
CROSS COURT

FOR LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS

July 2004

NEW COURTS, NEW SEASON, NEW EDITOR!

By Mieke Wensvoort, Editor

Gritty shoes from playing on courts 3 and 4 are about to become a distant memory! As soon as the weather allows courts 3 and 4 will be replaced.

Having 10 courts all less than 4 years old adds up to great club facilities. And more improvements are intended. There is the upgrade to the lights and extending the lights to courts 7 and 8. I can hardly wait - won't that make a difference for the winter leagues.

The new tennis season is now only a couple of months away. Tennis remains a cheap option to get fit and have some fun. Our annual fees have remained unchanged - see page 4- the cost of being a member of our club is not high when one thinks of the benefits.

Before you read the rest of our news, I invite you as your [new](#) editor to contribute to your club magazine. I have introduced a Member's Profile and

hope you will all contribute to this. Let us have your tennis stories and other fun items!

“WIMBLEDON”

A sweet and funny tale of romance across the net. Peter (Bettany) is an unlucky guy, scoring “love” both professionally and personally. Seeded near the bottom of the world tennis ranks, he manages to score a wild card, allowing him to play in the prestigious Wimbledon tournament. There, he meets and falls in love ... **Join the club night out to see this film. Watch the club noticeboard for more details.**



Thank You!

To the working bee members who armed themselves with tools from home and cleared the hedges, gutters, weeds and trees around the courts and car park on Saturday. It looks great again!



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Can they stop the fall in tennis member affiliations? Will the squash club continue?

Should we even care?
I think we should care very much!

I think the problem with tennis in New Zealand is that everyone takes it all for granted.

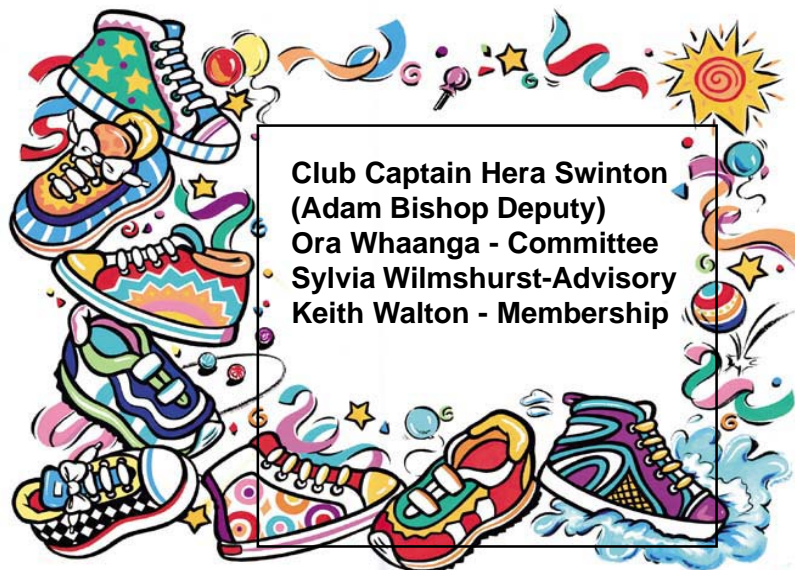
No one wants to speak up about what is right or wrong; nobody wants to help or very few of you do and I get the feeling you, our members just do not care - not just about New Zealand or Hutt Valley tennis but you also do not care about our club.

Did you know we are the biggest club in the Wellington Region? Did you know that more of our juniors are ranked in New Zealand than probably in any other club.

We also have a fantastic collection of people prepared to help run the club as best they can. They are not professional sports people. No one gets paid for their efforts. Yet, they have to manage teams, find reserves, purchase tennis balls, fund raise, collect subscriptions, clean, spray weeds, coach mow lawns, repair nets, arrange advertising, issue newsletters, pay accounts, organise club days, fix lights, supervise juniors.

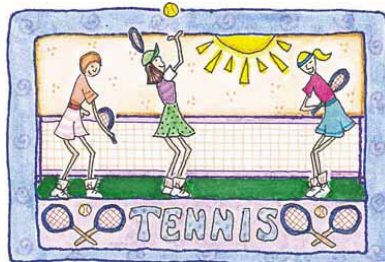
You don't care ! You just want someone else to make all the arrangements so you can get the tennis you want, when you or your family want it.

WELCOME TO THE COMMITTEE



Club Captain Hera Swinton
(Adam Bishop Deputy)
Ora Whaanga - Committee
Sylvia Wilmshurst-Advisory
Keith Walton - Membership

Let's put some heart back into our club! How about each member tries to do something extra this coming season to make our club a caring club!



Volunteer to do something! Bring your friends along! Make suggestions! Come to the AGM!

We have to work on our membership ourselves. Tennis New Zealand and Hutt Valley Tennis are not going to do this for us. We have to make our club a vibrant place that benefits every year from the enthusiasm of new members who take their turns in supporting our club activities.

I want us to try to achieve a 20 percent increase in membership in the coming season.

CLUB OPENING DAYS

- ⌘ Seniors - 1.30 p.m. Saturday 21 August (wet or fine)
- ⌘ Midweek - 9.30 a.m. Tuesday 7 September (10.30 a.m. if wet)
- ⌘ Juniors
Fri 10 Sep 5- 6.30 pm
Sun 19 Sep 9- 10.30 WINTE

Planning is already underway to introduce tennis to all the primary school children in our catchment. I hope we will also introduce a 'Mum's Tennis Program' giving a free 4 week tennis opportunity to those women who would like to get back into the game or who have never played before.

