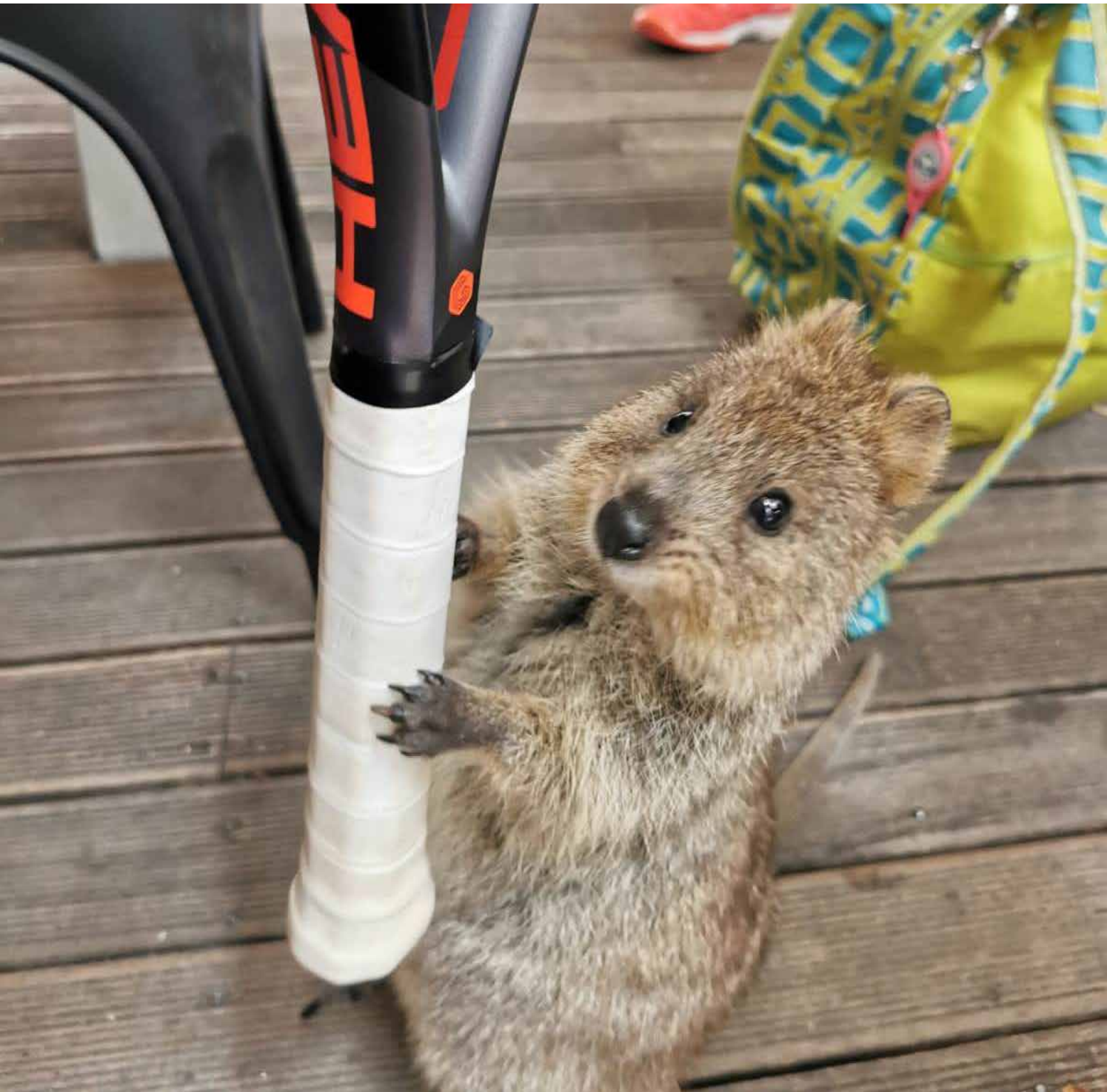




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DECEMBER 2020



"...AND A VACCINE ACRYLIC
SO WE CAN PAINT THIS OUT
OF THE PICTURE!"

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Having endured and survived a year like no other, we can all hope for a New Year with greater certainty and the prospect of being able to implement and enjoy planned events on the tennis front at FPTC.

The recess in League Competition play (formerly referred to as 'Pennants') means we can use the break to provide some varied forms of tennis not often encountered at other times through the season.

Information regarding the first of these events has recently been advertised and refers to a Retro Cocktail tournament being run by Andy this month on Sunday 27th Dec 2020 between 4:00 and 6:30pm.

Andy will also be conducting a further event on Sunday 24th Jan 2021 which involves participation by club members in a team format supporting the 'Battle of the Coaches'. Andy will be advertising this further in the weeks ahead. Information regarding these events is in following pages of this Topspin edition.

Of course normal organised Social play will continue to feature throughout the Christmas / New Year period on Saturdays from 2:00pm. Given the high turnout in player numbers over recent weeks, you're bound to see some faces you've not sighted for a while. For those of you that can't make it at times on a Saturday, there's always some level of social tennis activity on Sunday afternoon and Noel Dawson is always happy to see you.

