



## ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

### *Members of the Hagley Park Tennis Club...*

On behalf of your committee I am pleased to present the Club's Annual Report for the 2009/2010 year.

### **Membership**

2007	2008	2009	<b>2010</b>
361	381	408	<b>442</b>

Club membership continues to grow. We currently have 442 members comprising 152 Senior & Mid-week, 145 Under 19 & 145 Juniors. Saturday afternoons have been well attended throughout the year and are enjoying continuing support into the winter. Mid-week organised sessions have been well supported and many members enjoy regular games each week. The courts have been well used with the grass courts remaining in great condition right until the end of the grass court season in April.

Members are reminded that should you not wish to continue your membership for the coming year your resignation should be received by the club before the Annual Meeting on 10 July 2010. Failure to do so makes one liable for the next year's subscription.

If your membership status is to change for the coming year, for example from mid-week to full member or vice-versa or if you are no longer a student please advise the secretary so your subscription can be amended.

We were saddened by the death of two long time club members: **Don Peebles** and **Bevan Gay** who were both regular mid-week and Sunday players. Our condolences are extended to their families as we record that they will be missed at our club.

### **Club Database**

We are in the process of moving to a centralised database to allow us to better manage our membership and communicate more efficiently with members. As a result you may occasionally receive tennis-related e-mails from New Zealand Tennis through this database. If you do not wish to receive such e-mails please advise the Secretary. We also ask that you advise the Secretary if any of your contact details have changed in the last year.

**Please note that the AGM is to be held on Saturday, 10 July at 3:30pm in the Pavilion.  
A formal notice for the meeting is attached to this newsletter.**

## Club Projects

Your committee has continued the established policy of working steadily to maintain and improve the club facilities. The major project for the year was the resurfacing of the two hard courts and replacing courts 3 and 4 on row 2. We received grants from the Canterbury Community Trust and the Southern Trust which together covered close to half the cost and made the project possible. Our gratitude is extended to each of these trusts.

Additional funding received throughout the year was from the Christchurch City Council for the purchase of balls and coaching equipment. And we are again grateful to the New Zealand Community Trust who provided funding for tennis balls, two new tennis court nets and a contribution to our groundsman's salary.

We are very grateful to all of these organisations for their continued support of our club.

Installation of the seats on row 5 and row 2 in memory of **Don Preston** was completed but not without incident. An enthusiastic club member managed to rupture one of the underground irrigation pipes during the installation. Fortunately it was not under pressure at the time.

Within the pavilion the men's showers were refurbished and the rubber seals around many of the windows replaced. With the closure of the United Bowling Club we have taken over the shed to the west of and adjacent to their rinks. This will provide much needed storage space for the Groundsman's equipment and make it much easier to work in the workshop area. Our interest in obtaining the lease for the western bowling rink continues. However three other clubs are interested and so it may be some time before we get a definitive answer from the Council.

Ongoing projects that the 2010/2011 committee will take on include completing the lighting on row 2 so that all six courts will be available for evening play. However, this will be dependent on securing the necessary council consents; funding and ensuring that we have sufficient electrical capacity available to us. We will keep you updated on the progress in our regular newsletters.

The fences between rows 3 and 4 and between rows 4 and 5 need upgrading and we still have a significant leak in the roof over the workshop that needs attention.

Your committee will welcome suggestions at the AGM as to the priority that should be accorded each of these projects. Please come prepared to express your opinion.

## Veterans Tournament and Club Championships

Our Veterans Tournament was again a great success. My congratulations and thanks go to **Merv Cronin** and his team for their commitment to the tournament. This is a major feature on your Club's calendar. Should you be approached to help with next year's tournament please say "yes". You will enjoy the experience and be making a significant contribution to the life of your club.

Unfortunately the Club Championships have not enjoyed the same success. At the time of writing only the mixed doubles have been decided with our congratulations going to **Michelle** and **Lindsay North**.



## Security

There have been recent problems with security of the pavilion. For some weeks a vagrant was using the kitchen and other facilities until eventually we had the police intervene and forcibly remove him from the club's grounds. I would ask all members who play in the early evening to ensure the lights in the pavilion are off and the door locked before they leave.

## Green Fees

Green fees are a significant source of income for the club. We ask members to please ensure that their guests, friends or extended family, pay green fees when they play. An honesty system is in place with a box for the receipt of fees located to the left of the front door to the pavilion.

## Bill Malloch's Retirement



It is with a sense of loss that I acknowledge the wonderful contribution that Bill Malloch has made to the life of the club for 33 years as our Groundsman. Bill will retire from this position on August 4<sup>th</sup> with the best wishes of all club members.

I am sure you have all taken a vicarious pride in the appearance of the club's courts and their surrounds. We have indeed been fortunate to have Bill's skills and enthusiasm for such a long period. Your committee is recommending to the Annual Meeting that Bill be given a Life Membership of the club in recognition of his services to the club. This will be voted on at the meeting.

**David Taylor** has been appointed as the new Groundsman with a starting date of July 20<sup>th</sup> 2010. He comes to us from running his own landscape business and with extensive horticultural experience. Please welcome him to the club and introduce yourselves to him as he commences work for us.

