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NEWSLETTER OF THE
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INC.

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SPRING SEASON – AUGUST 2019

The start of tennis for 2019/2020 is almost upon us and we are gearing up for another great season of superb weather and awesome tennis (here's hoping!). Thank you to those who came down to the working bee and assisted the committee with the tidy up. It was truly appreciated and now the place looks great.

For those of you unable to assist with the working bee, there is another opportunity to support your club, and your committee. We have the Love Tennis Club Open Day coming up and **we need more volunteers to help** out for that, so get in touch with Alex Bass on 022 131 0779. While the open day is from 1pm to 4pm, we are happy to accept offers of help to set up beforehand and tidy up after as well, if that works better for you. If you can only spare an hour we will gladly find you something to do.

TENNIS CLUB CONTACTS

President – John Donaghy
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Club Coach

Michael McGlinchey E: mcglincheycoaching@gmail.com
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What's New?

The committee would like to remind you that if you open up the clubhouse then you are responsible for closing it. If members are still playing when you leave, you may agree with another member still playing, that they are to close up when they leave.

One other point to note, when closing the keypad metal gate upon leaving the courts, it will **not lock** unless you press the 'C' button once closed. Please remember to do this.

We are anticipating rolling out a new team top for the Premier players by the end of October. Keep an eye out for it once the competition starts.

What's On?

LOVE TENNIS WEEKEND: SAT/SUN 7TH-8TH SEP 2019

love tennis All welcome come play **HELL** x
www.lovetennis.kiwi
1-4pm
Saturday
7 Sept
Sunday
8 Sept
Want to learn or pick up where you left off? Then get along to a club near you.
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LOVE TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

The Open Day will be held at the club on 7 and 8 September from 1-4pm. It's fun, it's free and it's for all ages. It's a great time to bring along a friend and spend an afternoon having loads of fun. It's also an opportunity to have a chat to our resident coach, Michael.

Hell Pizza is sponsoring this great event and there are limited supplies of vouchers for every visitor so first come first served!

If you come and have a hit around you can then fill in the ASB entry card - this puts you into a draw for a trip for 2 to the ASB Classic in January 2020 (flights, accommodation and tickets to a day and night session).

So please make sure that you all share the event on Facebook, Instagram, and any other social media you are on.

The Love Tennis Team are in need of volunteers to help make the day a success. Please contact Alex Bass (022 131 0779) if you can help out on either day (or both) and for how long.

**SENIOR CLUB SUMMER OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT:
SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH 2018 1PM – 5PM**

A date for the diaries. More details and a request for entries will be sent out by email in September.

What Next?

TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019/2020

The 2019/20 membership fees were set at the AGM on 30th July 2019. For members renewing their membership these are due by 31st October 2019. If you do not wish to renew your membership email Jackie Clarke - clarkes1@outlook.co.nz

The committee are happy to report that club fees remain unchanged for the third year running. Please pay your subscription promptly. Note that any Interclub team members have additional fees to pay above the club subscription.

** Any full year subscription payment made after 31 December will incur \$30 late payment fee. This is to encourage prompt payment and to cover any cost of administration in collecting overdue fees.

Type	Fee \$	Late payment**
Senior (19 & over)	260.00	290.00
Couple (same address)	455.00	485.00
Family (same address)	580.00	610.00
Midweek (midweek tennis only)	230.00	260.00
Veterans (over 65)	230.00	260.00
Junior/Intermediate (Under 19)	150.00	180.00
Student (full time) – (Over 18)	200.00	230.00
Court Hire (per hour)	15.00	15.00
Visitors Fee (per player)	10.00	10.00
Non Playing (no court use)	20.00	20.00
Corporate Sponsorship	316.25	316.25

Let's Congratulate!

