

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14**

On behalf of your committee I am pleased to present the Club's Annual Report for the 2013/2014 year.

### **Relations with Canterbury Tennis, City Council and HSOB Rugby Club**

Canterbury Tennis is concentrating on the proposed combined sports facility at Nga Puna Wai for tennis, hockey and athletics. Consequently there have been no further discussions with Canterbury Tennis regarding the establishment of a Regional Tennis Centre at our club. It does remain a possibility if the Council decides to delay or not to proceed with the combined sports facility.

HSOB Rugby Club has put forward, to the city council, a modified proposal for a changing facility on the site of our storage shed. We have not yet seen this proposal. The city council has asked us to confirm our requirements for that area. In response we have listed the area of our storage shed, a bin for grass clippings and a soil storage area with sufficient access for the large delivery truck. I expect there will be further discussions on this issue.

### **Grounds**

The upgraded irrigation system has been working well and kept the grass courts in good condition over the summer season. Spraying continues for weeds which at present are under control.

Rows 1 and 3 were top-dressed by club members in March/April. Thank you to those who assisted in this effort. The Grounds Manager is pleased with the way the new grass has taken and is growing. There are areas on Row 1 along the base lines which may require some re-sowing in the spring. A decision on this will be made at that time.

Investigations have begun into the possibility of installing extra lights on Row 2 to provide more opportunities for evening play in the winter months. Grant funding will be necessary and there may be problems with resource consents. My thanks go to **Chris Glasson** for initiating and carrying out this investigation.

### **Pavilion**

Repairs to the roof over the workshop have been completed. I am pleased to say there have been no leaks in spite of the exceptional rain Christchurch has experienced this autumn and winter.

Members will agree that the carpet in the upstairs area has seen better days. Any information about members who may be replacing carpet and looking for a good home for their old carpet would be much appreciated.

### **Grants Received**

The club received a grant of \$4000 from **The Canterbury Community Trust** to support the Junior Programme and contribute to the Grounds Manager's salary. We express our gratitude to the Trust for their generous support. An application to the Lion foundation for a grant to cover the expenses involved in topdressing the courts was unsuccessful.

**Please note that the AGM is to be held on **Saturday, 2 August at 3:30pm** in the Pavilion.  
A formal notice for the meeting is attached to this newsletter.**



**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 can be placed in the Green Fee box at the pavilion door or handed to a committee member. It is in the interests of all members to collect green fees from non-members. Every fee collected assists in keeping subscriptions down.

**Committee**

The club is fortunate in that three enthusiastic people came forward as willing committee members. **Bruce Dunstan** accepted the role of Secretary for a second year, **Janine Tyler** that of Junior Administrator and **Andrea Hughes** that of Treasurer. Their significant contributions to the committee’s work have been much appreciated. I thank them for their support.

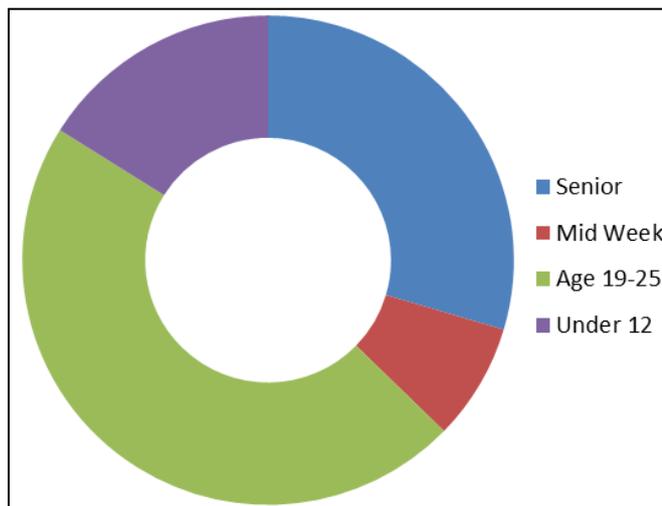
We are saddened that Andrea’s other commitments will prevent her continuing as Treasurer for 2014/2015. It has been a pleasure to work with Andrea and we wish her well for the future.

Your committee is a group of enthusiastic members who work hard for the club. A number have been on the committee for many years e.g. **Bryce Thomson** has been there for 26 plus years as Club Captain and **Lindsay North** has also served for many years in a number of roles. In spite of this wealth of experience we are finding it increasingly difficult to be effective with our present numbers. Matters inevitably become more complex and new issues keep arising. The club does need more members to serve on the committee in particular as Grant Applications Coordinator and Vice President. I urge you to think seriously about joining us. It is rewarding and enjoyable and your club needs you.

I am happy to talk to anyone who may have an interest and discuss what role may be assumed.

**Membership**

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
442	419	371	325	<b>338</b>



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 2 August 2014. 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 your address or telephone number have changed during the year please inform the Secretary so the club’s database can be kept current.

**Mid Week Inter-Club**

Our summer mid-week team enjoyed another season of competitive tennis, and, delicious lunches. We play Wednesday mornings, and would welcome new team members...male or female. Phone Liz Rivers, 027 451 7980.

For the first time we have entered a team in a winter tournament at Spreydon club. A great way to get warm on a brisk frosty Wednesday morning! Anyone keen to join this team phone: Jo Kerr 027 412 3422.

## Veterans' Tournament

The 2014 Veterans' Tournament attracted 82 players who competed in good weather conditions over two days. The numbers were down compared to recent years mainly due to the clash with the National Championships held in Nelson on the same weekend as well as Canterbury Tennis running inter club matches on the Saturday and Sunday. As a result the tournament generated \$1901 for the club, a drop on that achieved in previous years.

