



## ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

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

On behalf of your committee I am pleased to present the Club's Annual Report for the 2012/2013 year.

#### **Relations with Canterbury Tennis**

During the year we have continued to liaise with Canterbury Tennis over possible relocation of the Wilding Park outdoor courts and administration to our facility. Possible court layouts and modifications to the pavilion have been drawn up. The court arrangement would retain four grass courts on Row 1, establish two grass courts on the Bowling Club green and form hard courts on Rows 3, 4 and 5. We would retain access rights to Rows 2, 3 4 and 5. All discussions have been in good faith with no commitment from either party.

Presently Canterbury Tennis is carrying out a survey of members of tennis clubs in Canterbury to determine their preference for the future of the Wilding Park facility apart from the indoor courts. Moving to Hagley Park is only one option. Members will have received a copy of this survey. Should the expressed preference be for a move to Hagley Park we will be holding Special General Meetings to discuss our response. Such a preference was expressed by delegates to a Canterbury Tennis special general meeting in June 2013.

#### **Relations with the City Council, Croquet and HSOB Rugby**

We have been meeting with the above to discuss the future of the Bowling Green site and its surrounds. HSOB Rugby wish to build a Changing Facility and Club Rooms immediately to the west of the bowling greens where our storage shed presently stands. There is also the possibility of greater cooperation between the three clubs with respect to storage facilities. We rejected the first proposal by Rugby for their facility. At present they are revising the proposal. The council is keen to progress this matter and we thus wait for their next move.

#### **Grounds**

I reported at the 2012 AGM that the playing surfaces had deteriorated noting an increase in weeds and lack of vigorous grass growth. The weed problem has been largely brought under control by a programme of spraying. The weak grass growth was a result of inadequate water. Use of a wetting agent improved the situation. We were fortunate to receive a grant through Canterbury Tennis to upgrade the irrigation system. A new pump has been installed, new pipe work laid, and the sprinkler heads replaced resulting in a much improved performance. We thus look forward to an invigorated sward.

Given the state of the courts it was decided that the annual top dressing exercise be done with Hagley Golf Club machinery and assistance. In this way all four rows were done.

#### **Pavilion**

The pavilion is in need of some serious maintenance with the workshop roof in particular needing replacing. We have applied for a grant to enable this to be done. The amount involved is of the order of \$3500.

#### **Our Patron**

Brian Stedman has recently moved to Margaret Stoddart Retirement Village, 23 Bartlett Street, Riccarton, Christchurch 8011. At the ripe old age of 92, Brian has wired himself up with Email [mansted@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mansted@xtra.co.nz). No doubt Facebook and his very own Twitter account may well follow! ☺ If you want to contact Brian, phone him on 348 9909. He would welcome a visit and a chat.

**Please note that the AGM is to be held on Saturday, 27 July at 3:30pm in the Pavilion.  
A formal notice for the meeting is attached to this newsletter.**

## Committee

The club is fortunate in having an enthusiastic committee working on its behalf. However we are finding it increasingly difficult to be effective with our present numbers. Matters inevitably become more complex and new issues keep arising. I am grateful to **David Corlett** for taking on the Funding role and to **Rosie Lau** for her contribution in the roles of Treasurer and Membership Secretary both of which are particularly demanding. This year we are separating the two roles and I am very pleased to welcome Andrea Hughes and Janine Tyler onto the committee. Andrea will take on Treasurer and Janine will add Membership to her Junior Administrator role. There is always plenty of work to be done so I urge you to think of the contribution you might make to the efficient running of our club, and join our committee. Some administration skills would be very handy!

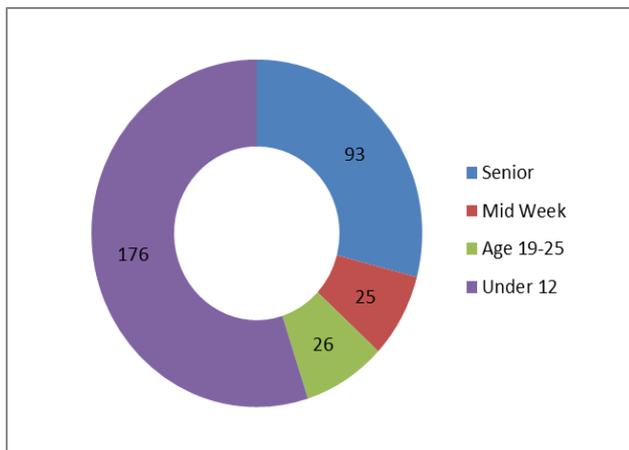
We are sorry to lose **Jocelyn Douglas**, our Vice President from the committee for 2013/14. Jocelyn has resigned due to work pressures. Her contribution to our work has been much appreciated. **David Corlett** is also resigning from the committee as a result of work pressures. David was president for two terms: 2006/7 and 2007/8 and as Immediate Past President he has been an active and valued member of the committee.

