



ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12

Members of the Hagley Park Tennis Club...

On behalf of your committee I am pleased to present the Club's Annual Report for the 2011/2012 year.

Earthquakes

Thankfully this year has not seen the same seismic activity as last year. However the continuing aftershocks are still a concern. As a consequence Canterbury Tennis has asked all clubs to obtain an engineer's report as to the structural stability of their pavilions. This has been done for our pavilion with the building being found structurally sound.

The cracks in the two hard courts have been repaired and the surfaces repainted. We were very fortunate to receive a generous grant of \$9600 from **Westpac Bank** to cover the cost of these repairs. We thank Westpac for their valued support of our club.

The Future of Wilding Park remains unresolved. Your committee has had discussions with Canterbury Tennis to explore the possibility of the regional tennis centre moving to our courts. Club members will be kept informed and consulted about any developments in this regard.

Grants

In addition to Westpac's grant noted above (and pictured below!) we received \$4000 from the **City Council** and \$5000 from the **Canterbury Community Trust** towards the Grounds Manager's salary and a donation of \$250 from **Solid Energy**. We record our appreciation for this support and acknowledge that without it our club would not be viable in its present form.

It is only through the tireless efforts of **Rosie Lau**, our efficient Secretary, that these grants have been received in a year when grant monies have not been easy to obtain. Our sincere thanks go to Rosie for her efforts on our behalf.

Green Fees

Green fees are a significant source of income for the club. It is important that members ensure their guests and extended family pay the \$10 per person each time they play. Monies should be placed in the Green Fee box at the pavilion door prior to commencing play. It is in the interests of all members to collect green fees from non-members. Every fee collected assists in keeping subscriptions down.

Grounds

It has become apparent that the grass playing surfaces have deteriorated over recent years. There is the weed problem, as reported on at last year's AGM, which is ongoing and there is concern over the lack of vigorous grass growth.

Your committee has sought advice principally from Peter Macintosh at the **Hagley Golf Club** as to how these problems may best be addressed. The outcome is we will need to spray the weeds again prior to opening the grass courts in October and a programme of court maintenance has been prepared. This centres around applications of a wetting agent and a more focussed fertilising programme. The former is required because water whether from rain or the irrigation system has not been penetrating sufficiently to reach the root zone. Grass growth is thus hindered and hard bare patches appear such as those at the ends of Rows 3 and 4.

The new mower was purchased to replace the Dennis mowers. It was financed by anonymous donations from two club members. **David Taylor**, our Grounds Manager, reports that after some initial problems the mower is performing well.

GROUNDS (Cont'd)

There have been no further meetings with the City Council about the bowling club land. Croquet has taken over the green closest to the road. High School Old Boys Rugby Club is presently using the Bowls/Croquet pavilion and the adjacent marquee as a social centre. We are watching this carefully to see if there are any adverse effects on our club.

Club Treasurer

David Fifield who has served as Club Treasurer for many, many years is resigning from the position for business reasons. We are sorry to lose David, his expertise and the excellent service he has provided for so long. At the AGM I will move the motion: ***That the club formally acknowledge and record its appreciation for the many years of service given by David Fifield as Club Treasurer and wish him every success in the future.***

We are seeking a replacement for David and would welcome any expressions of interest.

Committee

We welcomed two new members to the committee this year: **Michael Ross** and **Michelle North**. Each has contributed to the work of the committee and their efforts have been appreciated. I specially wish to commend the effort again this year of our Junior Administrator, **Janine Tyler** who has led our juniors to some terrific success this season – read on for their achievements. **Dafydd James** resigned from the committee during the year. His contribution to our work is acknowledged with thanks.

It is inevitable that matters only become more complex as time passes. So it is for the work of your committee particularly in the areas of membership and fundraising. It is essential we enlarge our committee so the increasing work load can be shared amongst a larger group. Please consider volunteering your time and talents by joining the committee and thus contributing to the running of your club.

Tennis Court Repair – Thanks to Westpac Bank!

Alex Sutherland pictured with Kat McInnes and Suzanne Lemon from Westpac Bank who came to inspect our courts and handover the BIG CHEQUE!



**Please note that the AGM is to be held on Saturday, 28 July at 3:30pm in the Pavilion.
A formal notice for the meeting is attached to this newsletter.**

Veterans Tournament

The 2012 Veterans' Tournament attracted 148 players who competed in generally good weather conditions over two days. Our thanks go again to **Merv Cronin** and his team for their commitment to the tournament and for its success. **Trevor Lau's** contribution by way of producing the draws for each event and acting as treasurer for the tournament was especially appreciated. New team members are always welcome and will be needed for next year's tournament. Please consider becoming involved in a major feature of our club's year.

We extend our thanks to all the sponsors of the tournament: **Anderson and Hill, Philip Trusttum, Hooker and Associates Rhodes and Co., S.B.A. small business accounting, The Chateau on the Park, Tranz Scenic Rail and Christchurch Casino.**

Overall the tournament returned approximately \$3000 to club funds.

