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

Springtime is here, the sun is shining and the wind is blowing! I played tennis last night in the wind.. great fun, the ball was turning, you can hit impossible lobs and drop shots that you could never hit on a calm, still day! So at the end of this news in the tips of the moment some advice about handling the windy days, and keeping your brain in tune!

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON:

As you all know John Donaghy has been chair of the committee for a long time and put so much drive and energy into this position it is a standard that I don't think anyone can match and of which the club will be forever grateful. For those who do not know me I have been playing tennis since I was 7 years old and have played junior and senior representative tennis for many years. I have been a volunteer administrator also for about 10 years having a Massey diploma in sport management and have chaired the Wellington Regional committee, sat on the HV tennis committee and more recently sit on the National Senior Tennis committee as strategic and e business advisor. I have in the past been LHTC club captain, club secretary, regional teams manager and a committee member for at least 10 years. I am looking forward to an exciting year guiding the club to new horizons under Tennis New Zealand's new vision of "New Zealand is a tennis nation" with a purpose of "Unify, lead and strengthen tennis in New Zealand". The first of their guiding principles is "Foster support for the game in the community" which will be a goal we will adopt by starting with our Open Day on the 22nd Sept. If your goal this season is playing more tennis then come along and support your club and it will support you with the service you should expect. - Sylvia Wilmshurst

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

22 SEPTEMBER: OPENING FUN DAY!!!
26-28 OCTOBER: Junior Tournament!

FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN:

Saturday afternoon tennis: I am stepping down from running Saturday, and am looking for someone to open up the club on Saturday. A key will be provided. **Monday Night League:** The Monday league will start up when we have 16 players, and will follow the Wednesday night format except that there will be fewer rounds to mix up players more often. - Adam Bishop

TENNIS CLUB CONTACTS:

President – John D	Ph: 577 0098
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Secretary – Graham N	Ph: 569 2914
Treasurer – Graham C	Ph: 568 7976
Club Captain – Adam	Ph: 566 6234
Midweek – Ros	Ph: 938 1951
Junior Interclub – Kevin	Ph: 569 7452
Junior Club – Elizabeth	Ph: 971 4408
Night League – Linda	Ph: 568 5292
Senior Interclub – Ora	Ph: 566 6868
Atomic Tennis – Gene	Ph: 569 6872

DID YOU KNOW???

That Roger Federer has a career winning percentage of 80%! He has played 666 matches (at the time of writing) winning 535 and losing 131 of them! However since he won his first Wimbledon in 2003 (beating Mark Phillipousis 7-7 6-2 7-6) he has a winning percentage of 93%! Pete Sampras has a career winning percentage of 77% and Bjorn Borg has an 82.6% winning record! How does that stack up against your interclub record???



OPEN DAY SATURDAY 22ND SEPT

SEASON KICK OFF FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Bring your family and friends to participate in a variety of fun activities **starting at 1.00 pm**

- Doubles fun event with prizes
- Free ball machine for a good workout
- Get your racket restrung for the season
- Try out some Head demo rackets
- Free barbecue and happy hour
- Watch our top players play an exhibition match
- Join up a friend and get a free coaching session.
- Win an Open Day lucky club member raffle prize.
- Balloons and giveaways for the kids

KEEP LHTC SEEDED AS # 1 IN WGTN REGION

INTERCLUB 2007/2008

If you are thinking about playing Inter Club then please contact Ora 5666868 for Regional & Hutt Valley Divisional Senior tennis, Stewart Bush 9389746 for Presidents, Elizabeth 9714408 or Jackie 5687976 for Juniors inter club, immediately please!!!

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

Subs for the current years membership are due by 1st October and the gate code will be changed 27th October!

All tournament players will require an affiliation number and must be financial to receive this. All inter club players must be a financial member of a club before competition commences.

NIGHT LEAGUES:

The Wednesday night league continues to be popular. There have been 9 teams entered in this league that finished on the 12 of September! There is a 3 week break until the next league starts on the 10th of October, some free doubles coaching will be available to the Wednesday night league players (and any potential Wednesday night players!) on Wednesday 26th of September, please contact Linda if you are interested on 568 5292 or Linda.forsyth@paradise.net.nz so we can let Atomic Tennis know how many coaches are required.

The next two weeks are not "formal league" but tennis will still start at 7.00pm so please come down and play.

The next League runs from the 10th of October until the 12th of December, and there will be a social function on the last night! – Linda.

JUNIOR NEWS!!!

Interclub trials have been held. You will be contacted in the next two weeks by your team manager to confirm what team you are in.

If you have not yet registered and are interested in playing interclub please urgently ring Kevin on 569 7452. There may be a couple of spaces left or you could be a reserve. Interclub games begin on Saturday 13 October but we will have our first interclub practice on Friday 5 October at either 5.05pm or 6.35pm.

Sunday morning coaching begins on Sunday 14 October at 9am for beginners and 10.30 for advanced players. If you are not sure which group you should be attending catch up with Gene over the holidays and he'll give you a quick assessment. Remember that to improve your tennis skills you need to push yourself a bit harder and organize games with your friends outside of the coaching sessions.

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ATOMIC TENNIS:

STRINGS N THINGS! Your maintenance of your racquet can directly affect your performance, drop in a check whether your racquet needs new strings or a new grip. We are open Monday – Friday from 3.00pm! While you are there, take a demo racquet out for a test!



JUNIOR HOLIDAY CAMPS: School Holiday Tennis camps are running at the club Week one is from the 24th – 28th of September and week two is from the 1-5th of October. A fun, fast, active way to spend your school Holidays! For more information go to www.atomictennis.com, or drop in and see Gene at the Atomic shop at the club!

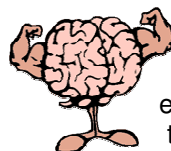
TERM 4 JUNIOR COACHING: After school group training for term 4 will be commencing from 6th of October, enrolment forms are available at the club or on the website. Small groups that work on each aspect of the game from technique to tactics and match play!

ADULT LESSONS: If you would like to become a little bit more proficient at this great game then how about booking in for an individual or a group lesson with Atomic Tennis. We cater the sessions to suit you and will work on any aspect of the game that you want to. Sessions will be booked for days and times that suit both you and the coaches, but be quick as spaces and times are limited!

Contact Atomic Tennis on telephone 569 6872 or 027 259 3989 or email gene@atomictennis.com.

HUTT VALLEY TENNIS OPEN DAY:

Hutt Valley Tennis is holding their annual open day **this Saturday the 15th of September 2007 from 11am – 3pm** at Mitchell Park. Try all of the new season range of racquets, free BBQ, free coaching, a speed radar to measure the speed of your serve, and 20% off all products from the shop on the day!



TIP OF THE MOMENT:

Playing in the wind! Playing in the wind can be one of the most frustrating experiences, however do you ever stop to think why it is so frustrating?

I watch people try to play tennis in the wind like it is a calm day! You have to learn to use the wind to control the ball for you, hit drop shots and lobs into the wind and allow the wind to stop the ball and blow it back towards you. Hit deep shots and go to the net with the wind at your back and make your opponents hit the ball past you while they are moving back and the ball is getting faster (because of the wind power behind it). Try to use it rather than fight against it, because you are not going to beat the wind, but it can definitely beat you!