



## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2011

It is hard to believe, but this year is nearly at an end! Overall it has been a very good year for Murrayfield Tennis Club. We keep on growing and we are like one big family. It is also good to know that we are only growing in member numbers, but some of the members are also contributing to building the nation! Congratulations to Marike, Dean, Ben and Sulice. May the little ones bring you a lots of pleasure and we look forward to seeing them on the side lines of the court!

The club has facilities that everybody can be proud of and if we look at the reactions of other clubs, they are also aware of this. We acquired stunning furniture, tables and chairs under the trees and the new signboard is impressive. Everybody knows immediately where they are.

There are now two courts under floodlights and we tried to begin social tennis on Wednesday evenings. This did not take off very well and then winter caught up with us. Your opinions on this matter would be appreciated.

Thanks to Elsana the new tennis outfits for the ladies project a very good image and we have received many compliments. The shirts for the men are in the pipeline.



The strength of the club remains its social aspect. The month- end braais are well attended and some members enquire about them when we are a bit slow to advertise.

The championship prize giving function was a gala evening! A big thanks to Dean for the wonderful facility that we could make use of. The food was of a very high standard and everybody lived up to the theme for the evening. It may be a good thing that we will never see some people like that again!

The soup and sherry evening in winter was a hit with everyone. It will be difficult to get such a variety of soups together again. It again proves everybody's commitment! We only have to ask once and the members give!

On a sad note we have to say goodbye to the Van der Merwes. We also did a good job of that with a snoekbraai. They will be sorely missed but hopefully the club will go from strength to strength and they will be able to pick up where they left off and join in whenever they visit Pretoria.



For those brave enough to try the Afrikaans, see below example of the spirit portrayed in the club. It is e-mails between the chairman and some members during the league.

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**Subject:** Liga

Hi Drie Varkies,

Dit is met misnoë dat ek kennis neem van die Tennisaweek wat julle 3 gesinne gaan mis agv die 3 Varkies se **"SOSIALE NAWEEK"**. Ek wil tog 'n ernstige, dog drigende versoek aan julle 3 Varkies rig om indringend te besin oor die **"SOSIALE NAWEEK"**. My beskeie mening is dat dit geen impak op enige van julle sou hê om die naweek onbeperk uit te stel en liever die deposito verbeur (aangesien dit finansieël geen invloed op enige van julle sal hê nie), as om die Tennisklub te benadeel in terme van die Liga, sowel as die eer van ons veelbesproke tennisklub se vlagskip (ons trotse dames 1ste span), veral as ons sou kyk na die resultate van die afgelope seisoen. Sou julle my versoek ignoreer, hou ingedagte dat Wolf deur skoorstene toegang verkry tot enige uitsluiting. Ek glo ek kan op julle samewerking reken aangesien julle gesiene mense in die Varkdom is en, glo ek, graag die status sou wou behou.

Baie dankie vir julle samewerking.

Groete

Johann(Wolf)

Die antwoord hierop is soos volg:

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Liefste wolf die 3 varkies het reeds ons naweek geskuif alles net die wolf gelukkig te hou. Bo genoemde is onderhewig dat wolf op veel besproke 2 september sy liga wedstryd met BLOU BUL hemp moet speel asook na die 3 varkies se alkoholiese behoeftes moet omsien. Groete varkie no 3

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**2010 Tennis weekend away at Buffelspoort:**