

# CROSSCOURT

FOR LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS

January 2005

## Happy Tennis for 2005!

Just in case you didn't find any tennis goodies under your Christmas tree this year, here are some small gifts for you to take with you into 2005.

The weather has not helped to get us off to a good start but I noticed that the courts are well used as soon as the weather eases. I am concentrating on being "positively focussed" on my tennis in 2005 and this approach is starting to work.

It was encouraging to see our club's initiative "Tennis for Schools" get a mention in the Tennis NZ newsletter "Baseline". You can find it here: [http://www.tennisnz.com/pdf\\_files/baseline\\_dec04.pdf](http://www.tennisnz.com/pdf_files/baseline_dec04.pdf)

Come down and play on Wednesday nights this January - games are kindly being organised by Chester Holmes.

There are two more profiles for you to read - this time we learn a little more about Aarno Kopela and Amanda Hall.

**CLUB  
CHAMPS  
5 & 6  
FEBRUARY**

Open, Veterans, A grade

**Entries in club house or  
email John Donoghy**

Also don't forget to check out the back page of the magazine for the other tennis opportunities available for all the family.

**Mieke, Editor**

## 'WIMBLEDON'

Tuesday, 1 March

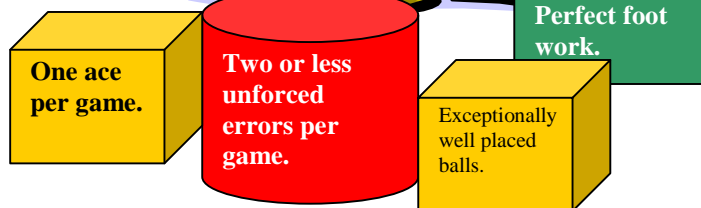
\$12 per ticket - movie plus light meal and glass of wine.

Join other club members for a relaxing night out! The evening starts at the Petone Lighthouse at 6.30 pm - movie screens at 7.30.

Tickets are available from the committee and your magazine editor. Dick Werry is kindly donating the light meal.



Volunteers please?  
#weed spraying  
#fixing rts



## TEENS TENNIS

Want to catch up with people your own age? If you are a teenager come along at 2 p.m. on Saturday 22 January and bring a friend. Adam Bishop and James Murphy will be organising games followed by a sausage sizzle.

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## MEET AARNO KORPELA!



**A** work convention held in Queenstown about 7 years ago changed the life of Aarno Korpela and his family. Aarno moved all the way from Finland following his visit here and now carries out atmospheric research at NIWA. One of the long term goals of Aarno's work is to improve the weather forecast using satellite observations. Shame he can't improve the weather itself eh!

Getting back into his tennis is giving Aarno much enjoyment. Aarno loves his tennis and the Saturday and Wednesday night games are helping to improve his game. Aarno finds it's a bit frustrating that his play is not as good as it used to be.

There are some big differences between Finland and New Zealand. Aarno and Salme lived on the flat in Finland and now they're on Belmont Hill. The houses are much colder in New Zealand - little double glazing. Aarno also misses the 4 very different seasons and, of course, the extended family.

They love the gentle climate here and this is especially nice for Panu - Aarno's 12 year old boy who attends Naenae Intermediate and also for Miia who turned 8 last year.

Aarno thinks NZ is a very beautiful place in which to live and it's great that Kiwis have an easy going mentality. He had to watch it in the beginning as those laid back attitudes caused a few misunderstandings when it came to making arrangements.

In 2005, Aarno is looking forward to lots more tennis and a bit of study at Victoria University.

## AUSTRALIAN 14U INTERSTATE

**T**he NZ teams have had impressive results in this interstate competition, with the girls finishing second and the boys in third place.

The teams played on the **29 - 31 December** in Gosford. The girls competed for the Mary Hawtons Cup, which New Zealand had won for the previous 3 consecutive years. The boys competed for the Sproule Stephens Cup. For the first time, Asia entered teams.

