

CROSSCOURT

FOR LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS

October 2004

Welcome to the October Crosscourt! Coach Gene Ridgway has returned from Norfolk Island and his news is on pages 2 and 3.

Just had my first interclub game at Mitchell Park! The Sunday morning 8.30 start was an interesting new experience. Earlier to bed on Saturday from now on!

There are 2 member profiles to enjoy. See also the club activity information on the back page.
Mieke, Editor.



CLUB OPEN DAY!

By Hera Swinton, Club Captain

The club open day was held on 21 August. After a doubtful morning, the weather stayed fine for those keen club members ready to hit a ball over the net. We even had some sun at one stage.

Club Chairman, John Donaghy welcomed everyone and declared the tennis season officially open.

Old and new members played filling 6 courts in total. What a fabulous turnout. Well done to those who came down for a hit.

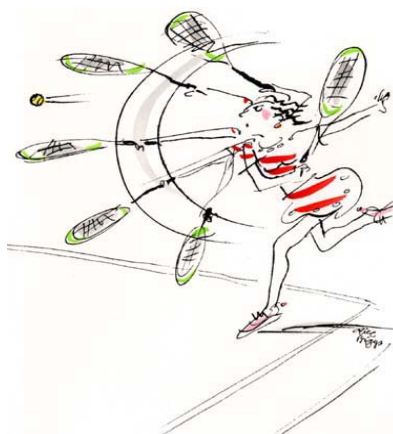
A Yankee Tournament was run whereby players selected from a pack of cards to find their partner.

Play stopped for afternoon tea. Berry pie, savouries, grapes and hot drinks were on the go. This was an opportunity to catch up with one another and for new members to

become acquainted with other players and the club's layout. Play continued into the late afternoon and the great turnout made the opening day successful.

Welcome to our new members. We're glad to have you at our club. Come down to play when you can and we look forward to your participation in the club's activities.

Thank you to those who made the day a success.



LOST PROPERTY

You will find the lost property neatly folded on the seat near the men's toilet. Please check through and collect anything that belongs to you.

All items not claimed by the end of November will be given away to charity.
Thank you kindly, Hera

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MEET EILEEN CULLEN!



Eileen joined our club when daughter Hanna started as a junior – about 8 years ago. Eileen helped husband Mark (ex member) run the tennis for juniors at our club for four years. Great stuff!

An active member of midweek tennis, Eileen also plays midweek interclub. On Wednesday night she plays league.

Eileen grew up in Lower Hutt and went to school at Wilford in Petone and her college years were spent at Wellington Girls. Twin sister Erica is the more outgoing according to Eileen.

Home is in Pohutakawa Street. Hanna is now a 6th former at Hutt Valley High. Two sons are at Otago University. Sean's in his 3rd year doing medicine and Ryan is studying to become a surveyor.

Eileen's part-time job is to keep the plants looking fresh in offices. Her interests in gardening, music and socializing fit well in the picture painted so far. And the good thing Eileen has noticed about belonging to a big club like Lower Hutt is that there is always someone around who has similar interests.

Walking 1 hour every day of the week is part of Eileen's routine. Luey, the labrador, is too old to join the hour long walk and has to be taken separately for his daily outing. Eileen's favourite quote: "Life is not measured by how many breaths we take, but how many moments that take our breath away."

MUMS' TENNIS PROGRAM

Forty mums signed up! The program was so successful that extra groups had to be put on. Due to its success we are likely to run this program again early next year. Any people interested should contact John Donaghy on 577 0098.

TENNIS IN SCHOOLS

We have been funded to give a tennis introduction to 3000 primary school children before christmas. We will also be giving 25 brand new Fischer racquets to each of the schools involved!

Below: Gene Teaching mums the basics of scoring, positioning, and techniques.



ATOMIC TENNIS NEWS

By Gene Ridgway

I am sure that you have all seen me floating around the club, as I have returned from Norfolk Island to the beautiful weather of Wellington! I am pleased to be able to offer tennis training to all club members - interclub and midweek teams, juniors and seniors - all levels. Florent is going to stay on full time at the tennis club so you can call on two qualified professional coaches!

Since my return the tennis club and I have initiated the tennis in schools programme and the tennis mums programmes. John Donaghy, on behalf of the tennis club, has sourced funding to allow me to go into each school and introduce tennis to all of the children between the

OBITUARY

On 26 September Mr Ivan Hills died suddenly at home. Ivan was a life member of the club and its oldest member.

He joined the club prior to the war, while at teacher at Hutt Valley High School.

Ivan was our chairman from 1957 to 1962, a vice president from 1951 to 1976 and president from 1977 to 1991.

In 1991 he was appointed a life member as recognition of his exceptional contribution made over many years.

