



WALMER 10TH NEWS LETTER – MAY 2015

Hi All, we trust that this letter finds you well and tennis fit! It's time for a bit of an update of past and future activities at the club; please feel free to submit your comments, queries, or stories to tennis@live.co.za.

Hello!

We would like to welcome a number of new members to the club who recently joined. Welcome:

Reinhardt van Tonder; Klippies; Pieter Rademeyer; Thanduxolo Sikundla; & Henk Fehling

We have also had some past members return and it's is great to see you back on court! Welcome back:

Annetjie Meuller

May you all enjoy much tennis and plenty of socializing at Walmer 10th! We are very much hoping to lure Pam de Wit back into the fold as well! Strelza will be delighted to not always have to play men's doubles anymore! We are also looking forward to Ilse and Desiree signing up with us soon.

Summer League 2015

The summer leagues were completed in March with Walmer's teams having a tough summer in the league! Unfortunately we had to withdraw our mixed team due to insufficient ladies to fill the team every week. Our 2 men's teams had mixed results which put us out of contention, but nonetheless put up a good fight!

We would like to thank all those players who made themselves available for league and flew Walmer 10th's flag high, despite the tough draws! You guys are champs! Big thanks also to Malcolm White for overseeing the summer leagues! Winter league will be upon us shortly, start working on that game!

Club Championships

By popular demand, we will be playing club championships in May!

Men's singles and doubles will be played over the weekends of the 9th, 16th and 23rd of May 2015. Please submit your entries to Malcolm (malcolmwhite@telkomsa.net) or on the club notice board. We will need all the entries in by Wednesday 6th May. When you enter, please ensure that he has an email address to let you know your match times.

Championship matches should start from 12:30 onward to allow sufficient time to complete during the short winter afternoons. If you cannot complete a match on the scheduled date, then you may play the match on an alternate date agreed to by your opponent/s. Matches not played on the scheduled Saturday must be completed before the following Saturday.

Since our number of ladies is still very small we could perhaps look at a mixed championship a bit later in the year, unfortunately some of our ladies will not be available in May but we would like to afford all our ladies a championship opportunity and will hence make the necessary arrangements in due course.



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There should always be one court available for social as not all our members will want to play championships.

Security

As you are all well aware, security remains a concern at our club and we ask all members to be vigilant when visiting the club.

We have had an unfortunate incident recently when Strelza's car window was smashed and her handbag stolen while playing tennis at the club one morning. Access was gained by cutting a hole through the fence behind the clubhouse. On Saturdays we have Eric to keep an eye on the cars but for those who play at other times we recommend you park your cars where they are clearly visible from the court on which you are playing. The committee is investigating further security measures in and around our club so that we can relax and enjoy our tennis. Be safe!

Social Rules

Social tennis is governed by the winners/losers board system which has been proven as an effective way of managing social tennis. However, the committee has noted that it sometimes happens that a set becomes heavily unbalanced or that players find themselves in a rut with the same group for the entire afternoon. In such an instance, the duty member may use his/her discretion to alter the order of play in order to balance or mix sets more appropriately. This is strictly the exception and not the rule and as far as possible interference with the board system will be avoided.

We, as the committee, have the responsibility to ensure that all our members get enjoyable social tennis on a Saturday afternoon and will strive to do so in an equitable and fair manner that benefits all players. We appeal to all our members to join in for social tennis with the spirit of having fun, and allowing fellow players to have fun at the same time! Get out onto the courts and make the best of every set!

Any member who would like a copy of the social rules is welcome to contact the Secretary. A copy has also been put up on the notice board.

Play Tennis

It is such a pleasure to see all our courts being put to use and the general spirit of enjoyment emanating from the games. It is great to see the youngsters still hard at it on the court, entertaining the oldies at beer time.

Please urge your colleagues, friends, and family to come join us for social tennis. We would love to see every member driving the revival of this awesome sport. There is a set of tennis to be had for every level of player; all they need is a little encouragement to get involved so bring them along!

We look forward to seeing you all on court of the coming winter months.

Have a ball, play tennis!

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