**Rosie Lau** has also decided to stand down after seven years on the committee in the roles of Mid Week Captain, Secretary/Funding/Membership and most recently, Treasurer/Membership. During my Presidency Rosie has been a tower of strength completing not only these roles but also contributing in many ways to the well-being of the club. This was exemplified when in January 2013 she, and her husband Trevor, received the Christine van Leuwin cup for services to the Annual Veterans Tournament. Rosie is leaving the committee and will be sorely missed. Typically, she has indicated a willingness to help out as needed and to mentor our new Treasurer and Membership Officer.

I again particularly wish to commend the effort of our Junior Administrator, **Janine Tyler** who has led our juniors to some excellent success this season. In doing so I also offer my hearty congratulations to **Nathanael Wain, Victor Gan, Tony Yoo, Bronson Lee, and Tom Kelly**, our Junior Under 11's who made the finals – see their pic below. I know Janine works tirelessly with the juniors and the club and committee are tremendously grateful for her enthusiastic contribution.

## Membership

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
408	442	419	371	320



Here in a donut is the membership breakdown for 2013.

With juniors being the future of our club, it's not only right, but heartening to see that they represent the greatest number. In saying that, we were sorry to lose Cathedral Grammar students as members this past year. This is a sad reflection of the times of course, but I am very pleased to report that, excluding this loss of CG students, our general membership has actually increased by approximately 20 over the past year. We allowed a number of members to pay subs by instalment this past year so this has certainly helped increase our membership numbers.

Christ College students remain club stalwarts and we enjoy their involvement in our club and appreciate their support. We also acknowledge the enthusiastic work that our coach, Mark Belcher does with the students. I know the students and Mark enjoy a strong relationship.

A closing comment on members, I remind you 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 27 July 2013. This can be sent by e;mail to: [info@hagleyparktennis.co.nz](mailto:info@hagleyparktennis.co.nz). 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 Treasurer or Secretary so your subscription can be amended.

## Grants Received

Our club is grateful for the support of Canterbury Tennis through **Vodafone Foundation's Canterbury Fund** for \$22,500 to improve our irrigation system.

## Veterans' Tournament

The 2013 Veterans' Tournament attracted 103 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. **Rosie Lau** provided good support in organising "behind the scenes". In recognition of their support, not only this year but also in recent years, the Christine van Leeuwin cup for services to the tournament was awarded jointly to Rosie and Trevor. It was well deserved.

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 Trusstum, Hooker and Associates Rhodes and Co., s.b.a. small business accounting, The Chateau on the Park, Christchurch Casino.**

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

Come and join us! Wednesday mornings from September to April. The standard is 'about B grade' and we have a delicious lunch afterwards. This past season we were pleased to welcome new players: Eunju Jung, Fiona Penman and Georgina Bathgate and we lost Mary Smit to Wanaka and Penny Dolan to Hawaii – of all places!! Below is a pic of some of the group with Camp Leader Liz – 4<sup>th</sup> from right. 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](mailto:ianderivers@xtra.co.nz) if you would like to play (& lunch!). Below are the team celebrating the end of season, or the start of the next – both probably!



## JUNIOR TENNIS

### Junior Administrator's Report (Janine Tyler)

Hagley Park 'Junior' Tennis Club had a busy season with 14 teams competing every weekend. All teams had team coaching with Mark Belcher each week, however it was a tough season with only one team making the Final – Congratulations to our Boys 11 – Div 1 – pictured below.

Canterbury Tennis recently held a fun Junior prize-giving event at the newly re-opened Wilding Park Indoor Courts where the 11s Boys were presented with their badges (Silver for placing second in the summer competition).

