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## WELCOME:

Summer is here or it was as I was thinking about this newsletter, so I will make this quick.

MAKE SURE YOU SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS To [info@lowerhutttennisclub.com](mailto:info@lowerhutttennisclub.com)

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## YOUR THOUGHTS:

Please respond to this newsletter, we value your thoughts, feedback, and ideas. Email [info@lowerhutttennisclub.com](mailto:info@lowerhutttennisclub.com).

## NIGHT LEAGUES:

Monday Night league starts on Monday 15 January and will run to the end of February. If you are interested email Chester on [ch\\_alr@paradise.net.nz](mailto:ch_alr@paradise.net.nz) or phone 938 1606. It starts at 7.30 pm

Wednesday night league is starting on 8 February to 4 April. It starts at 7 pm. Zelma is now the co-ordinator of this league so if you are interested email her on [zelmafoo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:zelmafoo@xtra.co.nz) or phone 566 2716.

## CLEANING:

When you are playing interclub or finished your games at the club remember you are responsible to ensure the clubhouse and grounds are left clean & tidy.

All members are responsible for the general tidiness of the grounds.

Put all drink bottles and other rubbish into the bin. Parents please talk to your children & make sure they understand these rules.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The membership subscription fees were set at the AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

This years Subscriptions are: Now From 1/1/2012  
Reduced subs apply to new subs only

Senior individual -	\$230	\$150
Junior/Intermediates: (includes coaching, under 19 years old)	\$130	\$70
Couple (living at the same address)	\$420	\$275
Non playing (social)	\$20	
Family (2 Adults, & up to 2 Intermediates and juniors)	\$605	\$350
Midweek	\$205	\$135
Veterans (over 65 years)	\$205	\$135
Student (full time student)	\$190	\$120
Visitors fee (to play with a member)	\$5	

## ASK A FRIEND:

How about introducing a friend to the club. They can pay the reduced rates shown above. It also gives you someone to play with other players are busy or away.

## COURT USAGE:

All members are encouraged to make use of the courts whenever they want to play. Because we have so many members wishing to play it is necessary to have some rules.

When there is organised play at the Club either on Club days or nights or when Interclub has been scheduled at the Club then casual play is only permitted if courts are not required for this organised play

From 5 pm Senior members have preference & juniors are required to give up their court when requested to do so.

Non members or parents who have not paid but are playing with their children who are members have no rights at any time & must pay a court hire \$10.

## Saturday League, Deck and Club Rooms

The new Saturday league has now recovered from the weather trying to ambush it in its early weeks. The league has been well supported. The social opportunity to have a few drinks and the sausage sizzle on the new deck has also been well received by the players in the Saturday league, plus partners and others who are just enjoying turning up for a drink

later in the day. We also have players from our interclub teams coming back to the deck to report in on their afternoon results and have a few drinks. We still have a few spots left for the league starting again on Saturday 28th Jan. If you would like to join the Saturday League in the new year email Eileen at [eilcullen@gmail.com](mailto:eilcullen@gmail.com).

The clubrooms upgrade has now been completed. A special thanks to Jackie, Eileen and Graeme J for all the work they have done on the clubrooms upgrade to achieve a great result.

## Midweek



Photo of the ladies from midweek in their fashion parade for the Melbourne Cup Day. Best Outfit won by Sandra Lissette as Jean Schrimpton, Best Hat Sandra Langley. Midweek finished on 6 December with Hot Ham and Bubbly Christmas Party. Will restart again on 23rd January 2012.

## Court Bookings

With the introduction of the club league on Saturday afternoons and interclub using most of the other courts, spare courts for other club members to play on Saturday afternoons are at a premium. To try and make best use of the courts that are not already allocated we will be introducing a booking system for Saturday afternoons when interclub starts up again in the new year (Saturday 28th Jan). If you want to try and book a court on a Saturday afternoon, email Mark at [mutecullen@gmail.com](mailto:mutecullen@gmail.com) or ring or text him on 021 661 263. On some Saturdays there are more courts available than others, so it will just depend on the day, and if other people have already booked.

