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WELCOME:

Winter is fast creeping up on us. But it is still possible to enjoy some great tennis when its not raining and not too windy for a game. So get down to the courts, bring some friends and get them interested, the more members they are, the cheaper for everyone.

Remember if you change your email address, then please make sure you send us your email address at info@lowerhutttennisclub.com. We have a few members who are not getting their emails and also have not provided there phone number so they can't easily be reached. Please keep us up to date.

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YOUR THOUGHTS:

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

Interclub

Post-Xmas interclub in underway. With a number of players having returned to out-of-town Universities plus a few injuries, we are short of a few players. If you are interested in playing senior interclub on Saturday afternoon or Presidents grade on Sunday morning (regular or as an occasional reserve), please contact Trevor Dine trevor.dine@slingshot.co.nz.

Successful LHTC Junior, Alex Calder.

Again Alex Calder makes front page news. Alex won the singles and doubles 12 and under nationals over

the holidays. Seems he is going to be a star of the future for the club.

Just a reminder re the Community Coaches Course coming up on 22nd May at the Renouf. Contact Graham at info@lowerhutttennisclub.com for additional information.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The membership subscription fees were held last year's despite increases to affiliation fees so this year we have had to increase them by \$15 per senior and 5 per Junior.

Current subscriptions from 1 April 2011 are:

Senior individual -	\$90
Junior/Intermediates: (includes coaching under 19 years old)	\$70
Couple (living at the same address)	\$170
Non playing (social)	\$20
Family (2 Adults & up to 2 Intermediates and juniors)	\$250
Midweek	\$80
Veterans (over 65 years)	\$80
Student (full time student)	\$70
Visitors fee (to play with a member)	\$5

FROM THE SECRETARY:

Welcome to all members and particularly our new members and those returning after a break; Debbie Mitchell, Jessie Manning, Karen Vic Oclarit and Mary Wynne-Griffiths.

Hutt Valley Tennis

Hutt Valley Tennis have designed a new logo which is up on their website. If anyone has any feedback to send to Craig Eves at craig.g.eves@gmail.com.

It is nice to see a new modern logo. It is designed by Joe Glover's daughter who is a design student.



Senior Interclub Results Post Christmas

Men Regional 1 - 2nd Regional 3 - 1st
Women Regional 1 (Katrina Mihaere Cup) - 2nd
Regional 2 (Green) (prom/releg Reg 1/2) - 4th
Regional 2 (White) (prom/releg Reg 2/3) - 6th
Women's Division 1 - 6th
Men Division 1 1st Division 2 promoted

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Champs were partly held on 16-17 April 2011. (The weather was a bit against it. There was not a satisfactory number of entries which is rather disappointing. The usual excuse is that they are too late in the season, however most people find it difficult when the club champs are held earlier owing to interclub still being played. If you have any suggestions as to when is the best time to hold these then please contact the editor at info@lowerhutttennisclub.com remembering that interclub needs to be completed before the competition can commence to allow all players an equal chance. Another alternative is that all Interclub players are automatically entered into the Club champs.

Club Champs Results

Open Grade

Ladies	Singles	Julie Scott
	Doubles	Julie Scott and Carmel Sheehan
Men's	Singles	Daniel Baxter
	Doubles	
Mixed	Doubles	Julie Scott and Andrew Chuah

B Grade

Ladies	Doubles	Sheryl Edgar and Janice O'Sullivan
Mixed	Doubles	Mark and Eileen Cullen

U/19

Boys Singles
Girls Singles

Painting of the Club House

Painting of the outside of the clubrooms is happening at the moment. We have received \$4,000 from NZ Community Trust and also \$4,000 from Pelorus Trust to allow the work to proceed. We got just about the whole amount we requested from the Trusts which is really useful.

Junior Champs Results

Winner Open Boys Singles	Jordan Musgrave
Runner Up Open Boys Singles	Hamish MacLennan
Winner Open Girls Singles	Maddy Nash
Runner Up Open Girls Singles	Lauren Beere
Winners Open Boys Doubles	Thomas Josephson & Jordan Musgrave
Runners Up Open Boys Doubles	Rorie French & Hamish MacLennan
Winners Open Girls Doubles	Maddy Nash & Lauren Beere

Runners Up Open Girls Doubles	Miia Korpela & Anca Sandulescu
Winner U12 Boys Singles	Francis Pooke
Runner Up U12 Boys Singles	Peter Mitchell
Winner U12 Girls Singles	Jennifer Chuah
Runner Up U12 Girls Singles	Stephanie Calder
Winners U12 Boys Doubles	Francis Pooke & Vikas Shenoy
Runners Up U 12 Boys Doubles	Cade Young & Mikaere Hartley
Winners U12 Girls Doubles	Jennifer Chuah & Olivia McCormack
Runners Up U12 Girls Doubles	Stephanie Calder & Victoria Stewart
Winners U10 Boys Singles	George Stoupe
Runner Up U10 Boys Singles	Jake Naylor
Winners U10 Girls Singles (round robin)	Jemima Jansen
Winners U10 Boys Doubles	Sean Powlesland & George Stoupe
Runners Up U10 Boys Doubles	Tama Tuakana & Bradley Newson
Winners U10 Girls Doubles	Jemima Jansen & Samantha Chapman
Runners Up U10 Girls Doubles	Isabella Woodham & Sarah Parish
Winners Mixed Doubles (U12)	Jemima Jansen & George Stoupe
Runners Up Mixed Doubles (U12)	Victoria Stewart & Matthew McCawe

