

WESTERN PROVINCE CRICKET CLUB

Fortnightly Newsletter – 11 February 2010

SAHARA PARK NEWLANDS CRICKET

View the revised Fixture List and the Ticket Booking Form at: www.wpcc.co.za
NEXT:

PRO20 SERIES

Match Starts at 18h00, Saturday 13th February 2010
Cape Cobras vs. Dolphins

Tickets: Buy Tickets at the A-GATE ticket office on Campground Road: 021 657 3320 or tickets@wpcc.co.za, OR
Download the Ticket Request Form from www.wpcc.co.za

Guest Allocations: Up to 4 Guests per Adult Member (Juniors are not permitted to host a guest)

Rules: Please read the Pavilion Rules and Regulations. Strictly no slops/flip flops. Dress Code: Smart Casual

FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AND ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

The jackpot now stands at **R8000**

If your membership number is drawn - you win the jackpot, but remember that you must be there to win it!

Every week that the attendance jackpot is unclaimed, it increases by R100.

In addition, SPORTSMANS WAREHOUSE donates a R1000 gift voucher to the winner of the attendance draw.

Mr. F. Adlard missed out: R7800 on 29 January

Rev E. Andre missed out: R7900 on 5 February

Don't miss out be at the Sports Centre, Ave de Mist this Friday night. (Draw takes place at 6:45pm)

MEMBERS PAVILION – Indibano Café – OPEN NOW

The Indibano Café, situated at the Members Pavilion, Newlands is open for Breakfast and Lunch.

Trading Hours: Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm (Breakfast and Lunch)

Members will receive a 20% discount during the month February ONLY.

For Reservations, please call: 021 657 3319.

News from the Sports Sections

HOCKEY

Touring Match

The Ladies 1st side are playing against a Dutch touring side on Friday 12th February @ 19h00.

Come down to Happy Hour and support our Ladies.

Trials for the 2010 season

The ladies trials will be held on dates; Tuesday 2nd, Thursday 4th and Sunday 7th March.

The men's trials will be held on Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th March.

Please check your Hockey emails for times and other details.

Functions

The hockey section will be having a cocktail party on Friday 26th March after Happy Hour at the Sports Centre to welcome new players and have an excuse to have a few drinks.

Friday 12 February: 19h00 - 20h30 vs HIC

ALLAN LACEY

Hockey Chairman

BOWLS

WP FLAG – WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!

In an historic afternoon on Saturday 6 February, our Men's First Side achieved a superb away victory over a very strong Edgemoor side to clinch the Premier League Championship for the first time since FLAG was changed to its present format in 2002/3. The achievement speaks highly of the teamwork which was created through many creative ideas put into practice during the season – including regular pre-match team lunches and innovative “cross-rink” communications during actual play. To quote senior player Daniel Loubser, “..the whole became much greater than the sum of the constituent parts..”

We are naturally delighted about their achievement - the last time we won the (old format) FLAG competition was in 2001/2 – and we shall be aiming to inculcate many of the lessons learned into the lower sides, three of whom sadly suffered relegation. We shall still be represented in the Premier League, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Divisions next year, however, which is probably appropriate for our current player strength.

Once again we are indebted to our Men's Selectors who worked extremely hard throughout the season and who are rightly proud of our Premier League Side.

WP SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Warm congratulations are due to the following achievers in the WP Singles Championships to date – the next rounds to be played on 28 February at the venues indicated:

Joel Roëbert – is in the quarter-finals of the Men's Open (Edgemoor)

Flo Nagel – went through to the quarterfinals of the Ladies' Senior event (Atlantic GP)

Karen Kuhrua – quarter-finalist in the Ladies' Novice event (Plumstead)

Iain Wares and Patrick Young – through to the last 16 in the Men's Novice event (Howard))

Jacqui van Rensburg – in the last 16 of the Ladies' Open event (Bergvliet)

We would also congratulate Ann Ainsworth who reached the last 16 of the Ladies' Open event, but was then knocked out.

We wish all of the above good bowling on 28 February – and encourage all members to give them support at the various venues.

WP MIXED PAIRS

Daniel Loubser and Trish Steyn will be competing in the Semi-Finals (and, hopefully the Final!) of the WP Mixed Pairs to be played at Plumstead on Sunday 14 February. We wish them good bowling and once again we encourage you be “on the bank” to give your support.

PROTEAS FUND-RAISING EVENT

We are very pleased to be hosting the WP Proteas' Fundraiser on Sunday 14 February, when 24 teams will be taking part.

TWILIGHT BOWLS

Friday Twilight Bowls continues - though some of our “regulars” have been slacking in recent weeks – come on, don't give up trying!!! Do come along for the fun - aim to arrive from 4.30pm, as we try to start the informal competition promptly at 5pm.

MIKE CONNOLLY
Chairman Bowls

RUNNING

Two Oceans Half Marathon

Entries for the half are now unfortunately closed. The maximum of 11000 entries was received on Monday morning

Friday Evening Club Run

Enjoy your evening drink at the Sports Centre even more. Join the Friday Club Run from the Sports Complex at 17h15, leaving from the runners tap at the entrance of the Sports Centre, and build up a real thirst.

Time Trial – Every Thursday: (*ALL WELCOME*)

We run, walk and crawl from the Sports Centre, Ave de Mist every Thursday evening at 17h45. Be part of the lucky shoe draw by running at least one week and attending the last Thursday of the month when you can join us for a drink after the run. We encourage all our members to support our sponsors, New Balance and Sportsmans Warehouse.

