

KWAZULU NATAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT
2018/2019

Annual Report to be presented at the Twenty Forth Annual General Meeting of the above Association to held at Sica's Guest House, 19 Owen Ave, Mayville, Durban on Sunday 30 June 2019.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Executive Committee has pleasure in submitting the Annual Report the year end 1 June 2019.

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of the five active District Associations affiliated to KwaZulu Natal Tennis is recorded below.

<u>Association</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>		<u>Clubs</u>
ETA/County	2199	1568	1117	868		34
Midlands	195	178	118	41		6
King Cetshwayo	204	182	92	43	-	5
N Districts (Zululand)	25	24	17	8	-	3
S Districts (Ugu)	175	139	70	8	-	6
	2798	2091	1414	968		54

The increase in the numbers is due to ETA having new clubs registering with them and they are now registering with SportyHQ.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Management Committee: Messrs: L Morgas, D. Vincent, L. Peters, L North, SS Govender, N Khuzwayo, G Comins, R Kimmie
Mesdames: K Hayes, M. Davisworth

Hon. Life Vice-Presidents: Messrs: P.A.M. Magid, M.A. Hayward, D. Vincent

Immediate Past President: Mr. G N Crookes

Elected Vice-Presidents: Mr. R S Thomas

Junior Promotions: Messrs: G Comins, D. Reddy, Mesdames: P. Norval

Demarcation Committee: The Executive Committee

Competitions Committee: Messrs: L. North, G Comins

Senior Selection Committee: Messrs. L. North (convener)

Junior Selection Committee: Messrs. G Comins, S Topper

Colours Committee: The Executive Committee

UMPIRES (REPORT BY TUBBY GOVENDER)

UMPIRES AND OFFICIALS

In KZN we have 22 registered officials.

One ITF certified while badge chair umpire and one referee.

There are 15 males and 7 females. The last officiating course was held in November in Pmb. For the first time the exam was done online.

Four wrote, only two passed the exam.

We are planning to have another course this year. The planned date is in October, in Durban. We hope to have qualified officials in all districts and to use them in the SALGA Games.

The officials work on a rotation basis for all the tournaments.

COACHES REPORT DONE BY JARED TEMLETT (CHAIRMAN OF COACHES)

2018 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR KZNTCA

The KZN Coaches' Association keeps ticking over with very loyal and helpful assistance by all committee members. It was another year of much of the same with the committee managing to get to all of their obligations and tasks assigned.

Committee Members for 2018

1. Jared Temlett – Chairman
2. Rowena Saunders – Secretary
3. Darryn Young – Finances (resigned at the end of 2018)
4. Chris Folker – PB Liaison
5. Ugan Pillay – Vice Chairman
6. Kevin Anderson – Courses and workshops
7. Eddie MacDonald – Wilson Tournament
8. Nic MacDonald – Unlicensed Coaches

1. Finances

Our finances are healthy with ample money in the bank. We have been very frugal with our income over the past 5 years, but intend spending on new and useful initiatives throughout the rest of 2019 and 2020.

2. Courses

We held 3 courses over the 2018 period. There was a Play n Stay, Level 1 update course and Level 1 full course held. Thanks to Kevin Anderson for all his work on this.

3. Workshop

We held our workshop at Hillcrest Tennis Club with a record number of coaches attending, 54 altogether. We did our child protection course as part of the CPD for 2018, an initiative driven by Tennis South Africa.

4. AGM

The 2018 AGM was successfully held straight after the workshop and ran exceptionally well. One of the benefits we decided to give the coaches this year was to subsidize each registered coach first aid training for 2019. This has been successfully implemented and coaches have been on all 3 course dates which the committee provided.

5. Wilson

Eddie MacDonald has done a superb job of running the 10 and under Wilson tournament once again. He had over 143 entries this year and the Master's event was successfully held at Durban Country Club in November.

6. Unlicensed coaches in KZN

Nic MacDonald has done a superb job at getting this in order over the last year. Nic together with TSA managed to successfully work with many unregistered coaches in the Province to become registered. I commend Nic on this fine work. There are now over 700 registered coaches in South Africa.

7. Constitution

The KZNTCA Constitution has been in full swing as of the 31 May 2018.