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. **Tim Preston** worked with Trevor on the draws and will take over this role in 2015. **Michelle Kelsen** provided great support in organising "behind the scenes" and **Christine Yap's** selection of prizes was much appreciated by all fortunate enough to receive one.

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 Trusttun, Hooker and Associates, Rhodes and Co., The Chateau on the Park and Christchurch Casino.**



## Club Captain's Report (Bryce Thomson)

### Interclub

This season the Club entered seven teams in the Canterbury Senior Interclub Competition. These were: Premier Men and Women, Division One Men and Women, Division Two Women, Division Three Men and Division Five Men.

The Premier Women were successful in winning the first and second rounds. Our experienced group recruited two young players from Ashburton, Ashleigh Leonard and Stacey Hopwood, and Michaela Rullova from the Czech Republic, who proved to be a very good number one. Further congratulations go to **Adele Orangi** on winning the Women's Grand Prix. She had only one loss for the season - in doubles play!

The other title win was a brilliant win by Division Two Women, who finished third in round robin play. They then proceeded to beat the second team Te Kura in the semi-final and top finisher Beckenham, in an exciting final. See page 5 for their plate and pic!

Division Five Men finished second to a good South Brighton team. They then challenged and won promotion to Division 4 for next season.

Accolades also go to **Mark Belcher** for winning the Canterbury Tennis Club Coach of the Year (pic. below) and **Jamie Garbett** winning Junior Male Player of the Year and for his achievements on court.

### Club Championships

The Men's Club Championships Singles was won by **Kenta Naka**, the Women's Singles by **Michelle Kelsen (North)**, the Women's Doubles by **Adele Orangi and Michelle Kelsen**, the Men's Doubles by **Andrew Bishop** and **Tim Preston** and the Mixed Doubles by **Adele Orangi and Tim Preston**.

**JUNIOR TENNIS****Junior Administrator's Report** (Janine Tyler)

Hagley Park Juniors had another busy season with 13 teams competing in the Canterbury Interclub competition.

Two teams made the Final, our youngest (Mixed 9s) and our oldest (Senior Satellite Division 2).

The Mixed 9s team: **Zara Coberger-Taite, Natalie Hetherington, Jade Ashburn, Petra Curd-McCullough** and **Matthew Forbes** finished Runners-Up to Elmwood.

The Senior Satellite team consisting of Christ's College players, **Mitchell Wilson, George Cresswell, Tom Cameron-Dunn** and **Finn Cameron** defeated Cashmere to win Division 2.

Two of our Juniors distinguished themselves by playing in two winning representative teams, **Diego Quispe-Kim** and **Liam Barrett**. Liam and Diego were part of the Central Smash coached by Mark Belcher which won the Wilding Challenge (an U10 Winter competition, run over 6 Sundays) and also The Queen's Birthday South Island U10 Teams Event which Canterbury won with Diego and Liam winning all of their games.

**Jamie Garbett** had a fabulous season, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 12s Nationals, representing Canterbury as No.1 in the National 12s Teams event and NZ in the Australian Teams event and Australian National 12s championship where he finished 10<sup>th</sup> playing at Melbourne Park.

"Well Done Boys & Girls!!"



L to R: Diego Quispe-Kim & Liam Barrett



L to R: Petra Curd-McCullough, Jade Ashburn, Natalie Hetherington, Zara Coberger-Taite.



L to R: Finn Cameron, Tom Cameron-Dunn, George Cresswell, Mitchell Wilson



Jamie Garbett

**Coach's Report** (Mark Belcher – Chuffed about my Coach of the Year award)

The 2013/14 season has been as always a busy one in terms of coaching. My intention is for all my relationships with schools, juniors and adults alike to be mutually beneficial to myself and the club.

We continue to host Christ's College at the club and they fill the courts on weekday afternoons. We also have a strong connection with Cathedral Grammar School who feed many younger children into our junior teams. St Michaels and Middleton Grange are other schools I work with regularly.

We have had several significant results on court with a huge highlight being Jamie Garbett reaching the final of the national 12s in January, before losing a tight three-set match. We have a couple of exciting prospects in eight and nine year old boys Diego Quispe-Kim and Liam Barrett who have represented Canterbury, and along with Zara Coberger-Taite and Joey Huang were part of the Central Smash, who recently won the Wilding Challenge (for 10 and under juniors).

I had the assistance of Michaela Rullova coaching this past summer and she was a great addition to the club and was a big part of our senior women winning the premier competition this season.

Michael Saunders has just graduated from his tennis scholarship in the U.S. and we will certainly welcome him back if he makes it home this year. Currently we have Kenta Naka coaching at the club which he will continue to do until he takes up a scholarship of his own in January. Congratulations to him for this achievement.

Great also to see our division two women take out their grade and along with Jamie Garbett taking out the junior boy award. Hagley Park had a big impact at the Canterbury Tennis Awards.

Wednesday social tennis continues right through winter to ensure we offer plenty of opportunity for potential and current members to have organized play available. Easi-tennis is also still offered each Thursday and is a great way for adults to get started or get back to tennis. My coaching philosophy remains the same: that each client is equally important and deserves my full attention, with fun and learning being vital.

See you on court!



**Div. 2 'Girls' (Rosie Lau, Issy Thomson, Sam Morris, Jo Kerr, Sarah O'Gorman, Eunju Jung & Christine Bird (Capt.), and their Div 2 Winners' Plate!**

In closing, I wish to 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