



ANNUAL REPORT 2010/11

Members of the Hagley Park Tennis Club...

On behalf of your committee I am pleased to present the Club's Annual Report for the 2010/2011 year.

The year will be best remembered for the earthquakes of September 4th 2010, February 22nd 2011 and at the time of writing, the latest on Monday, 6 June together with the seemingly endless series of aftershocks. Most, if not all, members will have been affected in some way. Your committee extends our sympathies and wishes you all the best possible recovery.

As a club we were fortunate. Damage was limited to cracking on our hard courts which will have to be repaired. They were not insured and thus the repairs will need to be funded from reserves or grant monies. The greater inconvenience was being without water for almost two months. We appreciated the tolerance and understanding of members during that period.

Club Projects

The need to repair the earthquake damaged hard courts has adversely affected the club's plans for the improvements to our facilities foreshadowed in last year's annual report. Thus there has been no significant work on the fences nor on the pavilion. We are however hopeful that both the carpet and the refrigerator upstairs can be replaced and the roof over the workshop repaired in the coming year. We are aware that grant funding will be difficult for us to obtain this year. Such monies as are available will rightly go those whose needs are undoubtedly greater than ours.

The lighting project for the remainder of Row 2 has been dropped. Investigations showed there would be a significant infrastructure upgrade required to bring sufficient power from Riccarton Avenue to the club. We thank **Dafydd James** for his efforts in researching this project.

Discussions continue, albeit glacially since the earthquakes, with the City Council and the Old Boys Rugby Club over what best use might be made of the now spare bowling rink and the area around it adjacent to Row 1. As an alternative to the club taking an interest in this land the committee has discussed the idea of providing two hard courts at the driveway end of Row 3. There are arguments for and against this idea. We have no firm view at this time and will welcome members' thoughts. There will be an opportunity for you to express these thoughts at the AGM and you may approach any committee member to discuss the idea.

Website

Our club website has been managed for many years by **Tom Burkitt** and we are very grateful for Tom for his quiet and efficient contribution. I say 'quiet', because our committee is not *that au fait* with how best to operate this *e:gadget* so we have relied on Tom to manage this useful tool for us. Tom has decided to stand down due to family and work commitments and we are rather relieved that **Sonny Taite** has put his hand up to operate our website from now on. Sonny's two daughters, Zara & Zoe are new members and he is connected to the club by parents-in-law, **Anton & Kaye Coberger**. Our sincere thanks are extended to both Tom and Sonny for their enthusiastic interest in our club.

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

Veterans Tournament

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 and makes a substantial contribution to club funds. 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.

Green Fees

Green fees are a significant source of income for the club. It is up to members to ensure 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.

Grounds

David Taylor, our Grounds Manager, has completed his first year of service to the club. It has been a pleasure to work with him. The excellent appearance of the courts and surrounds is testimony to his skill and dedication.

To assist David and to resolve some safety issues the club purchased new equipment including a petrol powered hedge trimmer and a leaf blower for use in clearing the courts and to assist drying of grass courts to enable lines to be painted.

We are in the process of purchasing a new mower for the grass courts. The Dennis mowers have given great service for many decades but are becoming an increasing burden on club finances as they require frequent and expensive maintenance. It is appropriate to acknowledge **Brian Stedman's** major contribution to extending the life of the Dennis mowers. His expertise has been invaluable.

There was a serious weed problem during the year which has been largely overcome with advice and help from **Bill Malloch** whose efforts in this regard are acknowledged. The courts were not top-dressed with soil this year. The reasons included the difficulty in accessing soil and equipment following the earthquake.

Thanks...

No club operates successfully without the efforts of many members. There are a number that have been particularly helpful to me in my role as President. Rosie Lau has again been the most competent and efficient Secretary that any President could wish for. Through her efforts and those of our efficient treasurer, **David Fifield**, the club has again gained recognition for its competent administration through the receipt of a Club Mark Silver Achievement Award. As a by product of this we now have an impressive Policies & Procedures manual.

Janine Tyler has joined us as Junior Administrator. She has kept the club's junior programme running efficiently and her report on the year's activities appears below. **Lindsay North** has continued to quietly guide the club with his wisdom and advice. **Brian Stedman**, while not enjoying the best of health, continues to spend many hours at the club and his encyclopaedic knowledge of the facilities is invaluable.

I wish to acknowledge the contributions of all the committee members in making what could have been a very difficult year an enjoyable one.

Incoming Committee

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 General Meeting. We would welcome volunteers to join the committee and enjoy the fellowship that committee membership brings.

Our club is grateful for the ongoing support of...