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM AWARDS 2018/2019

Congratulations to the members/teams named below. The following awards were presented at the AGM last month:

J W Andrews Cup (Hutt Valley Interclub Team)
Men's Divisional 1 Team 1
Trevor Dine, Brian Goodwin, Craig Eves, Brad Newson
and Dave Leesburg

Committee Cup (Most Improved Player) **Nyrell Japeth**

J W Andrews Cup (Top Regional/Premier Team)
Premier 1 Ladies
Leela Beattie, Amelia Harris, Julie Scott (C), Jennifer Chuah,
Jemima Jansen. Reserves - Leonie Campbell, Rebecca Clarke,
Rebecca Harkerss

Julie Scott Trophy (Most Improved I/C Player) **Nick Renton**

Top Regional Player **Leela Beattie**

Top Divisional Player **Brian Goodwin**

2018/19 ADMINISTRATION AWARD

T S Williams Cup (Most Outstanding Member) **Jan Edwards**

TENNIS CENTRAL SERVICE AWARD Jackie Clarke

At the Central Tennis Awards in May where Jackie was helping out, the following was said before Jackie was presented with her well-deserved award. Congratulations Jackie from all of us here at Lower Hutt Tennis Club!

This next recipient has a long service to tennis at all levels - Club, Association and Region. She has been a member of the Lower Hutt tennis Club Management Committee for the last 15 years and as treasurer has played a major role in improving the facilities at the club to a level that is equal to any.

This has been achieved by her tenacious pursuit of grants from funding organisations which has allowed the subscription fees for members to remain static while considerable investment has been put into facilities. However she has been much more than just the treasurer. She also runs the midweek club, supervises interclub teams plus much more.

She is applauded too for her contribution to Hutt Valley Tennis Association. A member of the Management Committee and the Midweek Convener for Hutt Valley Tennis for 9 years. No easy task.

But it doesn't stop there, Jackie joined the Premier Regional Interclub Committee in 2013 and provides a backbone to this competition. Her attention to detail and commitment are second to none. We are delighted to award Jackie Clarke a service to tennis award for an outstanding contribution over many years.

Let's Thank!

The Club presented a small gift at the July AGM to the following to thank them for their contribution over the year:

Ros Read	Housekeeper
Alex Bass	Audit Reviewer
League Organisers	Ken Barnett, Martin Ryan, Mandy Stewart, and Tinie and Simon Jellie
Graham Clarke	Putting together the final accounts
Graeme Josephson	Maintenance

The Midweek Club had a surprise presentation for Jan Edwards to present her the TS Williams Cup (Most Outstanding Member). We celebrated with bubbles and a delicious Apple and Caramel Cake - a great way to finish a morning of tennis. This award was well deserved by Jan.

She has been a regular player on Tuesday mornings for a number of years and is there most weeks to open up. Up until recently she played Wednesday morning interclub in the Hutt Valley midweek competition (where I had the pleasure of playing with Jan (Ed.)). As well as being on the midweek committee, Jan has traditionally prepared the ham for the Midweek Christmas Lunch and in winter made her famous Pea and Ham Soup. Jan also does a fantastic job in organising the sweepstake for the Melbourne Cup.



Jan's Famous Christmas Ham

Coach's Corner

Our Summer Season is coming up fast. For all Juniors our Friday Night Interclub Training resumes on Friday 11 October; now is the time to register if you are keen to give interclub a go. Sunday Morning Junior Coaching restarts on Sunday 13 October.

For any new senior players, I will be running Tennis NZ's Tennis Xpress programme. The first 6-week programme will start at the end of September - to express interest please send me an email or have a chat to me at the club.

Please keep an eye out over the next fortnight for our Term 4 Coaching Programme and Holiday Camp information.

Michael McGlinchey – Tennis Coach
0272 81 81 81 or mcglincheycoaching@gmail.com

Interclub / League Updates

JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

The 2019/20 Junior Tennis season is about to serve off! Our Club Open Day is around the corner, and junior interclub and pre-interclub will start in term 4 – see further details below.

