MatchPoint

Presidents Report

Winter greetings

What a great time of the year to play tennis, not too hot and not too chilly.

Since our last MatchPoint issue we have seen all our members making the most of the facilities at Witta. Last week's Saturday social was one the best attended in the past couple of months, with well over 20 players and guests, great to see. Let's try and sustain it as we make our push for a fourth court.

Yes, it is grant season and I am in the process of submitting an application for a new grass court, to the western side of the existing grass court. Fingers crossed, as this will be the fourth year in a row. Grants have not being forthcoming to tennis clubs for the past few years so hopefully the tide has finally turned.

Along with our thriving socials, Witta's representative teams have travelled up, down and around the sunshine coast. All teams enjoying success at times and but more importantly enjoying the tennis.

Our tennis players swapped sports and were joined by friends to play in the Biannual Witta Tennis Golf Day at Maleny Golf Club, in April. A great day was had by everyone with most teams receiving a prize on the day either it be winners or wooden spooners.

Our volunteers have been hard at it again, maintaining and enhancing the facilities. With the prep work completed, we spent a Sunday laying the new paving to court 2, thanks to Larry, Andrew B and Andrew M for helping. Now we have bigger plans to expand the paving further and sort the drainage issues out. Also, thanks to Maree and Pauline for spending a Sunday cleaning, wiping, moping and beautifying 'The Shed'.

Finally, as we approach our AGM, Saturday 5 August, I would like to thank the committee for all their work throughout the year (which still continues). A great group of people who consistently and without any grumbling, volunteer to sustain, maintain and enhance the club's facilities. Also thank you to all those who have also volunteered at times throughout the year. Hope to see you all at the AGM and here's to next year, fingers crossed for the fourth court.

Cheers
Mike

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Fixtures Teams

Wagtails

Witta Wagtails enjoyed the Autumn season with a couple of wins, two "washouts" and one forfeit due to injuries. Looking forward to this coming Spring Season and hopefully a few more wins as our team is getting stronger. As a team, we enjoy our tennis and have lots of fun. Thank you to the Witta Wagtails – Gerry, Claire, Christine, Janet, Eunice, Suzie and Sonia.

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Whistlers

Witta Whistlers had a productive opening season 2017 ending in clear third place to rained out finalists Mooloolaba and Maroochydore.
Special thanks to Captain Aki Lepper, mid court winner, Donna Kuskopf, tactician, Brenda Warner, speedy retriever, Maree Hooley...and Liz Mellish.

Wildcats

It was great being back in Division 2 after a long absence. Even though we only won a couple of matches, most of the others were very close with 4 sets each. Fortunately for us, the Friday Fixtures Committee decided to keep us in Division 2 for another season. So our work is cut out for us to make sure we stay there. Big thanks to Pauline Fraley, Libby Howlett, Annie Stewart, Stacey English, Jenie Riding, Sonia Douglas and Anne Dunn for giving it their all throughout the season.

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Wompoos

The Wompoos are currently running 2nd in Div 2. There are only 4 teams in this division and so far we have had just 2 wins from 4 matches. The first 2 matches were close losses (both 5 sets to 7) while the next two matches were both wins. We turned the tables against Nambas (7 sets to 5) on our return match against them, and had a good win against Nambour (8 sets to 4). With a loss against front runners Gympie in the first round we are keen to even up the score with them when we next meet. To date the ladies (Paula, Liz, Annette and pinch hitter Stacey) continue to dominate this division. While the men (Gavin, Bob, Haydyn, Denis, Andrew, Ernie and Jim) are finding things a little tougher rumour is they are just about ready to pitch in big time with a few more sets. It might be best not to bet too confidently on the Wompoos making the finals just yet but if you can get good odds perhaps a little flutter might prove not to be all that foolish.

Witta Wonders.

For the first time in several seasons Witta has entered a team in the Division 1 competition. By necessity the team is made up not only of Witta locals but has also drawn widely to create an outfit that is competitive in the Div 1 environment. "Locals": Jani Kroyherr, Wayne Gray and Anthony de Waard have formed the backbone of the team while drawing on players from as far afield as Ipswich, Noosa and places in between to maintain a competitive outfit. At the Halfway point in the season the Team is running 4th in a 6 man Comp, competitive, and not far off the pace. As the disparate group gets more comfortable with each other's play, we are looking forward to the second half of the season where we think we can shake a few of the top sides.