Membership

2008	2009	2010	2011
381	408	442	419

Our membership is down a little on the previous year. Attendance on Saturday afternoons has been steady with up to ten courts in use over the summer. This has dropped back to four or five on winter Saturdays. Mid-week organised sessions have been well supported and many members enjoy regular mid week games.

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 30 July 2011. 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.

If your membership details, e.g. your telephone number, home address or e:mail have changed during the year please inform the Secretary so the club's database can be kept current.

Junior Administrator's Report

We entered 13 teams in the Canterbury Junior Interclub Competition (10 Boys and 3 Girls). The season got off to a good start with all teams receiving excellent coaching from **Mark Belcher** and **Paddy Holder**.

The Boys 13s Div 2 team (**Felix Ellerm Norton, Michael Newton, Joseph Carey, Nayuta Nishiyama** and **Daniel Young**) finished 2nd in the Pre-Xmas Round while the Boys 12s Div 3 team (**Finlay Adam, Jack Walker, Min Ho Park** and **Adam Smead-Roberts**) won the Pre-Xmas round and had just been moved up to Div 2 when the season was cut short by the events of February 22. Trying to make the best of the situation, the club offered the children both Saturday coaching and team coaching until the end of the school term.

Canterbury Tennis then put together a Junior Winter League which is currently running over Terms 2 and 3, with the children able to enter Age-group Sunday Tournaments, for only \$10.00 each at various clubs around Christchurch. Hagley Park will be hosting a 10s and 14s event on Sunday 21st August.

Janine Tyler



The following individual achievements were made by two of our keenest juniors **Jamie Garbett** (left) and **Nathan Kennedy** (right). Nathan won the Nelson Summer Junior Open 12s Consolation Final and Jamie won the Canterbury Primary Schools 9s Singles and Doubles Events and reached the final of the Hutt Valley 10s Xmas Tournament and the Edgeware Junior Open 10s Singles. He then went on to represent Canterbury at the Queen's Birthday 10s teams' event in Timaru winning 2 out of 3 of both his singles and doubles matches.



Club Captain's Report

We entered seven inter-club teams: Senior Women, Senior Men, Division One Men, Division Two Women, two Division Three Men and a Senior Mixed Fours team for first time for many years.

Only Senior Women and Men were completed the week prior to the February earthquake. Having defeated Cashmere in the semi-finals 5 matches to 1, the women prevailed 8 sets to 6 against Burnside Park in a tight struggle. Well done to the team (pictured below) comprising: **Shirley Haig, Annabel Linterman, Michelle North, Sally Moorfield, Adele Orangi and Beth Williamson.**

Senior men made the semi-final but lost to Cashmere.

All other grades were not completed. Division One Men finished in the middle of the pack, Division Three Mens 1 & 2 ended up 2nd & 3rd respectively with three rounds to go, Division Two Women 4th with one round to go and Senior Mixed Fours 3rd with one round left.

All-in-all a successful year.

Next season will be interesting with limited court availability, requiring more variation and flexibility in when and where inter-club competitions are played.

Bryce Thomson



“Congratulations”
to our Senior Women's Team!!

Coach's Report



The 2010/11 season will be remembered far more for the tough times Christchurch is experiencing than anything associated with tennis. I hope all our members are well and coping in this difficult time.

Last August **Michael Saunders** left for Carolina in the U.S. on his tennis scholarship adventure. By all reports he is thriving in that system and we look forward to seeing him on court in Christchurch between semesters.

Our senior men's team performed well before Xmas travelling as high as second on the table. Mathew Sunderland performed very well and is now just four wins short of joining me in the "100 Club".

The Senior Women's team have done it again, yet another awesome effort from them.

Christ College and Cathedral Grammar School were hard hit in the quakes but are back in operation and we look forward to seeing them back at the courts this summer.

Along with those schools I have an association with St Michaels, Middleton Grange, Home Schools and Aspiring language school. These are valued clients who may provide many potential members to the club.

Easi-Tennis is a group lesson for beginner adults which runs each Thursday from 5:30-7:00pm and is a great introduction to tennis with the aim of getting players confident enough to join club players to play. More advanced players are welcome to the adult tennis lessons at 7pm Thursdays – no booking required, just come along. The cost is just \$10 per person for the lesson.

Wednesday Social Tennis – 6pm to 8pm year-round. It's another excellent gateway to the club offering an extra service to members and prospective members in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Our sponsors for the evening are **Trevinos Bar and Restaurant** - they provide prizes and a great after-play venue.

Summer tennis for juniors is very popular and for those wanting to begin young, we have players as young as 5 years old attending classes each Saturday morning at 9am.

I also provide a re-string service (re-grips & shock absorbers too) for members at very competitive prices. **And don't forget, private coaching lessons for members: Individuals: \$50/hour, Groups: \$60/hour. Call me to arrange a time.**

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

