

# CROSSCOURT

OCTOBER 2009; Newsletter of the Lower Hutt Tennis Club Inc ; Club House Tel: 569 6872,  
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## WELCOME:

The season is underway. From the research I have done October is the month with the most rain, so from here on the weather will be good and we can all play lots of tremendous forehands and backhands. The courts are busy these days so check below for the standard club usage. Congratulations to four of our juniors who represented Wgtn Central. The new lights are installed and working, and aren't they great! Go play, there is no excuse not to...



## FROM THE SECRETARY:

Welcome to all members and particularly our new members and those returning after a break; Naea ALBERT, Chris BARNES, Andrew BARNETT, Yvette BATTERSHILL, Justine BATTERSHILL, Liam BATTERSHILL, Frazer BATTERSHILL, Hamish BOOKER, Monique BUCKLEY, Diane CARLEY, Samantha CHAPMAN, Lucien COLYE, Kathy COYNE, Alisha EWART, Jordan EWART, Cherie GILLATT, Heath GILLESPIE, Lachlan GILLESPIE, Joanna GILLESPIE, Andrew GILLESPIE, Curtis HAMMOND, David HERMAN, Mike HOLDSWORTH, Lachlin JULIAN-LILLAS, Grace JUSTICE, Jean LEACH, Henry LUK, Larry MAHN, Andrew McCOMBIE, Olivia McCORMACK, Cameron McDUGALL, Thomas MINOT, Josh MITCHELL, Aaron MORGAN, Emily MUNRO, Jack MUNRO, Mikka NOCETE, Alex PETERS, Deanna PUATA, Patricia RAMSAY, SELINA REICHERT, Aimee SCOTT, Heather STEVENSON, JAN SUMMERS, Sophie TRASK, Christian TRUSCOTT, Alexandra WILKINS, Daisy WILSON, Benjamin WOLYNCEWICZ, Margaret YOUNG, Isabelle YOUNG, Brayden ZANDBERGEN.

## MEMBERSHIP INFO:

An email will be coming shortly with gate code for all financial members. The new gate code will be operating from the 9th November 09. People who are not financial members, before the last week of October, will have to obtain code from Graham on telephone 5692 914 after paying their subs. There will not be another general posting after this month and invoices/statements will only be supplied on request.

## COURT BOOKINGS:

As the season has started now, the courts are getting busier and busier.

Club leagues run Monday nights from 7.30 pm using four courts, and Wednesday nights from 7.00pm using all of the courts. Juniors have all of the courts for their club days on Fridays from 5-8pm, and again on Sunday mornings from 9am – 12noon. Junior interclub have all of the courts on Saturday mornings from 8.00 – 12.30 pm, and senior interclub have the 6 plexipave courts in the afternoons from 1-6pm. The 4 syn grass courts are available for club play on Saturday afternoon. Atomic Tennis have coaching running each day from 3.30 in the afternoon until approx 8.30pm usually using two courts,

sometimes three depending on the day, and [use one court on Sunday's from 1-6pm.](#)

Thursday nights [are](#) the traditional interclub teams training night, and with the club having quite a few teams involved in different grades it can become a bit log jammed. If the interclub can organize themselves to arrive at different time slots, say one at 6.00pm, and another 7.30pm then we can maximize the use of the courts and teams should be able to have at least two courts to practice and play on all of the time.

A generalised court schedule showing what courts are being used when, is on the club website ([www.lowerhutttennisclub.com](http://www.lowerhutttennisclub.com)).

Please contact Graham Nelson to book courts (If you have catch up interclub matches for example) to make sure they are available for you when you want them.

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Calendar of events is on the web at

<http://www.lowerhutttennisclub.com/calendar.htm>

## JUNIOR SPRING TRI SERIES - ALBANY TENNIS PARK, NORTH HARBOUR

Four promising Juniors from Lower Hutt Club were selected to represent Tennis Central in the annual Spring Tri Series which was held in Auckland on 10th-11th October 09. They were Naea Albert 12 yrs, Lauren Beere 11 yrs, Alex Calder 11 yrs and Tyler Titov-Smith 11 yrs (pictured right to left).



They were part of a team of 24 players who came from between Wellington, Wairarapa, Manawatu and Taranaki. The fixture was played in a team format against representatives from Tennis Northern and Tennis Waikato Bays. Some of our players travelled with their families and others went with the Central team and were billeted. Continued on page 2.

