

# CROSSCOURT

FOR LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS

## Lower Hutt claims victory!

April 2005



**L**ower Hutt defied the odds to beat defending champions Thorndon for the second week in a row, wrote the Dominion Post on 21 March.

Talented tennis players Julie Scott (captain), Tania Martin, Jovana Radovic, Hanna Baxter and Amelia Harris took home Lower Hutt's first regional tennis title in 13 years.

**A**melia Harris performed an encore! For the second week running she won her singles over Jane Legge, winning in straight sets. This was crucial to the eight sets to six margin. Prior to this matches were tied at 3-3.

Tania Martin won 6-0 6-3 against Lucy Francis. Jovana and Hanna won a set in the doubles to give Lower Hutt the edge.



A big effort brings joy to Jovana (pictured above) and her team!

## HALBERG TRUST TENNIS CHARITY DOUBLES TOURNAMENT



**WE NEED  
SOME  
BUSY  
BEES**

Monday 11 April  
9.00 a.m. prompt start  
**Entries close 8 April**  
Renouf Tennis Centre  
Round Robin: minimum 4  
matches  
Presentation 1.30-2.00 p.m.

**CLUB CHAMPS  
16 & 17  
APRIL**

Open, Veterans, A grade

**Entries in club house or email:  
john.donaghy@xtra.co.nz**

to help fix our  
nets.  
Please make  
some time to  
do this.  
Just a few  
hours will make  
a difference.  
Contact John  
Donaghy on  
577 0098.

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# MIDWEEK BABY MIDWEEKERS ARE GROWING UP FAST MEMO PLANTS

*By Ros Read*

**M**idweek reopened in mid January with no rain days to date. Perhaps this is why Thursdays have dwindled again - Where are you all?!

We have welcomed Sandy McPake, Karen Oettinger, Bill Davies, Belinda O'Shea and Debra Anderson as new members but are really missing Tui Snow who has been ill since late 2004.

Interclub restarted in February with great success so far for Grade 1 (Judy's team), Grade 4 (Elizabeth's team) and Grade 5 (Philippa's team). After three rounds they are yet to lose a match. The rest of us are just aiming to stay in the grade. The midweek championships

are currently underway with singles and most doubles to the semifinal stage.

**L**ower Hutt was very successful in the Stokes Valley tournament. Paulina Godfrey and Janice O'Sullivan won the A section. Sandie Kitchingham and Leeann Brown won the B section with Christine Kibblewhite and Janet Pike the runnersup.

Future tournaments are Red Cross on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at Mitchell Park and Halberg Trust on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at the Renouf Centre. Ring me for more information.

needed to freshen up the coaching quarters and hide the ugly foundations. Have you got any: agapanthas, astelias, divaricates, ornamental grasses. Phone Amanda Hall (4744100 or Mieke.)

**SATURDAY TENNIS**  
Club Captain Hera Swinton will be making up the games on saturday 9 April. Make sure you join in the fun. All ages welcome.  
**Time: 1pm Format: Doubles**



# JUNIORS END OF SEASON

The final Sunday morning tennis coaching will be on 10 April 2005. The 9am group will have some fun games followed by morning tea at 10.15am. The 10.30am group will have a mini tournament followed by a late morning tea at 11.45pm. Please bring a small plate of food to share. The club will provide drinks.

## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING



for club champs and interclub will be on Friday 8 April 2005. We will have a tournament beginning at 5pm with prize

giving at 6.30pm. If wet, prize giving will be at 6pm. Please bring a plate of food to share. The club will provide drinks.

## JUNIOR WINTER TENNIS

– This is run on Friday nights from 5–7pm during the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> terms. It is a great chance to practice and improve on the things you have learnt over the summer. The group is smaller than the summer sessions so you get more individual coaching and a chance to practice playing games. The cost is \$60 and the first night is FRIDAY 6 MAY. To register your interest or any queries please ring Elizabeth on 971 4408.

We have had a great tennis season this year with fabulous weather. Many thanks to our coaches and all those who have helped over the season from collecting balls to washing dishes. Many hands make light work and your help is much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you again next season - make sure you tell your friends what a great club you belong to!



## ATOMIC TENNIS

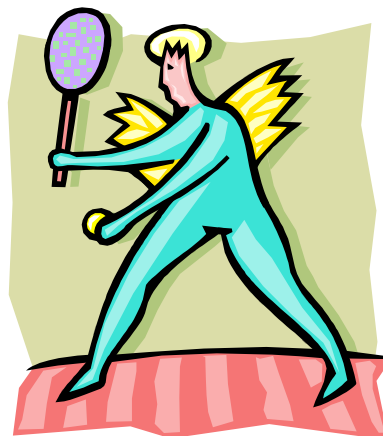
*From Gene and Flo*

Atomic Tennis and the club have started up some new lower hutt club squads, with the aim of training and taking players from our club to the local and national events over the next year.

Gene also hopes to start the tennis in school programme again at the end of term 3 later this year.

Hutt Valley Tennis junior representative figures are now organised by Gene so the busy start to 2005 will continue throughout the year.

Coaching carries on. Now is time to book yourself, or your team in for some lessons. Whether you want to finally fix that backhand, learn to play at the net, or to position yourself better on the doubles court, just give us a call! Our contact details are at the bottom of this newsletter.



## PROFILING TONY GREEN



Tony loves the Hutt Valley and wouldn't live anywhere else despite having travelled the world over the years. Tony grew up in Havelock North and was sent to boarding school at St Pats Silverstream for 5 years. After completing a degree in Chemistry Tony worked as a winemaker in Hastings for 20 years. He then owned a distillery and Ned Kelly Liquor store in Porirua for 5 years until moving into his current career as a Math and Chemistry teacher.

Tony lives with Mieke and 2 devoted cats high up on the Belmont hills. He just loves sitting on one of his decks and looking out at the harbour and the heads and watching a big black southerly front roll in. For Tony, Wellington and the Hutt Valley are just like one big real life model railway town. Sometimes on his way to work he gets off the train and standing on the Kaiwhara over bridge watches the trains, planes, ferries, and cars all moving at once.

Tony still operates a small bond store out of Wingate and tells his friends that he spends 3 days teaching and 2 days drinking.

Apart from tennis Tony is a computer buff, tramper and keen home handyman. Mieke and Tony are finishing off the grounds, decks and shed at their home.

# TAKE MORE TENNIS ON TODAY!

Winter tennis - it's healthy, it's fun, it's social and for some it might even help you lose weight. Go beyond the regular Saturday club days and get involved in something new! See below for a draft plan of club activities.

## April

Club Championships  
Winter League/Interclub

## August

Senior Club Open Day - late August

## December

Xmas BBQ  
Midweek Xmas lunch

## May

78th club year ends on 31 May

## September

Midweek & Junior Open Days  
Junior interclub trials  
Junior registrations days

## January

Club day games continue

## June

National Indoor Champs  
Club Annual report time  
Midweek winter solstice, AGM and prizegiving

## October

Summer League/Interclub  
Club clean up time

## February

Summer leagues restart  
2nd summer interclub round

## July

Championships Prizegiving  
Annual General Meeting

## November

Business as usual

## March

Club Championships ?  
Club social night



## WINTER WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Time: 7pm Format:  
Social.

Let Chester know by 20 April if you want to play in the next league (tel. 569 6860). Or put your name on the list at the club.

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	Eliz. Josephson 971 4408
League:	Chester Holmes (Wed.) 569 6860
	Trevor Dine (Mon.) 570 3716/566 364
Interclub:	Barbara Bridger (Women's Division) 566 6868
	Ora Whaanga (Regional, Men's Division and Presidents)

