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MADAM PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

It is pleasing to see so many new and existing members and a number of visitors having so much fun on our courts. The weather has been interesting as we have battled on the courts from one extreme to another; raining one day, sunny and hot the next weekend and then stormy weather follows, but tennis must go on.

I thank our Patron, Terry Tyzack for opening our season along with the support of Tennis West and our life members. The excitement around this new tennis season has been fantastic along with all the positive feedback about our new signage around and in the club. The team at Snap Printing exceeded all of our expectations and delivered a quality product that really has set the club apart from other clubs. I would like to recognise the efforts of our club member Grant Vernon, Chief Executive Officer of Snap Printing and his team for all their efforts. In addition to all the club signage, Snap designed our new look Drop Shots. It is pleasing to hear so much positive feedback about this. The club looks forward to a long relationship with Snap. I encourage all members to see Snap for all their printing and design needs.

Our Saturdays have been even more competitive with of our junior members making an effort to interact with our adult members on Saturday social play. We welcome all juniors (on Mark Robinsons recommendations) to continue with on us Saturdays as they provide us with competitive tennis. Another initiative from our Vice President, Les Pierce was to invite wives and husbands sitting at home to join us on Saturday, 28 November with the friendly support from our Club Coach Mark Robinson to transition them all into club play. This has been another success.

All members have adjusted well to seeing tennis sets posted on the new 50inch Plasma TV screen now with a bigger font size that everyone can read. This TV has a long story behind it, and we thank Les Pierce and Lisa Green for three visits to Retra Vision, Osborne Park with the assistance of Tony Soto.

Our inaugural Doreen Remnant Tournament day was well attended and it was heartening to see all our members and visitors who made the effort to attend this day in honour of our late member Doreen. Doreen was certainly there in spirit on the day. Look out for one of the other great tournaments including the popular Morrell Cup.

This year we are focussing on the integration of midweek, juniors and weekend tennis players and one of the ways you can keep in touch with everything that is happening at the club is through our new Facebook site www.mtlawleytennis.com.au/facebook. There are a number of administrators for this site proactively updating the site with the latest news on the club. I encourage everyone to participate and become a fan and if you have some news to contribute, please email webmanager@mtlawleytennis.com.au. We have 51 fans and are looking to increase this number – so tell your family and friends. Our new website is coming soon to a computer screen at your home. I sincerely thank Dan Milligan on behalf of all our Board and members for the large amount of time he has put into this project and has done an amazing job. The website steering committee has met with Dan and we have agreed to the website layout and content and other structures and it will be here soon.

The Mt Lawley Classic Tournament is set for success and I thank Wayne Firms, Tournament Director for coordinating all of this. I would also like to recognise the quality of the programme that was designed and printed by our Major Sponsor, Snap printing. The tournament is on Sunday, 27 December 2009 – Wednesday, 30 December 2009 and volunteers are required so if you can help out please email check our notice board.

Please encourage your family and friends to consider the hiring of our club rooms for their next function. We have had our first corporate tennis day for the year with the Lotterywest Corporate Tennis Day and this was a profitable exercise for the club. Lisa Green coordinated the day and provided all the service and support for this day. An outstanding effort by Lisa who served up one of the best quality high teas leaving our guests talking about it for weeks. The presentation and attention to detail was commendable. Mark Robinson provided great coaching and some fun tennis activities

and a great day was had by all. The club is very grateful to Lisa and Mark for representing the club at the highest level.

The Business Planning Committee continues to meet to discuss and plan for the future of our club. Brad Green, Carolyn Iddles, Wayne Firns and I attended the Tennis West Conference in September which has helped us design and plan for the club.

Some more good news! On Tuesday, 3 November, The West Australian published an article – Tennis Anyone. It provided a list of the top five tennis clubs in Perth and Mt Lawley Tennis Club is one of them.

Finally, I would like to thank Patrick Cuddihy for his contribution as Social Director over the many years. Patrick and his committee have provided a good number of quality events over the years and he will be dearly missed. The Board and members wish Patrick and Julie and their family all the best in Melbourne and we look forward to their visits when they come to Perth.