Interclub

We had a great 2018/19 season with 9 teams participating in the interclub competitions, with a couple of teams playing at the regional level.

We will hold the interclub trials following our Club Open Day on 7th and 8th September – please bring along your family and school friends to this event. It's a great way to showcase our club and the facilities it has to offer to our wider community.

The interclub teams will be decided after discussions with the Junior Committee and the club coach following trials, which would then be discussed with the wider Lower Hutt Junior Tennis Convenors before their placements are finalised.

As usual we will be offering Interclub Coaching and Sunday Pre-Interclub (Morning) Coaching for our Juniors. Friday Interclub Coaching will start on 11 October, with the Sunday Morning Junior Coaching starting on 13 October.

Call for New Members to Join the Junior Committee

We farewell Dirk Bylsma this year from the Junior Committee! Thanks for your contributions to the club, interclub, open days, trials, tournaments and other events over the last couple of years!

We are keen for new members to join the junior committee (at the moment we have only 3). This is a great opportunity to be involved in the junior club, and contribute towards the development of junior tennis and other club activities. We need more members to organise club events, trials and competitions for your kids.

Contact Sanjay if you are keen to join the Junior Committee.

Sanjay Bhawan (on behalf of the LHTC Junior Committee)
SanjayLHTC@gmail.com

WOMEN'S WEEKEND INTERCLUB

Women's Interclub

Looking to improve your skills and challenge yourself for the 2019/20 season? Now's the time to register your interest in playing Saturday interclub. Please contact the Women's Interclub co-ordinator if you are wanting to play Premier or Hutt Valley interclub this season. Selections are now open for the three interclub teams available – Premier 1, 2 & 3. If there is enough interest we will look at entering a team in the Hutt Valley competition.

Pre-season hitting squads for Premier Interclub

Saturday 21 & 28 September (1pm). This will be a chance to meet other interclub players and hit against people of similar ability – a great way to start the season. Michael McGlinchey, our Lower Hutt Club Coach, will be overseeing the squad on the 28th, giving tips on doubles play and helpful routines that will help improve your game.

Important Dates

Saturday 12 October	First round of interclub
No play over labour weekend	
Saturday 30 November	Last round of interclub
Saturday 1 February 2020	Post-xmas rounds start

Julie Scott – Women's Interclub
juliescott3939@gmail.com

MEN'S WEEKEND INTERCLUB

It is that time of year where I am looking for players for the upcoming interclub competitions. Currently we have a Premier 3, 2 x Hutt Valley Division 1 and 2x Division 2 teams. Our Premier 3 team is ranked number 1. Should any Premier 1 or 2 teams withdraw, our team has a good chance of being promoted to Premier 2. The team was unlucky not to earn promotion at the end of last season, so it would be a great outcome if they can be promoted.

Our top Division 1 team finished top of the grade. Should any team withdraw from Premier our team could be promoted to Premier 3. Michael is doing a great job of developing a pool of players so it would be great if we could get a 2nd team up into Premier.

Interclub is not just for the elite players. Pre-xmas there is normally 3 Hutt Valley Divisions, so it covers all levels of skill. I am also looking for players who are only available as reserves.

Interclub starts on 19th October. Please contact me if you are interested.

Trevor Dine – Men's Interclub
566 3646 or trevor.dine@slingshot.co.nz

MIDWEEK - TUE

The midweek club meets on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 for casual games of doubles. All are welcome to join us.

Jackie Clarke – Mid Week Convenor
clarkes1@outlook.co.nz

MIDWEEK - WED

On Wednesday mornings, there is a ladies interclub team playing in B Grade at Mitchell Park. Games are played once a fortnight.

Jackie Clarke – Midweek Convenor
clarkes1@outlook.co.nz

MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Late summer and autumn weather was good for Monday night tennis. We have had a few too many cancellations over the winter this year even though it is a time when we can often get good (but cold!) tennis playing weather. Some new players have come in over the last year providing very good competition and the standard is pretty good.

