



MatchPoint

Presidents Report

Merry Christmas everyone

Firstly, thank you to those who attended the AGM in November.

For those who could not make it, below is a summary of the past year.



Over the past decade, the committee have consistently submitted several grants to the Community Gambling Benefit Fund to secure the long-term future of the club. Two grants were submitted in 2022 for resurfacing all courts of which the first grant was unsuccessful. However, it is my pleasure to announce that we were successful with the second grant application. The club is now in a position to resurface all three courts.

Moving forward, to sustain the playing surfaces the court surfaces will be reconfigured. Hard courts will be court 1 and 2 and the grass court will be court 3. We anticipate the work to be undertaken early 2023.

Our socials have been well attended this year, Monday mornings, Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons. As is the usual trend, we have seen player numbers fluctuate, as some have either succumbed to injury, age, work or moved away, but on the flip side it very pleasing to see lots of new faces enjoying the club facilities.

We attempted a Friday night social, but unfortunately this did not take, but the attending committee members had a great hit, thankful we had a enough to play doubles.

Our representative teams have been going great this season, turning up for each match and thoroughly enjoying tennis, sending tremors through all opposing teams. So, thank you to the Wikings, Whistlers and Wompoos, of which the latter two teams made the finals, here's to the next year a few championships.

Coaching has continued throughout the year and our juniors are coming along well. Maree, Katya and the merry team have continued to organise and run Kids fun days and clinics during each school holiday, or which have now been running for over 12 years, well done to everyone involved.

All facilities have continued to be maintained and improved, tasks all achieved by our volunteers and on the odd occasion electricians, fire safety and Jim's mowing, from Shed cleaning, maintenance, procurement.

We migrated the membership management to the Qld tennis on-line 'Club Spark' system, for all approved players to renew or join via the website, which has simplified the process once set up.

Our sponsorship program has also recommenced, with 8 sponsors committing to supporting the club. Thanks to Cindy and Maree for organising.

Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New year.

Best wishes to all.

Mike



Fixtures Teams

Whistlers

Whistlers had a good season of 2022. We made it to the semi-final in the both seasons and even made it to the grand final in the first season.

As usual, we struggled with injuries, work commitments, being away but we had a good 'fill in' to make it to all the matches without forfeiting. And, always great tennis on the court, then great company off the courts. The team of Brenda Warner, Donna Kuskopf, Maree Hooley, Paula Cudmore, Annie Quarmby, permanent 'fill in' Cindy Harris and Aki Lepper. We had fun and enjoyed great tennis. Now we'll be ready for the next year for another great tennis season. Cheers to the team!!



Wompoos

2021 proved to be a disastrous season for injuries and Covid issues with many of our regular players needing lengthy periods to recuperate as well as our NZ comrade being banished from Australia. The Witta Wompoos team needed a periodic revamp, and we were fortunate to secure the services of some great, reliable players who have become regular faces on our team for 2022 and hopefully beyond. We really appreciate the efforts of Mal Carlisle, Sean Lepper, Tony Keenan and Craig Hooper who gave of their time generously to make sure we had a team to compete each week. In particular, I would like to mention Tony, who made himself available and played every match of the season.



We surprised even ourselves by making the final of the Sunshine Coast Veterans competition with an impressive undefeated run. Our season consisted of 5 wins, 1 draw and 2 wet matches. It was a very close points score in the end with our wet matches giving us a slight lead over Nambour to enable us to contest the final against Nambas for the Division 2 section.

We have also had great support from our injured players through the year. Many thanks to Anthony and Peter, John Poole and Jim as well as Denis O'Neil who have been a great cheer squad. Just maybe we will see some of you on court for 2023.

Thanks to our other members, Donna, Annie, Brenda, Haydyn and Andrew, with appearances from Cindy Harris and Rob Williams.

Looking forward to a wonderful xmas and hope to see you all early in the New Year. We may have to have a trial to see who makes the team!!!! Just kidding, the more the merrier.

Wikings

In 2022 tennis was the winner with all Witta Wikings players standing tall and playing great tennis. We had players returning from long term injuries, some suffering injuries along the way and the usual commitments of everyday had some effects on availability.

We finished fourth this year (there are five teams in the division) and will be looking to build on this momentum and climb the ladder further next year.

An intensive training camp is planned over the Christmas holidays to hone our skills.

All matches were great fun including those few matches when we got flogged.

Thank you to Maree, Cindy, Pauline, Stacey, Glenno, No John, Rob, Mal, Andrew and Graham, who nearly got a game.



Juniors

Witta Tennis Club held several Kid's Fun Days and Clinics throughout the year. We've had a mixed group of players at each event. Some experienced and some brand new players.

Fun Days are perfect for a relaxed introduction to tennis for new players, as well as an opportunity for those who have been playing for a while to have a good hit and play some novelty games. This brings all levels of players together in a very social and friendly environment. The Club and our much appreciated volunteers provide fresh home-made morning tea and fruit, and a hot dog lunch.

In January we will hold a 2 day Tennis Clinic. A great school holiday activity and another opportunity for experienced players to develop skills through coaching and drills and new players can learn the fundamentals of the game through our coach Katya.

WTC runs a tennis program through each of the school holidays. This is fun for everyone and gives an opportunity for kids to enjoy tennis without necessarily joining a weekly program of coaching. Our participants come from across the hinterland - Conondale, Witta, Maleny, Peachester and Beerwah.

We thank Katya and our committee members, Cindy, Aki and Maree for helping to facilitate these events.



Witta Tennis Club Tournament

Sunday 3 July was another battle for bragging rights for the next year. Paula Cudmore was the overall winner. Coming in a close 2nd was Mal Wright. Minor prizes going to Amali Gibson and Mike Hooley. We would like to thank our fantastic chefs Denis and Claire Hickey.



Winner Paula Cudmore



Runner up Mal Wright



Amali Gibson



Mike Hooley



Maintenance

After many years' service, our trusty bargain water cooler has sprung a leak which can't be repaired. A new high-capacity fountain is on the way and should be installed before December.

With two very wet years under our belt and a third on the way, it seems that the major works we undertook constructing the soakage pit on the car park side of the hedge are paying dividends, with The Shed no longer stranded in a lake after heavy rain.

Spring has sprung, and mowing and trimming is now a regular task. This year we tried to get onto the bindis and weeds early, and seem to have kept them at bay.

The mower / maintenance shed is filling with the fruits of our drinking labours, and it will soon be time for a trip to Containers For Change. Keep up the hard work making all those empty cans and bottles people!

Upcoming tasks in the short term include pressure washing and re-oiling the The Shed, decks and repair of the parted fence section at the car park end of the grass court.

Witta Tennis

Katya's Tennis Drills Thrills and Fitness



Friday Evenings

6.45pm

Cost \$20.00

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

