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

Lot's of things going on from now! November is going to be a big month, with junior tournaments, parent child tournaments, our Regional 1 ladies team playing at home, a quiz night, a Saturday fun tournament and BBQ, the Monday and Wednesday night leagues getting into full swing, tennis and our club is the place to be! Start planning for the club Christmas party on the 17th December 2008!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

27th Oct 08 Labour day fun tournament from 1.00 pm
2nd Nov 08: Grasshoppers & Top Dog junior tournaments.
7th Nov 08: Quiz night at the club from 8.00 pm.
8th Nov 08: Regional 1 Woman's team playing at home – 1.00 pm.
8th Nov 08: Senior club Fun tournament & BBQ from 1.00 pm.
9th Nov 08: Parent Child tournament – 1.00 pm
11th Nov 08: Mid Week Tournament.
17th Dec 08: Club Christmas Party!!! Everyone should be there!

LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The 2008 Club Christmas party is booked for the 17th of December 2008 from 7.00 pm. Club members are requested to please bring a plate of food (lots of deserts please); the club will provide meats and beers, wine, and soft drinks! There will be fun tennis organized by Craig, Gene, and Flo from Atomic Tennis so bring your rackets!

NON-STOP NOVEMBER:

The first weeks of November are busy!

On the second of November there is an Atomic Tennis Top Dog tournament running in the morning from 8.00 am, and the new Grasshopper tournament for kids, from 9 am.

On Friday the 7th of November there is a quiz night from 8.00 pm (after the junior tennis finishes), on the 8th of November our #1 woman's team is playing at home, so we will support them by watching them play with a BBQ, and a fun tournament!

On the 9th of November there is a parent child tournament!!

On the 11th of November there is a mid week tournament run by Atomic Tennis open to all players at the club!

It is going to be a big couple of weeks. So please come along and get involved

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SUBSCRIPTIONS:

If you are paying by Internet banking can you please let us know who you are! Please add you name in the code of the banking please! Here is a list of the fees.



Senior \$210, Veteran (Over 65 yrs) \$185, Mid Week (no weekend or evening play) \$185, Couple \$380, Family \$540, Full Time Tertiary Student \$160, Junior (under 19 as at 31 Dec) \$110, Parent (playing only with child) \$50, Non playing (social) \$20.

If you are also playing interclub then there are these additional fees are: Mid Week \$50, Regional \$100, Weekend Divisional \$70, Weekend Presidents \$55, Junior \$25, Junior Playing Senior \$60.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE:

The current League will run from 15 October through to 17 December. It is full up with 12 teams playing every Wednesday night. There is a list on the notice board in the club for reserves if you require one, or if you would like to be one! All teams are requested to please bring some food with them each week!

THE LIGHTS & OTHER FACILITIES:

The club is making progress with the project of installing new lights o courts 7 & 8 and improving the lights on all courts. The club is in the process of organizing a project manager to put the job out for tender and receive the quotes, once this has been done, then the funding applications can be finalized and the work can get under way.

We are looking at hopefully getting some installation over the new-year period while the courts are not in use as much.

LABOUR DAY FUN TOURNAMENT:

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER FROM 1.00 PM

CONTACT GENE ON 5696872 FOR INFORMATION!

THE GREAT BALL MACHINE:

Miia Korpela is on the Atomic Tennis tour to Australia, as a personal fundraiser to help her get there she and her family are offering rental of their ball machine!

Charges are \$2.00 for a bucket of balls, or \$10.00 for half an hour with the machine. Miia or one of the players going on the tour will be down at the club to accept your generous donations towards the trip.

The machine is available starting from Friday 24th of November from 4.00 – 8.00 pm. So if you would like to come down to the club and hit against the machine then please give Miia a call in person on 565 3733.

COURT BOOKINGS FOR JUNIOR CLUB PLAY:

Please note that all of the courts on Friday nights 5–8 pm, and Sunday mornings 9-12 am are booked for junior club tennis. If you decide to come down and play you must first please check with a Craig, Gene, Flo, Jackie, Elizabeth to make sure there is a free court. Please do not just walk on.

