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Word From the Chairperson

Where is the year going? We are well into March and unfortunately the weather is turning, so with all the lights make sure you make use of the courts when the weather is good! There is no excuse.

We will shortly be conducting a survey with our seniors to find out what they want the club to organise and offer. The traditional Club Day on Saturday is not well patronised so it is time to find out what it is you do want!

Now that the lights are in place, the committee is now looking at the next project. The priority is fixing up the court surfaces for the four plexipave courts under lights and fixing the base lines on the grass courts.

The committee are working hard to ensure that we are maintaining first class facilities for all our members.

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Coach

We have advertised for a new coach and will let you know when this process is complete. In the meanwhile Atomic Tennis will deliver coaching until the end of the first term.

Club Champs

These are scheduled for the weekend of 17 and 18 April. They include singles, doubles and mixed.

Entry is free to all financial club members.

If you are interested in playing you should enter your name on the noticeboard in the club house, email Trudi Amos on tiggert@paradise.net.nz or Trevor Dine on trevor.dine@slingshot.co.nz.

We are looking at having a pizza and pie party on the Saturday night for entrants. This will depend on numbers. Entry fee would be a pizza or a pie.

Lost Property

There is a big pile of clothes in the club house that people have left behind. If you have lost something please check if it is there in the next couple of weeks.

After that we are going to get rid of them all, so be quick.

Senior Secondary School Champs

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Tennis Nationals are being held in Christchurch.

Juniors from our club representing Hutt Valley High in the mixed event are Thomas McCabe, Mac Leesburg, Marc Scheper, Rebecca Clarke and Miia Korpela. Katie Farrell is in the girls team representing St Mary's.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions from 1 April are:

Senior individual -	\$75
Junior/Intermediates: (includes under 19 years old)	\$60
Couple (living at the same address)	\$140
Non playing (social)	\$20
Family (2 Adults, & up to 2 Intermediates and juniors)	\$210
Midweek	\$65
Veterans (over 65 years)	\$65
Student (full time student)	\$100
Visitors fee (to play with a member)	\$5

There are still some members who have not paid their subscriptions. We would be grateful if those who haven't could do this as soon as possible.

Casual Parent Fee

The courts are getting full with the large numbers of members using these at all hours.

Some parents who are not members are coming down with their children to give them some extra practice. These parents should be paying court hire.

As only the child is a member, you are likely to be asked to vacate the court.

The club has a fee for parents. You can pay \$50 & this will entitle you to casual use of the courts to play with your child, for that year, when the courts are not being used for organised club play.

Avoid embarrassment and join up now!

Club Leagues

Monday and Wednesday night leagues have been played whenever the weather has permitted.

The Monday night league

This league is run on a monthly basis and is doubles games. If you want to play in this please contact Adam Bishop on whybush@gmail.com.

Wednesday night league

This league runs in line with the school term so the next league runs from 21 April through to 30 June. This league is also doubles.

If you would like to join this league please put your name on the list at the clubhouse or send Linda an email on lindaandreg@xtra.co.nz.

Aarno is taking a break. Lesley and Michael Phoenix have agreed to help Linda and learn the ropes.

Saturday afternoon

Play starts at 1.00pm and includes doubles and singles. If you have time, pop down for a hit.

Sunday afternoon

Singles tennis has started up on Sundays at 3pm. It is for players who are at the level (or thereabouts) of the Monday and Wednesday night doubles 1s and 2s.

If you're interested contact Tim Louis on 021 633 274 or tim.louis@d2i.co.nz.

Junior News

Junior prizegiving for Interclub and Club Champs players is this **Friday 26 March** from 5pm. There will be a fun tournament for a couple of hours with prizegiving at 7pm. Everyone to bring a plate and the club will supply drinks. Parents most welcome to come and celebrate the end of another successful season. BYO drink.

Sunday 28 March: This is the final Sunday for coaching. Each group will finish 10 mins earlier for a sausage sizzle and drinks which the club will supply. Richard, Mel & Nigel will run fun games for the end of season.

Parents, please think about volunteering to help organise junior tennis for next season. We have a keen group of parents who provide a programme to help your children play interclub and learn tennis. The more helpers we have, the more activities we can provide.

Mid Week News

We have had a couple of busy weeks with singles and doubles championships. These are nearly all done now, with just the finals to play.

We will be getting ready for our winter interclub soon so if there is anyone interested in Wednesday morning interclub please let Trish know.

We have just had the Red Cross Tournament which was a great success. Two Lower Hutt couples were in the finals.

Senior Club Information

You should begin to think about playing winter interclub now.

The summer interclub will finish this month & usually the winter competition starts about the end of May. If you want to be in a team send us an email at info@lowerhutttennisclub.com.

Used balls from Interclub matches - please remember to donate these back to the club for use in our leagues & for junior club.

2009/2010 Regional 1 Interclub Results

The Regional 1 interclub season has come to an end with the women's team clinching both the Championship title and the Post Championship Katrina Mihaere Cup.

This is a huge achievement for the team. The captain Julie Scott has lead the team for many years and her experience and great leadership has contributed to this great result. The club congratulates all members for their effort. The team members are Hanna Baxter, Julie Scott, Jen Burrridge, Rachel Baxter and Carmel Sheehan.

The Regional 1 Men also kept the club flag flying by finishing fourth in the Championships and fourth in the Anthony Adams Cup. This is a great achievement. The team was Daniel Baxter (Captain), Nguyen Thiem, Thomas McCabe, Marc Scheper, David Herman and Gerard Farrell. The manager was Evan Baxter.

First Aid



There is a first aid box in the kitchen cupboard as well as an ice pack in the freezer for any minor injuries.

Remember the RICE principle of first aid.

REST - ICE - COMPRESSION – ELEVATION

Court Etiquette

When you are entering or leaving your court and must pass behind the other courts, please wait until the point has finished on that court. Then cross behind the court.

This should happen for all matches.

Also please keep your language to yourself and your court. Other players do not want hear and be distracted by your outbursts.

Court Usage

All members are encouraged to make use of the courts whenever they want to play. As there are so many members wanting to play it is necessary to have some rules.

When there is organised play on club days, club nights, or when interclub has been scheduled, then casual play is only permitted if courts are not needed for the organised play.

From 5.00pm senior members have preference and juniors are required to give up their court when requested to do so. Non-members or parents who have not paid, but who are playing with their children, have no rights at any time and must pay a court hire of \$10.

Facilities

When you are playing at the club, you need to leave the club house clean and tidy.

All members are responsible for the general tidiness of the club house and the grounds.

Please put all drink bottles in the rubbish. Parents need to talk to their children and make sure they understand these rules.

Lights

It is also really good to see people are making the most of the upgraded lights, which are now among the best in the Wellington region, cover eight courts and are at tournament level.

Thanks to everyone who put up with the inconvenience when the work was done last year.

Maintenance

If there are things around the courts that need to be fixed, please let us know. If we don't know about something, we can't fix it.

Your Thoughts

Please respond to this newsletter, we value your thoughts, feedback, and ideas. Please email us at info@lowerhutttennisclub.com .
