



MatchPoint

Presidents Report

Welcome back to Matchpoint!

Due to public demand following the 12-month hiatus, it is bigger, brighter and bulkier, much like most of us.

Your committee has consistently worked hard to maintain, improve and advance the club. If you would like to join our merry bunch, then please nominate for a position on the committee at the next Annual General Meeting, sometime in September.

In addition to the grant money we received in January 2015, the club part funded many of the upgrades. The last working bee saw the court wind breaks painstakingly erected, 'The Shed' cleaned top to bottom and balustrading completed. Thanks go to all our volunteers, Gerry, Arthur, Claire, Denis H, Peter G, Libby, Andrew M, Maree and Mike.

Additionally, the fantastic new 'Deck' has been erected, of which we are all enjoying. After a year of hard graft, the deck adds a new dimension to our club and well worth the effort. Huge thanks go to Wayne for building the deck and our volunteers, John, Sean, Larry, Glen, Bevan and Mike.

Our social tennis continues to be enjoyed on Mondays and Saturdays. In addition, our competition teams are all doing well and proudly flying the Witta Tennis flag. Junior tennis continues to thrive during the holiday clinics and Fundays. Thanks to Maree for her ongoing efforts for these days a success.

As we are not even half through the year, we are still keen for members to join. The tennis club has just surpassed the 50 member mark (big and little players), so please encourage your friends to sign up.

So, what's next, a breather, then back into the grant season for a fourth court. Fingers crossed again for this year.

Cheers
Mike



Fixtures Teams

Wagtails

Witta Wagtails have had their best season so far, thanks to the team – Gerry, Claire, Christine, Janet & Sonia. We had a few injuries this season so we'd like to thank our "fill-ins" Jill, Elaine & Pauline for their support. Also, thank you to our coach Jani Kroyherr for his help and patience. We love the competition and are looking forward to the spring season of tennis with more wins, but most importantly great sportsmanship and socialisation.



Wallabies

Witta Wallabies have entered a team this season in the Thursday Night Ladies Competition. We now have four players in our Division 1 team rotating each week in ladies doubles. We are fortunate to be playing at Caloundra in the new Sunshine Coast Regional Tennis Centre. Team members Liz Mellish, Stacey English, Paula Cudmore and Maree Hooley are enjoying playing under lights. Half way through the season, we are comfortably placed in the middle of a group of eight teams.



Whistlers

Witta Whistlers are enjoying a competitive Div 1 season 2016 - Captain Aki and team Brenda, Donna, Maree and Liz manage to hold it together most Fridays. Maroochydore and Mooloolaba are leading the competition however Whistlers generally give them a run for their money. At best - Aki employs a devastating top spin lob and deft net put always, Donna follows up the forehand drive with strong volleys, Brenda tactically out manoeuvres everyone and hits winning angles, Maree is very fast, has supreme reflex volleying and superb consistency and Liz manages the occasional ace, deep drives and a backhand slice...This is the Whistlers sixth season in Division 1 and long may we last...



Wildcats

After losing 3 important members of the team (Jeannie Thorn, Sue Vockenson and Stacey English), the Wildcats are in a rebuilding phase. Unfortunately to do this we were demoted to Division 3. However, we were lucky to have Jenie Riding and Anne Dunn available to join members Pauline Fraley, Annie Stewart, Libby Howlett, Sonia Douglas and occasionally Stacey English. We are still in a learning phase and will probably remain in Div 3 for next season, but our major goal is to get back to Div 2.



Wompoos

After just 3 matches the Wompoos if not quite flying are travelling OK. Having had 2 wins from 3 matches, with the 'loss' to Gympie having been close, the team is feeling reasonably relaxed. There are still a couple of first round matches to play against Tewantin and Fraser Coast before the second round starts 24 July. By then everyone will have played a match or more, plus spent a bit of time on the bench. Sadly, we've lost Annette with a busted shoulder and don't expect her back on the court following surgery for quite some time. Meanwhile the rest of the team (Paula, Liz, Jo, Brenda, Bob, Anthony, Ernie, Jim, Andrew and Denis) push on without complaint. The team's top performer at this time is Paula, while Jim has one hand on the most improved trophy. Here's the whisper: if you can get good odds on Wompoos making the div 2 final take a risk and put some money on them.