Below is a picture of some of the players and on the front page of our website you will see a slide-show of pictures taken from the tournament.



Mid Week Ladies Inter-Club (Liz Rivers)

After a seemingly never-ending run of wet Wednesdays at the beginning of the season, we settled into our mid-week competition. As well as winning more games than we lost, we enjoyed absolutely delicious lunches! We'd love some more team members – regular and reserve, male or female.

Next season's competition will start in September. We play on Wednesday mornings alternating between our club and other clubs, from 9.30am. The format is 4 sets of doubles played to 6 games and this is followed by lunch that the home team provides. Please contact Liz Rivers (332 5836) or ianderivers@xtra.co.nz if you would like to play.

Our club is grateful for the support of...



Membership

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
381	408	442	419	371

Our membership is down a little on the previous year but I understand that this is typical of many Christchurch clubs this past year.

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 28 July 2012. Failure to do so makes one liable for next year's subscription.

If your membership status is to change for the coming year, 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 such as address or telephone number have changed during the year please advise the Secretary so the club's data base can be kept current.

Junior Administrator's Report (Janine Tyler)

Hagley Park 'Junior' Tennis Club had a fantastic season with 14 teams competing every weekend. All teams had team coaching with Mark Belcher once a week with great results:

Nine teams made the Finals with 3 teams winning their Final:

- Boys Challenger 3: **Jamie Garbett, Alex Zorn, Moss Jackson and AJ Tyler**
- Boys Senior Satellite Div 2: **Hamish Clay, David Clay, Charles Fraser and Oliver Hunt** and
- Girls 11s Div 2: **Madeleine Finch, Amy Zorn, Yuna Chon, Clementine Rose and Sophie Kelly.**

Hamish Cain from Canterbury Tennis was able to join us for our Junior prize-giving and present the badges (Gold and Silver) to each player.

Four Hagley Park Juniors were then chosen and qualified to play in the inaugural Canterbury U10 Zone Championships over Winter as part of the Central Team: **Harry Ashburn, Finn Marchant-Ludlow, Victor Gan and Zoe Coberger Taite** again coached by Mark Belcher.

Hagley Park Juniors selected for the Queens Birthday Teams Event in Timaru were **Jamie Garbett** (12s) and **Zoe Coberger Taite** (10s).

Jamie also played in several tournaments over the summer and he won the Canterbury Champs 10s Singles and 12s Doubles as well as the Canterbury Primary Champs 10s. He won the **Consolation Final** of the Canterbury Spring Open 12s Doubles, Northern Xmas Junior Open 12s and Canterbury Junior Champs 12s.



“Congratulations” to our Junior Players!

Club Captain's Report (Bryce Thomson)

Interclub comment:

There is little need to re-visit the repercussions on sport this past year, however, interclub play got through the season by using club facilities with very few problems. This arrangement is will continue until there is resolution for a Wilding Park re-build or replacement.

We entered seven teams this season: Premier Men and Women, Division One Men and Women, Division Two Women, Division Three and Division Four Men.

Congratulations to the Premier Women finishing runners-up in both ASB competition pre-Christmas and Summer league post-Christmas. Division One Men had a noteworthy season making the final but going down to a strong Elmwood team. Division Three Men also acquitted themselves well finishing second in the round-robin but failing to make to make the final.

Club Championships

Congratulations to the following: Beth Williamson (women's singles), Michelle North and Adele Orangi (women's doubles), Adele Orangi and Tim Preston (mixed doubles), Mark Belcher (men's singles) and Mark Belcher and Tim Preston (men's doubles). Thank you to those who participated.

Coach's Report (Mark Belcher)



The earthquakes have brought tough times to tennis in Canterbury but here at H.P.T.C. we continue to provide a good atmosphere for players of all ages. The past season saw our junior interclub teams reach the finals in nine grades which is certainly the most positive result I have seen at the club. Michael Saunders continues to produce good results on his tennis scholarship in the U.S. Recently several of our juniors have been representing the central zone of Christchurch in an under 10's competition. "Well done!" to **Zoe Coberger-Taite, Harry Ashburn, Finn Marchant-Ludlow and Victor Gan** for making that team and further congratulations to Zoe and Victor for making the

Canterbury team. I have had help this year from two young coaches on Saturday mornings – "thank you" to **Alex Zorn** (15) and **Nathan Kennedy** (13) for your enthusiastic support.

Another positive is the opportunity for our senior teams to play some home games. It has been a good chance to host teams from around Christchurch and show our members some top local tennis while providing an opportunity to increase a great club spirit.

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 for members and prospective members (\$10/night) 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 five 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.** I would like to welcome a new 'member' to the club. The "Eagnas Flash 737e" racket stringing machine has arrived from the U.S. The "737e" is happy to be in NZ and promising to take care of your rackets with loving attention and precise tensioning. [See you on court!](#)

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

Alex Sutherland, President

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