JUNIOR TENNIS:

We have 20 interclub teams this season - 7 girls & 13 boys. Junior Club Champs will be held in February, which is something all interclub players should play in. Club shirts available shortly \$30 for drip dry with embroidered club logo.

The Friday night interclub training (5 – 6.30 & 6.30 – 8 pm) has begun successfully, this season the focus is a lot more on consistency and tactical play, with each coach running two courts of training, and one coach organising structured hitting sessions for all of the other players on the courts 5 – 10. We believe this is working well, keeping all of the players active and involved for a longer period of time. There is still the food and socialising break after 45 mins! We would like to remind the interclub players that they are welcome to come to the Sunday morning 10.30 am sessions as well, and it is all included in their membership fee.

The Sunday morning sessions have changed as well. The coaches are now spread out around the ten courts, and again the focus is to try and get the players to rally, serve score, and play as quickly as possible. There is still emphasis on the techniques but more emphasis on getting all players to be playing the game all of the time, learning to control the ball.

ATOMIC TENNIS:

Doubles Clinics are running occasionally up until Christmas, the next one is on Wednesday the 22nd of October from 6.30 – 7.00 pm, cost is \$5 per player, just turn up on the night.

All of the Atomic tennis junior after school programs have started for this term, however you can still get placed into a group if you are interested. Check the website for more info. www.atomictennis.com

Adult beginner lessons are running on Monday nights from 7.30 – 8.30 pm, a 4 week course that will help players learn where to stand, where to play the shots too, consistency and movement patterns, and just generally build confidence in their game. Perfect for the Wednesday night players looking to move up a ranking in their team!

GRASSHOPPER TOURNAMENT 2ND NOVEMBER 08

Grasshoppers is the new tennis for under 10 yr old beginner players, the grasshopper tournaments are quick fire tournaments for kids who have not played any competitive tennis at all. Played on modified courts with small nets, and low compression balls. Each player plays 7-minute matches and are on the court the whole time. There are certificates for the winners, food for the players and their families, and just a great time. Enquiries and enrolments to Atomic tennis on 5696872 or email craig@atomictennis.com.

SOME COURT ETIQUETTE TO KNOW:

Each season we are very happy to invite new members into our club, we also sometimes forget to pass on some of the common tennis etiquette's that we all know but you may not (even for us who already play it is a good reminder!) So here we go with the things you all need to know:

- If the ball comes on to your court from another court, stop the rally you are playing, wait for them to finish their rally and then pass the ball back to them. You then replay the point you were playing. If your ball goes on to their court they will do the same for you, don't chase it!
- If someone walks on to your court, behind your court, something flies on to the court (like a piece of paper) and distracts you or is causing a distraction or a danger, then you can call a "let" & stop play. You then clear the distraction, and the replay the point.
- When going to your court to play, if you have to pass another court, wait until the players have finished playing their rally before walking quickly at the back of the court so as not to disrupt their play. They should do the same for you.
- Try to call the score before the start of the point, that way there will never be an argument about the score.
- Players and parents on the side lines are not allowed to assist the on court players with line calls, or with the score etc. Players must make their own calls, and should they get into a dispute then they should go back to the last agreed upon score and play on from there.
- If players truly cannot agree, then they should call for an umpire to come and adjudicate the match for them, they will still call their own lines and score, but if there is a dispute then the adjudicator will make the final decision.
- Call the ball out, if it is not called out then it is considered to be in and play will continue.

WANTED:

Gene, Fiona & Craig are on a make our club beautiful campaign. We are looking for donations of Agapanthus plants to plant beside the fences of the driveway and the car park, also some Weed Mat, and a whole heap of shingle and small river stones to put down behind courts 1-4. We are planning on planting and laying the stones on Labour Day so all assistance and donations gladly accepted. Call us on 569 6872 to help us out!