## Thanks

No club operates successfully without the efforts of many members. There are a number who have been particularly helpful to me in my role as President. **Rosie Lau** has been the most competent and efficient Secretary that any President could wish for. **Christine Yap**, whose report appears over the page, has again been an enthusiastic Junior Administrator and in large measure responsible for the success of the junior program. Our Club Captain, **Bryce Thomson** assumes the onerous task of organising our interclub teams. **David Fifield's** contribution as Treasurer keeping control of our finances and subscriptions is outstanding. **Lindsay North** has continued to quietly guide the club with his wisdom and advice. **Brian Stedman** has spent many hours at the club and with his encyclopaedic knowledge of the facilities he is invaluable. **Anton Coberger** has played an important role in supporting the Groundsman on a regular basis. And I also acknowledge the enthusiasm of **Liz Rivers**, Ladies' Captain, **Jocelyn Douglas** and **Dafydd James** for their committee involvement.

## Incoming Committee and Call for Vice President

I am very pleased that all members of this year's committee are willing to serve for another year (at least). The list of nominations is attached to the notice of Annual Meeting. There is, again, no nomination for Vice President a role which has largely been picked up by **David Corlett** this year to whom I am extremely grateful. We would welcome a volunteer to fill this role and join a very active group of committee members.

Alex Sutherland

## Junior Administrator's Report

We had another great junior interclub season with a total of 15 teams taking part. There were five girls' teams and ten boys' teams. Congratulations to the Boys 12 Div 1 Friday team (**Nathan Kennedy, Alex Cohen, Moss Jackson, Qassi Gaba and James Garbett**) for winning the division. Congratulations also to the boys 14 Div 1 team (**Paul Lee, Brian Lee, Eric Lee and AJ Tyler**) who were runners up in that division. "Well done to all the other junior teams – all of you played well". I saw a great improvement in some of the teams, especially the boys 10 and 11 teams. Thank you to all the players who participated and I trust that you will continue to do so next season. Finally a very big thank you to the parents for their support, especially the team captains for giving up their time in coordinating the teams each week and supervising play. I could not have done it without your support.

I would also like to thank the main coaches, **Mark Belcher** and **Paddy Holder** for coaching these junior teams.

Just prior to Christmas we held a small Christmas doubles tournament for our junior members. It was a great day that was well attended with all juniors having fun.

To end the season, we held the Junior Club Championship in April 2010. Again, we had good attendance, good weather and great fun. Congratulations to the following juniors:

Team	Winner:	Runner/s up:
Girls 10/11	Georgia Doyle	Olivia Harris
Girls 12	Stephanie Jeffs	Kiera Horton-King
Girls 14/15	Gemma Horton-King	Hannah Horton-King and Lizzie Thomson
Boys 10/11	Findlay Adam	Dylan Kim
Boys 12	Moss Jackson	Jamie Garbett

I hope that all of you will come back to play again next season.

Christine Yap

## Club Captain's Report

Hagley Park entered seven teams in the Canterbury Tennis inter-club competition this season - three fewer than last season as no Division Four men's teams were entered compared with last year's three.

The Senior Women, comprising a mix of Rebecca Green, Adele Orangi, Beth Williamson, Carly Moorfield, Sally Moorfield, Shirley Haig and a late introduction of Michelle North on her return from USA, earned a place in the final but succumbed to Cashmere in a tight battle that could have gone our way. We congratulate them on a great effort.

Division Three Men, comprising Jonathon Pow, Raj Patel, Atsushi Ishizuki, Charles Cole, Hiroshi Nakano and Paul Cocks who joined later in the season, also made the final but were beaten by a very solid Cashmere team.

All in all, it was a very difficult season. Player unavailability made organisation difficult. Senior Men, in particular, were light in available players at times with players having other commitments and injuries which meant we had to default twice, which is very disappointing. This raises issues about whether or not the club should enter a team for club profile. The winning team this year, it seems, paid or recompensed some players to play for the club, probably through sponsorship. Do we need to go down this track? There are probably willing sponsors available - it is just a matter of having the time to find them and moving on from there.

Division One Men avoided relegation, Division Two Men were relegated, Division One Women had an average season and Division Two Women had some good results.

Bryce Thomson

## Coach's Report



The 2009/10 season was another busy one for coaching at Hagley Park. Maintaining a good relationship with schools such as Cathedral Grammar School and Christ's College means coaching groups as large as 60 students at a time. This means having up to six coaches available at times to do a professional job. So there can be upwards of 70 coaching hours in any a given week. We continue to encourage younger members to join and our Saturday morning group has up to 25 juniors attending with some as young as 4 years old!

Interclub teams had a successful season with the 10's boys Friday team winning the grade.

Good news for Michael Saunders who has gained a scholarship to Newberry College in Carolina and leaves in August.

Easi-Tennis continues to provide the opportunity for adults to learn how to play tennis with some enthusiastic players staying on to join the club. We are the only club running this program all year round.

Social tennis on Wednesdays is still providing an excellent introduction to the club and thanks to our loyal sponsors Trevino's Bar and Restaurant on Riccarton Road, Anderson & Hill on the corner of Colombo and St Asaph Streets and new sponsors Lauren and Bill Clemett from Harcourts Gold in Papanui who all provide prizes which add to the atmosphere and incentive to come to our great club.

See you on court!

Mark Belcher

It is my pleasure to move that the Annual Report as presented be received and approved.

**Alex Sutherland**  
President

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