



Welcome to the 14th edition and last KZN Tennis Association newsletter for 2017



The begging and pleading didn't stop. Eventually Bev Morgas allowed Verdasco to pose with her for a photo whilst at the Stockholm open recently.

On the left are Leonard and Bev with veteran ATP umpire Mohamed Lahyani who officiated the longest match in pro tennis history: the Isner-Mahut match at the 2010 Wimbledon Championships. The entire match over the 3 days lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes.



Message from the President of KZN Tennis Association

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The curtain is rapidly coming down on 2017, a year that I think will go down as being a successful one for the KZN Tennis Association.

The relatively smooth migration of our provincial membership registration process to Sporty HQ early in the year set the progressive tone. Then came initiatives with Wheelchair Tennis for the first time, improved Schools IPT performances, Elite Junior Camps, EADP (Elite Athlete Development Programme) nominations including one for Wheelchair Tennis, Seniors Tournament successes abroad, a top 3 KZN Sports Award nomination for Administrator of the Year and a full calendar of TSA sanctioned tournaments, with the inclusion of Dundee for the first time. Successful presentations and representations to the DSR (Department of Sport and Recreation), Lotto and the Academy of Sport have all borne fruit in the past 2 months which in turn will require us to hit the ground running in the new year.

TSA introduced the Growthpoint Super 8 Series in July with the KZN leg being the first. In November our Clubs competed for the title of the Growthpoint Top Gun KZN Club Champions. As recently as last week TSA staged the first activation of Beach Tennis in KZN on the main beach in Margate with plans for activations at Ushaka and North Beaches early next year.

So with all the recollections of the past 11 months as a backdrop, on behalf of all at KZN Tennis, it gives me pleasure to wish every tennis member in the province and their families, a blessed Festive Season, a joyous and safe New Year and I am sure that we have an exciting and eventful tennis year in store for us all.

Leonard Morgas

KZN Seniors have been out gallavanting



From left : Lulu Makhoba, Vincent Maphalala, Tanya Botha, Michelle Kriese, Neal Khuzwayo, and in front Lloyd Bissett. Happy days in Benoni !

Neville Wright - Umhlali

Lindsay North - Westville



Representing SA in the USA and made the ¼'s !

*Excellence is not a singular act
but a habit. You are what you
do repeatedly*

Raj Naganna was featured in the Post newspaper for his SA representation in the USA !



Own crowned champions

Raj aces national cap at 70

KAMLESH GOSAI

AT THE age of 70, Pujalla Govindrajulu Naganna, pictured, recently earned his first national tennis cap – and the retired school teacher from Post Shopstone is eager to serve a few more aces on the international scene.

Naganna recently returned from the World Super Seniors Tournament in Orlando, Florida in the US, where he represented Tennis South Africa in the over 70 age group. He was seeded second in the SA team, having earned his first call-up after he won the Western Province Seniors, KwaZulu-Natal Seniors and the Boland Seniors titles earlier this year.

Known as “Kai” on the domestic circuit, Naganna is pleased with his progress since he took up tennis four years ago.

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Winners A

L/R Back : Ian Ackerman, Peter Almond, Ronel Botha, Solly Maya (Cpt), Mark Cranston
Front : Rod Hackland, Linda Mead



Runners-Up A

L/R Back : Norman Davies, Colin Barker, James Purdon, David Crouch
Front : Tanya van Doorn, Di Digby, Gevaar Nompoku (Cpt)

Uvongo Tennis Club Seniors Tournament 4&5 November 2017

“Competitive sports are played mainly on a five-and-a-half-inch court, the space between your ears.”
Golf legend, Bobby Jones

Carl von Brandis, Fiona Grandin, Nicholas John



Andrew
Narramore



Sune
Stander



Pam Hayward



**Second successful ETA Senior
Tennis Premier League Team
Tennis tournament in
November.**

Lloyd Bissett



And the grand finale of the year – the **Growthpoint Top Guns 2017**. The winning club of KZN was Brighton Tennis Club, with runner up Prospect Tennis Club.

Winners : From left – Karen Blaunfeldt, Carl von Brandis, Gary Comins, Natalie Grandin

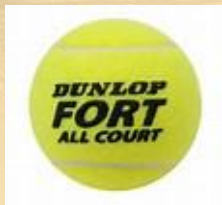


Runner up's : From left Darryn Young, Andrew Narramore, Jodi Davidson, Tyla Carter



Top Guns 2017





Holidays are when laziness finds respectability. Have a good respectful rest 😊 and enjoy the summer socialising Lotsa love, Kim

Grateful thanks to our sponsors – you have all helped us to achieve so much more than we thought possible. Mwah.



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