Until recently he attended our official openings and he was a guest speaker at our 75th celebrations last year.

His wife Alice also a past member survives him.



MIDWEEK MEMO

The midweek 2004 - 2005 year opened on 7 September. It was a superb sunny day with over 30 players enjoying a fun tennis tournament.

We have welcomed several new members. Christine Barnett has joined us from Avalon and Janice O'Sullivan and Moya Pearce have come from Stokes Valley. Cathy Morrish and Julie Edgar are trekking from John-sonville and Churton Park and Mornain King from Petone. We hope their association with Lower Hutt Tennis is a long and happy one!



This growth in membership has enabled us to increase the number of summer interclub teams from 5 last year to 7 this year.

There will be one team in grades 1, 2 and 3 and 2 teams in grades 4 and 5. Competition for most teams begins on 6 October.

Winter interclub finished in August with the A grade teams coming 2nd, 5th and 6th and the B grade team 8th.



The tennis year will end with a Christmas lunch on 14 December. See you there!

ages of 5 and 12 years. This is a fantastic programme that benefits all of tennis, from the club getting more junior and adult members, to getting more people excited and knowing about the sport. It could not be done without the help of the tennis club and John!

Coming up: Christmas Junior Holiday Tennis Camps. I know its early but it is almost that time.... Holiday Camps will be running starting from the 15th of December so keep an eye out for the forms! New Year camps will also be running in January 2005!!! Junior Group lessons Term one 2005: Will start the week of 7th of February 2005!

WOMENS DIVISION

We are fielding 2 teams in Division 1. The A team: Ros Read, Sheryl Edgar, Nikki Hansen, Jane Nightingale and Kathryn Grant, The B team: Kate Nightingale, Barbara Bridger, Sharni McKenzie, Saral Deal and Sophie Hamer. Zelma Foo has kindly agreed to be a reserve player. If there are any more volunteers to reserve please let your President know. Our first interclub match was on 16th October.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Club member Amelia Harris went to Melbourne. Tennis New Zealand was granted eight wildcard entries into both the 14/u and 16/u Uncle Tobys Claycourt Lead in and Championships. They were held between the 23rd September and the 3rd October. The 14/u team consisted of:

Logan MacKenzie, Yung-Hsien Yang, Michael Joblin, Shay Morrison, Sacha Jones, Abigail Guthrie, Amelia Harris, and Rebecca Green.

PROFILING ADAM BISHOP



Adam has lots of interests and likes to stretch himself! And I am not just talking about his elastic band style of play on the tennis court.

A big part of his Adam's role as our Deputy Club Captain is to organize the club games on Saturday afternoon. Adam can help you fit in those extra games this season. He would love to see you there on Saturdays!

So what kind of 'other stretching' does Adam do? At the moment Adam is learning Chinese and he tells me it's very logical. In China Monday is day 1, Tuesday is day 2, and so on? Chinese also makes great use of intonation to add meaning to words. This means you have to listen very carefully for the meaning of words.

Adam loves studying and teaching and has a degree in computer systems engineering. He also has two graduate diplomas in mathematics and business studies.

Born in Dannevirke, Adam went to Wairoa at age 5. Home is now in Seatoun and he likes to walk and train to work in Wellington. Other pastimes are reading, piano and computer programming for personal use.

Adam enjoys our friendly club. He also likes the long term thinking that our committee is doing to keep our club strong for the future!

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR CLUB FEE?

31 October was the final date for payment of subscriptions. Remember, you are not eligible to play interclub or leagues & you will not receive the new gate code until your dues are paid. Make our job easier by paying now before we have to chase you.

Family Subscription \$496

Why not join the whole family up? This will then cover those times when a parent might want to come down for a game with their children.

THE COURTS

The public may be permitted to use the facilities but only when the courts are open for play. Cost: \$10 per hour.

No member can bring a non-member including members of their family or visitors from out of town to play on the courts unless a visitors fee of \$5 is paid each time.

The mid-week subscription only entitles you to play mid-week.

Remember to close the gate when you enter & leave the club. This keeps out those who don't know the combination & aren't

SATURDAY CLUB DAY

Time: 1pm **Format:** Doubles
Games made up on the day

Competitive Level: All
Contact Adam Bishop
(Ph 5666 234)

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'WIMBLEDON'

Dick Werry will arrange for a club group to see this film at the Lighthouse. It won't be until early next year though. In the meantime, have a look at this site WWW.WIMBLEDONMOVIE.COM/

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Time: 7pm

Format: Social.

Three doubles matches. Fixed teams per league.

Games made up seasonally

Competitive level: All

Contact Chester Holmes (Ph 569 6860)

MONDAY NIGHT

Monday night tennis has restarted. Play gets underway at 7pm. The normal format is for everyone to play one singles and one doubles.

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