Some of our most promising Juniors extended themselves by playing in our Senior Grades: **Jamie Garbett**\_Mens Div 3, **Alex Zorn**\_Mens Div 5 and, **Stephanie Jeffs**\_Women's Div 2. Our Junior Club Champs were held at the end of the season with the following results: Girls 11 and Over: **Lily Sawyer**, Runner Up **Lucia Kennedy**; Girls 10 and Under: **Zoe Coberger Taite**, Runner Up **Cassandra Hetherington**; Boys 11 and over: **Jamie Garbett**, Runner Up **Alex Zorn**; Boys 10 and under **Harry Ashburn**, Runner Up **Ben Pownall** **Stephanie Jeffs** was part of the St Andrews College Tennis Team that won Gold at the National Schools Mixed Teams Event in March. **Jamie Garbett** was part of the Canterbury 12s Team (playing No. 2 and only losing 1 match) which placed 2nd at the National Teams Event in April. Four Hagley Park Juniors are now in the running for playing in The Wilding Challenge over winter as part of the Central Team:

**Harry Ashburn, Liam Barrett, William Morris** and **Ben Pownall** again coached by Mark Belcher.

The South Island Teams event was played in Timaru over Queen's Birthday weekend. Jamie Garbett played No. 1 in the Boys 12s team and Zoe Coberger Taite was reserve for the Girls 12s team.

**“Congratulations” to  
The Boys 11's Div 1**



The Hagley Park Tennis Boys 11s Finalist Team consisting of Nathanael Wain, Victor Gan, Tony Yoo, Bronson Lee, and Tom Kelly (Reserve) received badges (pictured) from Tennis Canterbury

## Green Fees

Green fees are an important 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 can be placed in the Green Fee box at the pavilion door or handed to a committee member or the Grounds Manager. It is in the interests of all members to collect green fees from non-members. Every fee collected assists in keeping subscriptions down. This year we took in \$4,900 in green fees.

I also want to remind Interclub Team Captains that it is your responsibility to ensure that your team members are financial members of the club. Please check the membership list that you will be sent upon renewal of your subscription, or if you have any doubt, contact the club treasurer, Andrea Hughes on 351 6282.

## Club Captain's Report (Bryce Thomson)

### Interclub

We entered the seven senior interclub teams last season: Premier Men, Premier Women, Division One Men, Division One Women, Division Two Women, Division Three Men and Division Five Men. The Premier Women made the semi-final whilst Division One and Division Five Men finished fifth just missing out on the play-offs. However, Division Three Men made the final and just lost to Sumner. Their promotion challenge against Burnside Park was unsuccessful. The big disappointment is Division One Women's relegation which leaves our women's playing strength vulnerable for next season.

### Club Championships

The winners of the Club Championships were: Women's Singles: Beth Williamson, Men' Singles: Tim Preston, Women's Doubles: Adele Orangi and Michelle Kelsen, Men's Doubles: Tim Preston and Kai Lee, Mixed Doubles: Tim Preston and Adele Orangi.

## Coach's Report (Mark Belcher)



The 2012/13 season was another busy one from a coaching perspective. We are the only club running social tennis and Easi-Tennis all year round. It's great to have our all-weather courts still filled on Wednesdays throughout winter.

Last winter the Wilding Challenge began which is a competition for under 10's split into five regions in Christchurch and Mid Canterbury. This is running again this winter and I am the coach of the Central zone, several of our juniors are involved.

Recently I took the Canterbury 14's girls team to the Nationals in Wellington which was an excellent coaching experience. At the same time Jamie Garbett played No. 2 in the Canterbury team for the 12's Boys in Hamilton. He lost only one match as the team went on to a silver medal. "Well done Jamie". Michael Saunders continues his tennis scholarship in the U.S, his results and progression are great to see. The club and I continue our relationship with Christ College and I am actively involved with Cathedral Grammar, Middleton Grange and St Michaels.

In the coming season I will be introducing some new coaching activities for all members so stay tuned.

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**Play Tennis, Get Fit, Have fun! - 1pm Saturdays** 😊

In closing, I wish to remind encourage members to come along to our Saturday afternoon social tennis. We are a variety of ages and stages but I strongly urge you to come and play some games with us. And stay for a cuppa! It sometimes even comes with home-baked cake!! It's free for members and guests are welcome!

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

**Alex Sutherland, President**

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