if they played outside peak times.

As a result, their fees hiked from \$16.50 to \$20 for a nine-hole round, and \$23.50 to \$28 for an 18-hole round.

"The percentage was way out of proportion with the other increases," City Beach golfer John Collins said.

"It discriminated against an age group that not only uses the game to assist with their ongoing health requirements, but adds to the social contact which is so important as ageing occurs."



Mr Collins said he played each week with an organised group that has been going since 1977.

"Of the four groups that I represented in this, two have already gone to Hamersley [because of the fee increase],"

Mr Collins said.

At last month's council meeting, councillor Kate McKerracher moved to reinstate the Super Seniors discount.

"The abolition of it may have produced unintended consequences," Ms McKerracher's

motion read.

"They generally play at mid-week at the non-peak times ... [and] they are generally on fixed incomes."

The discount will be reviewed again in December, as per Ms McKerracher's motion.

## Members Out and About- City of Stirling



## Members Out and About- Happy Birthday Serene!



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