I thank Dorina Martelli, for accepting to fill this role from January 2010 until the end of the season. A new Director will be appointed at the next AGM in June 2010.

I have been blessed to work with our Board members who continue to provide their valuable time and effort to their respective roles and that means that everything at the club runs smoothly.

Please feel free to engage with our Club at anytime. I encourage you to phone or email our Office Manager, Lisa Green who represents our club. Lisa continues to support and contribute to the club in many ways and has added lots of value to all areas of the club.

Thank you for playing tennis and being part of the Mt Lawley Tennis Club family.

With Christmas just around the corner, I wish all members and their families a very safe and Merry Christmas and a successful 2010.

Trish Rechichi
President

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

What a great start to the season ...We have had 2 excellent events with more on the way...

Sat Oct 10 – Opening Day & Dinner

Opening day was a great success (despite the dodgy weather). We had a great turnout for both the social play and the dinner. Cr Terry Tyzack officially opened the 2009/10 season and Trish gave everyone a great update on the year ahead.

Fri Nov 13 – Mexican Night

What a great party this was and what a great idea to combine juniors and seniors. Lisa and her team did a great job and made over \$1200 for the club. There was a fantastic turnout and everyone had a great time.

Sat Dec 19 - Christmas Party

This Saturday is the Christmas Party and I heard a rumour that Santa is on his way!! Not too late to sign up. Hope to see you there!

Other planned events for this season...

Tues Jan 26 - Oz Day tournament

Fri Mar 12 - Quiz nite

May - Dinner Dance

Our social functions are run to provide you the opportunity to meet new members and make new friends. We also depend on social events to raise much-needed funds for our club and appreciate your support.

As always, we are always looking for volunteers to help organise/run these events. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know.

This will be my last ACE Article as I will be handing over the reins to Dorina in January. Thank you to all of you for your support and hard work over the last 18 months. A special thanks to **Lisa Green** and **Nicky Drake** for their continued commitment to the Social Committee. Thank you, also to our newest member, John Needham for all his hard work.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Patrick Cuddihy
Social Committee Director
0417 391 262

SPONSORSHIP/FUNRAISING

I am sure everyone has been impressed by the fresh and vibrant new signs sponsored by **Snap Printing**. The Snap Printing team put in a huge effort to design and prepare the signs in association with the MLTC board.

Please support our major sponsor as they are contributing to the club in a number of ways and are also the naming rights sponsor for our Classic tournament in December.

We are continuing to actively engage new sponsors. Please direct any interest to myself. Our sign sponsors are listed in this ACE, please support them.

Our new "standalone" website development is well underway, lead by Daniel Milligan our Web Manager. Daniel is putting in a large amount of time to this project and this is very much appreciated. We look forward with excitement to the day it is launched.

If you have an email address not listed with the club, or have changed your email address, please advise Lisa our Club Manager (manager@mtlawleytennis.com.au). This will ensure you do not miss out on any club communications.

Brian Drake

Brian Drake (0419142901)
Sponsorship/Fundraising Director

COMPETITIVE PLAY

Summer Tennis League

Our Mt Lawley teams are doing extremely well in the Hyundai Tennis League Competition. Congratulations to our Ladies Thursday Night team (Captain – Sandra O'Mara), our Men's Saturday Division 1 team (Captain – Casey Blanchard), Men's Sunday O/35 White Division 4 team (Captain – Brad Green) and our Ladies Sunday O/35 White Division 3 (Captain – Gayle Murphy) who currently hold the top position in each of their divisions. Good luck to all teams for the last few matches before Christmas!!

Australia Day Tournament

The committee is busy organising the annual Australia Day Tournament which falls on Tuesday 26th January 2010. It is a fantastic day and a great opportunity for our members to introduce their friends and family to the game they love because non-members are most welcome to participate. Matches are played 12pm – 5pm, followed by nibbles, drinks and prizes. A delicious BBQ dinner will be provided by the social committee from ~6pm. See back of Ace for further information.

I encourage all our members and their family and friends to join us in celebrating our wonderful country – and don't forget the best dressed receives a wonderful prize!!! Wear your Australian gear with pride!!

