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Newsletter of the Lower Hutt Tennis Club Inc
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FROM THE EDITOR:

Well the winter season is upon us now, and I am sure that some of you are enjoying a small rest from the interclub season! However that is no reason to stop thinking tennis! As you know our club runs all 12 months of the year. With the Wednesday night league continuing (only on Wednesday nights in the winter) at the usual time and place, and the Saturday afternoon club play continues on from 1.00pm each and every Saturday....and yes Bruce we will endeavour to make sure there is a hard earned beer down at the club for those players who have a thirst! The **Mini Roland Garros** is coming up, the winter interclub starting around the region and our club is once again entering a number of teams, the mid week club play in all temperatures, and over the winter there are always a couple of courts free for that grudge match with your friends and tennis rivals! ***If you are reading this newsletter on the board at the club then please MAKE SURE YOU EMAIL US AT info@lowerhutttennisclub.com***

FRAMPTON SIGNS WINTER INTERCLUB:

The regional club winter interclub competition is running again this season between the 27th of May and the 19th of August 2007.

This competition has teams of two men and two women (older juniors are more than welcome to play in a team) who play one men's doubles, one woman's doubles, and two mixed doubles a fortnight on a Sunday afternoon. The matches start at 1.00 pm on Sunday afternoons.

The club had to have all of their team entries into the organisers of the competition by the 6th of May 2007, so if you would like to play but you are too late then please register as a reserve player so the captains can get in touch with you!



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IN MEMORANDUM KEITH WALTON:

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of Keith Walton who passed away on the 17th of April 2007.

Keith was a great guy. He volunteered to help the club, and most people will not be aware of his efforts, but that was never his concern. He was interested in ensuring that new comers would find the club as easy to join as possible (with suggestions about improvements to subscription forms, and visible timetables etc.), and that the club finances were strong enough to keep the club an enjoyable place to be. I enjoyed my games with Keith over the past two years. He improved noticeably over that time, particularly his serve thanks to some coaching from Flo. It is a testament to Keith's fitness that the last two games we had he won 6-0 6-0, and that we were all surprised when we found out that he was in his mid fifties, and not his early forties. He will be missed.

Adam Bishop.

JUNIOR WINTER CLUB TENNIS:

Club tennis for the winter season has started again on Friday nights. This is a combination of coaching and match play that runs from 5.00 - 6.30 each Friday night. This is open to junior players of all ages and levels, and the more players we have the more fun it becomes! Contact Elizabeth Josephson for more info, or just come down and try it out on Friday night!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 25 JULY 2007!!!

New committee members are invited to join the committee! If you have a passion & a vision for this club then please do join the committee and make the club great!

LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB MINI ROLAND GARROS:

Roland Garros (The French Open, the second grand slam pro tournament of the year) is playing from the 27th of May to the 10th of June 2007! To celebrate this great tournament we are running our own mini French Open fun tournament on Saturday the 26th May 2007. All players and spectators will be treated to delicious croissants and baguettes as they do in France! There will be a \$10 entry fee per player.



Players will be required to wear something they consider to be very French! Place your entry with gene@atomictennis.com Ohh La La!!!

MIDWEEK MEMO:

There were excellent results from post-Christmas summer interclub. Grade 1 - 5th, Grade 2 - 1st & 2nd, Grade 3 - 1st & 2nd and Grade 4 - 6th of 8. This gave us a summer total of 23 points to take out the HV Midweek Interclub Cup again, (2nd placed Maungaraki had 10 points). Join us on May 14 for the HV prize giving at Mitchell Park.

Five teams begin winter interclub on May 2, (4 in A section and 1 in B).

The Red Cross tournament struck a calm, sunny day this year, successfully raising in excess of \$1900. Ora Whaanga and her partner won the A grade. Chris Kibblewhite and Janet Pike beat Maria Harbour and Barbara van Baarle in the B final.

A number of members played the Halberg Trust tournament at the Renouf Centre. Sandie Kitchingham and Ros Read topped their pools of 6.

The "Ladies" has a new blind, courtesy of the midweekers.

The midweek championships are almost complete. **The Midweek AGM, prize giving and lunch will be held on Tuesday May 29. There will be a fun tournament from 9.30am, followed by the AGM at 11am (same time if wet).** Ros

ATOMIC TENNIS SUNDAY MORNING WINTER JUNIOR LEAGUE:

The junior winter league will be starting on Sunday the 13th of May 2007. Teams are in three divisions The league will run each Sunday morning from 8.00 am - 12.30 pm. From 8.00 am - 9.30am all of the 10 courts will be in use, however from 9.30 onwards there will be at least one court free for casual play!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE:

The last league finished in April. With 16 teams it was the largest one in a couple of years. The winning team was Team 13 (who said 13 is an unlucky number). Congratulations to the team members who were Tim Julian, Doris Berberic, Steven Westmoreland and Clare Munro. The runners up were Team 10 and the team members were Alex Bridger, Brenda Scully, Philip Foo and Lisa Carroll.

There are 12 teams in the new league and play was due to start on 2 May, but was rained off. It will run through to 27 June. Of you are not playing but would be a reserve then let Linda know email: linda.forsyth@paradise.net.nz .

REGIONAL and DIVISIONAL UPDATE

Last night the Regional Presentation was held at the Renouf Centre. by Ora Whaanga 4/5/07

Representing Lower Hutt Tennis Club was:

- Gene Ridgway, David Herman, James Murphy, Ora Whaanga, Leonie Campbell, Julie Scott, Amelia Harris

Lower Hutt received the following awards:

Runner up Regional 1 Women Pre Xmas 2006/2007
 Winner Regional 2 Women Pre Xmas 2006/2007
 Winner Katrina Mihaere Cup (Regional 1 Woman) Post Christmas 2006/2007
 Winner Premier 1 (Regional 2 Women) Post Christmas 2006/2007
 Player of the Season – Julie Scott 2006/2007
 Best Supporting coach – David Herman 2006/2007

Our Regional Women's teams did extremely well and CONGRATULATION is in order here, and considering the efforts required this season to field a full side.

PLAYER OF THE SEASON:

Julie Scott first won this in 1984 when she was 15yrs then again in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007
 Amelia Harris won this in 2005 2006
 Tania Martin 2000