Overall, I am happy to report that we have a healthy and active committee who meet 6 times a year to discuss matters of concern and represent the coaches in the province with pride and a sense of duty. We are under the circumstances very grateful to all those who tirelessly give of their time and effort (without compensation) to further tennis through coaching in the Province. Tennis coaching and the role coaches play in KZN in developing and nurturing talented juniors and other individuals is at times a thankless job. I would like to personally thank all the coaches in the Province for the work they do in furthering the sport we all love so much. Thank you to my committee for their support too!

Kind regards

Jared Temlett

Development Report

The development programme displays rapid growth. The development programme has diversified. It is not only aiding the disadvantaged in affording them the opportunity to experience tennis but is also giving those with a passion and love for tennis the means to become a qualified coach. During the past year we have been the driving force of getting tennis development up and running within the province. During the past year we have helped the coaches at the development hubs to participate in coaching courses and those children showing skill to participate in ranking tournaments. Six candidates from various districts have done the play tennis course this year. With the help of KZNTA there has been a number of development children achieving ranking within the top 50 of the SA rankings in their respective age categories.

The development programme has had many achievements within the past year. Siyabonga Jaca has represented the SA U12 team in Zimbabwe and regularly attends the SA training camps. Kaitlyn Ramduth is part of the SA U14 team and has represented SA in Morocco and Algeria. Thobeka Hlongwane, Amahle Fihlela and Kaitlyn Ramduth achieved their SA Schools colours. The KZNTA is becoming the benchmark of tennis development in South Africa.

The development hubs coach a combined 240 children weekly and that's just the names of the children that are on record. Reports from the development indicate that an estimated 600 children have been introduced to tennis.

KZNTA Tennis Development Hubs

1. eSikaleni - King Cetshwayo
2. Belgrade - uPhongolo
3. Umtentweni - Ugu
4. Douglas Mitchell - Ugu
5. Shakaskraal - iLembe
6. Southbroom Gcilima Primary school - Ugu
7. Danhauser - Amajuba

King Cetshwayo

The head coach and manager of the hub is Bikinkosi Daungglebo Nutli (Bika). He is coaching 60 children on a weekly bases. Bika has started a weekday league for the children for more match practice. He has started coaching children from the primary school near the tennis courts. He was asked by the principle to help to form a tennis structure for the school. He is currently coaching every day and has started adult classes on Saturdays. Children from the hub compete regularly in the KZNTA tournaments. Bika is soon to host his own tournaments. Bika is currently in the TSA Coaches Mentorship Programme.

Shakaskraal

The coach/manager for the hub is Tito Ngubane. There are 22 children being coached every Friday. It takes place in Shakaskraal primary school. He has done the play tennis course. Tito has the support of the school. The hub is running well and soon we will have children from the hub playing in the lollipop tournaments.

uPhongolo

The coach and manager of the hub Mpilonhle Xaba. He runs the hub in Belgrade and has opened a second hub in the centre of town. A combined 28 children are been coached weekly. Mpilo is in constant contact with the DSR. Children from the hub participate in the KZNTA tournaments. The Zulu Land Salga Games team are chosen from the hub. We have had 2 candidates from the hub do the play tennis course this year. Mpilo is in the TSA Coaches mentorship Programme.

Umtentweni & Douglas Mitchell

Coach Julia Christiansen and Bongikosi Mandlenkosi. Julia is a professional coach and has her own academy. Julia is helped by her son who is a play tennis trainer. A combined 30 children coached weekly. Children participated in the Ugu lollipop and performed well. Julia hosts regular tournaments for the children. Bongikosi also helps with the running of the Umtentweni hub. Bongikosi is in the TSA mentorship Programme.

Danhauser

Coach Sphmandla Kutheka. Has done the play tennis course this year. He is in constant contact with the district DSR. He is coaching children from 3 different school and from the Danhauser Youth Centre. He is coaching approximately 100 children. A meeting has taken place between KZN development, the New Castle DSR and Sphamandla. KZNTA development has given equipment and have a good relationship with the parties concerned.

Harry Gwala

Four individuals have formed a district structure and they are recognised by the district DSR as the tennis federation within the district. They are former DSR employees trying to get tennis up and running within the district. They have together with the DSR already identified schools and facilities where tennis coaching can take place. They the full support of their DSR. They want to affiliate to the KZNTA and are happy to meet all the requirements. The DSR will help in whatever way they can.

