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WELCOME:

In this Newsletter are Grants, Senior Club results, Junior club and junior interclub news plus other general items and details of the current specials at Mitchell Park.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The membership subscription fees were set at the AGM on 26th July.

Current Subscriptions are: From 1/1/2012

Reduced subs apply to new subs only

Senior individual -	\$150
Junior/Intermediates: (includes coaching, under 19 years old)	\$70
Couple (living at the same address)	\$275
Non playing (social)	\$20
Family (2 Adults, & up to 2 Intermediates and juniors)	\$350
Midweek	\$135
Veterans (over 65 years)	\$135
Student (full time student)	\$120
Visitors fee (to play with a member)	\$5

SUBSCRIPTION FEES

Thank you to all those who have now paid their subscription fees. These are a few people who have not done this yet. These were due by November last year and are now very overdue. It would be appreciated if you could pay these immediately. A requirement of Hutt Valley Tennis is that all interclub players must have paid their subscription fee before they play interclub. If you are unsure how much you owe please send Jackie an email on

dise.net.nz to find out. If you wish to bank them over the internet the bank account number is **060529 0308312 00**. Don't forget to add your name as a reference. Alternatively send a cheque to PO Box 45 020, Lower Hutt

COURT USAGE EASTER:

All members please note that the National Seniors Doubles Tournament will be using 8 courts over the Easter weekend. Feel free to come along and watch. Some courts may be available as the Tournament progresses on a first come, first on basis.

ANZAC DAY

Courts 3-8 will be hired out to Petone Club for their Anzac day tournament between 8:30 am and 2 pm.

Midweek

Midweek meets every Tuesday morning from approximately 9.30 till 11.30 am. It is casual play where games are made up every 20 minutes. If you are free on a Tuesday and would like a hit we would love to see you. You don't have to come every week or for the entire two hours.

Jackie

GRANTS:

We would like to thank Pelorus Trust and Lion Foundation for their grants towards our junior coaching in Term 1 2012.

As you will no doubt have noticed courts 1 & 2 are becoming very worn on the baseline. The Committee's next project will be replacing the astroturf on these. At the moment we are waiting for quotes so that we can start applying for community grants. The cost of these courts is over \$40,000 plus GST so it is vital we receive funding for this.

Division 1 team 1 2nd
Division 1 team 3rd

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPS

Lower Hutt club champs Sunday 25th March
and Sunday 1st April
Entries Close Wednesday 21st March

All entrants guaranteed at least 2 matches in
each singles event entered

Maximum entry of 3 events per player

Sausage Sizzle ; spot prizes ; novelty prizes ;
social activities ; BYO drinks on deck

Events

Open Events

ladies singles and doubles
mens singles and doubles
mixed doubles

Social Players events (open to non-interclub players)

ladies singles and doubles
mens singles and doubles
mixed doubles

U/19 events

ladies singles
mens singles

Enter by filling in entry sheet on table in club
rooms or email Mark, mutecullen@gmail.com

AN UPDATE ON HOW OUR INTERCLUB TEAMS ARE FARING: (1 March)

Women's Premier Post-Christmas Competition

Premier 2 team1:	1 st
Premier 2 team2	6 th
Premier 4	7 th
HV Division 1 (Blue):	No result
HV Division 1 (Red):	3 rd

Men's Premier Post- Christmas Competition.

- Premier 2	2nd
Premier 3	2 nd
Premier 4	4 th

SPECIAL JUNIOR ITEM

Three LHTC juniors played in the Tennis Central
Masters tournament in Wanganui weekend of 26th &
27th February, Jennifer Chuah, Meg Henderson (ex
LHTC member), and Lauren Beere. (Unfortunately
Josh Chuah and Alex Calder were unable to play due
to injury and illness respectively).

These players qualified for this tournament by
competing in tournaments throughout the 2011/12
season at local, regional, and/or national level to gain
points to be in the top four players in each age
group. This tournament then forms the player
selection process for the National Teams Event held in
April 2012.

Congratulations to the three girls on their results:
U14 Girls Winner Lauren Beere

U12 Girls Runner Up Jennifer Chuah

U12 Girls 4th Place Meg Henderson (now
playing for Khandallah)

We have just received an email confirming the
following players for the Central Region Teams to play
at the nationals teams event in April
Girls 12s Jennifer Chuah, Meg Henderson
Girls 14s Lauren Beere
Boys 14s Alex Calder
Well done and the Clubs best wishes.

ALL MEMBERS

Please note that the committee decided
unanimously at its last meeting that smoking is
not permitted at the tennis club beyond the
entrance gate. If you wish to smoke you are
welcome to go out into the car park.
Could members please make any visitors or
opposing inter-club teams aware of this if they
wish to smoke when visiting our club. A suitable
notice has been placed at the entranceway.