Junior News

Once again the LH Junior Tennis Club has had a fantastic summer season. Joel and his enthusiastic group of coaches ensured that the Sunday coaching classes were run at a fast pace. A big thank you to **Jack Ng** who continues to volunteer his services on Sundays and Fridays to ensure our juniors are getting as much coaching as possible. A good run of weather meant that only a couple of mornings were rained off. It is now up to the players to continue to practice what they learnt over the Winter months.

Our members continue to excel in competitions with **Alex Calder** claiming the title of National champion for both singles and doubles in the 12's age group (held in Auckland in April). Many of our members competed in the Wellington Champs held at Mitchell Park over the Easter holidays with a number getting through to the semi finals. Club Champs were held over a beautiful weekend in early April and I would like to thank Lisa Chapman & Mel Jansen for a well organised weekend. There was great support from parents and friends- helping on the BBQ and encouraging the many entrants. The junior club is in great spirit and the committee is looking forward to seeing you all again in September for the 2011 summer season.

HVTennis Junior Prize Giving 15th May.

Social Games

Contact Kathy on 569 6829 if there are any ladies wanting a doubles game on Monday and/or Wednesday at 5:00.

Restringing

Restringing is now available at the Lower Hutt Tennis Club with a full range of strings to suit all players. There is also over grips and vibration absorbers for sale. The proshop will be open all week days: 3pm - 8:30pm, (apart from Wednesday).

MITCHELL PARK PRO SHOP

Shoes are just as important as the racquet and at the Pro Shop we have a wide selection.

Our new season shoes have been ordered and will be arriving before the new season commences. We have our exciting shoes ranging from hot pink for women and tennis ball yellow for men. This will certainly get your feet moving real quick. Those Nadal and Sharapova drop shots that looked "untouchable" will now be "reachable"!!

Our **shoes brands** are Adidas, Asics, Prince, Babolat and Dunlop. If you find a shoe or any other gear that we do not have it is very possible that we will be able to order them for you and even get them overnight.

TEAM ORDERS

Part of playing tennis is the comradeship and enjoyment of being part of a Team!! Getting all geared up for the season, Mitchell Park Pro Shop is offering an *opportunity for Interclub Teams to do group orders for shoes.*

Important to note the shoes can be a mix of brands as we appreciate that not all feet are alike.

Don't forget that at the Pro Shop we are more than a Sports Store. With resident coaches in-store we can give you some very sound advice with your tennis gear requirements to match your game.

Happy hitting from the Team at Mitchell Park – Andrew, Chuck and Mariska

Lights and Gate

Please remember **to turn off the court lights** off when finished or if time clock turns them off first. This is to save power if no one is around when they come on again and we do want to save the planet don't we. Also keep the gate locked other than during club times.

Midweek News

Midweek Tennis had their wind-up for the summer season at the end of last term. We held a tournament first with the winners and runners-up receiving a bottle of wine each. Margaret and Jackie came 1st, Sheryl and Lisa were 2nd. This was followed by the prizegiving and a shared lunch. The Midweek Singles Champ was Margaret Young, runner-up Paulina Godfrey, Midweek Doubles Champs were Margaret and Paulina, runners-up Deanna Puata and Jackie Clarke. Most improved player Lillian Martin, Highest aggregate for interclub Janice O'Sullivan. Lower Hutt had a very successful interclub season taking away the Midweek Cup. We had three teams in A grade and 2 in B. Lower Hutt 1 came 2nd in A Grade, Janice, Julie, Sheryl, Jackie, Christine and Barb, Lower Hutt 3 were 4th and Lower Hutt 2 were 9th. In B grade Lower Hutt came 1st, Eileen, Lisa, Mandy and Jane, and Lower Hutt 2 came 9th. We are still continuing to play tennis on a Tuesday morning over winter so if you feel like a game please come down and join us at 9.30 am. Males are more than welcome.

Saturday League

Starting next summer, it is proposed to run a league on Saturday afternoons in conjunction with the normal club day. Please contact Mark at mutecullen@gmail.com.

Special Fundraiser (as seen on TV)

Rebel Sport has contacted Tennis New Zealand informing us that Novak Djokovic has **donated a signed racquet** to be auctioned to raise funds to aid in the repair of the damage to Wilding Park, sustained in the Christchurch quake in February.

Please use this link if you are interested in bidding for the racquet in support of tennis in the Canterbury Region.

<http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=375153486>