



Autumn Newsletter

Annual General Meeting Edition - May 2018



President's Report

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 17th March 2018. This is my report from the

meeting.
A warm welcome to all new members who have joined the club over the last financial year. This

year we have created a Night Tennis membership covering the players that are only involved in the evening competition. Membership numbers are similar to last financial year which is very encouraging as many clubs in the WDTA are struggling to maintain their level of participation.

Unfortunately for the first time since my presidency we have had to report a break-in into the clubhouse on Sunday evening (or early Monday morning) the 4th March 2018. A window was forced open and the visitor's box prized open using a screw driver (which they left behind) thankfully there was nothing in the box; however, they smashed the coffee money box which we believe had around \$30.

The club has had another very successful financial year as indicated in the comprehensive report submitted by our Treasurer Hans Schröer.

We have continued with the policy of preventative maintenance throughout the clubhouse and grounds of our premises. Expenditure was lower this year however we would assume that this will increase during the upcoming financial year. For some time now we have mentioned that we had applied for a grant from Monash Council to assist in the installation of court lighting on courts one and two along with the conversion to LED lighting on the four existing courts (Major cost saver), the decision from the council is due within the next couple of weeks.

We are planning to upgrade our website during the next few months to a new, more modern looking website and we are looking for a member or person who could assist us with these changes. If you would like to be involved please contact a committee member.

The night tennis has continued to grow during the last 12 months and extra growth is now restricted by the lack of courts. I would like to thank the conveners for their work in running the evenings. Hans Schröer (Monday evening), Len Derkacz (Tuesday night in my absence), Richard Spinosa and Shri Joshi (Wednesday) and Jackie Wilce (Thursday).

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2017-8 Management Committee & Responsibilities

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- President
- Council Intermediate
- Tuesday Night Tennis Convener
- Clubhouse Maintenance
- Court Lighting

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- Court Maintenance

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- Newsletter

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- Website
- Wednesday Night Tennis Convener

Brett Wilson: 0407832748

- Committee member

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President's Report

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Night tennis is a very good earner for the club and enables members and friends to enjoy a hit in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Due to the hard work of Ron Thorpe we were able to earn in excess of \$500 through the sale of the Entertainment Books. The books will be available again this year in hard copy or digital format and we will be in contact with you shortly regarding availability.

Thank you to all the members of the committee for their tireless work throughout the year and a warm welcome to our new committee member Brett Wilson who with his accounting background has agreed to be the club auditor. I would also like to acknowledge the many members who volunteer for duties throughout the year including team management of the junior teams.

Gerald More
President 2017/2018.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

Welcome to the following members:

Noah Alvarez	Zhen Meng
Craig Bacon	Rohan Nayer
Liz Bailey	Carlos Santin
Martha Baptist	Ashton Spiegl
Tom Blazincic	Daphne Steemers
Andrew Caldwell	Yoshiaki Uda
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Olga Gazukin	
Christopher Hua	
Yiting Huang	
Olivia Huang	
Andrew Kendt	
Lis Lowe	
Trevor Lowe	

Treasurer's Report

From a financial perspective 2017 was again a very good year for the Wheelers Hill Tennis Club; the profit of **\$21,548** was the second highest of the last 10 years.

- Overall **revenue was almost identical** to last year- from \$50,259 in 2016 to **\$50,498** in 2017.
- **Costs decreased about 13%** - from \$36,162 in 2016 to **\$31,306** in 2016.
- Including term deposit interest income, **annual profit increased 27%** compared to last year - from \$16,922 in 2016 to **\$21,548** (without adjustments) in 2017.

The **cash position** of the club remains solid. On 31st December 2017, the bank balance (including term deposit of \$125,070) was around **\$134,768**. Last year the cash position was around **\$113,604**.

Cash position.

On 31st December 2017, the balance of the WHTC bank account was **\$9,698**, a positive balance in the Midweek Ladies Account of **\$1,890**, plus a term deposit of **\$125,070**

Outlook for 2018 and longer term.

