

# Walmer 10<sup>th</sup> News Letter – Late Summer 2016

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Hi all, here is your rather belated Summer News Letter! We trust that you all had a blessed festive season and that the New Year is not running away with you too fast!

## Hello/Goodbye!

We sadly say goodbye to Quintin Naude who has resigned from the club. Quintin has been plagued with injury and has decided to stop playing tennis and focus on his recovery. We would like to wish Quintin well and look forward to seeing him join us again in the near future! Thank you for your contribution to our club!

We would like to welcome back Monika & Frank Lobe who have returned to South Africa. It is great to have past members return to the club. We wish you many happy tennis days during your stay in our beautiful city!

## Tennis Development Rackets

Brendan Dryden received a donation of 3 new Dunlop tennis rackets for his development squad. Sadly all 3 rackets have disappeared from the club. If anyone has used the rackets, or perhaps knows where these rackets are could you please inform the committee urgently. The kids are desperately keen to advance their tennis skills, however without equipment this becomes an arduous task:



## League 2016

Sadly due to a lack of interest, Walmer has not entered any league teams into the Summer League. This is largely due to the new league entry fee that was imposed by Tennis SA. The committee will be looking at alternatives to ensure that members can enter the forthcoming winter league without having to pay a league fee in order to play, other than ball and bar fees.

The winter league fees will be on the Notice Board shortly. All members interested in playing league are urged to put their names up as soon as possible.

## Valentines Guests

Buli G hosted a Valentines Tournament among her friends and colleagues on Sunday 14 February. Buli hosted 12 guests, mostly non-tennis players who then slogged it out in a very short singles format. Despite a lot of huffing & puffing on a very hot Sunday afternoon they all had great fun, sipping on Pimms and

snacking on strawberries in true Wimbledon style! It was great to have visitors enjoying themselves at the club and the event was a great success, well done Buli!

Thank you to Strelza for offering up your Sunday afternoon to do bar duty and to close up afterwards!

### **Saturday Social**

The club has enjoyed some fantastic social tennis numbers since the start of the New Year. We would like to thank our members for their ongoing support! Without your enthusiasm this club cannot grow our sport. Thank you!

### **Unauthorised use of Club Facilities**

We have noticed that the courts are being used quite liberally by non-members over weekends and in the week. The club is not an open public facility. Walmer Lawn Tennis Club maintains and runs the facilities at an expense to the club and its members. We receive no funding other than the subscriptions paid by our members. It is therefore wholly unfair to paying members if the general public utilise the facilities at no charge.

If you are aware of any people using the courts who are not legitimate members or are being coached by Brendan Dryden then please advise the committee as we need to solicit the appropriate fees from these individuals.

### **Fair play at Walmer 10th**

Unfortunately we close this letter on an unsavoury note... several recent visitors to our club (playing and non-playing) have expressed dismay in the behavior of some of our members. If unacceptable conduct by our members both on- and off-court leads to the clubs good reputation being tarnished then we will be forced to take decisive action against the responsible members. Personal harassment, abusive language, lewd suggestions, and downright bad sportsmanship cannot and will not be tolerated.

Furthermore it has become evident that the new format used to choose sets is being abused. We remind our members that Saturday afternoon tennis is strictly social and members who join in on this day are expected to play with all the participating members regardless of strength. If this trend continues then we will revert to the winners/losers format and no set selection will be made by members.

We therefore call on all our members to act as ambassadors for the club by welcoming and making visitors feel at home and join the committee in growing our club at all levels!

### **Dates to Remember!**

**5 March 2016 – Bring & Braai: Klippies will have some good coals ready for a lekker braai after social on Saturday. Bring your favourite braai treat together with the family and come join in!**

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