



MatchPoint

Presidents Report

Season's Greeting for our Final MatchPoint of 2019.

WTC has had a great year. Our membership numbers are high in Adults and Juniors, we've had five fixtures teams playing from the club, three making the semi-finals and one winning the final's match. Socials are well attended and we have welcomed several new players to the club both in fixtures and social tennis.

The committee has taken on several initiatives this year to attract more players. Firstly, with the Mary Valley Challenges and the Come and Try Day held in May. Both events supported and attended by representatives from TQ.

We've been keeping the Club and courts looking great. The grass court has been repaired and serviced and the hard courts have been cleaned by outside contractors. Fences have been repaired, and the signage around the courts has been updated. Lastly the ailing water pump has been replaced.

We've held several 'Kid's Fun Days' and 'Junior Tennis Clinics' – more to come – look out for the next in January 2020.

Keeping the Club and Committee current, three committee members have updated their First Aid and CPR. As far as club publicity goes we now use Facebook and the newly formed Maleny Electronic Webpage – through the MDSRC.. Next year we may even be sending 'Tweets'. Please check out www.malenysportandrec.org.au

Our current Sponsors are Maleny IGA, Purple Palate, Australian Off Road, Maleny Physiotherapy and Remax Estate Agents. Please support these local businesses and let them know that you are a member of WTC when you do.

Our AGM was held last month. We are pleased to welcome back the same committee. For the year 2020 all fees and costs to club members are unchanged. Please find the 2020 Membership Application on our Webpage www.wittatennis.com.au or at the clubhouse.



WTC held the Christmas Party at the Maleny Bowls Club on December 6th. Who would have guessed that tennis players were competitive and like to play with balls!!! It was a most enjoyable evening – thank you to our hosts, and we look forward to doing it again.

Next year there will be many exciting things happening in the tennis world. Firstly, don't miss out on the newly structured BI (ladies only) the ATP Teams event and of course the AO. All of this happening in January.

TQ are very enthusiastic about the possible expansion of the Mary Valley Challenge, introduced this year by committee member Paula Cudmore and presented at the TQ AGM as part of their Emerging Leaders Program.

WTC is one of the thirty Sunshine Coast Clubs taking part in 'Open Court Sessions' being introduced by the TQ in January. During the BI and AO there will be a large advertising campaign on TV and radio designed to bring lapsed players back to the court. The sessions will be run on an eight-week program of court games and activities designed to be fun and social. These sessions will be commencing early February – so watch this space more information.

If you were unaware WTC banks through Maleny Credit Union. This year we received a surprise deposit of \$100 from a generous and anonymous donor who nominated the club to benefit from a rewards program by MCU loan they received. We thank them and the MCU!

Cheers
Mike



Mike Hooley presenting Paul Durham with the first-place prize in our raffle. The painting was donated by local artist Laszlo Szerenyi

2nd prize went to Jenny McIntosh - Maroochydore TC

3rd prize went to Steve Banney - Kandange TC



Club House

Dear members and teams, when using the club house please make sure you leave it clean and tidy and ready for the next group to enjoy.

Fixtures Teams

Wagtails

Another year of great tennis was enjoyed by the Witta Wagtails. Whether welcoming teams to Witta or travelling around the Coast to experience other teams' hospitality – tennis days are always a highlight. While the line-up of Wagtails' players has changed a little, the team spirit is as strong as the love of playing tennis. Sonia Douglas, Jan Maguire, Cynthia Garvie, Gerry Gabriel and Suzie Billett met with some success during the season and celebrated two hard fought wins. However, the wins are secondary to the camaraderie, outdoor fitness and fun that tennis brings. A special thanks to Pauline Fraley, Jill Murtagh and Annie Stewart who helped out during the year. We look forward to more of the same in 2020.



Whistlers

The Whistlers welcomed Annie to our team this season and Maree's come back after a time off due to injuries. With all the good and long rallies in every single match, we ended up 4th this season. We lost in the semi-final but we had a good season overall, without having to ask for fill in players from other teams. So, let's see next season if we can do better!! Team is Brenda Warner, Donna Kuskopt, Maree Hooley, Paula Cudmore, Anny Quarmby and Aki Lepper.



