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WELCOME:

The new season is upon us, the new committee have formed, welcome to Mark Cullen as the new chairperson, and thanks to Trudi for her hard work as the outgoing chair over the past season. Of course Trudi has jumped from the pan to the fire or vice versa, as she is now the Club Captain. Between Mark and Trudi the club should be moved into 2011 in a very positive manner. Also thanks to Sylvia for her excellent work since joining the club. Sylvia has handed in her resignation and is off to Tauranga. Remember, if you are reading this newsletter other than on email and you do have email then please MAKE SURE YOU SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AT info@lowerhutttennisclub.com

LHTC OPEN DAYS 11TH SEPT 1PM TO 4:00PM:

The season opening weekend is running on Saturday 11th September 2010. Come along and have some fun, play some tennis, sausage sizzle lunch, and register and pay for your membership for the 2010/2011 season! This is also the time to bring along your friends to get them involved in the club as well! There will be fun tournament kicking off at 1.00pm and lots more.

THE LIGHTS & COURT RESURFACING:

The lights are well and truly run in and have been most appreciated. The next project is to re-surface courts 5-8 with Synpave. This is necessary as the plexipave surface is almost worn through. Synpave has been chosen as it offers better slip resistance when damp. We have sufficient funding for this are just waiting for a combination of fine weather and the contractor to get us to the top of his list. We would like to thank the following community trusts who have supported us. We have received \$28,000 in total. Pelorus Trust \$5,000, NZ Community Trust \$5,000, Southern Trust \$8,000 and Pub Charities \$10,000.

YOUR THOUGHTS:

Please respond to this newsletter, we value your thoughts, feedback, and ideas. Email info@lowerhutttennisclub.com.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The membership subscription fees were held last year's despite increases to affiliation fees so this year we have had to increase them by \$15 per senior and 5 per Junior.

This years Subscriptions are:

Senior individual -	\$225
Junior/Intermediates: (includes coaching, under 19 years old)	\$115
Couple (living at the same address)	\$410
Non playing (social)	\$20
Family (2 Adults, & up to 2 Intermediates and juniors)	\$550
Midweek	\$200
Veterans (over 65 years)	\$200
Student (full time student)	\$185
Visitors fee (to play with a member)	\$5

NIGHT LEAGUES:

Monday and Wednesday night leagues have been played whenever the weather has permitted.

The Monday night league have continued on a monthly basis and at one stage almost out numbered the Wednesday league.

The Wednesday league The next league starts early October. Keep an eye on the board for entries.

MID WEEK MEMO:

Our opening day for summer is 7th September. There will be a little fun tournament starting at 9.30am with a gold donation going to St Johns.
Jackie

PRESIDENTS GRADE:

For those past players and anyone else interested, the Presidents grade is for women over 35 and men over 40 wishing to play doubles summer interclub. Most games are played at Mitchell Park, and usually start every second Sunday at 8.30am, some games may start at 1.00pm.

This is a Hutt Valley grade only so you will be playing other local teams.

There are 2 Lower Hutt Club team entries available in each of the 2 Presidents divisions but I urge you to get a team together or advise me of your individual interest and if there are sufficient additional players we may try to increase the team entries further. The entry is \$37.50 per person and this generally gets you 5 games pre Xmas and another 5-6 games after Xmas.

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TRANSTASMAN TENNIS:

Junior Holiday Camps are being held in both weeks of the school holidays for the junior players. Week 1 is the 27th of September until the 1st of October, and week 2 is 4th - 8th October 2010. Contact Joel on 5696 872.

SENIOR INTERCLUB INFORMATION:

Hi all LHTC interclub players,

Sylvia has resigned from the Club and is moving to Tauranga by the end of August. Men's Regional and Division will be looked after by Trevor Dine, and the Women's Regional and Divisional teams will be convened by Raewyn Roberts. They look forward to seeing some winning results from all interclub teams this season.

If you know a tennis player who would like to be considered for interclub this season with our club please let Trevor or Raewyn know their email address so they can follow them up.

trevor.dine@slingshot.co.nz or phone 566 3648 or cliveroberts@xtra.co.nz or phone 566 2277..

They are looking for 5 committed players per team and will consider 2 reserves for each team either from the team below or a non paying reserve of which I cannot guarantee a game will result. Non playing managers are most welcome for any team. At this stage we need players and captains for the following interclub teams:

Regional 1 Men's , Regional 1 Women's, Regional 2 Women's, Regional 3 Women's, Division 1 Women's, Division 1 Men's, Division 2 Men's, Division 3A Men's, Division 3B Men's - 5 players per team.
Trials will be 18th & 19th Sept.

HVT OPEN DAY 18TH SEPTEMBER:

The annual Hutt Valley Tennis Open day held at Mitchell Park is on Saturday the 18th of September 10! Go and have fun!

The following dates will be of interest to you:

Wed 25th AUG reply with your interest in playing.

Thurs 2nd Sept and every Thursday onwards - Team practices - 5.00pm to 9.00 pm Organised by team Captain.

Mon 6th Sept Reg Team Entries confirmed with WR.

Mon 13th Sept Club Rankings List, Captains List, Prem 1 Team List.

