

WESTERN PROVINCE CRICKET CLUB

Fortnightly Newsletter – 6 May 2010

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

Has your spouse been visiting the Club more than the restriction of twice a month...?

Any spouse who joins the Club before **31st May 2010** does not pay the R700 entrance fee!

Don't miss out! Contact the Membership Secretary by email: members@wpcc.co.za or call the Club Office 021 657 3330 or 021 657 3334 for details.

FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR AND ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

The jackpot now stands at **R9100!**

All local members over the age of 18 are automatically entered into the draw each week.

If your membership number is drawn - you win the jackpot, but remember... 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.

Don't Miss out – see you this Friday at the Sports Centre.

INDIBANO CAFÉ – Saturday 15 May, before and after the Rugby

Join us on Saturday 15 May, for a warm winter meal and a pint, or two, before going through to the rugby (Stormers vs Bulls).

Menu for the day – includes a draught, glass of house wine or soft drink

Fish and chips

Hot pot and rice

Hearty Vegetable Soup with croutons

We are certain that the success of the rugby game will require a celebration, so why not pop in after the game to celebrate – get your first drink at half price. Indibano Sahara-Park Newlands will be open from 11h30 to 21h00.

Looking forward to welcoming you.

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Indibano Café

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND LEVIES 2010/2011

Have you received the Notice of Annual Subscriptions? This was distributed by email on 1st May 2010.

NB: Only members *without* an email address will receive this letter by *post*.

A copy of the letter is available on the Club website: www.wpcc.co.za and on all Club notice boards.

Sports Section Changes

If you are resigning or joining one of the sporting sections, please send an email to members@wpcc.co.za, *before the end of May* to ensure that your statement is accurate.

Statements

Your annual statement of account will be sent by email at the beginning of June 2010, please ensure payment is made before the *deadline of 31st July 2010*.

Contact Details

Please remember to keep us informed of any contact detail amendments.

News from the Sports Sections

BOWLS

SA MEN'S NATIONALS 2010

Our SA Men's Nationals Team duly returned home from Durban having performed extremely well, though without any trophies this year. In the Pairs, Daniel Loubser and Joel Roëbert reached the last 8 before being put out by the eventual winners, whilst Eugene Ferreira and Scotty Elliott won 4 out of their 5 games in their Section, to be unluckily out of the knock-out stages. Similarly, in the Fours, the team won 4 out of 5 games in their Section and were eliminated. The quality of their overall performance may perhaps best be judged by the fact that they came joint 4th in the SA Men's Nationals Club Challenge – the top Western Province team in the Championships - on the basis of points awarded for performances in the Pairs and Fours. In the Singles, once again all performed well, with Daniel being beaten 21-20 by Gerry Baker – who then beat Eugene in the round of 32 and Joel in the round of 16! Scotty, having beaten F Koen in the round of 32 then lost to Kevin Campbell in the last 16. Undoubtedly, had the singles counted for the Club Challenge, WPCC would have walked it!! Well done, all of you

MEN'S ALL CAPE TOURNAMENT

The very popular Men's All Cape Tournament is currently in progress in East London. At the time of going to print, one of our teams (Daniel Loubser, Brian Mitchell, Graham Todd and Stuart Briggs) have won 10 out of 10 games in the 11-game round robin and are certain to qualify for the knock-out stages of the principal competition. They have a bye into the last 16 and will continue their endeavours on Friday. We understand that our other representatives are making many friends, but thoroughly enjoying themselves!!

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – BOWLS SECTION

A brief reminder to Bowls Section members that we hope to see you at our Special General Meeting on Wednesday 12 May at 6.30pm.

MIKE CONNOLLY - Chairman Bowls

HOCKEY

The Ladies and Mens 1st sides are unbeaten after 4 games and look forward to a great season. Please remember that the fixtures are on the WPCC web site but please check with your captains or the Union web page to be sure.

The hockey section is running this Fridays happy hour so please come down and support the section. The attendance draw is at over R9000.00 so it is worthwhile being there.

For those of you who are interested the Master Trials are on Sunday 16th May & 23rd May. Please see notice board for details.

ALLAN LACEY - Chairman Hockey

RUNNING

THE HAPPY HOUR TO BEAT ALL HAPPY HOURS... Friday 21 May 2010!