For 2018, we hope to have lights installed for courts 1 and 2 (project estimated at \$50,400 excl. GST) and have current lights replaced into LED lighting (project estimated at \$38,000 excl. GST). For both projects grants have been requested on a council and state level. While grants by the State Government have not been approved, Monash Council is still considering our request. When approved (known by end of March), one or both projects are expected to be implemented by the end of this year. WHTC has offered to pay 30% of the project(s) from existing funds.

The larger goal of having \$100,000 in term deposits by the end of 2018 to cater for court replacements has been achieved two years ahead of schedule (May 2016). As it looks now we might be able to expand court use until around 2022 but a larger investment of around \$160,000 is to be expected, which would still require around \$12,000 per year to be added until and including 2021. At this stage, there is no reason to believe this can't be achieved, as it is likely some grants would be allocated to this project.

For 2018, revenue of around \$50,000 is again expected. Memberships are expected to be stable although at this stage (10 March 2018) still more than \$10,000 in fees is outstanding. It would be helpful if members pay by Mid-March as WHTC is collecting additional revenue from Tennis Victoria for every registered member. Night tennis revenues of around \$12,000 are unlikely to increase this year as the four weeknights are well used. Next year revenue could grow further if we have the court lights installed.

I would like to extend my appreciation to other members of the Committee: Gerald More, Brian and Andrea Hovey and Richard Spinosa-Cattela for their support in providing the financial information and especially Brett Wilson for auditing the annual results. While one reconciliation issue has been noted, and banking and cash handling processes are recommended to be strengthened, no major issues were identified.

Hans Schröer, Treasurer WHTC

JUNIORS REPORT.

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he Juniors Report at the Annual General Meeting included information about the 2017 Winter

Season and results that have already been reported in previous newsletters.

The Summer season with seven teams competing in the Waverley competition has now concluded.

B Special 1:

The team of Sienna Opray, Brody Norman and Mika Baxter, the youngest team in this section finished third on the ladder and were beaten in the semi-final.

B Special 3:

The team of Mark Colthart, Harry Davis and George Georgakas missed out on the four on percentage.

C Special 2:

The team of Bart Sathanphong, Tejas Srinivas and Nicholas Lianos finished second on the ladder. They had a great win over Aspendale TC in the preliminary final but on Grand Final day they found Vermont TC a little too strong.

D Special 4:

The team of Alexandar Karlic, Aditya Prasad and Owen Lee finished second on the ladder. They had an exciting win over Vermont TC in the preliminary final. They travelled to Springvale South TC on Grand Final day. Unfortunately, Owen was required by his school and so Matthew Dixon was called upon to take Owen's place. After six sets of tennis, we finally went down by 5 games. A gallant effort boys and many thanks to Matthew for filling in on the day.

D Special 5:

The team of James and Luke Dixon, Andrew Kakouri and Jasper Wilce missed out on the four on percentage.

Juniors Report cont...

D 2:

The team of Steven, Matthew Dixon, Satvik Srinivas and Max Schröer finished fourth and were beaten in the semi-final by 5 games.

B Special 3 Sunday :

The team of Alex Wilce, Nick Schröer, Daniel Donaldson and Abhaya Peris finished fourth and were beaten in the semi-final by 8 games. This is the last season this team will be playing together and we wish them well in the future.

The 2018 Winter season commenced on 28th April. We have lost 13 players from the Summer season and will now have four teams playing this season.

B Special 1:

Patrick Hadjuk and Sam Watkinson-Garlic. These boys have come across from Heritage TC and we wish them well for the season.

B2 Boys:

Bart Sathanphong and Nickolas Lianos. A challenging grade for the boys after three seasons of excellent results.

D Special 2 :

James and Luke Dixon, Aditya Prasad and Andrew Kakouri. The boys will have great competition playing at this level.

C Special 4:

Matthew Dixon, Steven Lianos, Max Schröer and Isabel Lee – they have started off the season in excellent form winning their first two matches without dropping a set – keep up the great work.

