

MatchPoint

Presidents Report

We have been very fortunate here in Queensland in 2021. Our lifestyles have more or less remained unchanged compared to our southern cousins.

Our clubhouse and courts have been open all year and court hire has proved to be very popular – mid-covid. It's pleasing to see so many families getting together to play tennis.

Kid's Clinics and Fun Days are more popular than ever. We have children coming from Glasshouse, Peachester, Maleny, Conondale and of course Witta. We are pleased to host these fun events and to give all kids a chance to play tennis.

At last, after cancellations with Covid and weather we have held a Club Tournament. It was such a great day. We had our seasoned regulars and were joined by some young players to open our eyes to the future of tennis.

Our small committee of volunteers have worked very hard to keep our clubhouse, courts and grounds in tip top condition.

We have managed to obtain a grant through Qld Government GCBF to help us with the costs of installing new LED Lighting on courts 1 & 2.

Our fixtures teams have only suffered small interruptions to regular matches and competition for Spring 2021 has now come to an end.

Monday Ladies Social is experiencing great numbers of players. Saturday Social is always fun and competitive, though we would always love to see some old faces return.

The AGM is coming up Saturday 4 December at 12.30pm, followed by social tennis. All Welcome.

We are coming up to silly season. There are lots of team's parties happening as well as all of our usual family commitments. So with this in mind our next Social event at Witta will be early in the New Year when we celebrate Tennis under the LED Lights. We'll keep you posted.

Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for a great 2022

WTC Committee



Fixtures Teams

Wagtails

The Spring Season 2021 was shortened with 3 matches being cancelled due to COVID 19 and 2 BYES. All in all an enjoyable season, with some great rallies and friendly rivalry. We look forward to the 2022 Season of Tennis and extend our Best Wishes to All. Thank you to Cheryl Cavanagh, Sonia Douglas, Gerry Gabriel, Cynthia Garvie, Sheryn Golledge and Jan Maguire - The Witta Wagtails.

Whistlers

The Whistlers struggled a bit to get a team together this season with work commitments and injuries. And with 3 weeks off due to COVID the draw was a bit unfortunate. We just missed the final so we have finished the season a bit earlier than usual.

We played lots of good tennis, lots of running and tight games. We always enjoyed being on the court, great teamwork and socialising with everyone.

Team members are: Aki Lepper, Donna Kuskopf, Brenda Warner, Annie Quarmby, Paula Cudmore and Maree Hooley.

And of course, there is next season! So, for next season, let's go team!!



Wompoos

Another COVID Sunshine Coast Veterans Tennis season ends for a very competitive Witta team. The Wompoos were represented by Donna Kuskopf, Brenda Warner, Annie Quarmby, Jim Cudmore, Craig Herron, Anthony de Waard, Andrew Blowes, Haydyn Craven, Tony Keenan and John Poole at various times throughout the season. Like many clubs the team make-up varied a little from week to week depending on injuries, grandchildren and some intermittent border opening festivities. However, the group never succumbed to forfeiting and the stalwarts who remained standing to kick us through to the end of the season did a marvellous job.

We played some impressive tennis against some very good opposition and did manage to achieve 2 good wins, 2 very tight matches, with only a couple of sets the difference and one equal on sets and losing by 4 games. Covid threw us a curve ball as we were unable to play our return grudge match against the famed Wikings team. However, that can wait again until next year.

Many thanks to Craig Herron, Anthony de Waard, Haydyn Craven and John Poole who began the season enthusiastically but were forced to pull out due to injury and work commitments. It was great to have your support and hope all goes well with rehab and border crossings next year.



Tony Keenan has now become a fixture on the team and we welcome him with open arms from the Caloundra shores, it is a big commitment to venture up from the coast with Haydyn and Andrew and once again we appreciate all your support.

The ladies of our team have all played their fair share of rounds this season beautifully combining every time they have played. Many thanks to Donna for travelling from Wombye and to Brenda who earmarks the Gympie games and is always happy to make the journey when we need her. Annie has committed herself to tennis and golf on weekends and has always come out firing when she is needed.

The comradeship of the team has been displayed in many supportive ways and I thank all the players for their obvious love of tennis displaying sportsmanship each week in the spirit of the game. Annie, Donna, Brenda and I have developed a tight bond as we continue to play Friday ladies and vets together over the last couple of seasons. It is also great to see the Witta boys meeting up for tennis on a Friday, keeping the tennis dream alive.

Hopefully we will have the same faces eager for tennis in the New Year.

Wikings

WItta Wikings year in review

The Wikings kicked off this year with a strong roster and full of promise. A few hiccups along the way kind of took the trophies out of the season with lockdowns, injuries both short and long term and work stuff.

However, thanks to those who played throughout we have a good season and were competitive throughout.

Always fun and were out playing tennis, here's to next year and the grand final.

Thanks to Glenno, NoJohn, Mal, Rob, MOser, Mike, Maree, Stacey, Cindy, Pauline and to all of our subs.







Juniors

Witta Tennis Club has been consistently offering opportunities for kids to play tennis. Not just regulars, also new people moving to the area and little ones who aren't much taller than their racquets.

The combination of our amazing coach, Katya who is a legend in the hinterland for her ability to teach the fundamentals of the game in a fun, safe and inclusive environment - along with a team of volunteers from Witta who each have a set of skills to make our tennis Clinics and Fun Days such a success.

Our morning teas are legendary - Cindy's date scones and Katya's gluten free choccy slice a huge hit. Not forgetting a great selection of berries (from the grower) and local fruit.

Our finale of the day is the 'game' - either 'jail' or 'round the world' most popular with all kids and adults competing.

We have tennis clinics and fun days in all of the school holidays. Katya has coaching on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Please contact the tennis club for further information.











Kids Fun Day with Katya

Thursday 16 December 8am – 12.30pm

Lunch & Refreshments Included
All Ages
Fun and Games
Handicap Round Robin
Tournament
Cost - \$25

Enquiries: Maree Hooley 0437 295 501 <u>mareehooley@gmail.com</u>

Witta Tennis Club Tournament

Third time lucky, the Club Tournament finally went ahead on Sunday 12 September. 12 members battled it out in a fast-paced competition. It was very close with only 1 point separating the winner, John Bradshaw and runner up, Glenn Smith. Leo Sanderson winning the encouragement award and Obi Wynn winning the most popular player. It was a great day ending in a barbeque cooked by renowned chief Denis Hickey.





Winners: Leo Sanderson, Obi Wynn, John Bradshaw, President Mike Hooley and Glenn Smith















Witta Tennis

Katya's Tennis Drills Thrills and Fitness



Friday Evenings

6.45pm

Cost \$20.00

Register: email: mareehooley@gmail.com or text 0417625194



Out and About



Monday lady's social is quite a large gathering of players from across the hinterland coming from Maleny, Witta, Conondale, Beerwah and Caloundra.

Back Row L-R are: Jackie, Narelle, Kay, Elaine, Gerry, Cheryl, Robyn, Sandy, Karen, Jill and Sonia Front Row L-R are: Sheryn, Jan and Denise



Gerry's 81st birthday celebration. Happy birthday Gerry!



Wishing Claire a speedy recovery after her hip replacement

Please send photos and captions for "Out and About" to: paulinefraley@gmail.com