

# HAGLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB (INC)

## ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

On behalf of your committee I am pleased to present this Annual Report.

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

Tennis Canterbury has abandoned the idea of relocating to our facility at Hagley Park. It became apparent to Tennis Canterbury that the difficulties associated with lease arrangements, obtaining consents for the proposed building alterations, court lighting, increased usage of the facility and the associated parking issues were such as to make the project impractical. Current thinking is that Tennis Canterbury will further develop Wilding Park and have a presence in the proposed Nga Puna Wai Sports Complex.

There is a proposal from Tennis Canterbury to change the Affiliation Fee model. At present each member of the club pays an affiliation fee to Tennis Canterbury and to Tennis New Zealand (some \$55 in total for a Senior member). It has been proposed to change the Canterbury portion of the fee to one based on the number of courts at each club. This would result in a marked increase (perhaps a doubling) of the approximately \$4000 we currently pay for affiliation to Tennis Canterbury. Representations have been made to Tennis Canterbury so they are well aware of the effects of the proposal on the viability of our club. If introduced the proposal would not take effect until the 2017/2018 season. The 2016/2017 fees will be member based and show an approximately 1% increase over this year.

The City Council have called for proposals to lease and use the area covered by the Bowling Club lease. We are aware of proposals from High School Old Boys Rugby Club to take over the pavilion and some of the area and from the Pentanque Club for one of the greens. The Rugby Club proposal may well include a set of changing rooms on the site of our storage shed.

### **Grounds**

The topdressing of Rows 1 and 3 was done by club members volunteering over two Saturday mornings in March/April. Our thanks go to those members who made their time and energy available for these working bees.

We received a grant from the **Rata Foundation** of \$10,000 towards the Groundsman's wages for which we are most grateful.

**David Taylor** ceased his employment at the club in April. We have subsequently employed **David Saunders** as our Groundsman effective from June 22, 2016. He will work one day a week until September and then four days a week through until April. This means there will

be a need for club members to undertake some tasks over winter. **Merv Cronin** and **Bruce Dunstan**, who has continued with his mowing of the courts, have both indicated a willingness to be involved. I would welcome other indications of support. The recent help given by **Gary Stuart** in mowing the courts is gratefully acknowledged.

### **Health and Safety**

To meet our responsibilities under the new Health and Safety legislation a Health and Safety Plan has been developed for the club. It is posted on the inside notice board and requires all members to look out for hazards and report them to the Health and Safety Officer whose details are given on the notice board.

### **Green Fees**

Green Fees continue to be 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 any committee member. It is in the interest of all members to collect fees from non-members and thus contribute to keeping subscriptions down.

### **Committee**

The vacant treasurer position was taken up by **Janine Tyler** to whom we offer our sincere thanks. **Janine** is also our Junior Administrator and thus is most certainly the hardest working member of your committee. Her work is much appreciated.

The position of Secretary was not filled and remains vacant. The duties were split between **Lindsay North** (minutes), **Alex Sutherland** (correspondence) with **Bruce Dunstan** retaining responsibility for organising the Saturday board roster. **Your committee will function more effectively with a Secretary. Please if you can help get in touch with me to discuss the position and how you may best contribute to your club.**

It is with great pleasure I record committee member **Matt Sunderland** being named Senior Tennis Player of the year and thus receiving the Canterbury Tennis Seniors – Ray Perrin Memorial Trophy. Warmest congratulations to **Matt**.

**Bruce Dunstan** has decided to leave the committee. His contributions will be greatly missed. During the year **Michael Ross** resigned from the committee but has agreed to continue his contribution to running our annual Seniors Tournament and to the Saturday Board Team. We thank **Michael** for his contributions as a committee member.

We welcomed **Peter Petherick** and **Brian McHerron** to the Saturday Board Team and acknowledge their contribution to Saturday play.

Your club can only function with an active committee. We require more members to join us and contribute to the running of the club. **Tim Preston**, our incoming President would

welcome expressions of interest from members and is happy to discuss what may be involved.

## **Membership**

Our total membership as at 30 April 2016 was 176 a decline of 27 from April 2015. We also had 133 Christ's College boys playing at the club in terms 4 and 1 under a bulk funding agreement with the College.

The continuing drop in membership numbers is of great concern. We have sought and received advice from TCRI as to how we may grow our membership. In response your committee has held a "membership meeting", under **Tim Preston's** leadership, with the aim of generating ideas to retain existing members and attract new members. The outcomes include the successful "Wimbledon Breakfast", closer relations with Te Kura Tennis Club, Corporate memberships and social days and a Tennis Hotshots programme.

**Mark Belcher's** efforts to initiate a business house competition for next summer are acknowledged as is his enthusiasm for Hotshots programme which will start in September.

*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 General Meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2016. If you fail to do so you will be 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 membership Secretary, **Janine Tyler** ([Janine.tyler@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Janine.tyler@xtra.co.nz)) so your subscription can be amended. Please also advise **Janine** of any change in your contact details.

## **Seniors Tournament**

The tournament was played on the 30<sup>th</sup> (doubles) and 31<sup>st</sup> (mixed doubles) of January 2016. There were 105 players involved over the two days. This was an increase of 18 over 2015. This included an increase of 10 players in the Men's A Grade some of whom were currently playing in the TCRI Premier interclub competition.

