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NEWSLETTER

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WP Tennis extends a warm welcome to all Club Members to our very first newsletter.

The concept of the newsletter is to build a closer relationship between all Clubs and its members and the Western Province Executive Committee. The aim of the newsletter is to be interactive and we value your input. Please feel free to send anything newsworthy that happened at your Club ie tournaments, special events, birthdays etc, with pictures, if possible, and we will publish these.

The newsletter will be published every 3 months. However, please send any notification of events happening at your club and we will ensure that all clubs are advised thereof. You can also send any queries, questions or concerns and these will be addressed immediately. The contact details to use are dawnhill@vodamail.co.za & wptennis@telkomsa.net

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INTRODUCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

	<p><u>Full Name:</u> Patrick Vezasie <u>Position on the Committee:</u> President <u>Born:</u> Pretoria, raised in Durban <u>Current Profession:</u> Attorney, Commissioner at Small Claims Court <u>Member of tennis club:</u> Parow <u>Defining characteristic/what you value:</u> Transparency and Honesty</p>	<p><u>Hobbies/interests:</u> Reading, Tennis, Camping, Music <u>Favourite artist/music:</u> Stevie Wonder, Jazz <u>Started playing tennis:</u> First tournament 45 age group, <u>Favourite tennis player:</u> Raven Klaasen</p>
	<p><u>Full Name:</u> G Morkel-Brink (Morkel) <u>Position on the Committee:</u> Vice-President <u>Born:</u> Pretoria <u>Current Profession:</u> Director of Companies <u>Member of tennis club:</u> Constantia</p>	<p><u>Defining characteristic/what you value:</u> Integrity & Respect <u>Favourite tennis player:</u> Roger Federer</p>
	<p><u>Full Name:</u> Robert Low (Bob) <u>Position on the Committee:</u> League Convenor <u>Born:</u> Pinelands, Cape Town <u>Current Profession:</u> Retired - Consultant <u>Member of tennis club:</u> Pinelands <u>Defining characteristic/what you value:</u> money, integrity, discipline, ethics <u>Hobbies/interests:</u> Tennis, Chess, Computers, Science fiction, cartoons, Photography - somewhere between a hobby and business-started at school</p>	<p>when the box brownie was de novo and colour was a black & white pic u sent to the prof photographer to fill in with colour paint <u>Favourite artist/drink:</u> Alan Committee, Wine <u>Started playing tennis:</u> 1973 Recommended by a specialist to repair/strengthen damaged rugby knee <u>Favourite tennis player:</u> International: Federer, Local: Bob Low</p>



Full Name: Gert Adriaan Jordaan (Riaan)
Position on the Committee: Junior Committee
Born: Kwazulu-Natal
Current Profession: Director – Import Company
Member of tennis club: Table View – non playing member
Defining characteristic/what you value: Calling a spade a spade and don't sweat the small stuff

Hobbies/interests: Golf & Reading
Favourite artist/music: Piano Man by Billy Joel
Started playing tennis: Wish I did play tennis, only played rugby & cricket
Favourite tennis player: Roger Federer



Full Name: Dawn Hillman
Position on the Committee: Club Liaison Officer
Born: District 6 – Cape Town
Current Profession: Volunteer at NGO -Ukugqama Kwemini (a brighter day) – Life Skills Facilitator at Pollsmoor Prison (Medium B - Male Inmates), Computer Literacy Trainer for the unemployed (PDI) in the disadvantaged areas. Involved with the Empowerment of Women
Member of tennis club: Claremont

Defining characteristic/what you value: Positive, Patient & Compassionate, Be true to yourself, see the good in others
Hobbies/interests: Running, Tennis, Reading, Swimming. Well being of Animals, Recycling
Favourite music/food: Classical, Rave, Black Label Beer, anything ending in “berry”
Started playing tennis: 2004 at the age of 43, and loving it
Favourite tennis player: Nadal, Ferrer, Dementieva



Full Name: Michelle Whitehead
Position on the Committee: Chairperson of WP Coaches, Vice Chair Vets
Born: Kimberley
Current Profession: Guest House, Self-Catering & Backpackers owner/manager of Mountain Manor. CEO of Growing Sports Foundation Trust
Member of tennis club: Gardens, Manager Sea Point Tennis Club