Club Championship

The MLTC Club Championships will be held over two weekends
Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April 2010.
Please make a note in your diaries.

City of Stirling Tournament

This year Mt Lawley will play host to the annual City of Stirling Tournament. Tennis clubs within the district enter their best teams to compete for the title of best club. North Beach has proven to be a formidable team each year, but Mt Lawley is looking to use its home ground advantage this year.

The day requires a great deal of organisation and we will need volunteers to help with the bar and food preparation on the day. I ask that you keep the date, Sunday 2nd May, in the back of your minds and that when we call for volunteers next year you, our club members, will be willing and able to help.

Simone Firms
Competitive Play Director

CLUB PLAY

The season has been quite magnificent to date. Great weather, fabulous courts and excellent attendance on Saturday afternoons. With so many new members, social play has been very busy.

Thank you all for remembering to bring in the tennis balls after play ends each afternoon. The use of seconds for extended play has reduced the wear on social play balls.

The diminished numbers of members participating in the Wednesday 5.00 until dark or the monthly twilight tournaments has been both surprising and disappointing. Kylie Martino prepared a magnificent Italian themed meal for the November event. The weather was not conducive to tennis but the meal was hearty and well received. The December night was run by Simone Firms, Robbie and Helen. Thanks for a fabulous fish and chip night, plus excellent tennis. The winners so far have been Shellee Smith and Roger Cooper (November) and Helen and Richard Kingston (December).

The member survey has been reviewed and suggestions taken to the board. One highlight for me relates to the knowledge of court hire. Few knew much about that. There is considerable return to the club in revenue if the courts are fully utilised. I would encourage members to be prepared to pass on information whenever the opportunity arises. Similarly, the club would benefit from having more members. The strongest factor for joining Mt Lawley appears to stem from members word of mouth. At the next board meeting, I am going to suggest that a small leaflet be created for members to carry with a view to handing it out at appropriate opportunities.

Keep up the good work - enjoy your tennis. Stay well and happy.

Les Peirce
Club Play Director

MIDWEEK

The attendance on Tuesdays is healthy with 10 - 12 courts being used. We have had a few visitors and it's great to see some become members.

Because of the heat and since WA has no daylight saving, we have decided to start the 1st set 15minutes earlier - which is now 9:15am and try to still have 4 sets before morning tea. We wish to thank our Computer Sets Operator, Tess, for coming in early.

Its was voted unanimously that the cost of morning tea go up from 50cents to \$1 - as the members on roster make an effort to put on a yummy spread, which is always very much appreciated. THANK YOU.

The American Doubles Tournament Fun Day which was held on the 24th November was enjoyed by all and had 2 winners with the same score. They were Dawn Bonzas and Julie Wallace. A chocolate wheel was also held on this day - thanks to Trish Rechichi from Lottery West for donating the prizes which was won by Avis Kay and Kaye Kirkwood.

The Christmas Mid-week Lunch was held on Tuesday and once again the attendance of 60 members and friends proves the popularity of our functions. The social committee entertained the guest with a cheeky line dance which was too much for some to follow. Also thanks to Kaye Kirkwood for her beautiful singing of some Christmas Carols. The raffle was drawn and the beautiful quilt with matching cushion was won by Nicky Drake. I would like to thank the ladies on the committee for their help in making our function a success.

The Wednesday Pennant teams have now gone though the first round. The weather interruptions had a negative outcome for some teams as to their position on the ladder, although the Grass court O/45 Div.4 remains in top position. Hopefully the Christmas break will inspire all to do better next round!

Cheers & have a Happy & Safe Christmas

Lorraine Veale
Midweek Director

JUNIOR CLUB

Junior Tennis League 2009/10

Our 10 junior teams have now completed all their rounds for 2009, with no problems.

