

Walmer 10th News Letter – Winter 2015

We trust that all our members have had a great winter, albeit a very wet one! Apologies for the late winter newsletter! As a result there is plenty to report on...

Winter League 2015

Normal social play was disrupted by league over the past 5 weeks. We had 4 teams entered into the league this season: Men 1, Men 3A, Men 3B, and Ladies 3. The final league results are still pending; however our 3A men successfully fought through to the 3rd Men's final where they faced Drostdy Pak in Uitenhage. After a delayed start, Malcolm and his charges made short work of their fellow finalists to take the league. Congratulations gentlemen! A great result for Walmer!

Thank you to all those members who made themselves available for league and who committed to matches over the past few weeks! We would also like to thank Malcolm and his respective league captains for their sterling work coordinating Walmer's campaigns.

Ladies & Mixed Doubles Championships

The Ladies & Mixed Doubles Championships will take place on Saturday, 12 September 2015. Due to limited ladies available to play in the championships at the moment, we have decided to play a tournament format over a single day.

Ladies, select your partners and submit your entries to Malcolm White (malcolmwhite@telkomsa.net) as soon as you can! Gentlemen, you better be on your best behaviour this weekend if you wish to 'crack the nod' among the ladies as a worthy partner!

We will then enjoy some social time afterwards to celebrate the champions as well as the conclusion of the winter league. Bring your families and friends and let's have a good braai to reminisce on the last of the year's competitive tennis!

Details will follow closer to the day...

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been scheduled for Saturday, the 3rd of October 2015. This meeting allows members to vote in a new committee to serve the club for the next year as well as deliberate key topics for the coming year.

Please mark this date in your diaries, we need your input! The meeting notice together with committee member nomination forms will be sent out via email shortly. Should you require a physical copy the please contact the Secretary, Koos Smith (adaqua@vodamail.co.za).

Hello!

The club continues to welcome little additions to the Walmer 10th family! Congratulations to Dean & Cheryl Price with the birth of their son Ryan a couple of months ago! We look forward to meeting our new junior 'member' soon!

The club would like welcome the following new members:

Desireé Korf

Michelle Vogts

Ernst Berry

William Wickens

We would like to wish you many happy tennis days at Walmer 10th!

Social Tennis

Social will return to normal from this coming weekend. We would like all our members to come out and enjoying some great social now that league has been completed. There is no need to let that league form go to waste!

We at Walmer have, over the past year, been very privileged to have had an influx of young (a relative term), and sometimes rusty players join our ranks. We have a range of tennis standards at Walmer 10th but the fact that we all play together has been our strength over many years and makes our club unique. The manipulating of sets and derogatory comments about other players will not be tolerated.

It takes great courage to start playing tennis, or even start playing tennis again. We view it as our member's duty to encourage tennis at all levels in order to grow this wonderful sport rather than kill the enthusiasm off before it even sprouts.

Bar

We would like to draw attention to a long standing rule at the club which has been allowed to become very lax:

Only Julia, committee and duty members are allowed behind the bar area.

When Julia leaves, please ask a committee member to serve you - normally the person who is on duty that day. I am sure we can all appreciate that self-service in a bar area is a risk. Over years of experience we have found that where money is involved one just has to stick to the rules or it results in unpleasantness and worse.

Since we do not have a fulltime barman, drinks must also always be paid for immediately - no promising to pay later! We are aware that due to the current drinks prices it often occurs that there is insufficient change, this however is not a valid excuse to keep a drink 'in the till' for later. This is a nightmare to manage and both these practices will not be permitted. We ask that members please exercise patience in this regard, we endeavour to keep sufficient change in the cash box but there are times when the box will run short.

Subscriptions

Thank you to those members who ensure their subscriptions fees are up to date, you keep the club's wheels turning!

The current financial year is drawing to a close fast. Several members have unfortunately fallen well behind on their subscriptions. Subscriptions are a critical source of income and without these fees we cannot cover essential operational costs. Please ensure that yours is up to date!

Other Tennis News and some...

It has been such a pleasure to see all our courts working, and the enthusiasm that sees games going on till it is as good as dark followed by a great bit of socialising on our lovely extended veranda. Thanks folks, you are a great bunch!

We have set a date for our Annual Christmas Tournament! The great "Ho, Ho, Ho" showdown goes down on the 5th of December 2015... jot this one down while searching for those Christmas hats!

We were very happy to see Desireé back again after a car accident which left her a bit bruised and battered, and playing league at that!

Annetjie had an accident at work recently and damaged her knee to the extent that she required surgery! We wish you a speedy recovery Annetjie!

Please, ladies, look after yourselves! You are the most highly prized members! Cheryl and Mary Ann we can't wait to get you playing again.

To our veterans travelling to Cradock this weekend to participate in the Cradock Challenge, enjoy and knock 'em all dead! Travel safe!

Dates to Remember!

12 Sep 2015 - Ladies & Mixed Doubles Championships

12 Sep 2015 - League & Championship Braai

03 Oct 2015 - AGM

05 Dec 2015 - Christmas Tournament 2015

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