I would encourage all Junior members of the Club to participate in the Club Championships and our Open Day on Sunday 7th October, so put this date in your diaries and wait for more information!

Brian Hovey
Junior Convenor



C Special 2 team:

L-R: Bart Sathanphong, Nickolas Lianos and Tejas Srinivas with their coach Karen Butler.



D Special 4 team:

L-R: Matthew Dixon, Alexandar Karlic and Aditya Prasad.



NIGHT TENNIS REPORTS.

Monday Night

Monday Night Tennis is now 16 matches in a round robin of 21 matches. Four teams of 13 players play for the win every Monday in 6 singles and 6 doubles sets.

The **BLACKS** are firmly in front, followed by the **REDS**, **ORANGES** and the **GREENS**. We keep track of an individual ladder as well, in which **Vincent Huang**, **Andrew Davies** and **Alistair France** are leading, while in the combined singles/doubles ladder **Aydin Desem**, **Alistair France** and **Olga Gazukin** are 'in medal positions'.

Monday Night Tennis caters for players of all abilities and doesn't require playing every week. The next season starts early July, and we will likely have an extra team so if you have been thinking about playing more tennis in a friendly atmosphere, please contact hans.schroer@bigpond.com.

Tuesday Night

Season February – June 2018

The Tuesday night competition is approaching the business end of the season with only 5 weeks remaining prior to the two weeks of finals starting mid June. All teams are very competitive on their night due to the rotation system with each team having 6/7 players. Four players compete in each team nightly.

The current ladder after round 14 (8th May 2018)

	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS	%
RE-STRUNG	360	305	64	118.1
GRAND SLAMS	361	325	59	111.1
THE BREEZE	348	336	51	103.6
WHEELS	284	387	34	0.734
	1353	1353	208	

Gerald.

Wednesday Night

The Wednesday night singles competition has been plagued by injuries this year. The make up of the groups has been rejigged to ensure the tennis is more even and therefore more enjoyable for the players. However, injuries to players has been causing issues – we expect at least one player to be returning to tennis very soon, but we do need more players. So if you could be interested please contact me by email drchumbak@gmail.com

Finals will be played in 3 weeks time. Good luck to the finalists.

The new competition will commence in July.

Shri Joshi

Thursday Night

Thursday night doubles tennis has reached its 18th round – despite the last three weeks of wind and rain. Teams have adapted to the comings and goings of work commitments, trips or injuries and, to date, this season we have played a total of 89 matches, 205 sets and 1927 games!! Semi-finals and finals, played by the top 4 teams in levels A and B, are scheduled for the 7th and 14th of June respectively

Jackie Wilce



Dan, Len and Paul

VETERAN MENS TENNIS REPORT.

With 3 rounds to go before the end of the Waverley Mid-Week Men's Autumn season, both Wheelers Hill Frog teams are in the four. The Tree Frogs are comfortably on top while the Southern Frogs are third with a good chance of grabbing second position and a double chance in the Finals.

With the arrival of autumn, numerous Frogs have taken the opportunity to travel to various parts of the country & overseas. Fortunately, this hasn't caused too many problems in fielding both teams.

Apart from various injuries & travel commitments Monday's tennis social is still very popular with between ten to fifteen Vets attending most weeks.

George Kunti



SENIORS REPORT.

The Summer Season 2017/18 concluded in March 2018. Unfortunately we did not bring home any flags. The Open single/doubles team in section A2 finished sixth on the ladder.

Our Mixed Doubles A Reserve 1 team played in the semi-final. Unfortunately they lost to Glen Waverley who went on to win the grand final.

The Winter 2018 season commenced on 28th April 2018. We have 2 teams competing this year.

Our Open Singles/Doubles team of Ben Pahor and Luke Briffa are playing in section A1 and are up to the fourth round. They are fourth on the ladder and are very competitive with the top four teams very close on points.

The Mixed Rubbers A Reserve 1 team of Wayne Taylor, Stephen Nicholson, Karen Arnold, Anne Douglas, Helen van Styn and Debby Lemon and are currently in fifth position in the ladder and are also very competitive.