Wikings

The Witta Wikings had enjoyed a fantastic start to their 2016 quest for division 1 tennis. We continue to laugh, enjoy each other's company and have only had to play at that far away place once so far. The downside comes when the opposing teams insist on keeping score. It must be about the winning as otherwise why do we play for points. However, I am told most of our games got to deuce and we have won several so far. Anyway, what a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon and after the sweating has ceased we can all sit down with a bevvy and talk about the one that got away. Thanks go to John 'NO' John, Glenn O, Hot Kev, Andrew 'Watch the fence', Maree 'thank god you can run', Libby 'got another job for you', Pauline 'don't talk to me on the court', Paul D and Mike.



Juniors

Witta Tennis has hosted two junior tennis events so far this year. In January, we held Kid Fun Day with Katya, which was FUN. We had 18 kids from 5 – 12 years old, They were volleying, serving, running, playing against the ball machine, trying to hit a Piñata, talking and snacking on delicious cakes, fruit and ice blocks.



For a change of pace in the Easter School Holidays, we held a 2 days Junior Clinic with Katya. Each day we welcomed 10 children from Witta, Maleny, Peachester and as far away as Roma (visiting grandparents for the holidays). For some it was their first time on a tennis court and they loved it – coming back for the 2nd day of the clinic full of enthusiasm. We were also happy to see some of our older boys – now in high school – coming back to show the others how it's done. Katya and volunteers provided delicious fruit and refreshments for the hungry players.

Junior Membership

Witta Tennis Club loves to have our courts in full use with fixtures, social tennis, coaching, private hire and practice.

Most importantly, we would like to see more kids on the courts. There are so many different sporting opportunities for children, as tennis enthusiasts, we would like to see more kids playing tennis.

To encourage young players the committee has decided to offer free court use for junior players who join the Witta Tennis Club in 2016 (this of course when the courts are available). In addition, a beginner will have a complimentary coaching session with Katya.

The cost for juniors is \$10 per year this included TQ membership. For details check our website www.wittatennis.com.au or contact mareehooley@gmail.com

Sponsors

We would like to thank our Sponsors for their ongoing support each year. This has helped us sustain a very busy, active club and keeps our courts and facilities the best maintained on the coast. We encourage all our members to support our sponsors by their patronage to the particular service they provide in our community and in addition promoting them to our friends and family.

We welcome our new sponsor – Re/Max Hinterland - The team of Mark Clayton, Michael Reck, Ellie Hood and Susan Brant.



Out and about

Liz and Denis enjoyed hobnobbing with Mal Anderson (US Open winner 1957) at the Maleny Tennis Club 90th birthday bash. A great day of tennis was had by all and the dead weight of the wooden racquet with which Anderson won the US Open was on display.



Witta Tennis organised for the 4th year, travel and tickets to the Brisbane International. All members and friends were invited to attend, for great day of superstar tennis. Past and present members included Pauline Fraley, Kerry Reilly, Jill Murtagh, Jan Mason and Libby Howlett.

Witta Tennis new deck opening

President Mike Hooley was joined by committee and club members to celebrate the opening of the new deck at The Witta Tennis Shed - members drank a toast to Wayne Gray, deck builder extraordinaire. Wayne was competing in the Gold Coast Seniors Tournament but we all enjoyed excellent champagne on his behalf. VIPs cutting the purple ribbon pictured below (including Arthur imbibing in the background) ...



Wayne Gray and Mike Hooley



Golf day

The first of our biannual golf days was held at Maleny Golf Club, in April. A great turn out despite the long weekend and wonderful weather. All rounds were very close and thanks to the mulligans some surprising victors collected their rewards.

Best gross went to the Richard Clayton four ball

Best net went to Mike, Andrew, Dave Peter and Rex 5 ball.

Longest drive ladies went to T Smith.

Nearest pin ladies went to Dave Lapsley (no other entries and 2nd in boys nearest pin)

Longest drive boys went to Andrew.

Nearest pin boys went to Mike.

We look forward to seeing you again later in the year.

Thanks to the volunteers for helping, Maree, Mike, Gavin and Andrew B. Additionally, thanks to MGC for providing fantastic facilities and an amazing course.



Pauline Fraley & Sonia Douglas



David Lapsley, Mike Hooley, Andrew Moser



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