The committee:

Mr. Vakele L. Mjoli - Chairperson

Mr. Luvuyo Mankanku – Deputy Chairperson

Mr. Mzomhle Malunga – Secretary

Mr. Mzoxolo Scina – Mr. Scina

Tournament Participation

2018

1. KZN King Cetshwayo
2. KZN Umgungundlovu
3. KZN Trafalgar Property Management
4. KZN Mini Masters

2019

1. KZN Wilson Mini Series 1
2. Bloemfontein Growthpoint Super 8
3. TSA Junior Nationals
4. KZN Wilson Mini 2
5. ETA Grand Prix
6. KZN Growthpoint Super 8

Total: 198 entries

Notable results:

KZN Coke-a-Cola Grand Prix 2018 : Siyabonga Jaca and Simphiwe Ngwenya - BS12 Doubles winners

KZN King Cetshwayo Tennis Tournament 2018: Siyabonga Jaca - BS12 winner

KZN Trafalgar Property Management Tennis Tournament 2018: Siyabonga Jaca and Simphiwe Ngwenya - BS12 Doubles winners

KZN Wilson Mini 1 Tennis Tournament 2019 : Amahle Fikhela - GS14 Winner

KZN Wilson Mini2 Tennis Tournament 2019 : Siyabonga Jaca - BS12 Winner

Siyabonga Jaca and Simphiwe Ngwenya BS12 Doubles winners

Play Tennis Course

The 2019 Play Tennis Course was held 15 – 18 March. We had 6 development candidates. They are currently coaching at their development hubs.

Candidates:

Dudu Zwane – uPhongolo

Nkosinathi Xaba – uPhongolo

Sphamadla Kubejha – Danhauser

Viyo Hiatswayo – Danhauser

Sicelo Ngcobo – eThekweni

Munashe Terburu - eThekweni

AOS Programme

The theme for the year was The Development Of The Black Young Female Athlete. The project started in July 2018 and came to a conclusion in March 2019.

Four promising candidates were chosen.

1. Nonhlanla Ngcobo
2. Thobeka Hlongwane
3. Bongeka Hlongwane
4. Amahle Fikhlela

Nonhlanla Ngcobo was replaced by Anelisiwe Ntuli at the beginning of 2019.

The coaches who were chosen were familiar with the candidates and were selected based on their experience and their dedication to the development programme. Natalie Grandin and Lettica Venter were the coaches that were selected. The programme included technical, tactical and mental aspects of the sport. The candidates were also given a full assessment at the Prime Gym. All the candidates improved tremendously. Are now regular features in the Mini semis and finals. The end of the programme culminated in the participation of the Bloemfontein Growthpoint Super 8.

Elite Athlete Development Programme

Initiated by the DSR, the programme aids athletes to enhance their performance. The programme helps the athlete develop their physical and mental attributes needed to compete at a competent level. In 2019 there is two candidates chosen to participate within the programme.

1. Amahle Fihlela
2. Kaitlyn Ramduth

The Sport Scholarship Programme

The sport scholarship programme is run by the DSR. The programme helps fund the athlete learning fees, training costs, nutrition costs, tournament costs, accommodation and transport costs.

Two candidates chosen:

1. Amahle Fihlela
2. Kaitlyn Ramduth

Plans For The Upcoming Year

The development programme gaining momentum. The current situation dictates the need for a performance structure. The development children are competing for titles and therefore attention needs to be paid to this aspect.

The development programmes will endeavour to create new hubs with the aim of introducing tennis to the entire province. Imitate attention will be given to Dundee and Harry Gwala. The coaches will be trained and given advise which will enable the to form structures in their hubs that will produce competitive athletes. The coaches of the hubs who successfully pass the play and stay will do the level 1 instructors course in 2020.

Last comment

The past year has been a great success. The hard work done by all, have produced a development programme that is greatly regarded by the DSR. We at KZNTA development are looking forward to another successful year.

KZN JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS (REPORT BY NATALIE GRANDIN)

2018/2019 was a good year for the KZN Junior tournaments.

The tournaments saw an increase of 16% in number of entries for the year.

We had tournaments in eThekweni (Durban), Ugu (South Coast), Umgungundlovu (PMB), and King Cetshwayo.

We have enhanced the atmosphere at the tournaments by having Gloria Jeans at Westridge, a massage therapist and a photographer.

We are constantly looking to add enhancements to our list for both competitors and spectators.