**Abigail Guthrie** (Akl), **Amelia Harris** (HV) and **Rebecca Green** (Wkto) and non-playing captain **Niki Tippins** defeated Western Australia, Asia A and South Australia to reach the final. NZ were defeated 2 - 1 by Asia B in the final.



We're right there with Tennis in Wellington

ASB Bank is proud to bring you the 2005 Wellington ASB Bank International, 1-6 February 2005.



## MUMS TENNIS RETURNS

If members know of people (non members) who might like to learn tennis from the beginning then phone John Donoghy (577 0098).

Groups will be held on Tuesday morning 9.30 am to 11 am (1.5 hours) for 4 mornings.

## ATOMIC TENNIS

*from Gene and Florent*

■ Junior group lessons term one 2005: starts the week of 7 February.

■ Private coaching for you or for your team can be arranged for \$40 per hour. For 4 people that's only \$10 each.

## Norfolk Island Veterans Games April 2005

This is a great fun tournament for the over 40's. Entry forms at the club house - talk to Gene or Florent.

## Top Tennis in Wellington!

**1-6  
February  
2005**

## BEFORE:



## AFTER:

The new tennis courts are looking great and are a delight to play on.



## ATOMIC TENNIS

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### Tennis Etiquette

**Did you know that there are a few common tennis manners???** For example, when you are playing and the ball from your court goes onto another court, you should wait for them to finish their rally and then ask them to pass it back to you.. You should not just go on to the court, or behind the court to get your ball. Also, if the ball from another court comes onto your court then you should stop your rally and pass it back to them

and then the server will restart the point with another two serves (a 1st serve and a 2nd serve) - this is called a let.

At any distraction a let should be played, eg balls coming onto the court, players from another court running on to retrieve the ball, players walking behind your court, etc. If you play a let, then the server should get another 1st and 2nd serve regardless of whether they have already had one fault. This applies to all tennis matches whether social or competitive, and it is part of the rules of the game.

## PROFILING AMANDA HALL



**A**manda is a true blue 'Hutt Girl'. Some of you might remember her from St Michael's, Sacred Heart or Victoria University.

Qualified in environmental studies, Amanda is interested in conservation and holistic health. She recently attended a course in aromatherapy and is now looking to extend her knowledge of essential oils by learning the complementary massage skills.

Amanda works for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's Sustainable Farming Fund. The fund is 5 years old and has an environmental & economic focus.

A club member for about 2 years, Amanda is also interested in netball, squash and gardening - growing succulents. And by the way, Amanda is planning to establish a few plants around the new coaching quarters. Watch the new building!

What Amanda really likes about our club is the nibbles on league nights and the variety of playing options. There's always good quality tennis and yes - nice friendly people. Cold/rainy tennis nights are out though!

A big next step for Amanda is to buy her first home. It has to be in the Hutt Valley, without a doubt, and her budget is around \$200k. Offers welcome.

# HUTT VALLEY Open Tennis Tournament

Mitchel Park Tennis Centre  
Grand Prix 2 Event

22, 23 and 24 January  
2005

Entries close 17 January

- # Open (all players eligible)  
- singles and doubles
- # "A" grade (restricted to regional 3 players (or equivalent) and below - singles, doubles and combined
- # Under 16's restricted to players born on or after 1 January 1990 - singles and doubles
- # Veteran doubles and combined (over 35)

Email:  
huttvalleytennis@xtra.co.nz  
Entry forms:  
www.geocities.com/hvlta

**HALF PRICE  
SUBSCRIPTION  
FOR THOSE  
WHO JOIN  
NOW?**

# SATURDAY CLUB DAY

Time: 1pm Format: Doubles  
Games made up on the day  
Competitive Level: All  
Contact Adam Bishop  
(Ph 5666 234)

butterfly catchers.



# WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Time: 7pm Format: Social.  
Let Chester know by 19  
January if you want to play in  
the next league (tel. 569  
6860). Or put your name on  
the list at the club.

Results from summer league:

- 1st: Team 3
- 2nd: Team 4
- 3rd: Team 7

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