Defining characteristic/what you value: Passion & hard work & learning new things
Hobbies/interests: Sports, Sewing, Interior Design
Favourite food: Thai food
Started playing tennis: 5yrs old, had tennis court at home in East-London
Favourite tennis player: Chris Evert in her day



Full Name: Chantal Dreyer
Born: Cape Town
Current Profession: Secretary - WP Tennis
Member of tennis club: Bergvliet
Defining characteristic/what you value: Honesty

Hobbies/interests: Reading, Movies, Soccer
Started playing tennis: 12yrs old
Favourite tennis player: Steffi Graf, she is a legend

	<p><u>Full Name:</u> Zaida Beukes <u>Position on the Committee:</u> Development Officer <u>Born:</u> Cape Town <u>Current Profession:</u> Financial Officer / ABET trainer at Correctional Services <u>Member of tennis club:</u> Fish Hoek</p>	<p><u>Defining characteristic/what you value:</u> I am very patient & value sincerity <u>Hobbies/interests:</u> Running & Golf <u>Favourite actress/song:</u> Halle Berry, You raise me up <u>Started playing tennis:</u> 8yrs old <u>Favourite tennis player:</u> Chris Evert - Lloyd</p>
		<p><u>Full Name:</u> Ivan Bridges <u>Position on the Committee:</u> Umpires Representative <u>Born:</u> Pinelands, Cape Town <u>Current Profession:</u> Facilitator, Paralegal School <u>Member of tennis club:</u> Pinelands <u>Hobbies/interests:</u> Sports, Law, Umpiring, Music, General Knowledge <u>Started playing tennis:</u> Had Tygerberg colours in Tennisette, thereafter logical progression to tennis at age 12. <u>Favourite tennis player:</u> John McEnroe – Style; Roger Federer - Attitude</p>
<p><u>Full Name:</u> Japie Klaasen <u>Position on the Committee:</u> High-Performance</p>		
	<p><u>Full Name:</u> Glynis Gillott <u>Position on the Committee:</u> Treasurer</p>	<p><u>Full Name:</u> Sibongile Mlotywa <u>Position on the Committee:</u> Government Liaison</p>
	<p><u>Full Name:</u> Robert Conway <u>Position on the Committee:</u> Co-convenor with Anthula Markowitz of WP Vets Committee <u>Born:</u> Cape Town <u>Current Profession:</u> Professional Mediator Education: Harvard University & Life <u>Member of tennis club:</u> Constantia & Claremont</p>	<p><u>Hobbies/interests:</u> Conflict resolution <u>Defining characteristic/what you value:</u> Everybody is “different”, Quick decision making is made through diversity, Compete on the court, but friends in the bar <u>Favourite tennis player:</u> Victoria Azarenka, Rafael Nadal</p>

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

On behalf of the WP Executive I wish to extend warm greetings to all our members. During the past six months the Executive has worked tirelessly in improving the administration of tennis. Exciting developments have been the following:

1. The formation of Manco which has addressed numerous day to day activities at Rondebosch. Our sincere thanks to Morkel, Bob and Richard who have attended all meetings to date.
2. The appointment of Rob Kruger as Project Manager of the Lotto funding under a Lotto sub-committee (LSC). Thanks to Morkel and Bob for their contributions.
3. Thanks to Riaan Jordaan, who has done a sterling job in rectifying and building up the junior portfolio, saving us thousands of rands in the process.
4. Thanks to newcomers, Dawn Hillman for this newsletter and Zaida Beukes for building up our Development portfolio.

Collectively we have been able to achieve the following:

Finance

Confirmation was received from the City Council that all rates arrears have been written off. Further discussions will be conducted with the City Council for a reduction in the rates. Our latest cash-flow forecast for 2012 indicate a positive trend due mainly to our continued cost cutting efforts and pro-active management approach.

Debtors

Various suggestions have been considered that will ensure that debtor amounts are collected.

Regulatory issues

To make contact with Government/Sport bodies.

To complete DCAS application for funding.

To set-up a meeting with the MEC of Sport, Western cape.

Continued contact with SATA in order to ensure increased communication.

Lotto

Awaiting feedback from City Council with regard to proposed partnership arrangement. We are excited about this prospect as it will ensure the continued growth of tennis and align the various resources to make maximum impact.

Various development sites have been undertaken and increased activity is foreseen for 2012.

