



# MatchPoint

## Presidents Report

Welcome to Autumn, Members and Friends.

Our tennis year has started with an ace as we see all socials, causal court usage and representative tennis at a high.

There is a great feel about our club with a great culture of inclusivity, of which we can all be proud of. Our passion for the game is evident and well known around the traps.

With the intermittent weather, our squidges are getting a good work out, good to see all of facilities are getting full usage. In the hot times our new courts are cooling us down and during the colder wet times, our new grass court is providing us with the opportunity to carry on playing.

We have welcomed new members and included them in our socials and our rep teams, please welcome them when you meet them.

As we continue planning the year ahead, we have the annual competition coming up, more details will be promulgated, as always it will be a fantastic day.

Your committee continues to do the stuff of which is out of sight, but please do not let it be out of mind. We continuously strive to maintain and facilitate, while providing opportunities for everyone to continue enjoying tennis.

Hope you all had a great Easter and see you on the courts soon.

Mike  
President

## Witta Tennis Club Tournament

### DATE CLAIMER

The date for this year's tournament is Sunday 2 June. More information closer to the tournament but please mark it in your calendars.



## Witta Tennis Club Kids Clinic

As a break with our tradition of the past year or so, these school holidays we held a tennis clinic instead of our usual Fun Day.

The Tennis Clinics are a more structured morning. Katya breaks the kids into similar ability groups and gives them coaching and drills. Excellent for experienced players to improve their techniques, learn new skills and court play. Equally, a great chance for beginners to learn how to hold a racquet and hit the ball. This time Maree was joined by Sue, a new club member, who is formerly a PE teacher, to help on the day. After a group gets coaching from Katya, they can practice their skills against adult players, which is a great challenge.

We were lucky with the weather, although overcast, it didn't rain. Everyone enjoyed the day. Thank you so much Sue for your great help, and of course Katya who brings her years of experience, skills, and kindness.



## Fixtures Teams

### Whistlers

We started the new season with a wet match. We are nearly finished the first round, but with two wet matches makes us feel that we have barely played yet! We always enjoy playing with our teammates. There are lots of strong teams, so we always play and run hard to chase the ball. But it is always fun, playing and catching up! Hopefully the sun will be out for the rest of the season and we're able to play more great tennis. Our team members are Brenda Warner, Donna Kuskopf, Maree Hooley, Paula Cudmore, Cindy Harris and Aki Lepper.



### Wompoos

The Tennis Veterans Sunshine Coast tennis season has begun similarly to the seasonal weather with the first game declared a washout between the two Witta teams, the Wikings and the Wompoos.

Unfortunately, an alternative date could not be found where both teams were available. However, in all reality the weekends following would have also been declared rain affected.

We welcome the enthusiasm of our team going forward with Sean Lepper, Malcolm Carlisle, Haydyn Craven, Tony Keenan, Andrew Blowes, Jim and Paula Cudmore, Donna Kuskoph and Colleen Bichel all keen to hit the court. Thanks also to the support of John Poole, Annie Quarmbly and Brenda Warner for being our reliable backups helping us make sure we always have a team 'on the court'.

Our next game will be against the mighty Nambour team who have once again submitted a formidable challenge. Looking forward to some great tennis and the camaraderie that encompasses the competition for 2024.

Nambour victorious over Witta Wompoos team that fought hot humid conditions and 4 tie break sets to unfortunately go down 9 sets to 3 and 67 games to 47 games. Thanks to our gallant team who enjoyed some great tennis. Sean Lepper, Eamon Thompson, Tony Keenan, Andrew Blowes, Colleen Bichel and Annie Quarmbly.

Good luck to both club teams for the season ahead.

### Wikings

The Witta Wikings have been playing together in some form for 15 years. We have lost and gained members, and in 2024 the 3 of the original members are still playing. Pauline Fraley, Mike and Maree Hooley.

Back in 2009, our teammates were Larry Fraley, Johnny Windred and Bevin Smith. We started in Division 3 and after a nail-biting final at the Nambour Washington Street Courts were promoted to Division 2. Which is where we remain today....

The current line-up of Wikings, in no particular order. Cindy – or Sheryl as she prefers to be called, who has an amazing slice backhand. Pauline, though committed to the Wikings, I think would rather play golf on a Sunday afternoon, rather than a Vets Tennis match. Nat with the Hat, she flits around, living in various Sunny Coast hotspots, but happy to call Witta her tennis home. Sue, new to the Hinterland, had a baptism of fire playing her 1st Vets match as a man. (sorry Sue) Joining us also is her husband, Simon. We are glad to have another husband/wife combo on the team. Hoping for a speedy recovery from Simon's wrist injury. JB, after a brief time-out and re-group – he is back as Wiking's anchor for 2024. Rob – our lovely lefty and secret weapon. Andrew, another long-time Wiking, always brings his best tennis, despite losing several racquets along the way. Kev, a Wiking willing to travel to Gympie in the Dicky seat for the team, and famous for his nipple twisting event. Hope the roids are improving. Graham, one of the hardest servers in the comp – if only they all went in! Ian our man from Gympie, now a committed Wiking and appreciated by all. Mike – Captain and founder of the Wikings – Steady and strong, and with the latest knee surgeries – his best is yet to come. Maree, always trying hard, and trying. If the tennis is not on form; she can always make cake.



# Witta Tennis celebrating the New Year