Thanks
Mark Cullen
Chairman

JUNIOR TENNIS

Junior tennis membership has gone from strength to strength over the last few years and we now have 170 junior members. Having well maintained club facilities, a permanent coach and a positive interclub program has made us the club of choice for many children in the Hutt Valley. Our junior committee does a fantastic job putting in many voluntary hours to ensure that your child has a good experience as a member of the LH Club. Russell Stoupe arranges the interclub teams by holding trials, organising managers and ensuring that things go smoothly for each team over the season. Along with Russell, Lisa Chapman & Mel Jansen ensure Friday night coaching is orderly and that the ever important supper is provided. They have organised club sweatshirts and will be running the club champs in the next couple of weeks. Catherine Wong ensures that the communication lines are kept open by ensuring regular emails/flyers are distributed. Mark Justice inputs all the interclub results into Top Dog so that individual rankings are kept up to date. For my part, I field many phone calls enquiring about the club and what we can offer potential players as well as being at the club on Sunday mornings to touch base with parents of newer members. I also attend the senior club committee meetings to ensure there is a free flow of information about club happenings. As you can see there is a lot of "behind the scenes" work that goes on and with the growth in membership it is important for everyone to play a part in helping to keep things running smoothly. It is important that the skills and knowledge we have learnt over the years are passed on to new parents for the benefit of their children. All our children get older and progress on to senior tennis or other sports, which means that we need to have new helpers each season. **Please think about offering your services to the junior club to help maintain the high standards we have achieved.** Any offers of help will be well received and if you would like to talk to me further about what you could do for the club please feel free to call me on 971 4408.

Elizabeth Josephson

JUNIOR INTERCLUB NEWS

The Hutt Valley Tennis pre-Xmas interclub competition was very good for Lower Hutt teams. 6 teams have won their respective grades with 6 more coming second or third. Our Regional 1 boy's team also won their Wellington competition pre Xmas.

The weather has also been good to us with the seven weeks pre-Xmas and the first two Post Xmas rounds able to be played on the scheduled Saturday time slot.

LH entered two new teams into the competition after Xmas, which brings the total no. of LH junior teams to 25.

Friday night practises have been very well patronised with sometimes 50 players per session. Although it's great to have such a big turnout it can be very hard work for the coaches to keep an eye on everyone.

Friday nights are a chance to learn some new skills as well as have a fun night, so it's important to listen to the coaches. Some parent help would be much appreciated on Friday nights, if you can help out please come forward.

The weekend of 18/19 Feb saw a representative teams challenge held between Hutt Valley, Manawatu, Taranaki and Wanganui. With 8 reps from each union (4 boys and 4 girls) in each of the following age groups; 10, 12, 14 and 16. One age group played at each host's venue, with the 12s playing at Mitchell Park.

Lower Hutt club filled 16 of the 28 places in these teams.(16s girls team didn't enter) The HV 12s and 14s teams both won their competitions and the 16s boys won as well.

The future of the Lower Hutt Senior Club is looking good with so many promising junior players coming through.

Russell Stoupe
Junior Convenor

THE GREAT MITCHELL PARK SALE STARTS WEDNESDAY 29th Feb

(At Mitchell Park Pro Shop we operate under the Hutt Valley Tennis Association and all profits go back to supporting Hutt Valley Tennis at all levels)

Greetings from the Pro Shop at Mitchell Park – home of Hutt Valley Tennis Inc. Club play and Interclub season for us all is well underway and if you are looking for an upgrade or replacement for that broken/old racket feel free to come in to see us for a chat to discuss your requirements or future needs. Available at the Pro Shop we are very unique in that we have experienced Tennis Coaches available to give you sound advice to make the right choice.

**WHERE: MITCHELL PARK PRO SHOP,
10 Mitchell Street, Epuni, Mitchell Park Squash and Tennis Complex**

WHEN: Feb 29th – March 11th

- All new season rackets, minimum 20% off, Babolat, Head, Technifibre, Wilson, Prince
- Check out Ross' Bargain Bin – huge savings on rackets ...some rackets at 50% off
- Shoes at minimum 10% off and huge savings on selected models. Prince T22 ~~\$250~~ now \$160, Asics Challenger ~~\$200~~ now \$160 and more (Brands: Adidas, Asics, Babolat, Prince, Dunlop Sport)
- All Tennis Bags and Backpacks 10% off Prince, Tecnifibre, Head, Babolat, Dunlop, Blackknight, Ashaway