The team standings are as follows;

Boys	Ladder position	Comments
16 & under div 6	4 th	In finals contention
16 & under div 9	4 th	In finals contention
16 & under div 10	4 th	In finals contention
14 & under div 6	2 nd	A definite chance for the pennant
14 & under div 9	4 th	In finals contention
12 & under div 4	3 rd	Should get into the finals
12 & under div 12	3 rd	Should get into the finals
Girls		
16 & under div 4	1 st	High expectations for these girls
16 & under div 6	6 th (last)	The girls are enjoying themselves
12 & under div 1	5 th	Tough division for our young girls

Our biggest issue has been court allocation where in previous seasons we were able to allocate 4 courts to each of our home sides, now we are restricted to either 2 or 3. This has prolonged a number of ties, but we seem to manage and hope everyone appreciates the situation.

Overall our teams are doing very well with all but 2 in contention to play in the finals. Special mention to our 12 and under division 12 team, who is made up of all first time players and are presently third in their division. Well done guys, great effort.

Our managers and captains for each team are doing a superb job of making sure all their team members know where they are playing and what is expected of them. I'm especially impressed with our two 12 and under boys teams who are so well organised and special thanks must go to Dorina Martelli and Alfred La Piana for doing such a great job. I also love Dorina's weekly update following the boy's matches on Sunday!

Our reserve player list is also working well this year, such that we've always been able to field a full (4 player) side, which over the years has been difficult. Many thanks to all those players who have filled in over the past months and hope that you get a taste to play full time next year.

We still have some Mt Lawley tennis shirts that were surplus to our needs from last year and have been issuing these to various players as they require. Anyone who needs a new shirt can you please see me and we'll see if there is a suitable size shirt for you.

Sunday Social Play

Sunday social play has tailed off a little over the past month with only around 25 – 30 players attending. A lot of this is due to the number of members playing tennis league and also members going on holidays.

Our morning tea roster is again working well, with the majority of parents on the roster and providing great food for the members.

Friday Twilight Play

Our Friday twilight play has become a nightmare for Mark as we are now getting some 70+ members attending. As you can be appreciated, this is a lot of players to control and provide a set play program. Mark has asked for assistance from any parents who are available Friday afternoons with a number already volunteering to help out.

Saturday social tennis with the Seniors

With the encouragement of Mark a number of our junior members have been playing social tennis with our seniors on Saturday afternoon. Although this has been happening on other occasions we are attempting to make this a regular part of the juniors play. In this way the transition from being a junior to a senior, which often sees the junior drop out of playing tennis, will be less confronting and result in more juniors becoming senior members.

Events

Last month we had a Mexican Fiesta Sundowner, which was attended by a number of junior members and their parents. From all accounts this was a huge success and a good way of getting the parents to participate in the clubs social events and mingle with the senior members. Well done to Lisa, Bernadette, Nicky, Cathy and Tanya for organising such a great event.

Also, please don't forget our Christmas wind-up on the 20th of December!

Membership

Our present membership stands at some 119 which is substantially up from last year. It's great to see so many new members at the club and really hope that they enjoy their time at the club.

Junior Development Committee

Our Junior Development Committee will now include a number of our more senior juniors members to represent the views of the junior club. A number of members have put their hands up in regards to being more involved in the running of the junior club and we will report next time on who will be initially included on the committee.

As part of this representation, Anastasia Vlahos and Thomas Durkin attended last month's board meeting as observers. This gave both Anastasia and Thomas an idea of what happens at the club at a board level and what decisions are made.

Website and Facebook

The club is presently establishing its own web site, which will provide existing and new members with all the information they need on the tennis centre. There will be a special area for the juniors on this site and will be talking to the junior members about what information they would like to see on the site in terms of junior events etc.

We also have a facebook page which will be updated by the juniors.

Brad Green
Junior Development Director

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome these new members to our club:

Karen Williams, Nathan Dines, Lisa Dines, Ben Getley, Alison Blake, Mark Scott, Karen Carriero, Tony Carriero, Will Lunt, Alex Lunt, Ben Lunt, Craig McLennan, Fiona Wright, Levi McLean, Alfred La Piana, Amy Bond, Grace Bond, Sophie Louwerens, Samantha Hicks, Lucas Spezzacatena, Jack DeRay, Isobel Sutherland, Pep Giorgio, Oscar Giorgio, Ruben Giorgio, Megan Hille, Peter Slyth, Kylie Martino, Graeme Price, Peter Stephenson, Alex Ambrosi, Dale Bryan, Tristan VanHerk, Bethany Flait, Anthony Germano, Barry Green.