Results of all tournaments in 2018/2019

KZN UGU - 16th - 18th MARCH 2018

12 Girls	Mia Kotze
12 Boys	Siyabonga Jaca
14 Boys	Oliver Naude
16 Boys	Joshua Edgar
16 Girls	Nonhlanhla Ngcobo
Open Men	Kade Mindry
Open Ladies	Tyla Carter

KZN MINI 2 - 11th - 13th MAY 2018

12 Girls	Alexandra Uys
12 Boys Platinum	Siyabonga Jaca
14 Girls	Kaitlyn Ramduth
14 Boys	Oliver Naude
16 Boys	James Edley
Open Men	Stefan Fortman
18 Girls Woman	Tyla Carter

GROWTHPOINT SUPER 8 - 26TH JUNE - 1ST JULY

12 Girls	Kaitlyn Ramduth
12 Boys	Anathi Nofoty
14 Girls	Mikayala Faure
14 Boys	Daniel Crowie
16 Boys	William Zulch
Open Men	Joshua Howard-Tripp
Open Woman	Carmen Fichart

KZN MINI 3 - 20TH - 22ND JULY 2018

12 Boys	Matthew Wilson
12 Girls	Alexandra Uys
14 Girls	Kaitlyn Ramduth

14 Boys	Karan Varyani
16 Girls	Anna Wise
16 Boys	Thomas Rey
Open Men	Jordan Theron
18 Girls	Kylie Misdorp

UMGUNGUNDLOVU - 10TH - 12TH AUGUST 2018

12 Boys	Jan Bothma
12 Girls	Taryn Nadler
14 Boys	Calum Jestin
14 Girls	Brooke Veenstra
16 Boys	Thomas Rey
16 Girls	Mary-lynn Cotton
Open Men	Kade Mindry
Open Ladies	Courtney Fyvie

KING CETSHWAYO - 7TH - 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

12 Boys	Siyabonga Jaca
12 Girls	Alexandra Uys
14 Boys	Jua van Wyk
14 Girls	Ashtyn Cason
16 Boys	Oliver Naude
16 Girls	Like van Biljon
Open Men	Daniel Kotze

TRAFALGAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - 29TH SEPT - 2ND OCTOBER 2018

12 Girls	Taryn Nadler
12 Boys	Connor Doig
14 Boys	Guy Vorwerk
14 Girls	Ashtyn Cason
16 Boys	Thomas Rey
16 Girls	Anna Wise
Open Men	Stefan Fortmann
Open Woman	Kiara Mackay

KZN MINI MASTERS 20TH - 21ST OCTOBER 2018

12 Girls	Taryn Nadler
12 Boys	Connor Doig
14 Girls	Kaitlyn Ramduth
14 Boys	Guy Vorwerk
16 Girls	Mary-Lynn Cotton
16 Boys	James Edley
Open Women	Tyla Carter
Open Men	Jordan Theron

KZN Wilson Mini 1 8th - 10th FEBRUARY 2019

12 Girls	Georgia Mackay
12 Boys	Rhys Vorwerk

14 Girls	Amahle Fihlela
14 Boys	William Hermelin
16 Girls	Calum Jestin
16 Boys	Kaitlyn Ramduth
Open Women	Anna Wise
Open Men	Jordan Theron

<u>MOST IMPROVED in 2018</u>	
Oliver Naude	
Thobeka Hlongwane	
<u>PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2018</u>	
Guy Vorwerk Kaitlyn Ramduth	

KZN STRATEGY AND DISTRICTS (REPORT DONE BY RUDI KIMMIE)

Project status Report

Project update: KZN Strategy and districts

<i>Report Date</i>	<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Prepared By</i>
25 May 2019	KZN Strategy and Districts	Rudi Kimmie

Status Summary

Introduction

Tennis in KwaZulu-Natal, historically, has benefitted from vibrant county districts tennis hubs. It is not surprising therefore, that one of the oldest club in the Country is the Richmond Tennis Club which was established in 1877, and since those early pioneering days, many prominent players in Natal came from the County Districts.

KZN Strategy and Districts

The aims of the KZN Strategy are the following:

- Have a functioning district in every county. This will serve overlapping goals of keeping tennis alive within the districts, but also ensure the sustainability at a regional and national level.
- Make contact with local government, Sport Officials and Tennis Organisations in the identified districts.

KWA-ZULU NATAL SCHOOLS

- Establish tennis clubs and schools of tennis in these areas.

TENNIS ASSOCIATION

- Affiliated to the South African Tennis Association, Build capacity, administrative, educator, instructor, play & stay as well as officiating.

The strategy adopted is to identify viable hubs with existing physical and administrative infrastructure. These will be supported with resources and the necessary inputs from KZN Tennis. Two districts were identified for development; Amajuba and uMzinyathi respectively. Both districts incorporate towns with good infrastructure such as Newcastle and Dundee.