Development

Development coaching started in Mitchells Plain, Kayalitsha, Parow Valley, Fish Hoek and Bonteheuwel.

Congratulations to Fish Hoek Tennis Club for initiating the new Development project in Fish Hoek called Masiphumelele Project (Masi Project.)

Welcome to Parow Valley Tennis Club and their Development project.

In the pipe line is Blue Downs Development project and the Parow Tennis Club Project under Burden.

Sponsorships

Various sport brands have shown interest in sponsoring WPT activities. Announcements will be made early in 2012.

Juniors

The Junior Squad system has been terminated and a new business model for this activity is under consideration.

Coaches

WPT will ensure that the Coaches funds are transferred to WPT in order to align with the SATA structure.

WPT Secretary

Chantal Dreyer was appointed with effect from 1 September 2011.

Special thanks to the many clubs for their steadfast support in the Executive. Your positive and friendly calls and e-mails were really appreciated during a difficult period.

Regards, Patrick

WP JUNIORS MASTERS RESULTS AND AWARDS

Masters Final Positions : 2011

			
Thando Longwe-Smit – Winner U10	Robbie Arends – Runner Up U10	Makayla Loubser – Winner U10	Tali Sulcas – Runner Up U10



Marno Stander –
Winner U12



Adri Lambrechts –
Runner Up U12



Corin De Waal –
Winner U12



Ione Charlton – Runner
Up U12



JD Malan – Winner U14



Lance-Pierre Du Toit –
Runner Up U14



Kirsty Orton – Winner
U14



Lenka De Waal –
Runner Up U14



Joshua Warren –
Winner U16



Oscar Junge – Runner
Up U16



Helene van der Merwe
– Winner U16



Emma Pietersen –
Runner Up U16



Keaton Saunders –
Winner U18








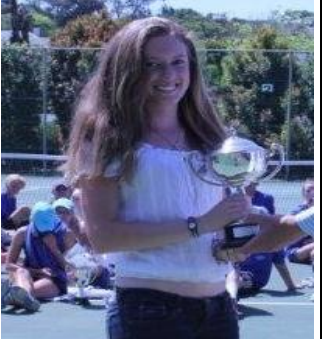
Trent Botha – Runner
Up U18



Mikayla Morkel-Brink –
Winner U18



Lani Scholtz – Runner
Up U18

			
Chevaan Davids - Sports Boy of the Year	Nina van der Berg - Sports Girl of the Year	Keaton Saunders - Most Outstanding Boy Player of the Year	Mikayla Morkel-Brink - Most Outstanding Girl Player of the Year
	Trent Botha – Most improved Boy of the Year		Chloe Heerden - Most improved Girl of the Year

Congratulations to Riaan on staging a very successful Masters final (and prizegiving). Subsequent to the event, numerous parents applauded the profile of the event and the professional way it was executed. It was heartening to see a packed pavilion and the excitement was evident. Comments like "Boland can learn from us" and "we'll definitely be back" are proof that this event gain more prestige every year.

Well done and keep up the good work!

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

Mixed season started on the 3rd of September and ended mid November 2011.

Some changes were made to the structure. Men's Doubles 35+ was opened to all ages (at club request) to accommodate more men and 2 extra teams were entered - a 10% gain.

We had no less than 13 new mixed teams entered giving a net gain after some withdrawals of 10% for this season. This is a tremendous swing from the continued slow loss of about 2% each year for the last 5 years. It is almost certainly the result of allowing clubs to use backup players in teams at no extra cost of Cap fees. Effectively clubs are now paying an annual league cap fee per player that is proportional to the number of times the member plays in a league team.

A new club - Kelvin - entered a Vet's team and a good entry from development clubs Langa, Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha were received in mixed and Doubles competitions.

The total number of teams increased to 109 from 99 the previous year.

A rule was introduced to limit team changes in the last two rounds to avoid clubs taking liberties with the composition of teams from other competition leagues at the end of a season.

The Slazenger Mixed league season has just been completed. A very successful season where we had an 11% increase in entries. Over 1200 players participated.

At the top end Claremont pipped Camps Bay winning Premier league for the first time in 20 years. Camps Bay is no stranger to that trophy having won it 8 times since 2000 season.

It was a good season for Claremont C & D teams that also won their respective mixed leagues.

At the other end of the scale newcomer Kelvin Club won the vets doubles from Pinelands.