## GRANTS:

The club has been successful once again in receiving grant money from the various Trusts. Without the grants we would not have been able to achieve what we have for the club this year. The committee would like to acknowledge the following Trusts.

Pelorus \$1,000 junior coaching

Pelorus	\$4,000	painting the outside of the clubhouse
NZ Community Trust	\$4,000	painting the outside of the clubhouse
Pub Charity	3,769	sanding and polyurethaning the floors, painting inside windows and doors
Southern Trust	\$10,000	deck
Pelorus	\$2,000	tennis balls
NZ Community Trust	\$1,500	junior coaching
Lion Foundation	\$3,600	junior coaching
Total received is \$29,869.		

The next project for the club will be replacing courts 1 & 2.

## An update on how our Interclub teams are faring:

### Women's Pre-Christmas Competition

**Regional 1:** 5<sup>th</sup>. This is only the second time in at least the previous 14 years that our consistent Regional 1 team has not finished in a top-4 position of this 8-team grade. Our team experienced a couple of major injury set-backs which made the first half of this season more difficult. They will be playing in post-xmas competition to retain their Regional 1 status.

**Regional 2:** 4<sup>th</sup>. This was a very good effort from a team with all but one of their players competing in a higher grade to the previous season. After Xmas they will be competing for a possible place in Regional 1.

**Regional 3:** 6<sup>th</sup>. Again this was a good effort with all but one of these players competing in a higher grade. Included are 2 juniors new to the senior grades. They experienced some good singles wins and will look to improve on that after Xmas.

**HV Division 1 (Blue):** 5<sup>th</sup> (9-team competition not yet completed)

**HV Division 1 (Red):** 7<sup>th</sup> (9-team competition not yet completed)

(Both our Division teams consist mainly of players new to senior tennis)

### Results for Men's Interclub Pre-Xmas Competition.

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Premier 1 5th  
Premier 3 2nd (promoted)  
Division 1 2nd (promoted)  
Division 1 7th equal  
Division 2 3rd, but results not entered for 2 matches

These are great results. In Regional we had 2 very young teams. They focussed on playing good tennis,

and were rewarded with some great wins. The future of Lower Hutt's interclub is in good hands with these young players. The club should be proud that we are producing so many great young players.

We are looking for more players in the post-xmas competition. Please contact Trevor at [trevor.dine@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:trevor.dine@slingshot.co.nz) if you are interested.

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### **Junior Club**

It wasn't looking very promising weather wise at the start of the season, missing the first two weeks of Friday practise due to rain. Thankfully it always cleared for match play on Saturdays and every round got to be played.

Well done all to all the juniors playing interclub, we have 21 junior teams competing in the Hutt Valley competition and 2 in the Wellington Regional competition. Several teams have won their grade in the pre Xmas round.

A couple of weeks ago the Bob Brown Cup challenge was played at Mitchell Park. This is an annual event played at Mitchell Park with the top Hutt Valley juniors playing the top Wellington juniors. Lower Hutt Tennis Club juniors put forward 26 of the 36 representatives playing for Hutt Valley. Unfortunately Hutt Valley lost the tie and had to hand over the cup that they won last year. However it was a great day with some excellent tennis played.

The junior club ran a Parent/Child tournament on Sunday 27 Nov. I'm sure that everyone who took part would agree that it was a great family day out, with an emphasis on fun rather than serious tennis. 35 teams of 2 entered, some with handicaps such as balloons tied to their racquet and right handers playing left handed kept things interesting. Well done to Mel, Lisa and Megan for their hard work organising and running the event.

Congratulations to Alex Calder who has had a great year, firstly for winning a National Singles title earlier in the year (Boys 12s) and most recently the North Island Intermediate schools Championship.

The junior tennis ladder has also been reinstated with rankings based on the latest Configure rankings, check it out and challenge someone!

Club "Hoodies" are also available to purchase through Lisa Chapman 5665993.

Interclub will begin again early February and Junior Club Champs probably after interclub finishes, dates to be confirmed.

Merry Christmas  
Junior Committee

**The Committee would like to extend their very best wishes to all members for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**