This competition is in the Waverley District Tennis Association and will conclude in September 2018. The Summer 2018/2019 season will commence in October 2018.

Richard Spinosa-Cattela

MIDWEEK LADIES REPORT.

For the first time since 2001 we have four teams playing in the WDTA Season 1 in 2018. They are B Special 1, B Special 2, B Special 3 and B1. There is only one more round before the finals commence.

B Special 1:

The team of Tara Burrell, Tania Heath, Jo Lewis, Janice Macrae (captain) and Leisa Whitfield have finished out of the four this season.

B Special 2:

The team of Claire Chen (captain), Jan Jiang, Lucy Li, Lucy Toomey a Winnie Zhan and Julia Zhu have had a very successful season and are second on the ladder and will play in the first semi-final and have a double chance of getting to the grand final.

B Special 3:

The team of Lorna Bridgland, Karen Connolly, Helen Felder, Margaret Isaac (captain) and Kay Partridge have had a tough season with teams that were very strong opponents. They finished sixth.

B1:

The team of Barbara Dickens (captain), Ibbly Matkocsik, Misuzu Otaka, Terue Turpie and Nola Williams are third on the ladder but could finish second and have the double chance.

Good luck to the teams in the finals.

Our Season 2 2018 will commence in July 2018. Entries close on Friday 26th May 2018.

Helen Felder



Vijay Ghelani's Trek to Mt Everest Base Camp

During April 2018; Vijay a long time member of the WHTC ticked off one of his many BUCKET LIST wishes and successfully completed the 130 km round trip to Mt Everest Base Camp.

Flying from Kathmandu to Lukla he then trekked for 9 gruelling days fighting fatigue and altitude sickness to reach Base Camp and then 3 days trekking back to Lukla.

His trip took him through some jaw-dropping mountain scenery, high passes, flame red rhododendron forests and stunning alpine lakes.

Congratulations Vijay.



Vijay on the right



Open Day

Sunday 7th October 2018

“The Committee of the Wheelers Hill Tennis Club is happy to announce that together with our main sponsor **Ray White Glen Waverley Branch** (169 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley, VIC 3150) the Club will organise an Open Day, on Sunday 7 October 2018. The purpose of the Open Day is to create interest in our club which may lead to new members who wish to play competitive or social tennis. It will also provide an opportunity for members and potential members to mix. The Committee has decided that it wants to combine this day with the finals of the Club Championships.

While preparations for the Open Day will start shortly, the Committee would also like to provide a variety of competitions to maximise participation by current members. The format is to be determined but expected to have one or two matches played every month leading up to October, at days and times determined by the participants. Cost of participating is just \$3 per competition; minimum number of participants is 4 players or teams per competition. ALL finals are expected to be played at the **Ray White Glen Waverley** supported Open Day on Sunday 7th October.

The competitions are

- L1 – Ladies Singles (**Official Club Championship**)
- L2 – Ladies Doubles
- SL2 – Senior Ladies Doubles (60+)
- G1 – Girls Singles (18 and under) (**Official Club Championship**)
- G2 – Girls Doubles (18 and under)
- M1 – Mens Singles (**Official Club Championship**)
- M2 – Mens Doubles
- SM2 – Senior Mens Doubles (60+)
- B1 – Boys Singles (18 and under) (**Official Club Championship**)
- B2 – Boy Doubles (18 and under)
- PC2 - Parent/Child (Doubles)
- MX2 - Mixed Doubles
- NT1 – Night Tennis Singles – To be played on weekdays at night – final at Open Day
- NT2 – Night Tennis Doubles – To be played on weekdays at night – final at Open Day
- AM1 – Associate Member (coaching) - Singles
- AM2 – Associate Member (coaching) - Doubles

We invite all members to participate in at least one event. If you have an interest in playing in one or more competitions, please send an email to hans.schroer@bigpond.com as soon as possible and we will get back in touch.”



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Hope to hear from you soon!

Karen and the coaching team.

Also, here is a recent picture of Isla & Cory enjoying Bunnings together



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