Current Status

Outreach initiatives were scheduled over 2 years; Amajuba in 2019 and uMzinyathi in 2020. Mr Sean Topper, KZN Tennis, is currently in discussion with St Dominics Newcastle Curro with the aim of becoming a district hub in 2019. The success of this initiative might inform the approach for uMzinyathi in 2020.

KZN SCHOOL TENNIS REPORT 2017/8 – (REPORT BY SEAN TOPPER)



2019 School's Report

Another highly successful year has been had by KZN School Tennis.

At the AGM the following executive committee was elected:

Chairperson: S. Topper

Chair HS: G. Comins

Chair PS: P. Norval

Secretary: J. Meyer

Development: B. Ntuli & E. Ngema

Tournaments / Trials: P. Norval; J. Meyer & G. Comins

TSA Schools rep: S. Topper

On behalf of the KZN Schools Tennis Association I would like to express our appreciation for the funding of R45000 the federation secured via the DSR.

Our association has always held the belief that no child should be prevented from representing their district and even more importantly their province because of financial constraints. To this end we have continued to support the development players from the districts to participate in our provincial tournament / trials and to attend the national inter provincial tournaments. The provincial trials for High Schools and for Primary Schools were held at Westridge and surrounding courts. All regions were represented in the PS event and in the HS event the UGU region was not

represented. Both tournaments were very successful however the rain did provide some challenges in the HS selections.

The following is a list of the PDI players included in our KZN Schools Tennis teams to represent our province in the upcoming inter provincial tournaments in Bloemfontein (Primary Schools) and Pretoria (High Schools):

Primary (/13) Girls:

K. Ramduth
Y. Dladla
K. Naidoo
S. Singh
J. Narayadu

Primary (/13) Boys:

S. Jaca
S. Ngwenya
T. Tshili
M. Dwalaletu
N. Buthelezi

High School (/15) Girls:

A. Fihela
C. Naicker
K. Ngcobo

High School (/15) Boys:

K. Varyani
M. Govender

High School (/19) Girls:

T. Hlongwane
C. Naicker

High School (/19) Boys:

S. Thirboan
H. Chetty
Z. Shange

KZN Schools did extremely well in the National Inter Provincial tournaments played in Pretoria and Bloemfontein from 15-19 March 2019.

The results are as follows:

/19 A came 3rd (Bronze medal)

/15 A came 2nd (Silver medal)

/13 A came 5th – only losing against the 2 teams who made it to the finals.

/13 B came 12th – after drawing 2 matches against Mpumalanga and North West Province which cost them 9th place.

KZN had a very good representation in the National SA Schools teams announced at the conclusion of the tournaments:

/19:

Jordan Theron
Louis vd Westhuizen
Sashen Thirboan
Storm Veenstra

/17:

Alex Edley
Havashen Chetty
Kiara McKay
Thobeka Hlongwane *

/15:

Calum Jestin
Amahle Fihela *
Anna Wise

/13:

Connor Doig
Mathew Wilson
Kaitlyn Ramduth
Ashtyn Cason

/12 TSA team:

S. Jaca *

Y. Dladla *

No other province has achieved such a good representation of PDI players selected to the National teams which is proof that the development hubs and effort made by the KZN Tennis Federation and Junior tennis to transform and develop tennis amongst the non- traditional tennis playing communities is succeeding.

KZN is the province leading the way with the development hubs and other provincial officials held discussions with us at the Inter Pro to find out how KZN manages to produce quality PDI players each year (selected on merit I may add!)

Unfortunately many of those players selected for the National School's teams will not be able to undertake the overseas tour to the UK (seniors) and USA (juniors) owing to financial constraints.

On the officials side of things I am the vice chair and national selector for primary schools, Natalie Grandin and Jill Meyer are national selectors for high schools. Jill is also on the LOC.

At regional level many leagues are in operation and the number of schools participating has grown. EThekwini now has a highly successful Primary Schools and High Schools league structure in place.

Talks between the KZN Schools exec and the DSR are ongoing and a good relationship has been built up. Unfortunately the 2018 Winter Games was cancelled at the last minute owing to a lack of funding from National.

Once again many thanks for the support and guidance given by the federation and DSR to our schools structure. Your efforts are really appreciated by the many children who are now getting exposure at a high level.