The men's doubles competition was won by Pinelands in both 1st and 2nd leagues.

The rest of the winners are as below. The detailed list is on www.wptennis.co.za

Thanks to the league committee Petro vd Colff, Gayle Hiscock, Mica Naumann & Alan Chiat for keeping it a disciplined competition and to Chantal who captured all the data.

WPT SLAZENGER MIXED LEAGUES 2011

SECTION	TEAM	pnl	scr	plyd	
MENDBL-1	PINE DA		79	8	WINNER
MENDBL-1	EVER DA		67	8	RUP
MENDBL-2	PINE DB		66	7	WINNER
MENDBL-2	EVER DB	10	38	7	R-UP
MENVETS	KELV VA		58	7	WINNER
MENVETS	PINE VA		47	7	R-UP
MIXED P	CLAR XA		138	7	WINNER
MIXED P	CAMP XA		134	7	R-UP
MIXED 1	CONS XA		113	7	WINNER
MIXED 1	EVER XA		113	7	RUP
MIXED 2A	TORN XB		139	7	WINNER
MIXED 2A	FRES XA		121	7	R-UP
MIXED 2B	CAMP XC		130	7	WINNER
MIXED 2B	BERG XA		116	7	R-UP
MIXED 3A	CLAR XC		139	7	WINNER
MIXED 3A	UCTN XA	10	112	7	RUP
MIXED 3B	CAMP XD		126	7	WINNER
MIXED 3B	EVER XB		111	7	RUP
MIXED 4A	ORAN XA		140	7	WINNER
MIXED 4A	TORN XD		117	7	RUP
MIXED 4B	TORN XC		168	8	WINNER
MIXED 4B	EDGE XB		136	8	RUP

MIXED 5A	CLAR XD		110	7	WINNER
MIXED 5A	WPCC XC	10	81	6	R-UP
MIXED 5B	PARO XE		124	7	WINNER
MIXED 5B	KNRG XC		115	7	R-UP

Top ten ladies doubles players – rated & ranked by ORACLE

CLUB	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	DBLS RTG	PLYD	% DBLS WON
FRES	GIBBS	LUCINDA	3065	7	100%
CONS	KIRKPATRICK	JACKIE	2962	6	100%
CLAR	DOHERTY	JESS	2955	6	100%
TORN	COOPER	CANDICE	2925	7	100%
FRES	CLARKE	ROXANNE	2922	6	100%
CLAR	LARSEN	SHIRLEY	2893	5	100%
CAMP	BOYD	JACQUI	2890	6	83%
CLAR	PRINGLE	JANE	2886	6	83%
WPCC	VISEE	BRIDGET	2860	5	60%
CONS	MORKEL - BRINK	MICHEALA	2849	7	86%

Top ten men doubles players – rated & ranked by ORACLE

CLAR	RUDMAN	SEAN	3172	5	100%
CLAR	BOTHA D	DEAN	3148	4	100%
TORN	WHYSAL	SCOTT ALLAN	3084	6	67%
CONS	MAWIRE	ANDREW	3076	7	100%
TORN	SMIT	JASON	3062	3	100%
CAMP	VISSER	DANIE	3024	5	100%
PARO	PRETORIUS	BOTHA	3007	4	50%
TORN	RIETVELD	BRENDON- JOHN	2951	3	100%
MEAD	NOMDO	PJ	2921	6	50%
CAMP	VAN NIEKERK	WEGE	2917	3	67%

Every player that played 3 or more matches is ranked – see the listing on www.tennistat.co.za for all other players.

Trophies will be awarded on Wednesday 25th January 2012.

MIDWEEK LADIES:

The Thursday Morning Midweek Ladies Tennis League is played from 9am – 1pm. The league is divided into two seasons. The first season starts in February and the second season in September of each year.

It is a most enjoyable League and it is represented by most of the local Western Province Cape Town based clubs. i.e. Fish Hoek, Gardens, Claremont, Meadowridge, Glen, Camps Bay, Western Province CC, Pinelands, Llandudno and Constantia. Many of these Clubs have been playing in this league for the past 10 years.

The league is divided up into 3 sections. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Leagues consisting of 8 teams in each league. Each club submits the number of teams they want to enter three weeks prior to commencement of the league. Two weeks prior to commencement of the league each club submits a list of their graded players together with captains. A schedule is drawn up twice a year and each club plays one another.