Sat 18th & 19th Sept – Snr interclub trials.

Mon 20th Sept Draws, Rules and Top Dog info sent to Captains. HVT convenors meeting.

Sat 9th Oct - First Weekend of HV Interclub.

Sat 23rd Oct - Labour weekend - no interclub.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE:

This season we have a similar group to last year, Elizabeth Josephson, Kevin Garner, Lisa Chapman, Mandy Stewart, Sheryl Edgar, Catherine Wong, Mel Jansen, Jenny Taylor & Mark Justice. A number of other parents will be helping out with coaching and managing interclub teams and of course many thanks to Elizabeth Josephson, Kevin Garner, & Jack Ng for their many years of hard work!

JUNIOR REGISTRATION & INTERCLUB:

Junior registrations for this season are on Saturday 28th Aug from 10am – 12noon and Wednesday 1st Sept from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. This is the time to come down, fill in your forms, and ask any questions that you may have about the junior tennis. Regional junior interclub definitely starts on Saturday 16th October, Hutt Valley Interclub will probably start then as well. All junior interclub players will have to wear a LHTC shirt while playing interclub, these are available to be purchased through Elizabeth at the club for \$30 each.

FRIDAY & SUNDAY CLUB COACHING:

The first week of club coaching for this season is Friday the 8th of October for Interclub teams & Sunday the 10th of October 2010 for all juniors. Friday nights will have the traditional two time slots (5-6.30pm & 6.30 – 8pm) and will be a combination of coaching and organized ladder & tournament match play. Sunday mornings have three one hour time slots (9-10, 10 – 11, 11-12 am) to help get the players in groups of the right age, & level to increase the player development. Sunday mornings will also have some match play component, and we would like the junior interclub players to come along as well in the 11am time slot

JUNIOR INTERCLUB TRIALS:

The following information is for **all players** wishing to play junior interclub for Lower Hutt Tennis Club in the coming season.

Firstly - If your child has not played interclub previously:

1. Make an initial decision yourself that you think they are ready for interclub. They need to be able to rally with a little confidence, hit an overhead serve with some going in, and score (most children can learn to score very quickly). Children generally need to be aged at least 8 years of age.

2. Register your child's interest by notifying Kevin Garner (Junior Interclub Convenor) in one of two ways:

Phone 5697452 - if leaving a message please provide your child's name, age, and your name, and a contact phone number, or

Email garnerfamily@paradise.net.nz and provide your child's name, age, and your name, and a contact phone number.

3. If a boy, attend the club on Saturday 4th September at 1pm, or Sunday 5th September at 11am, for a brief hit with Kevin and a chat.

If a girl, attend the club on Saturday 11th September at 1pm, or Sunday 12th September at 11am, for a brief hit with Kevin and a chat. Kevin will tell you if your child isn't ready for interclub. If your child is ready he/she will be placed in a team of 4-5 players. Each team needs a parent to manage them. Please indicate when you register with Kevin if you would be able to manage your child's team. This involves coordinating the players to make sure at least 4 are available each Saturday, and making sure that at least one parent remains with them on the Saturday. A knowledge of tennis is helpful but not necessary. If you don't indicate your availability, Kevin might still need to ask you as every team needs a manager.

Secondly

If your child has played interclub previously: You need to register your intention to play junior tennis interclub this coming season by informing Kevin Garner of this.

If you do not contact Kevin he will assume you are not playing and you will not be put in a team.

Boys must register their interest before Saturday 4th September.

Girls must register their interest before Saturday 11th September.

Teams will be selected by the weekend of the 18th - 19th September.

Interclub will probably start on Saturday 16th October.

Thirdly

If you are satisfied with Kevin placing you in a team that he thinks is most appropriate for you, you do not need to attend trials, but you do still need to register your intention to play interclub. You will be placed in a team at least in the same division that you played last year or maybe 1 - 2 divisions higher depending on your results last season. It is very unlikely that you will be put in a division lower than you played last season.

Fourthly

If you want to play in the highest division possible you should attend trials. Trial results are used as a guide only in allocating players to teams, along with last seasons results and Top Dog points.

You can decide which trial to attend on the following basis:

Boys

Saturday 4th September 8.30am - 2pm if you want to play in Regional 1, or Premier, or Division 1

Saturday 4th September 11am - 2pm if you want to play in Division 1 or Division 2 or Division 3

Sunday 5th September 8.30am - 2pm will be a day when some boys from Saturday 4th will be asked to return for more trials.

Girls

Saturday 11th September 8.30am - 2pm if you want to play in Regional 1, or Premier, or Division 1.

Saturday 11th September 11am - 2pm if you want to play in Division 1 or Division 2 or Division 3

Sunday 12th September 8.30am - 2pm will be a day when some girls from Saturday 11th will be asked to return for more trials.

Fifthly

You can register with Kevin in one of two ways: Phone 5697452, and if leaving a message please leave your name and phone number clearly. Email garnerfamily@paradise.net.nz with your name and phone number

Sixthly

If your parent is willing to manage your team or would like to manage your team, please tell Kevin when you register. That will save a lot of ringing round later.