The Running Section will host happy hour on Friday 21st May. This promises to be a huge bonanza evening as Sportsmans Warehouse and New Balance are sponsoring the event, aimed at giving our Comrades Runners a huge send-off! The prizes will be fantastic and include a pair of New Balance shoes and a substantial Sportsmans Warehouse Gift Voucher. Please put this date in your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there.

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

We run, walk and crawl from 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

SQUASH

The squash light booking system has been slightly refined, and the Perspex holders have been moved to behind the Duty Managers desk. I ask for your continued assistance in complying with the new process of playing squash. When you arrive for your match, please hand your membership card to the Duty Manager, who will place

it in the Perspex holder for you. I reiterate that this is not intended to be a burden on you, but rather to help us look after those people who are most important to us – our members. By ensuring that the courts are used predominantly by members, it should make it more possible to get a free court. Please help us to bed this new system down by assisting the Duty Managers, and complying with this simple request.

During the month of May, WP Youth Squash will be using our courts on a Saturday afternoon from roughly 2pm to 4pm for provincial squad training. The youth is the future of our game, and we are committed to supporting the future generations of our player base. I ask your patience and understanding for 2 hours per week. On that note, the Squash Committee has taken a decision to limit the amount of 'outside' use of our courts. We feel this is in the best interests of our members, and provides the greatest opportunity for members to book courts and avoid being inconvenienced. We shall continue to support a handful of key tournaments, and provided WP Squash is keen to utilise our venue, we shall continue to support the Youth tournaments and the WP Closed. This follows our commitment to fostering a player base for the game of squash. The WP Closed is open to all WP squash players, across all playing levels, so our membership base is welcome, and indeed encouraged, to enter. Where possible, though, we shall look to leave 1 or 2 courts open for WPCC members. This may not always be possible, but we shall endeavour to follow this intention as far as possible. As usual, notices will be placed around the courts well in advance of a tournament, so that WPCC members are advised of any upcoming tournament bookings.

We are planning a new tournament this year, the WPCC Open, organised by our resident professional, Mark Allen. There has unfortunately been a scheduling clash with our original dates. Mark elaborates: "Some of you may have seen the posters displayed for the WPCC Open Squash Championships that we were planning on holding from May 29 to June 3. Unfortunately we have since found out that this date clashes with the WP Open Squash Championships, so we have decided to push our tournament to slightly later in the season. We will soon be able to confirm the new date, which is likely to be in late July or early August." We look forward to hosting this event in late July / early August, and this event will again cater for all playing levels, so you are encouraged to enter. We will advise the new dates shortly.

Finally, WPCC participates in the annual Wally Wilson Golf Day, organised by Gavin Eyre. Some news on this event from Gavin:

Annual Wally Wilson WPCC v Darling Golf Club Golf Day: The annual Wally Wilson WPCC v Darling Golf Day is in its 12 year in June 2010. WPCC has always had a great attendance from its members and of course Wally's friends. This year is no exception and I would like to take as many players as possible to remember dear old Wally and scoop the trophy!!!

Date: 26th June 2010.

Time: TBC- Shotgun Start.

Place: Darling Golf Club, Darling.

Format: 4 Ball Better ball Stableford.

Cost: TBC but not expensive. Cost includes bread table, Drinks hole, supper and prize giving.

Sponsor: In previous years Darling Golf Club have provided a sponsor for this event however have asked us this year if we could arrange a small sponsorship of R3000 to cover the cost of prizes. If anyone could help out with this it would be greatly appreciated.

Bookings or Questions to: Gavin Eyre on 083-9555-190 or gavin@ihcapetown.com, Ingrid Wilson on 083-6554-327 or iw@worldonline.co.za

DUNCAN DE GROOT - Chairman Squash

TENNIS

Final League Results:

Mens Premier Singles - 6th out of 8 teams

Mens Singles 6th League - 7th out of 8 teams - will be relegated to 7th League

Mens Doubles 3rd League - 1st - will be promoted to 2nd League

Mens Vets - 5th out of 10 teams

Ladies Premier Singles - 7th out of 8 teams - will be relegated

Ladies Singles 4th League - 5th out of 7 teams

Ladies Doubles 2nd League - 5th out of 8 teams

Western Province Tennis Dinner Dance to be held at Kelvin Grove on Friday 4th June – R150 per head - Dress: Smart.

Anyone interested in attending to please contact Nelene Gold - Chairperson Tennis
goldfam@intekom.co.za

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