The top team in the 2nd League is promoted to the 1st League and the bottom team is relegated to the 2nd League. The same happens with the 3rd and 2nd Leagues. The teams comprise of 6 players per team and the three doubles couples play each other and the first couple to get to 8 games is the winner. 7 all being a tiebreaker. The scores are recorded and are sent into the Club appointed to run the leagues for a two year period.

Each year a breakfast is hosted by one of the Clubs and certificates are awarded to the winning teams and great friendships are made and great team spirit and fun prevails.

To belong to any of the Morning Midweek Ladies Tennis League, one has to be a member of a club. There is no age restriction. This league is ideal for those ladies who have some free time in the mornings and who simply enjoy playing tennis. You are therefore encouraged to speak to your club's Morning Midweek Ladies Captain should you wish to join.

DEVELOPMENT/LOTTO:

It has been recognised that the work done by the WPT Development Committee, the WPT Lotto Committee and the City of Cape Town (CCT) have to be approached within a single managed framework.

The long term plan is for WPT to establish a partnership with the City of Cape Town, which will achieve a number of goals that are necessary. These are:

- In order to put any capital into sites that are not owned by WPT, we have to work through the legal owners of the property (being the City)
- The decisions/relationship about where capital is spent on facilities, and where tennis programs are run will then be managed together (by WPT and the City)
- The City will then also be able to direct their budget for such infrastructure towards the same places and programs that are agreed by WPT

Negotiations around this have begun with the City.

The short term approach is to start/renew Development programs running in selected PDI areas, using the resources available through the Development Structures of WPT and funds from the Lotto Project.

The Mitchells Plain Tennis Club have been very proactive in starting a program at their club, and this will now become one of the WPT Development Centres, supported by WPT. A further two programs (in PDI areas) will be started as soon as the Committee have identified the resident resources who are in a position and willing to manage these programs. The progress made with these pilot programs will give WPT/CCT a clearer indication of where further capital expenditure will be best utilized.

Further funding to sustain the WPT Development initiatives over the medium to long term is crucial, and to this end the WPT Committee are looking at securing sponsorship/funding from both SATA (who have Lotto funds for this purpose) and Commercial Sponsors.

We ask members of the tennis fraternity who have leads to businesses interested in putting their name behind tennis development initiatives in PDI areas to pass those leads on to WPT.

VETS:

“NEVER TOO OLD, NEVER TOO YOUNG”

What is Vets? The age groups are 30+, 40+, 50+, 60+, 70+, 80+, 90+

When a player joins Vets, they have access to:

- Inter Provincial tournaments annually
- Nationals annually
- Monthly tournaments in different provinces
- International Vets tournaments World Wide
- Local tournaments annually
- SATA/ITF Ranking points
- Eligibility for provincial and national selection

Annual membership: R120

For further information contact: www.satennis.co.za or wptchantal@gmail.com

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

2012 CAPE TOWN VETERANS TOURNAMENT:

Date: 19th – 22nd January 2012

Venue: Rondebosch/Kelvin Grove

Entry Fee: R215

Closing Date: 5th January 2012

2012 WESTERN PROVINCE VETERANS ITF:

Date: 11th – 16th May 2012

Venue: Rondebosch/Kelvin Grove
Entry Fee: Free
Closing Date: 22nd April 2012

Singles/Doubles/Mixed. Cash Prizes, Prizes, Give Aways. Entries on line. Go to www.satennis.co.za and click on Vets.

WP KEYHEALTH SLAZENGER CLASSIC SUPER 7:

This tournament will take place from the 5th – 10th January 2012 and is open to Boys and Girls u12-u18. There will be a separate OPEN SECTION.

Venues in the Northern and Southern suburbs

Entries opened on the 23rd November 2011 and must be done via the SATA website

www.satennis.co.za

Closing date: 23rd December 2011

We hope you found this newsletter very informative and encourage you to send us any articles etc for future publication.

Make sure you always play to **enjoy** your tennis.

Yours in tennis!

Dawn Hillman

Western Province Tennis Executive Committee
Liaison Officer for Clubs



As the Holiday Season is upon us, take time to reflect on the past year. Let us all remember to count our blessings and to keep in our thoughts those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

We wish you a Safe, Happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace and Prosperity.