Upcoming Social Doubles event

Most of you will recall the Saturday Social doubles event 'with a difference' that was all set to occur in late September. A 'full house' 48 club member contingent were all lined up eagerly waiting to occupy our courts on the day only to be dealt a harsh blow as the heavens opened up. By popular demand, the event is on again and set to go on **Saturday 9th January 2021.**

This is a free Doubles event and open to all club members. It's an initiative aimed at offering a varied approach to Social tennis at times during the season.

The event will be staged in Round Robin format with 4 pairs filling each group. This means each pair will play at least 3 sets, the winner of each group progressing to contest a 'Grand Final' set. Prizes will be on offer for those featuring in the Finals.

Play commences at 1:00pm. Registration at the sets desk should occur no later than 12:45 pm. **To enter, please email Osman at hadu1960@hotmail.com, or message on 0402 880 436** with your name and partner's name. Entry to the event closes on Monday 4th January 2021.

Players should preferably arrange their own partners. If you are unable to do so, this should not deter you from playing in the event as the club will endeavour to assign you a suitable partner. Juniors are welcome to participate but must be partnered by a senior member.

The committee urges you to display your usual spirit by participating in this upcoming Doubles event on Saturday 9th January 2021. As members are required to pre-commit to the event (as above) and all courts will be allocated to the event, there will **not** be the usual format of organised social play available on the day for those not entering the event.

Best wishes for a safe, peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Art Ferreira

SOCIAL REPORT

The last few months have been very busy socially at Floreat Park Tennis Club, so hopefully you kept up to date with all things social via flyers, Club Spirits, announcements at afternoon tea and emails. 2021 will see the introduction of "Club Spark" so there will be a one-stop website for all information related to FPTC.

The Club Opening Day had to be postponed a week, due to unusual and unexpected wet weather, to Saturday November 21st. On a beautiful sunny day the courts were very full and members enjoyed some great sets and afternoon tea treats. The Mayor Keri Shannon "opened" and wished us well for the forthcoming season. Tennis was followed by drinks and delicious satay sticks in the Racquet Bar kindly provided by the Club.

Our annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday 5th December with record numbers (73) in attendance at the Masquerade themed party where we were entertained by soloist/guitarist Sean Scott and indulged in a three-course meal. Jan very kindly cooked us a wonderful pork curry and baked barrumundi. I do think the clubrooms looked great and the setting up and decorating was made a lot easier by volunteer club members Catherine, Chris, Penny, Adrian and Fred together with social committee members Antonette, Anne, Lesley, Michelle and Jan who all worked tirelessly so many, many, many thanks everyone!

A huge thank you also to those who made the delicious desserts for us all to demolish!

There would be no party without the wonderful bar staff who volunteered to man the bar and keep us in "party-mode" throughout the evening. Mike Eyre, Fred Santich and Marie-Claire are to be congratulated for their enormous contribution to the Club along with the usually indomitable John Lemmon who unfortunately succumbed to illness and could not attend.

Our next planned social event will be the usual Australia Day tennis morning followed by a champagne breakfast on Tuesday 26th January. Hope to see you there!

Best wishes everyone for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe Covid-free New Year.

Denise Cramer



LINE CALLS : A CASE FOR BEING GENEROUS

Many of us believe the hallmark of a FPTC member is one characterised by a sense of fair play at all times, good humour and generous club spirit.

It came as some surprise therefore when a few members, each separately, approached me recently on a matter causing them some concern. Essentially, their enjoyment of playing social tennis at the club is being marred by poor line calls that perhaps occur more often than they should. Fortunately this is happening only among a narrow band of players.

An incorrect call may sometimes occur if one is not suitably positioned in relation to the ball. At times like this, and in fact throughout your entire time on court, a sense of fair play must remain uppermost in your mind.

A generous line call from you will, more often than not, be reciprocated by your opponent(s). The reverse may also be true.

If you happen to be unsure about making an out call, give your opponent the benefit of doubt. When playing Doubles you may also consult your partner. Bear in mind it's the responsibility of each pair to jointly make consistently correct calls. If you regularly follow this approach your opponents will be less inclined to feel hard done by.

As a last resort one may ask the question of an opponent, or their partner, as to whether they felt sure about their line call. This should be done in a subtle manner, accept the response given and under no circumstance engage in any further conversation.

'Tis the season of goodwill, so time to make some lasting resolutions aimed at improving outcomes on this theme. To the vast majority of FPTC members who have always strived to be fair and often generous with their line calls, well done and continue to lead the way!

Whilst on the subject of fairness and etiquette let's briefly touch on foot faulting. With few exceptions, many of us are sloppy in our approach to this regulation and there is much benefit in acquainting ourselves with what's required to avoid falling foul of the foot fault rule.

If you don't think you're a 'Faulter' ask someone knowledgeable to watch you – you may be surprised with their summation, especially if you have that straying or sliding foot 'syndrome'. If this is you, stand much further back of the baseline when taking your service position. This may provide a better chance of keeping the transgressing foot (or feet) from making contact with the baseline or the court playing area before striking your serve.

So perhaps time for another resolution, the reward being a return to fair play and perhaps an incident free Club Championships in April (dates soon to be announced!)

Artur Ferreira
Club Captain

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bafy26CDNdc&ab_channel=EssentialTennis-LessonsandInstructionforPassionatePlayers - FUNNY!!







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