

MatchPoint

President's Christmas Wishes

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Members and Friends

Well, what a year, what a year, the most significant in the club's history!

Through perseverance and ongoing community facilitation we were successful in our application for a major grant. The grant enabled the most significant achievement in the club's history, a total refurbishment and reconfiguration of all three courts. Hence, sustaining the future of the club for the 20 plus years.

Further, our socials have been well attended this year, Monday mornings and Saturday afternoons and 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.

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 (30 kids during our latest Holiday session), of 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 notably the Shed paving upgrades, shed cleaning, Shed and grounds maintenance, procurement etc. Well done everyone!!!

Please join us for an end of Year celebration, Saturday 30th December, BBQ lunch and great tennis will be available.

Finally, have safe and wonderful festive period and looking forward to seeing you all in 2024.

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WITTA TENNIS

Invites you to:

Celebrate the past years achievements and to welcome in



2024

Date: Saturday 30 December.

Tennis: Social tennis as usual from1pm.

BBQ: Food will be cooked throughout the afternoon on the new Weller Webber, generously



donated by Rob
Christmas Outfits: Optional
Wine and Beer are provided
Please bring a share plate or
nibbles

Looking forward to seeing you all enjoying great tennis and hanging out with friends.

Please RSVP <u>paulinefraley@gmail.com</u> so we can organise the BBQ goodies.

Fixtures Teams

Whistlers

Whistlers had a great season of 2023, we made it into the Semi-final for both seasons. We enjoyed all of our matches, always played hard and had lots of laughter. And our team work is getting better and better. We had a few injuries, but we supported each other and got through the season. Now we are having good break to rest, and we will be ready for another season and



another year! Team is Brenda Warner, Donna Kuskopf, Cindy Harris, Maree Hooley, Paula Cudmore and Aki Lepper. Cheers to the team!!

Wompoos

A cracking season saw the Wompoos once again head to the finals to contest a nail biter against the notorious Nambour Nutters team. The depth and commitment shown by our team is a real credit to all who enjoy the monthly Sunday afternoon hitups!!!

Many thanks to all our players Sean Lepper, Mal Carlisle, Tony Keenan, Haydyn Craven, Andrew Blowes, John Poole, Craig Hooper, Donna Kuskopf, Brenda Warner, Annie Quarmby, Jim and Paula Cudmore as well as Colleen Bichel who filled in twice.

Weekends are always family filled times and it was wonderful to be able to play with team members who were willing to cover for others in times of need. Whether it was attending weddings, christenings, holidays or carers' duties, we all appreciate the efforts our team goes to in making sure we have a competitive team ready to fulfill our tennis commitments to the Sunshine Coast Veterans competition.

Injuries have played havoc with our team over the last few years, it will be great to have all our regulars back on board for next season but also comforting to know we are backed up by our friends from 'down the hill' and 'over the ditch'

Once again a great effort this year. Our results were impressive with 6 wins, very close losses to Nambour, Murgon and Gympie during the season and a well fought final against the undefeated team Nambour.

Many thanks to the Witta tennis club for supporting our team through the year.

Hoping everyone has a great festive season and looking forward to enjoying Sunday 'hitups' with you all again

in 2024. Please also note that registrations for vets tennis will be called for in February with at least 4 men and 2 women needing to be financial members of the club by January 31st.

Wikings

In 2023, not only was Tennis the winner, but also the Witta Wikings, with all those who played for us standing tall, playing great tennis and having fun. We had players returning from long term injuries, most suffering injuries

along the way, carrying injuries and the usual commitments of everyday having some effects on availability.

However, despite this, we had a couple of cracking wins and many many close matches (for us) We finished up there on the ladder this year, higher than last year and will be looking to build on this momentum and secure our finals spot next time out.

As with last year, we have secured commitments from all players (including Mal who is moving to Tasmania) to attend an intensive training camp over the Christmas holidays, live streaming will be available via Kev's TikTok page #Winner, #IDontBlush.

All matches were great fun including those few matches when we had to forfeit or got rained out. Thank you to Maree, Cindy, Pauline, Stacey, Glenno, Rob, Kev, Andrew, Graham, No John and all those who helped us along the way.

Welcoming all really good players to join us, even if it is just for after match drinks.

Happy Holidays MH

Juniors

What a great Fun Day.

30 kids turned out to the Witta Tennis Club to enjoy a morning of tennis fun and games with Katya. Ages ranged from 5 to 13, experienced players to beginners. Fabulous morning tea and Hot Dogs for lunch. Of course, there was a variety of prizes in the form of lollies and soft drinks for winners of the round robin competition, target hitting, piñata and screaming contest.



Thank you to Gill Eason, Andrew Stewart and Paula Cudmore for your help on the court and in the kitchen.

Monday Ladies

This is our Monday friends, Christmas lunch.

We had a lovely day lovely food & great friendship.







Witta Tennis Club Tournament

Twelve members battled it out for championships bragging rights. At the end of the day, we had one winner and three on equal points. So, a playoff was held.

Winner was John Bradshaw, runner up was Haydyn Craven followed by Paula Cudmore and Glenn Smith. Natwith-Hat won the best dressed award.

Thanks to Denis and Claire Hickey and Larry Fraley for cooking up a fantastic lunch.















