

WESTERN PROVINCE CRICKET CLUB

Fortnightly Newsletter – 22 April 2010

MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL FOR SPOUSES – *Extended to 31 May!*

NO ENTRANCE FEE for spouses who join the Club before **31st May 2010**. Saving R700!

Contact the Membership Secretary, members@wpcc.co.za or call the Club Office 021 657 3330/34 for details.

FUNCTION VENUES FOR HIRE

There are a number of great venues for hire in the Members Pavilion at Newlands and at the Sports Centre on Ave de Mist. Members receive discounts too! View the rooms for hire and applicable rates at: www.wpcc.co.za > Function Venues.

INDIBANO CAFÉ – Friday 30 April before the Rugby

Out with the old and in with the new..... We welcome our new Chef, Elvis to Indibano Sahara Park on Wednesday 28 April. Why not join us on Friday 30 April, for a couple of drinks whilst you wait for gates to open at Newlands Rugby. For our rugby fans we will be running the following special for R45-00 per person

Hot pot of the day - Vegetarian pasta - Beef or Chicken burger and chips

Served with either an Amstel Draught, a glass of house wine or a soft drink.

TRISH

Indibano Café

FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AND ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

The jackpot now stands at **R8900**

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.

News from the Sports Sections

HOCKEY

Hockey results for the weekend 17 April 2010 are available on the Club website: www.wpcc.co.za

Following the link to the 'Sports Sections Page > Hockey > Results'.

In addition, view the 'Fixtures Page' to see what's on this week 19 to 25 April 2010.

ALLAN LACEY - Chairman Hockey

RUNNING

THURSDAY TIME TRIAL - **NB: change of start time to 17h30**

We run, walk and crawl form the Sports Centre, Ave de Mist every Thursday evening at **17h30**. 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.

* *To view WPCC Time Trial Results, visit the Running Section 'Results' Page on at www.wpcc.co.za*

FRIDAY EVENING CLUB RUN

Join the Friday Club Run from the Sports Centre at 17h15.

BRUCE CRUICKSHANK - Chairman Running

TENNIS

The Tennis Section will be hosting Happy Hour on the 21st May.

WPCC TENNIS COACH

Bridget Visee recently returned from a two and a half week stint in Abuja, Nigeria, where she was with the U14/U16 and U18 South African team. The team did very well in extreme temperatures. The U14 Boys and Girls qualified for the World Cup to be held in the Czech Republic in August and the U16 Boys qualified for Junior Davis Cup to be played in Mexico in September. Bridget has also been selected to travel with the ITF African U16 Team to Europe for 5 weeks in May/June. Congratulations Bridget on being selected to look after South Africa's up and coming stars!

SA VETERANS TENNIS

Sally Estcourt recently had the privilege of representing South Africa 35+ Team at the World Team Championships held in Mexico City. Mexico City is at an altitude of 2250m, which is extremely high, so the team initially struggled with flying balls and breathing. The team lost their first match against the number one seeds, France, but proceed to beat Luxembourg and Ireland to end 2nd in their group. They went on to play for 4th-6th position against the USA and Estonia - losing to both teams, and coming 6th overall. Sally won 3 out of 5 singles matches. Well done Sally!

DI GOUGH - Tennis Section

BOWLS

SA MEN'S NATIONALS 2010

Our Men's Nationals Team members are currently competing in Durban. In the Pairs, Eugene Ferreira and Scotty Elliott won 4 out of their 5 initial games, reaching the final 32, but sadly this was not enough to progress further. Daniel Loubser and Joel Roëbert did extremely well to reach the last 8 before being knocked out. In the Fours Championship, the Team won 4 out of their 5 round robin games – but unfortunately another team in their Section won ALL their games to go through to the knockout rounds. The Team are far from down-hearted, however, and are now looking forward to Friday's Singles Championship. We wish them all good bowling!

"2-4-2" COMPETITION

The ever-popular "2-4-2" Pairs competition is in progress - run on the mornings of Friday 16th, Tuesday 20th and Friday 23rd April. We have a full 4-green attendance – 48 teams (96 players) and the bowls has been of a high standard and as usual is being played in the best of spirits.

COACHING COURSE AT WPCC

Bowls members please note that a "Level 1" coaching course is to be held at our Club on 4/5 and 11/12 September. Please see the Notice Board or contact me for further details.

HAPPY HOUR AT THE SPORTS CENTRE – FRIDAY 23 APRIL

We look forward to hosting the weekly Club Happy Hour tomorrow evening. We shall be holding thumbs that one of the attendees will walk off with the R8,900 attendance draw prize money – plus, of course, the R1,000 voucher from Sportsman's Warehouse!

MIKE CONNOLLY - Chairman Bowls

SQUASH

Squash season is up and running and most of our teams have got off to a strong start, across both the ladies and mens league sides. We are heading the table in certain leagues, which is great, although there is a long way to go. Men's Knockout is on this week, and we have entered a team in almost every section. Hopefully we can be victorious in a few of the sections we have entered.

Like most sports, the squash season this year is a bit disjointed with the World Cup, which has meant a number of tournaments taking place at our courts over a short space of time. The committee is aware this places pressure on our courts, and we looking to ensure that at least one court is left available for members even during tournaments. There are two major tournaments left this year, the WP Closed and the WP Youth Closed, both which take place in early May. Members are reminded that the WP Closed covers all league standards, so you are encouraged to enter this tournament in your personal capacity. Who knows – you could find you are the strongest player in your respective league.

I'd also like to remind members about the requirement to leave your membership card at the Duty Manager's desk when you play squash. There are Perspex holders behind the Duty Manager's desk, which enables them to monitor court usage. Members are also reminded that the courts are principally for the use of WPCC members. However, guests are welcome to play (accompanied by a member) but for a guest fee, which is currently R20. Please help the Duty Manager's by adhering to these regulations. They are not difficult to do, and will help us focus our court usage on our members.

DUNCAN DE GROOT - Chairman Squash