

W NX COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT – 8TH FEBRUARY 2025

General Update

The WNX competition has now completed Round 14, its last round, and will (subject to good weather) start the semi-finals on 12th February and finals the week after. The competition is still on track to end by late February and the next competition will start thereafter.

Christmas Social Function

We had a very successful Christmas social function on 11th December, with 70 to 80 people in attendance, including 15 to 20 who were new to the club. Some members brought family and/or friends and all 3 divisions were in attendance, as well as some MNL and TNM members. Some great tennis was played across 12 courts, many sausage sandwiches (with onion and coleslaw) were enjoyed and celebratory beer and wine flowed throughout the evening (plus nibbles).

A raffle was held (with prizes kindly arranged by Mary Baker) and a toast was made at the end of proceedings to usher in the end of the year and start of holiday break. Special thanks was given to Marina Hurst for her tremendous 5-year stint as WNX coordinator and to present her with a card and some flowers. People stayed on to enjoy more drinks and nibbles.

I would like to recognise the magnificent efforts of Mary Baker in putting this event together, as without her it simply would not have happened (particularly since I was away on a pre-booked holiday in the 2 weeks prior). Also worthy of special mention are Clare Perry as licensee for a great job with drinks service and BBQ/food prep/service/cleanup, Barb Schultz for a multitude of kitchen duties, and Gerry and Mary Baker for arranging/serving drinks, organising raffle prizes, selling raffle tickets, registering attendees and handling cash. Thanks should also go to Marina and numerous others who helped, sorry for not naming you here – it was a great team effort!!

Other Social Tennis

We also held two social tennis nights in January, one on a rainy Jan 22nd that still had 12 people attending and playing, the other on Jan 29th with about 40 attending, including MNL and TNM players. Members enjoyed 2-3 hours of tennis in preparation for competitions restarting.

Member Survey

An informal survey of WNX players was held to obtain views on possible minor format changes. It was pleasing to see that about 75% of teams responded, across all 3 divisions. There were two main questions asked (besides whether they wanted to play in January socials and if their team would register next season). The results were as follows (by division):

	Playoffs for teams 5-8	Divisions of 6 or 8 teams
Div 1 (75% response)	Strongly against	Strongly favour 8 teams
Div 2 (86% response)	Strongly in favour	Majority favour 6 teams
Div 3 (63% response)	Majority in favour	Strongly favour 6 teams

The difference in results between Div 1 and Divs 2/3 suggests that these divisions should be treated differently. Accordingly, playoffs will be offered to Divs 2/3 but not Div 1 and the format will be kept as 8 teams in Div 1 but possibly 6 teams in 2 and 3, depending on registrations. The results of the survey will be shared via email with all WNX members.

Next Competition

Unfortunately, we are losing 1-2 teams in Div 1 for next season, probably none from Div 2 but also 2 teams from Div 3. Fortunately, there will be at least 1 and possibly 3 new teams, if all goes well. This will mean the current 23 teams will decrease to between 20 and 22 teams. I will keep the Committee updated as to progress in finalising the teams and draw.

Questions – as I am unable to be at this meeting, please email or call me with any questions.

Rod Berry, WNX Competition Secretary