Wikings

The Wikings gladly entered this year's competition in Division 3 to gain some much needed confidence and to meet new people. Well, I am pleased to say that we have achieved both our aims. So far we are unbeaten, at the top of the competition ladder and really enjoying the tennis. The score-lines have not really reflected how close the games have been, really competitive. Thus far we have travelled north, west, south and east and head back up north for our next game. Thanks to GlenNo, No John, No Knees, AnDo, Mike, Maree, Paulina, Lobster, Stacey and our standby's Hot Kev and Paul the Peg. Also thanks to Celebrations for the drinks after. Looking forward to the final, final celebrations and further celebrations.

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Welcome our new sponsor Australian off Road

AOR is a local success story. Expansion has been exponential, from humble origins in a carport in Maleny 16 years ago, to its present location in a 5000 square metre purpose built facility in Caloundra with 78 staff, the company has grown to become widely recognized as one of Australia's premium manufacturers of off road caravans.

AOR caravans are designed from the ground up to conquer the punishing conditions of the outback. They are also built to enable self-sufficiency and ultimate comfort in remote places, with standard features such as a solar system, huge water capacity, marine toilet and shower and diesel heater. Exclusive to the industry they are even guaranteed to be dust proof.

Owners Steve and Rhonda Budden attribute the success of AOR not only to great design and superb quality but also to their ethos of looking after people. Steve's superb design skills and his ability to innovate have created ongoing benchmarks for the industry. A standout is the marine macerator toilet system adapted for use in AOR caravans. With a large holding tank it enables extended use in remote places, far preferable to the problematic use of chemical toilets in sensitive environments like national parks. The aesthetics of Steve's designs are evident with the beauty of every van produced.

Emphasis on people has led to a back-up service for their products that is another benchmark for the industry. As Steve has said:

"My main focus in starting AOR was to design a great product that would stand up to the test of time on bad, dusty roads. My other commitment was to supply excellent warranty and back up service to our customers, a tradition that continues to this day."

A strong sense of community is engendered with well attended owners' rallies being held in most states and provision of an extremely popular inter-active owners' forum. Such is the popularity of these gatherings over 80 AOR vans are booked as a group to attend the Big Red Bash at Birdsville in July in response to AOR being a major sponsor of this event.

Even if you're not immediately contemplating the purchase of a caravan, call in to see the facility at AOR in Caloundra and take a factory tour. You'd be very welcome!

Witta Tennis Golf Day

For the umpteenth time, the weather put on a display for us, sun was shining, the wind disappeared and temperature just right (hope I haven't jinxed us). Six teams turned out in their finest (well nearly all) to have fun in our biannual golf day at Maleny Golf Club in April.

Again, it was another great day, with lots of laughter and great shots (some golfer hit them more frequently than others). As it is a fundraiser for our club, it is not meant to be overly competitive, more social. However, there were prizes to be won.

The usual suspects Max and his merry band took out the best round as the best golfers. Thanks to the handicap rules Dave, Larry, Geoff and I got the best net, nearest pin for ladies was Sonia and men's John, longest drive for ladies was Liz and for the men Lyle. The encouragement award was close this time and Sonia, Pauline, Sonya and Maree eventually snatched the wooden spoon from their competitor's hands. We thank our Sponsors on the day the - IGA and Purple Palate for assisting with the prizes. The next golf day is booked for Sunday 22 October, we have 6 golf carts already booked with 4 more available, first in best dressed.

The Winners

The Par Dance

The short order cook

The Golfateers

Maleny Golf Club

Out and About

The Whistlers and Mooloolaba Legends

The Wikings and Kandanga Kats

Wildcats and Maree

Witta vs Mapleton Tennis Club

Witta representative team at Redcliffe tournament

Anne Dunn at the Prince Rainer centre court at the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters

Sam Lapsley- part time tennis player at Witta recently qualified for Queensland under 13 Hockey team!!

Maleny PHYSIOTHERAPY

Juniors

Witta Tennis hosted The Weird and Wonderful World of Tennis for Kids during the school holidays. Both days were well attended with kids coming from Reesville, North Maleny, Maleny, Witta Peachester and Conondale. We had great weather and fun was had by all..... though they seemed a bit reluctant to have their photo taken.

Back Row from left - Ruby, Sullivan, Jayden, Katya, Millie, Jasmine & Ella
2nd Row from left - Jayden, Polly, Tyson
From Row from left - Paula, Sam, Toby, George & Will

The Pavers

A big thanks to Mike Hooley, Andrew Blowes, Andrew Moser and Larry Fraley who gave up their Sunday to install the pavers.

And to Maree and Pauline for giving the Shed a spring clean

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