

# Annual Report Clubs

**2017/2018**

*“Behind every tennis player there is another tennis player”*

*John McPhee*

**Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay, Sub Committee: Clubs**

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*Clubs are reminded to please ensure that they can field full teams before entering a league.*

No withdrawals

*1 team withdrew from Men's Doubles playoffs and 1 team withdrew from the entire Mixed 1 league*

## Leagues

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### Winter League 2017

The winter league was well supported with 38 teams entering 6 leagues. Congratulations to our winter league winners:

- Premier A: **Wembley B**
- Premier B: **Despatch**
- Lady's 1: **Victoria Park**
- Lady's 2: **Jeffreys Bay A**
- Lady's 3: **Wembley A**
- Men's 1: **Wembley**
- Men's 2: **Kirkwood**
- Men's 3: **Addo**

### Summer League 2018

The winter league was well supported with 38 teams entering 6 leagues. Congratulations to our winter league winners:

- Premier A: **Wembley A**
- Premier B: **Sunridge Park**
- Mixed 1: **Sunridge Park**
- Mixed 2: **Wembley A**
- Mixed 3: **Sunridge Park**
- Men's Doubles: **Despatch**

Congratulations to all the winning teams and their respective clubs.

We would like to express our gratitude to Roberto Almanza for collecting and collating the scores once more! A thankless job done with aplomb! Furthermore, TNMB would like to thank Blue Water Bay Tennis Club for hosting the prize giving for the 2017 leagues.

## **Tournaments**

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Several clubs successfully hosted tournaments last year. TNMB would like to thank the host clubs for their effort as well as the participating members for their support.

- Sunridge Park: Men's Doubles
- Wembley: Men's & Lady's Doubles
- Walmer: Mixed Doubles Challenge
- PE Club: Movember Mixed Doubles
- Blue Water Bay: Doubles

TNMB would like to encourage the clubs to continue hosting tournaments as an alternative form of competitive amateur tennis and would like to encourage all the clubs to host at least 1 open tournament per year.

## **TNMB Affiliation**

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### **Affiliation Obligation**

Clubs are reminded of the TNMB Affiliation fees are to be paid by March of each year.

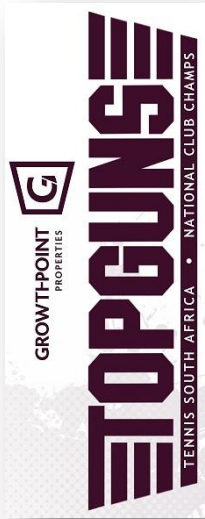
- R70.00 per member

### **Paid-Up Clubs**

- Walmer
- Victoria Park
- Wembly
- Westview

### **Park Avenue**

Park Avenue ended its incorporation as a tennis club in October 2016. Upon shutting down the club they ceded their remaining funds to TNMB: R 2,447.00. We would like to thank Park Avenue for committing these funds to further tennis in the metro. We trust that the club's members have all found new homes to play tennis, and wish you many more happy days on court.



## Growthpoint National Club Championships

### Introduction

The Growthpoint “Top Guns” National Championship is a national club tennis event for men and women played in 14 tennis regions of South Africa, with each region hosting a local event between September and November. The winning club team from each of these local events will then qualify for the national final, to be played at a central venue, in February. The tournament is played in a team format with two gentlemen and two ladies playing a men’s doubles, ladies doubles, and a single mixed doubles match on a tie basis.

The regional event for the former Eastern Province was hosted by Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay (TNMB) as the representing regional body for the area. TNMB is an affiliate of Tennis Eastern Cape.

### Entrants

Qualifying clubs from the following regions were invited to enter their Top Guns:

Nelson Mandela Bay, Ndlambe, Makana, Blue Crane Route, Inxuba Yethemba, Dr Beyers Naudé, Sundays River Valley, Kouga, Kou-Kamma.

A total of twelve entries were received from the following clubs:

**Westview, Walmer, Wembley, Advantage, Victoria Park, Despatch, Kenton-on-Sea, Cradock. \***

### Format

The teams were seeded and divided into 3 sections with 4 teams each:

***Top Guns A, Top Guns B, and Pop Guns.***

All sections play ties against each other in a round robin format within their section. The winner of each section is determined by points scored as per the rules of the tournament. The winner of Top Guns A plays a final match against the winner of Top Guns B. The winner of this final wins the tournament and the title of regional Top Gun.

The Pop Gun winner is determined on points alone with no play off.

## **Organisation**

Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay is pleased to report that this tournament was successfully hosted without incident or delay. The order of play was well timed with the tournament concluding within the anticipated time. We would like to commend Dave Emslie for planning the tournament flow extremely well, resulting in a successful outcome.

TNMB would like to thank Ridwhaan Dawood and Ephraim Motsiane for the outstanding support on behalf of TSA. All arrangements were completed timeously to allow the tournament to go ahead without incident. Thank you!

The organisers would also like to thank Ron Endley and his team from the PE Club for the use of their tennis facilities and for the outstanding support the tournament received from them.

## **Result**

Top Guns A Winner: Cradock\*  
Top Guns B Winner: Wembley\*  
Pop Guns Winner: Victoria Park\*

In the men's double's Ricky and Robbie De Klerk from Cradock beat Helgaard Zietsman and Edmund Drake from Wembley 4-0; 4-1. The ladies doubles combination of Nandi Norval and Liezl Rautenbach from Cradock beat Di Gascoyne and Janine Zietsman from Wembley 5-3; 5-3. The match was duly won by Cradock and hence the mix doubles match was not played.

*TNMB Top Guns 2017: Cradock Tennis Club!*

Ricky de Klerk, Robert de Klerk, Nandi Norval, Liezl Rautenbach

## **Conclusion**

The tournament proved to be a resounding success with all the participants praising the initiative and the overall tournament organisation. It generated some great excitement among local tennis circles with hopes that the tournament will grow from strength to strength in the future.



Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay would like to congratulate Tennis South Africa along with Growthpoint Properties on a very successful initiative and would like to wish you a very successful National Final to conclude this championship.

Finally, we would like to thank all our participants for entering this tournament and producing top class tennis for us to enjoy. Congratulations to Cradock, TNMB will be right behind you for nationals and wish you a very successful campaign on behalf of our region!

We look forward to seeing all our players back next year, with more teams to challenge!

## **In Closing**

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Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay is pleased to report that Club tennis is healthy with regular social being played by the majority of clubs throughout the year. With 2 leagues per year and several Club hosted tournaments, tennis clubs continue to provide opportunities for tennis to be played.

We would like to thank the respective Club committees for their commitment to keeping club tennis alive and well!

*Garth Löest*

Chair: Sub Committee, Clubs, TNMB