**JUNIOR SPRING TRI SERIES** continued from page 1: Saturday and Sunday started with breakfast at the Tennis Centre at 7am followed by very challenging tennis until the early evening. It was a great experience for our Lower Hutt players who did us all proud in what was a fantastic weekend of fun and very tough tennis. And would they do it again.....TOO RIGHT, I am told!!! -Article supplied by: SANDRA CALDER.

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#### **AROUND THE COURTS AND CLUB:**

All people using the kitchen facilities please be considerate and clean up after yourselves. This also includes replacing furniture, net sticks and court sweepers, etc. back inside the clubhouse. All people using the courts after club hours please keep the gate shut. This is the only way to ensure your subs are being used for your benefit only. Except Friday night, Junior members (under 13) are only allowed on the courts after 6pm if courts are available. Now is the time for members to introduce friends and acquaintances to tennis, bring them along and lets try to get membership up to 500. This helps keep our operating costs down. Graham Nelson

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#### **THE LIGHTS:**

The Lights are now complete. The green box is gone and the new switches are on the side of the white metre box on the wall by the front gate.



Each switch controls two courts with the top switch controlling the closest two courts (eg the top Syn grass court switch controls courts 1 & 2).

As the lights use lots of power, please only turn on what is required and use the adjacent courts if the lights are already on before turning on more lights. Please make sure last person out turns off all the switches even if the timer has already turned off lights, as they will turn on again at about 5.00pm in the evening if the switch is left on. The timer clock is set to turn the lights of at 10:30pm. This is the Hutt city council by laws. Please try to keep noise down after 9:30pm in respect of our great neighbours.

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#### **FRIDAY INTERCLUB & SUNDAY JUNIOR CLUB COACHING:**

The Friday night junior interclub practice nights are going well. This season we have got a lot of parents helping out on the nights, which keeps the groups small and allows us to run match play on the hard courts. Players have been organized into small round robin draws, and will play each other over a number of weeks in short matches. Both Friday & Sunday mornings have been very well supported with about 32 - 40 players per session. The new format allows us to keep the groups smaller and more tailored to the correct level of play. We are also trilling a more match play approach on Sunday mornings, getting the players playing the real game sooner and we are seeing some quick improvement in the players. Thanks again to all of the parents who are giving up their time to run courts, your help makes the experience much better for the junior players. We would like the junior interclub players to come along in the 11 - 12 am time slot for some extra practice.

#### **SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

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

##### This years Subscriptions are:

Senior individual	\$210
Junior/Intermediates (under 19 years old as at 31 dec.)	\$110
Couple (living at the same address)	\$380
Family (2 Adults, & up to 2 Intermediates and juniors)	\$540
Midweek	\$185
Veterans (over 65 years)	\$185
Student (full time tertiary student)	\$160
Parent (playing only with their child)	\$50
Non playing (social)	\$20
Visitors fee (to play with a member)	\$5

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.

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#### **YOUR THOUGHTS:**

Please respond to this newsletter, we value your thoughts, feedback, and ideas. Email [info@lowerhutttennisclub.com](mailto:info@lowerhutttennisclub.com)

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#### **MID WEEK MEMO:**

Melbourne Cup is coming up on the 3rd November. It would be great to see you all there. Prize for the best HAT!!! Starting time is 9.30am with a \$2.00 sweepstakes on the horses. I am going to ring and ask Upper Hutt and Avalon clubs to come along if they are keen. We will have a late morning tea at 11ish. Please bring a small plate. If wet , come about 10.30am for morning tea and sweepstakes.

Good luck to all interclub players for tomorrow and for next week. Trish

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#### **ATOMIC TENNIS:**

We have Nigel Musgrave and Richard West coaching with us now, both are doing a great job.

**ADULT GROUP LESSONS:** With the lights now fixed, we are keen to get these lessons started again. Cost is just \$60 for four one-hour sessions in a group of four players. Contact us if you are keen to play.

**MONDAY MORNING WORKOUT:** We now have a small group of regular players! A chance to come down and hit a lot of tennis balls in 30 mins. A great workout to get your week started! Runs 9.30 - 10.00 am, every Monday (that is dry!). Costs \$10 per session, just turn up! Stay and play singles & doubles afterwards!

**JUNIOR HOLIDAY CAMPS** 21 - 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2009.

Details are on the Atomic Tennis Website

[www.atomictennis.com](http://www.atomictennis.com)

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