

## THE WESTERN PROVINCE TENNIS President's Report – May 2011

Ladies and gentleman

### Introduction

We acknowledge the contributions made by past members/players who have sadly passed on during this year. A special note of sadness for Mr Cyril Beukes, ex President of WP Tennis, and SATA board member who passed away on 10 May 2011. Richard Berrisford, chairman of Constantia, Karl Richeveld of Milnerton TC and Marthie Bramley of Wegemoed TC. Our condolences to their families.

It was with great trepidation that I accepted the request to stand as President of WP Tennis last year. Nothing could have prepared me for this experience – not even “Days of our Life’s”. Thanks for the great support which I received from many players during the 4 month period of my back injury.

Notwithstanding the injury, this brief experience has been very hectic and yet rewarding. Many members displayed great sportsmanship and goodwill in the tournaments, both locally and nationally. It has been great to be a member of such a strong team.

The committee is made up of volunteers who sacrifice their own time and valuable resources to serve others. The members are not paid, rewarded or afforded any privileges which you do not enjoy as a member. Please support these volunteers.

### The Committee

The following people served on the committee:

President	Patrick Vezasie
Vice-President	Riad Davids
Treasurer	Glynis Gillott
Veterans	Barbara Rose-Innes
Leagues	Robert Low
Seniors	Jacques du Plessis
Juniors	Okkie Kellerman / Riad Davids
Coaching	Bridget Visee
Development	Conrad Classen
Umpires	Ivan Bridges
Additional member	Mr Morkel Brink
Govt Liaison	Sibongile Mlotywa
Hi-Performance	Japie Klaasen

I wish to thank the members for their sacrifice and support during this period. Some members were fairly "new" at the job and needed time to settle in. All members have agreed to stand for another year.

Special thanks to the chairpersons of the respective divisions who with their committees excelled in running their divisions with great success.

### Veterans

WP Tennis Vets AGM was held on Wednesday, 20 April 2011.

AGM was followed by a presentation to the players who had been selected to play in the Inter Provincial for 50-55+ which was held in George from 1-7 May 2011.

50+ A CUP: Greg Shaw, Maree Wessels, Alan Chiat, Muriel Cherry, Hannelize Storzner, Gil Williams.

50+ B CUP: Ahmed Bhikoo, Kobus van Rooyen, Craig Seigal, Esther McKenna, Nicky Healy, Debby van Zyl.

50+ Shield: Des Agliotti; David Wade, Pierre Joubert, Glynis Gillott, Audrey Hugo, Louie Rushby.

The Inter Provincial for the 60-70+ was held in East London from 3-9 April 2011. The Border committee hosted 230 players and organised 3 great functions and great tennis venues.

Results: 60 B CUP came 4th out of 7 teams: players were Ron Langdon, Kurt Werner, Duke Metcalf, Anthula Markovitz, Shirley Pressley, Dot Roberts.

The 65 A Cup came 4th out of 6 teams: players were Basil Carolissen, Robert Conway, Geoff Parker, Maeve Samuels, Elisabeth Kruger, Carole Fallows.

65 B CUP came 2nd out of 6 teams, congratulations, this team received silver medals: players were Mike Sage, Brian Hilliard, Brian van Reenen, Barbara Rose-Innes, Anita Robertson, Tertia Kapp.

65+ Shield came 3rd out of 5 teams: players were Helm van Zijl, Arnie Poole, Peter Baumann, Eln Prinsloo and Renate Impey.

The Inter Provincial for the 30-45+ age groups will be held in Pretoria from Sunday 28 August to Saturday 3 September 2011.

THE CAPE TOWN VETS TOURNAMENT will be held from Friday 27 MAY to Monday 30 MAY 2011 at Parow Tennis Club and Welgemoed Tennis Club.

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the untimely passing on of Richard Berrisford. He was Chairman of the Constantia Tennis Club and was also a great member of the Veterans section. Sincere condolences to Lynn, Kate, Ema, Sarah and family.

Marthie Bramley, who was ill in hospital, also passed away two weeks ago. She was a member of the Welgemoed Tennis Club and was also a Vets member. Marthie represented South Africa in the ITF team competition in 2002 in Vienna. Sincere condolences to her family.

Mary Ussher who is in hospital at Constantiaberg Medi Clinic and we wish her a speedy recovery.

### WPT league

Under the leadership of Bob Low and his committee (LCOM) we have once again had a successful league competition. We congratulate all the winning clubs and more especially each player who participated.

### Juniors

Our juniors have once again excelled in the various tournaments and inter-pros. We thank the parents, players and coaches for their commitment to the game.

Sadly our squad system appears to be flagging and there is a suggestion to re-look this system and introduce a high-performance centre instead. We thank Riad for looking after this portfolio when Okkie was injured.

### Development

This portfolio is a difficult one to manage as it is extremely reliant upon sponsorship. Conrad, being new on the job, has not yet managed to get it off the ground.

We thank the coaches at Langa, Bonteheuwel, Mitchells Plain and Khayalitsha for their sacrifice.

SATA has allocated and paid funds for development centres across South Africa. These allocations are controlled by SATA and has been used in the City Bowl area.

### Ball Sponsors

Invitations were sent to Babolat, Dunslaz, Head, Prince and Wilson to tender for the League ball sponsorship. Only Dunslaz and Wilson responded.

After a comparative study was done it was concluded that Dunslaz offered better value and they were accordingly awarded the tender. Many thanks to Morkel for his input.

### Lotto Funding

A Lotto sub-committee (LSC) was established to ensure that the allocation of funds was spent according to the Lotto Board requirements. The LSC comprises of Bob, Morkel and myself.

We called for tenders for a Project Manager (to Lotto Board) and after proper consideration it was resolved to appoint Rob Kruger as Project Manager. Rob was directly responsible for awarding of tender and was most familiar with WPT. Thanks to Morkel and Bob for the work done to date.

### Finances – Refer report

During the period under review, we implemented a new accounting system which will result in more timely information being available for decision making. WPT maintained adequate cost control policies although the operational expenses increased beyond the budgeted income. This was mainly due to under recovery of capitation fees received from clubs.

WPT will continue to monitor the financial position of various divisions on a continuous basis to ensure that budgeted income is achieved. The challenge of maintaining a net current asset position will ensure that the operational demands are met.

We take note of the emphasis of matter note in the annual financial statements and will endeavour to address this issue with City Council. Special thanks to Richard Balance for his wonderful assistance when we needed it most.

### Conclusion

1. Members to become pro-active by accepting this organization as their own, by constantly recruiting new members, by supporting their WPT;
2. Executive members to attend all meetings wherever possible and to make a real contribution;
3. We need to use our **club structures** to recruit members and distribute information;
4. Plan exciting events for WP Tennis;
5. The media must be used to promote tennis in general;
6. Concentrate on our juniors and look at viability of starting a junior league and tournaments for “weaker” players;
7. Boost development via sponsorships.

I thank all the friendly and kind people who have made this task a pleasure. I salute the players who worked on their games in order to provide entertaining tennis. Without the commitment we would not have enjoyed the game as we do.

Thank you  
**Patrick Vezasie**