On Monday nights we are pretty flexible and operate a mix of some singles matches and mostly doubles. You don't have to be available for singles either - you can play all doubles if you want. Send me a message if you are keen and get on the Monday Night League list, even if you only want to play occasionally. Also – if you have any ideas about the format on Monday nights – don't hesitate to contact me with suggestions.

Ken Barnett - Monday Night League Organiser
021 133 0191 or kenneth_barnett@outlook.com

TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Tuesday Night Tennis is singles tennis, open to all members who are looking for that fast paced run around that only singles play can provide. Players are ranked according to results and will usually play others of roughly the same ability. The format is one match per night which is the best of three sets, starting at 7:30pm. For further details send me an email.

Martin Ryan - Tuesday Night League Organiser
martin.w.ryan@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

WNL is played all year round. It's our social night for tennis. We have the odd bbq, quiz night, tournament and of course our famous Christmas party.

Starting at 7pm, it is primarily doubles and mixed play. I endeavour to match players with similar ability, mixing it up each week. All players of any ability are most welcome.

If you would like to be added to the list, email Mandy at wnltennis@gmail.com

Mandy Stewart - Wednesday Night League Organiser
021 467 413 or wnltennis@gmail.com

Club Information

MAINTENANCE

If there are things around the courts that need to be fixed, please let Graeme know. If we don't know about something, we can't fix it!

Graeme Josephson – Property and Maintenance
gnjeaj@gmail.com

COURT USAGE

At this time of the year the courts can start getting pretty busy at peak times from 5pm on weekdays and 1pm – 4pm on weekends.

The club policy is that interclub, leagues and coaching have first priority for usage, and then it is first in first served basis.

FIRST AID

First aid supplies can be found in the kitchen cupboard as well as an icepack in the freezer for any minor injuries.

FACILITIES

Please remember that if you are socialising after your game of tennis it is your responsibility to clean up after yourself e.g. bottles in the recycling bin, glasses brought inside and placed in the dishwasher. If the dishwasher is full of clean dishes please empty it - if it is full of dirty dishes please add the washing powder and turn it on to wash, then hand wash and put away any remaining dishes.

A reminder that we are not allowed to use the lights on Sunday nights due to the resource consent.

WEBSITE

If you do not wish for your photo to be published on the website, Facebook page or newsletter please email Stephanie Fuller at stephfuller@outlook.co.nz

LIKE US

The purpose of our Facebook page is to put us out there in the ever-growing social media to make our presence in the community known and for messaging. We are starting to use Facebook a bit more so keep an eye on it for messages and updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/lowerhutttennis>
Click and Like to follow your club!



SATURDAY AFTERNOON TENNIS

We have welcomed a few more members on board and mostly have all 3 courts occupied with everyone getting a competitive game. Although numbers tend to go down in winter, springtime brings a few more players out to enjoy a good day's tennis, weather permitting of course.

Format of play is predominantly doubles games (sometimes members choose to play singles if numbers suit), and from 1pm till 3pm, covering three courts. This is well-received by everyone and therefore will be continued. Thank you to everyone for supporting Saturday Afternoon League tennis. New players are most welcome.

Tinie and Simon Jellie - Saturday League Organisers
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Thanks to our Sponsors

The Club has been successful in receiving \$7,964 in grants from Pelorus Trust, Pub Charity Trust and Air Rescue Services Ltd to go towards Tennis Xpress (coaching for adults), defibrillator and junior coaching at schools in our area.

The Club would also like to thank ARL for renewing their sponsorship to the club for another year.



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Last Words

TENNIS ANAGRAMS – Tennis Champions old and new...

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Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this newsletter with updates and photos. I know it is a busy time for us all so thank you for keeping our tennis community informed about what is going on.

If you would like to have the opportunity to contribute something in the next newsletter then send me an email and I can add you to my list of contributors. The next newsletter will be coming out before Christmas.

Thanks for reading and see you at the club.

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