Best wishes



Sean Topper (Chairperson KZNSTA)

REPORT ON KWA ZULU NATALSENIORS TENNIS 2018-2019 (REPORT BY MAUREEN DAVISWORTH)

At the time of this Report we have 234 Members
Durban held a successful KZN Open Tournament in August, 2018 at Westridge - despite a drop in entries.

In 2019 this tournament will take place from the 7th - 11th August 2019.

INTER PROVINCIAL

Once again we are finding it very difficult to get teams together, largely due to the cost of travel and accommodation.

Although KZN teams are still strong and come away with excellent results, one has to try and get teams to enter early and the Captains need to ensure lots of practice takes place. Players need to commit to play and not enter if they have an injury which has not healed at the start of the tournament, as this affects the team. The S.A. Nationals took place in Bloemfontein in March 2019 and our Natal Players excelled once again. Well done to Lindsay North and Neville Wright.

The ITF Young Seniors 30 - 49 age group took place in Cape Town from September 2nd - 8th 2018 and KZN was a runner up in the finals with a silver medal.

The 65- 75+ group left for Gauteng on the 20th May – 26th May 2018 - only 1 team and came away with the Gold Medal

Jeanette Robert was chosen to represent South Africa in Germany in August 2018 and although no medal she played well.

We are gearing up for the 65 – 75+ Inter Pro – in Durban 19th May, -24th May 2019 with a good entry from Natal.

Membership Fees

Annual fees are coming in on time and the subs remain at R120.00 per annum.

FUN TOURNAMENTS

The Himeville Tournament, a very popular event which took place in June 2018 was once again very well supported with an entry of 80+ players, and the numbers keep on growing. This year this tournament takes place from the 31.5.2019 -2.06.2019 June 2019 – chilly but a good time of the year.

The Uvongo Tournament took place in November 2018 and once again we had a very successful weekend of tennis. This is also a very popular event on the Seniors Calendar. This will be hosted again in November 2/3/November 2019. Awaiting details of cost etc.

The Christmas Tournament was held at Prospect Tennis Club on the 10th December, 2018, A good entry of +-40 players with a good lunch served – well done to Prospect. This year we will play at Cowies Hill Tennis Club – date in December to be confirmed.

Maureen Davisworth
Secretary KZN Seniors

MARKETING REPORT DONE BY KIM HAYES

1. The marketing newsletter has been evolving since inception in 2014. Owing the volume of information in the newsletter, we changed from quarterly editions to bi monthly editions. Our next newsletter will be the 23rd issue and covers information of all success stories in KZN.
2. Obtaining sponsorships for tournaments is still an ongoing challenge. We lost a R15K sponsorship with new ownership of South Coast Tourism in 2019, but were very fortunate to replace this with the equivalent amount offered by a parent attending this same UGU tournament for 2020. Our biggest sponsor Trafalgar Property Management have pledged their ongoing support to the value of R25K.
3. Business cards (a first for KZN Tennis) for the President, Vice President, Development Officer and Marketing Executive were designed and printed, giving us a little more professionalism in our dealings with sponsors and government supporters.
4. In the same vein, branded blazers were purchased for the President and Vice President
5. Branded tear drop banners and gazebos continue to be a very wise investment. Lotto officials were very impressed when driving past during a tournament to see our colourful banners with their logo.
6. Gloria Jeans coffee stand, professional photographers and a masseuse were welcome additions to our tournaments, adding more energy and vibe to the atmosphere.
7. Membership registrations for adults might be alarming, but junior tournament entries continue to increase year on year. The biggest contributor was the successful implementation of the Lollipop series in Mar 2018. Although the Lollipop name originated from KZN Tennis, the concept is not new to Norway which is where it

began. This Lollipop Series is growing rapidly and parents and children are enjoying the opportunity of being able to play according to their abilities in red, orange and green dot ball sections.

APPRECIATION

The assistance and the co-operation that KZN Tennis has had from Ethekewini Tennis Association during the past year is greatly appreciated. This includes the use of the Board Room for our monthly meetings and the facilities at Westridge Park Tennis Stadium.

Thanks and appreciation is also recorded to the following:-

- a) All Executive Committee members, particularly those who travel long distances to attend meetings.
- b) Members of the Committees, sub-committees and tennis enthusiasts for their services and support during the past year.
- c) To the Tournament Directors and officials, referees and all who helped with the tournaments to make them so successful .
- d) To the ground staff at ETA for ensuring that the courts and all facilities are always kept looking great.