WPCC 4Km Time Trial 4/2/2010

1 Allan Benn 15:26, 1 Grant Goodwin 15:26,3 Ashley Van Blerk 16:07,4 Nichloas Cotchobos 16:29,5 Richard Williams 16:47 , 6 Kevin Balfour 17:49,7 Niall McKrill 18:28 , 8 John Brimble 18:41 , 9 Leonard Moss 18:46, 10 Chet Sainsbury 18:52 , 11 Mark Sainsbury 18:53, 12 Francis Antrobus 20:30,13 Mark Strybis 20:51,14 Graeme McSymon 20:54 , 15 James Tully 21:06, 16 Tim Mosdell 21:11 , 17 Graham Reynolds 21:24, 18 Lynne Hyland 21:40,19 Ian Mackay 21:44 , 20 Ed Evans 22:18 , 21 Vicky Crankshaw 22:21, 22 Peter Fuller 22:24,23 Chris Hyland 23:42 , 24 Louise Swanepoel 24:00 . 25 Sarah Larratt 24:43 ,25 Brad Larratt 24:43, 27 Molly Prockop 25:07 , 28 Dave Prockop 25:10 , 29 Sean Parker 25:13 , 30 Bronwyn Reynolds 25:19,31 William Hughes 25:22,32 John Mantell 26:41, 33 Annelise Mc Petrie 28:46 , 34 Moira Maxwell 28:47

WPCC 8Km Time Trial 4/2/2010

1 Francis Antrobus 44:46

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Chairman Running

SQUASH

Court access during pre-season is always a challenging topic. As players and teams start to get ready for the new season, the court usage picks up dramatically. This year we have initiated across-the-board coaching clinics, accessible to all level of WPCC league players, on a first-come-first-served basis. This initiative was heavily oversubscribed, which indicates how well it has been received. However, it has also meant that all courts have been booked for 75mins every Monday to Thursday, starting at 7pm, for the last four weeks. These clinics conclude next week. In addition, the start of the school year brings returning youth tournaments. The Cape Classic runs over next weekend (18, 19 and 20 February), with the courts block booked for this tournament. Notices are already up at the courts advising when the courts are booked for this tournament. Although all these bookings can cause frustration, I ask everyone to bear in mind that the committee considers each proposal on its merits, and does take the WPCC membership in to account when allowing these block bookings. We are the premier squash venue in the Western Cape, and therefore our facilities are in high demand. We have a duty to help promote and develop the future squash generations, which is why we have supported the Cape Classic over a number of years, as well as other WP Youth Squash tournaments. We shall continue to support these tournaments this year, and in years to come. Outside of tournaments (where the courts are booked out in their entirety), we try to ensure that any requests for block bookings include an understanding and undertaking that a number of the courts are left available to regular WPCC members, so that they can still book courts. In addition, we try to ensure that block bookings, where possible, do not encroach on peak times. I ask everyone to bear the above in mind, and hope it explains our thinking and thought process when it comes to the booking of our courts, and to the fact that we do consider each application, and how it affects our membership.

We are instituting a further process with regards to the booking of our courts. As already mentioned, we have the premier squash facility in the Western Cape and therefore have high usage on our courts. Despite this, we need to be protective of the fact that the courts belong to WPCC, for the benefit of WPCC members. We need to ensure that WPCC members enjoy the benefit of the courts, seeming as we pay membership fees to be a member of WPCC. Guests are welcome to use our courts, but only when playing with a WPCC member, and then for the payment of a guest fee. This is not a new concept. The guest fee charge has been in place for years, but has been difficult to police. You certainly can't walk on to any other squash complex as a non-member and play for nothing, and why should that be any different at WPCC? In order to smooth this process, we shall be erecting Perspex holders on each squash court. These holders have two slots in them, in which to insert your membership card. All WPCC members are required to insert their membership card in to this Perspex holder when they are playing squash on our courts. This should meet with no resistance, seeming as all of us are required to carry our membership cards when we are on the WPCC grounds anyway. If you are playing with a guest, then the guest slip (received when the guest pays their guest fee to the Duty Manager prior to playing) will be inserted in to the slot in the Perspex holder. If you are a member, but for some reason have left your card at home, there will be the opportunity to confirm your membership with the Duty Manager prior to playing, and the Duty Manager will issue you with a separate slip, which you can insert in to the Perspex holder. We naturally expect that this will only be an occasional occurrence... There should therefore always be two forms of confirmation in the Perspex holder – either two membership cards, or a membership card and a slip (either a Guest slip or a WPCC member slip). This will be able to be easily monitored by the Duty Manager, as they merely need to walk around the 6 courts on a regular basis. Where there are not two forms of confirmation in the holder, the Duty Manager will assume that the other player is a guest of the member, and will charge the Guest Fee to the member's lights account. If the member then decides to recoup that guest fee from their guest, this guest fee can be instantaneously credited to their light fee. There will be an acclimatization period for the balance of February, and then we will institute the process as of the 1st of March. I ask for your assistance in not only adhering to this system, but also in helping to police it. This system is not designed to be a burden on members, but more to ensure that our courts are first and foremost used for the pleasure of WPCC members. That is, after all, why we pay membership fees.

DUNCAN DE GROOT
Chairman Squash

TENNIS

League Results

Mens Premier League – Singles: WON 1 - LOST 1

Mens Singles – 6th League: LOST 2

Mens Doubles – 3rd League: WON 2

Vets: WON 1 – DREW 1

Ladies Premier League: WON 1

Ladies Singles – 4th League: LOST 2

Ladies Doubles – 2nd League: WON 2

Midweek League

Three teams have been entered, one team in first, second and third league.

League starts on Thursday 25th February 2010.

Social Tennis

There will be social tennis on Thursday evenings.

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