All of that means you need to talk about tennis to your friends, your neighbours, at work, at school or the supermarket.

Let's be positive! Tennis is the game for life. Let's make it the game for everyone's lives.



MIDWEEK MEMO

Winter hasn't reduced the mid-weeker's enthusiasm for tennis, although the males who took up John Donaghy's challenge may have retreated until spring! We did enjoy playing them though and hope they return...

Tuesday is still the most popular day but Thursday is growing in numbers.



Congratulations to Tereska and Paul Zaloumis for Daniela's arrival - we look forward to several more babies joining us over the summertoo.

We've welcomed four new members : Rayma Murphy, Kris Gray, Leeann Brown and Sandie Kitchingham but were very sad to farewell Christine Archer to Switzerland. She has been a member since the late



1980s and will be especially missed by her interclub and Renouf teams.

All the summer interclub teams maintained their grades post-Christmas with the 1st and 2nd grades both

achieving 3rd places. Four teams are currently competing in the HV winter interclub competition and five teams will be starting a Tuesday winter league shortly.

Lower Hutt midweek club co-hosted the Red Cross tournament in late March. It was a very successful day with full entries, good food and sunshine all day. It was well supported by our members as were the Avalon and Stokes Valley midweek tournaments.

The Midweek AGM and prizegiving were combined with the winter solstice lunch in late June. This is always a popular get together as was the movie night at the Lighthouse in July. This time we enjoyed "Arthur's Dyke" with drinks and nibbles before. The travel fund is gently growing!

We are planning a mid-week reunion in 2005. Please pass on contact details for anyone you know who might like to attend.

JUNIOR NEWS

Welcome to the new season We have some exciting activities planned.

Junior committee:

Elizabeth Josephson – Sunday morning co-ordinator, Kevin Garner – Interclub Convenor, Jackie Clarke – Friday night co-ordinator, Mary Farrell and Jack Ng.

We welcome help from parents on Sundays or Friday as

CLUB MEMBER PROFILE



Meet Lorraine Hollow! Lorraine is the 'dy namo' from team 6, one of ten teams playing in the Wednesday night winter league.

Not one to give up easily Lorraine turned up wearing her warmest woollies a couple of leagues ago, having battled several of the winter nasties.

Always keen to get an extra game of tennis in Lorraine recently visited Mitchell Park with her family. It was busy at our courts so for \$10 they had a good game at the park followed by some relaxing restoratives in the pavilian's club rooms.

Lorraine grew up in the Hutt Valley, went to the local schools and colleges and now lives in Alicetown. She has been playing at our club for about 2 years and loves the friendly people and the fact that we've got lot of courts. Lorraine's daughter Lee is also a member.

Lorraine would like to have more lights so we can make full use of the other courts at night.

Watching Lee play netball and Shaun play rugby are enjoyable pastimes for Lorraine as is the occasional game of golf. Being social is another interest and Lorraine looks forward to the next club dinner.

SUBSCRIPTIONS¹ FOR 2004/05

	\$
Senior	200
Veteran	175
Midweek	175
Intermediate ²	98
Junior ³	98
Couple	360
Family	496
Non Playing ⁴	20
Visitors ⁵	5
Court hire ⁶	10

¹Includes GST

²15-18 years old

³under 15 years old

⁴no playing tennis
except

at social events

⁵max 3 visits

⁶per hour

Please let us know if you are not joining this season. The Gate combination will be changed 31 October.

Only FINANCIAL members will have this gate code.

A Registration form has been included with this newsletter. Please complete & return this - **ALL members** - so we can

keeping the coaching groups small helps the children to learn techniques quicker.

Friday night tennis (5 to 6.30pm) is Junior Club night. We will run fun tournaments so juniors can play competitive games against each other and socialise.

Junior Interclub trials

Sun 29 Aug 9am start

Sat 11 Sept 9am start

Sun 12 Sept rain day

Once selected there will be team practices held with the Club Coach on Tue or Wed afternoon/evening.

Junior Registration days:

Sat 28 Aug 9 – 11am

Wed 1 Sep 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Sun 5 Sep 9 – 11am

Junior Opening Day:

Fri 10 Sep 5- 6.30 pm

Sun 19 Sep 9- 10.30 a.m.

10.30-12 p.m.

MUMS' TENNIS PROGRAM

If you know of any young mothers looking to play tennis we are offering 4 free lessons.

Contact Ros Read for details.

CONTACTS:

President: Barbara Bridger

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577 0098

Secretary: Graham Nelson

569 2914

Treasurer: Graham Clarke

567 9340

Club Captain: Hera Swinton

971 8585

Midweek: Ros Read

938 1951

Juniors: Kevin Garner

5697452

Eliz. Josephson

9714408

League: Chester Holmes

569 6860

(Wednesday)



ATOMIC TENNIS

"Total Atomic Tennis":

Small training squads running week days after school from 4.30 to 5.30 or from 5.30 to 6.30. Not more than 6 students in each group.

"Junior Holiday tennis

Camp ": Running both weeks of the school holidays in the mornings from 9 to 12 or the afternoons from 1 to 4pm.

"Adults and groups lessons"

" Privates lessons" Coaching for Schools"



INDOOR UNDER 16 CHAMPS!

Hanna Baxter and Amelia beat the 1st, 2nd and 4th seeded players to become the 2004 National Indoor Under 15 Doubles Champions. Amelia also reached the semi-final of the singles.

WINTER INTER-CLUB RESULTS

- ♣ B Grade - 1st Equal with Petone
- ♣ C Grade - 1st Equal with Petone
- ♣ D Grade - 6th
- ♣ D Grade - 7th

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