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

Happy new year to all of you! This year there are lots of things on the cards starting with the Mini Aussie Open on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January. Next up is the club champs, the chance to get your name on the club board of fame and become the club champion for 2007-2008! Interclub starts again, and Atomic Tennis have a new coach starting work with them in Craig Stock all the way from Wales!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### MINI AUSSIE OPEN FUN TOURNEY:

26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008, STARTING AT 1.00PM.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE:

STARTS AGAIN FROM WEDNESDAY THE 29<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY AND FINISHES 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 08.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

8-10 FEBRUARY 2008

### JUNIOR CLUB TENNIS STARTS:

**INTERCLUB:** FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 08

**SUNDAY MORNING:** 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 08

### FOR ALL OTHER CLUB EVENTS PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK:

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

## IN MEMORY OF ALBIE ROBERTS: 1930 – 2007

A Note of Honour for a Great Sportsman.

Albie (Albert) Roberts passed away just after Christmas 2007. He was 77. I always looked up to Albie because no matter what his age he played a good game. A game to win, in a grade he was comfortable in (B grade). He always had the winning shot in a tiebreak, 3 set final and never gave up. He anticipated where the opposition players would hit the ball and where the opposition players would not be with his return.

Together we won 8 Club Champs, a dozen Vets tournaments in our grade (Waikanae, Tawa, Martinborough, Lower Hutt Etc).

Albie was also a talented Table Tennis Player winning a number of top NZ awards.

Albie Roberts, thanks for some great tennis, thanks for your friendship to me, and the Lower Hutt Club.

Our thoughts are with Davina and sons Allan and Terry.

Peter Howse

## TENNIS CLUB CONTACTS:

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## JUNIOR CLUB NEWS:

Sunday morning coaching begins again on 10 February at 9am or 10.30am. We will try and complete the final games from the November Ladder Challenge Tournament over the first 2 Sundays.



Interclub is due to begin Saturday 9 February. Team practices will start again on Friday 8 February and the post-Christmas draw is now available on the Hutt Valley tennis website. A number of teams have moved up a grade with Hutt Club now having 4 teams in the boys A grade. Competition will be fierce.

Junior Club Champs will continue to be played on Friday nights in February. You must be available to play during interclub practices. We need to have the Champs finished by the end of February before Winter sports begin.

Congratulations to Katie Farrell who won the girls open grade of the Wellington regional Primary schools tournament in November. She flew to Auckland to compete in the New Zealand primary schools champs from which she was picked to be one of 4 Sovereign Superstars at the ASB Women's Tennis Classic late December. The Superstars play on centre court between the main games. Katie's games were featured on TV, she was interviewed by Geoff Bryant and met all the top players including Lindsay Davenport. A great achievement for a determined & talented 12 year old! **Lower Hutt Tennis Club produces Superstars!**

Doris Berberic was also at the ASB Classic having been chosen as a lines person.

Elizabeth.

## MINI AUSSIE OPEN FUN TOURNAMENT:



In celebration of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Slam tennis tournament (The Australian Open 14<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2008) of the year, the mini Aussie open fun tournament will be played on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of January from 1.00 pm in the afternoon.

This fun doubles tournament is open to all club members of all levels of play.

Entry is \$10 per player, and players will be drawn a partner on the day. The entry fee includes tennis balls, prizes, and the BBQ running all day. Entries can be emailed to Gene at [admin@atomictennis.com](mailto:admin@atomictennis.com), phoned through to Gene at the tennis club on 569 6872, or put your name on the list in the club house.

There is an Aussie theme, so lets see some corked hats, some "Giddy Mate", and some shrimps on the Barbie! A prize for the most Aussie outfit is to be won!

## TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES:

This new year the club are offering some reduced membership fees coming into the second half of the season. So if you have some friends who have been thinking about joining then please let them know!

### MEMBERSHIP FEES AS OF 1/1/08:

TYPE:	NORMALLY:	NOW:
SENIOR	\$200.00	\$135.00
VETS (OVER 35)	\$175.00	\$120.00
MID WEEK	\$175.00	\$120.00
STUDENT	\$150.00	\$100.00
COUPLE	\$360.00	\$245.00
FAMILY	\$500.00	\$310.00
CHILD	\$100.00	\$60.00
3 CHILDREN	\$270.00	\$165.00
4 CHILDREN	\$332.00	\$205.00

## ATOMIC TENNIS:

We are very excited to welcome Craig Stock to our team of tennis coaches. Craig has come to coach with us from the United Kingdom and is very excited to meet all of the club members and help you all with your game!

Craig is a LTA qualified tennis coach who has been working full time in the UK, he has been in the Hutt Valley before on a gap year in 2003/2004 coaching tennis at Wellesly College in Eastbourne, and at Muritai Tennis Club. If you see him down at the club then please do say hello!

### TENNIS CAMP 28-30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008:

There are still places available in the last Holiday Tennis camp before school goes back. The camp runs 9am-3pm each day, and works on all aspects of the game of tennis.

**Tiny Tennis, Total Tennis, and development squads**, these junior after school training options are starting again from the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2008.

**Adult group lessons** are available on Monday evenings from 7.30 – 8.30pm. These lessons run in four-week blocks, and cost \$60.00 for the four one hour session. Starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2008.

If you are interested in any of these training options, or would like more information then please look at the Atomic Tennis website at [www.atomictennis.com](http://www.atomictennis.com) or contact us on 569 6872.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 07/08:

**Here is your opportunity to get yourself a piece of Lower Hutt Tennis Club history. Enter in the Club championships and enjoy a weekend of great tennis and fun. Winners receive the club champion trophies at the end of season prize giving dinner, to keep at their house until the next championship is played. Lets make sure we support this event as this is the biggest and most important club event of the year.**

Divisional interclub will be finished so there will be no clash of dates, regional players will be scheduled onto Friday night and Sunday to allow them to play interclub on Saturday afternoon.

It will be a full weekend of tennis. Draws will be prepared in advance so you will know exactly when you will be playing each match.

Players may enter maximum of 3 events providing they are all in the same category. If you are entering in more than 1 category the maximum number of events is 2. Open, Veterans, or B Grade Categories with singles, doubles & mixed doubles events are available in each. Open grades are playing best of 3 tie breaker sets. Veterans and B Grade are playing best of 17 games (1<sup>st</sup> to 9 games)- short deuces, tie breaker at 8 all.

Players listed as Regional or Division 1 team players must play in the open category. Veterans are Men over 40 and Women over 35 years of age.

Depending on numbers of entries plate events or round robin formats may be drawn.

Partners can be found for you if needed.

Please place your entry with Sylvia on 569 3998 or email to [sylviawilmshurst@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sylviawilmshurst@xtra.co.nz). Entries close on the 2nd February 2008.

## LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB IS ON THE INTERNET!!!

**Check out all of the details of upcoming events and club news on the internet at:**

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

**See you all at the Mini Aussie Open! – Editor.**