Wildcats

The Wildcats ended the season as the Grand Finalists! It was a hard-fought season with lots of ups and downs. The Wildcats managed to stay in the top 4 throughout the season and brought the trophy home. The team is Pauline Fraley, Annie Stewart, Stacey English, Libby Howlett, Jenie Riding, Sonia Douglas and our inspirational mentor Jeannie Thorne.



Wompoos

After a heroic start Witta Wompoos gallantly played some exciting tennis during the finals match against Nambour No Worries at The Nambour Showgrounds on Sunday October 27th. Close sets were the order of the day with 4 tie breakers played. Unfortunately, they all went the oppositions way. At the end of the day only 8 games separated the 2 teams, however the sets count was 9 to 3. Congratulations to the triumphant Nambour team, however Witta will still be there next season to contest the battle. Well done to Donna Kuskoph who played brilliantly all day to be man of the match. Thanks also to our Witta supporters, Rob and son, John Poole, Ernie and Annette Glen and Bob. Great to see you all there. Until next year.



Wikings

Looking back at the year for the Wikings Tennis Team, I was perplexed to see several cancelled matches. Despite having 13 registered players we had to forfeit twice, received a forfeit and in another match substituted 2 men for 2 ladies on competition day – not to suggest this would have changed the outcome! We've pulled in subs from our Club, Caloundra and Kawana. Wikings have been hampered with injuries and holidays (I know which I'd prefer) But despite this we didn't come last! When we did get to play, we had a cracking time, and as you can see from the team photo – it's not always about the tennis. So roll on 2020 – The Year of the Wiking



Kids Fun Day

Wednesday October 2 saw another Kids Fun Day with Katya take place at the Witta courts. Some early rain saw the starting time delayed by an hour and some industrious squeegeeing by Maree and John saw the courts ready for action.

Around a dozen kids turned up ready for a few hours of the fun games and activities organised by the ever-popular Katya and most felt inspired by the lure of prizes offered by Katya to engage wholeheartedly in the games. Marvellous how the incentive of a few sweet tasting goodies can bring out the competitive beast in even the quietest kids!!

With three courts running and with John on one court, Aki and Matilda on another and Katya on the third, the kids were kept busy rotating through them. I'm sure all the kids had a blast engaging in the games and a special mention to Sully who spent the best part of two hours on the court with John and won plenty of goodies in the targetting game. Effort equals reward!!

To top off the day perfectly, Katya, Maree, Aki and a few of the mums supplied and prepared a great array of fresh fruit, hot dogs, plenty of snacks and sweets and cool drinks.

A great day was had by all and it was great to see how Katya is instilling the love of tennis into these kids which will hopefully keep the love of the game with them as they grow older and possibly become adult members of the Witta Tennis Club.

Thanks to the volunteers who came along to assist Katya and a big thanks to Aki's daughter Matilda for all the help she gave even if it meant drilling John at the net John Bradshaw style!!



Mary Valley Challenge

The Mary Valley Come and Play day featured a number of our Witta players of all ages along with club representatives from Landsborough, Mapleton, Kandanga and Caloundra participating.

Eighteen players in total were paired into two ability divisions competing in a round robin format. The short deuce and short tie break format was warmly accepted by all players. Prizes were awarded for not only winners and runners up but also novelty prizes for a variety of competitions throughout the day.

A delicious morning tea and lunch was prepared on the day with the assistance of our local Sunshine Coast development officer from TQ, Nick Todorov.

This concludes our games for this year and has given a number of hinterland players, who don't normally play competitively, the opportunity to socialise and compete with players of similar ability in a relaxed, friendly environment.

We hope to continue the tradition in 2020, specifically looking at sponsoring club vs club days on a semi-regular basis making sure that our club is inclusive of all its members.

Thanks go to the committee, Pauline and Maree in their promotion of the event and Nick Todorov from Tennis Queensland for his enthusiasm.



Out and About

WTC Christmas party at Maleny Bowls Club



WT went to Kandanga Tennis Club for their opening of their new courts

Girls have to have lunch!



Witta ladies' lunch



Wagtails lunch



Wildcats lunch



Witta tennis attended a morning of fun and games at Nambour Tennis Club



The Whistlers and Wildcats at the semi-finals at Mooloolaba Tennis Club



Paul Durham posing with Rodger

If you are attending the tennis in January please get photos and send to me for inclusion in the next edition of MatchPoint.

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