The Ralph van Ysselsteyn cup for the winners of the Men's A grade went to J. Mcharg and A. North. The Jack Charman Memorial Cup for the winners of the 110 plus Mixed Doubles went to V. Weil and J. Dunbier. The Christine van Leeuwen cup for significant contributions to the tournament over recent years went to Christine Yap.

Once again there were Generous donations of baking from members again contributed to the financial success of the tournament. **Bruce Dunstan's** muffins received much commendation. The help from **Claire Williams** and **Liz Rivers** in making the sandwiches once again is gratefully acknowledged.

The tournament returned \$2369.50 to the club an increase from 2015 of some \$850.

Our thanks go again to **Merv Cronin** and his team for the organising of the tournament. **Christine Yap** and **Lyndsay Dick** did the seedings and draws, **Michelle Kelson** again organised the catering, **Christine Yap** purchased the prizes and ran the very successful raffle and **Michael Ross** ran the bar each day.

The tournament's success depends in part on contributions from sponsors. We thank **Phillip Trusttrum, Hooker and Associates, Rhodes and Co., Chateau on the Park, The Casino and Anderson and Hill** for their generous support of the tournament.

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

Hagley Park Juniors had another busy season with 8 teams competing in the Canterbury Interclub competition.

Our Boys Challenger 3 Team: **AJ Tyler, Moss Jackson, Fletcher Edmond, Sam Cameron-Dunn** and **Freddy Wilson** came 1<sup>st</sup> in the pre-Xmas competition and gained yet another pennant for the Club rooms. They then went on to win the Final defeating Te Kura Red 4 -2.

The Boys 12s Div 1 team: **Rupert Pett, William Morris, Johnny Bullen, Charles Leonard, James Lange** and **Lachlan Walker** finished Runners Up to Mt. Pleasant.

Junior numbers have been falling over the last 2 seasons and the Club is hoping with the new initiative, **Hotshots** where the children play on smaller sized courts with lower compression balls we can see a revival in numbers this coming season.

### **Club Captain's Report (Bryce Thomson)**

We entered six senior teams in inter-club this season. They were Premier Men and Women, Division One and Two Women, and Division One and Three Men.

Both Premier teams finished mid-table whilst Division One Men and Women finished 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively. Division Three Men finished 7<sup>th</sup> but were relegated in a challenge and Division Two finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and lost in their semi-final.

Club Championship finals saw the following results:-

Matt Sunderland beat Jamie Garbett 6-4 6-4, Christine Yap beat Linda Buss 6-1 6-2, Tim Preston and Jamie Garbett beat Steven Brookman and Matt Sunderland 6-2 6-2, Christine Yap and Sara Broglio beat Linda Buss and Vicki Clark 6-2 6-3, Matt Sunderland Christine Yap beat James and Vicki Clark 6-4 6-4

### **Coach's Report (Mark Belcher)**

Another busy year has passed and we look forward to an even busier one coming. As coach my main intention is to see our members enjoying their tennis, from wee four year old champ **Rio** on Saturday to **Frank Tay** speeding around the court, all our members are

equally important. Of course it is nice to some making tennis a priority so I am enjoying following the careers of the Naka brothers, **Kenta** and **Daiki**, as they play out scholarships in Georgia and head home when they can. **Michael Saunders** completed his scholarship and is now coaching in Singapore. Our Challenger Boys did a great job before Christmas. **Jamie Garbett** went to Florida and spent time at Nick Bollettieri's Academy, even spending some one-on-one time with the master himself. At the end of the trip he won the ING Discovery Tournament beating out international players from China and Australia to be one of six to be considered for a scholarship to the Academy.

The coming season will see many new ventures including an outdoor area for members and guests to socialize, many more social events, a Summer League on Tuesday evenings, so get used to being invited to join in at the club than ever before. We want our members to have a lot of opportunity to be at the club so please feel free to ask me about these activities and more at our awesome club.

### **Mid-week Ladies Report (Rosie Lau)**

*Do you want to join in some enjoyably competitive social tennis??*

Then join the Midweek Ladies Tennis Group. We play on Wednesday mornings from the end of August to the end of April but with a long break mid November to early February. We are a team of six (or eight) playing teams at home and away at clubs including Mt Pleasant, Cashmere, Elmwood, Waimairi, Spreydon plus others. The format is 4 sets of doubles to six games followed by a lunch hosted by the home team. This coming season we lose **Jo Kerr** who is recovering from a shoulder reconstruction, **Fiona Penman** will play limited games due to changed work hours and **Rosie Lau** who has two very grumpy knees!! So ... the Midweek ladies group needs more regular players!!! And we are not fussy – blokes are welcome too! It's enjoyable competitive social tennis.

*Please contact **Liz Rivers** on 351 5838 if you are keen to play – even some Wednesdays would be great.*

### **Closure**

My years as your President have at times been challenging but always enjoyable due in the main to the support I have received from the committee members and from the club as a whole. My best wishes go to **Tim Preston** who is to be your next President. I am confident that, with the support of members, he will inject new thinking and new life into the club.

**It is my pleasure to move that the Annual Report for 2015/2016 be received and adopted.**

**Alex Sutherland**

**President**