SNAP TENNIS CLASSIC 27-30 DECEMBER

This year will see the third running of this tournament; in 2007 we had around 150 entrants and last year nearly 300 which is about the maximum we can have without using another venue. Last year we received positive feedback about the way the tournament was conducted overall-match, court presentation and kitchen services. The tournament was a success due to the great support we received from members.

Member's assistance is again sought by working in the kitchen say for a morning or afternoon or by providing donations of such things cakes, biscuits or raffle prizes. Please see the lists in the clubrooms for further information. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The major sponsor this year is **Snap Printing (Grant Vernon)**. Other sponsors are:

Professional Michael Johnson & Co (Wayne Firms)

Tennis Only (Hayden Gibson)

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Smiths Crisps (Terry Tolcan)

Dunlop Slazenger Sports

City of Stirling

Members are asked to support these companies and businesses by buying their products and using their services.

Raffle

One way of raising more funds at the tournament is by having a raffle, it would be great if we could obtain 1 or 2 substantial prizes or have a long list of prizes. At this stage we have tickets to the Hopman Cup and a couple of tennis rackets. If any member is in a position to donate or able obtain donations please contact Wayne Firms on 0410564785.

Events

This year the tournament has gained further prestige as for the first time ever some ITF Seniors events will be held at a local metropolitan open tournament. Four events have been sanctioned by the **International Tennis Federation** and players will have the opportunity to obtain **World Ranking points**. The events are:

Men's and Ladies 35 and Over Singles

Men's and Ladies 55 and Over Singles

Players who enter these events and gain points will have them credited to whatever age they qualify for, so if a person who qualifies for 60s and over gains some points in the 55s and over, then those points would be credited to them for a 60s and over world ranking.

In addition Men's and Ladies 35 and Over round robin doubles events will be held.

The senior's events in past years, particularly the doubles, have not been well supported so members are urged to have a go and enter.

Entry is on-line only via this link:

<http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=9C68ED81-077E-449E-B4FA-BE2A12A52E01>

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- **Club tournaments**
- **Bar facilities**
- **Professional coach**
- **Club Newsletter**

Signage at Club

\$250*

*Annual cost + cost of 450mm x 700mm sign (approx. \$150)

Sign will be displayed at entrance/walk way into club for maximum exposure
plus:

- ***Free advertising in newsletter***
- ***Listing on club website***
- ***Vouchers for social play***
- ***Into draw for 2 tickets Dinner/Dance***
- ***Attendance at Club Championships***
- ***Sponsors night event***
- ***Sponsors board listing***
- ***Promotion & Networking opportunities***
- ***Opportunity to sponsor other events***

MLTC AUSTRALIA DAY TOURNAMENT 2010
Tuesday 26th January

A FAMILY FUN DAY!

Play – 12pm till 5pm

BBQ – 6.00pm

**Members and Non-members Welcome –
Invite your family and friends!!**

- Prizes to be won throughout the day!!
- Teams of 6-8 (individual entries welcome)
 - Max. 16 teams
- Dress in Australian colours – prize for best dressed team
 - Bar open all competition – snacks available
 - Watch Australian Open Tennis on the big screen

Cost: Members = \$10

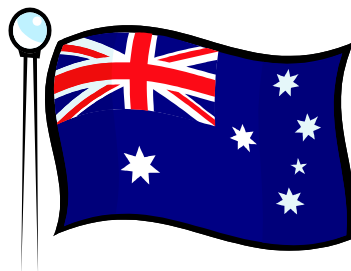
Non-members = \$15

Dinner: \$20 per person

Money MUST accompany entry forms

Entries close January 17

Team Lists will be emailed/posted January 21





MLTC Australia Day Tournament Entry Form
 Tuesday 26th January

All monies must accompany this entry form please!

Member = \$10
 Non-member = \$15
plus
 Dinner = \$20

Teams of 6-8 (8 recommended so players can rest!!!)

Team Captain - _____

Contact Phone Number - _____

Player's Full Name	Member (please circle)		Dinner (please circle)		Amount Paid
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
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	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	

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