

HAGLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

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Summary

Undoubtedly the major news for the season relates to our progress toward an operational merger with Te Kura Tennis Club and the profound changes that this requires and will produce for our future.

The committee has been stable and dedicated through the course of the year although we typically have more ideas than people willing to act on them and we have gaps in some key roles such as secretary, website and social media.

Volunteer turnout for one off working bees such as the cobblestones project and the topdressing has been excellent.

The club returned a reasonable surplus of \$9,912 for the year due in large part to grants and generous donations. We saw the benefit of Alex efforts to redefine the groundsmans duties and reduce our costs in winter and overall.

While we had more donations and grants this year we also achieved a lot of one off gains with them, redecorating the pavilion being the major one, compared to last year when the grants were more directed towards business as usual activities.

I am optimistic about the future success of our club. There is a lot of opportunity but also a lot of work to be done. All members should be thinking about how we can improve the club and how you might be able to help.

Tim Preston

Progress with Te Kura

We have had numerous meetings with Te Kura club exploring options and potential for working more closely together with a view to merging. We held a joint HPTC and Te Kura SGM in June at which we got unanimous support from both clubs to continue working toward a merger.

Since then we have worked out terms of an operational merger, and drafted the necessary constitutional changes.

We have brought the timeframes forward and signed an MOU. We now look forward to enacting the fundamental constitutional changes and alignment of subs at both clubs AGM's and start the 2017/18 season with an effectively merged operation. Internal committee functions and systems will be integrated in the months thereafter.

We therefore look forward to new faces at many of our club activities and also rely on members patience with the increased court usage and to bring any issues to the attention of a committee member.

There is a definite intent to build one row of new artificial courts with urgency. Progress with that has been slower than hoped and is now unlikely to be realised until after Christmas but the focus will return there once the legal basis for merged operation has been concluded and there is one operational committee formed.

Tim Preston

Health and Safety

The club has continued to discharge its responsibilities under the Health and Safety

Legislation including a report to each monthly committee meeting from the Health and Safety Officer.

There have been two incidents during the year. One, a sprained ankle, occurred during the New Zealand Seniors Championships and the other, a suspected heart attack, during our Seniors Tournament which was later found not to be serious.

Alex Sutherland

Committee roles and achievements

I am very grateful for the support the committee have given me over the year. In summarising their efforts it is inevitable that I will miss things and forget something important, but the following gives key points.

Alex has been a huge strength in managing the groundsman, getting Dave Saunders up to speed, seeking grant funding and being at the club regularly. His support to me in continuity as immediate past president is also hugely important.

Janine has effectively and reliably carried out duties of junior administrator, treasurer and membership administrator through the season. Each of these are significant duties and carrying out all of them makes Janine's the administrative powerhouse of the club.

Christine has had a huge year and bitten off more than is reasonable. She helped me with hotshots community play on a number of afternoons until her interclub commitments caught up with her, but hugely more significant she led the Hagley Seniors tournament, was key liaison with NZT Seniors running their tournament and coordinated funding and arranged physical works of the pavilion redecoration. She achieved all this with a less than reasonable amount of helpers - this is a situation I cannot let this happen again next season.

Lindsay and Michelle have volunteered for innumerable activities including organising kitchen functions and helping to cover the crucial secretarial role which is still vacant. Lindsay has been a beacon of advice in how we will merge with Te Kura.

Bryce has had some assistance from Matt with

the club captain duties, primarily sorting out interclub teams, team captains and issues that arise through the interclub season. Matt ran the club champs this year.

Tim Preston

Volunteers and Sponsors

The club is blessed with great voluntary support. Key features as follows;

Anton Coberger continues to advocate and arrange for informal social play on Tuesdays and Sundays. He has also been proactive in reminding the committee of issues which may have been overlooked and helping our now elderly Patron Brian Stedman to continue to visit the club.

Bruce Dunstan has been a substantial help with organising the roster for board duties on Saturdays and in providing backup groundsman support for mowing and marking when required.

Colin Hooker having performed the duties of honorary auditor since time immemorial has finally withdrawn from this role, so this year is our first season with a new auditor. The value of Hooker and Associates service to the club each year has been substantial and we are all immensely grateful for the decades of generosity that the club has enjoyed.

Chris Glasson has had a huge year of contribution, designing, organising and significantly personally funding (donation) the cobblestone development which we are all now used to and which has been so widely appreciated. Under his leadership Chris was able to engage a substantial voluntary time donation from Morgan and Pollard who's professional team made a world of difference to quickly achieving what for us is quite a large build project. We are hoping Chris will find a second wind heading to installment of outdoor furniture and a new entrance gate.

Rosie Lau has stepped up to help organising the December Christmas BBQ and our May newsletter. Trevor Lau has provided valued accounting support and advice particularly in relation to the Te Kura merger.

Enju Jung (Corlett) has continued to support our club website developing significant enhancements through the year. The Corlett

family have recently resigned and our website may languish until new support is found.

Anderson & Hill continue to support the club in when requested including donations of team clothing and tournament prizes. I would trust that club members will return this support and let the staff know you are from Hagley when you are shopping there.

Lindsay Dick has featured significantly at the club this year with arrangements for the NZT Senior tournament and helping the club with preparation of grant funding applications.

Brian Stedman our Patron is still remarkably fit and well considering he is now nearing his own centenary milestone. We are extraordinarily fortunate to still have his wisdom to call on but his time as Patron will have to conclude soon and we need to be thinking about a finding a suitable future Patron.

Tim Preston

Membership report

Our total membership as at 30 April 2017 was 161 a further decline of 15 from April 2016. We also had a decrease of 23 Christ's College boys playing at the club in terms 4 and 1 under a bulk funding agreement with the College.

Janine Tyler

Grounds, NZ Seniors and Grants

Members and visitors will have enjoyed the high standard at which the grass courts have been maintained over the summer season. They were in particularly good condition for the New Zealand Seniors Championships which were held in January on our courts. A \$4642 grant from The Southern Trust for tennis balls and nets used in the championships is gratefully acknowledged.

We have received many compliments from the players and from Tennis New Zealand. Credit for this lies in the work done by our groundsman David Saunders. A \$10,000 grant from RATA Foundation towards David's wages is much appreciated. The new arrangement of a part time rather than a full time groundsman is working well with help

from members as requested. Our thanks go to those who have volunteered.

The topdressing exercise for Rows 4 and 5 in March/April was completed albeit with rain causing a postponement of the second Saturday. Thanks go to all those who took part in this annual exercise.

We acknowledge with thanks a \$4000 grant from CERT for the painting and carpeting of the interior of the upper storey in the pavilion. Christine Yap, who drove this project to a successful conclusion, is well deserving of our appreciation. We also thank Chris Glasson, Tim Preston and Mark Belcher for their work in planning for, and the laying of, paving stones adjacent to the pavilion.

A much appreciated donation was made by Bruce Dunstan to finance the installation of the new seat on the south wall of the pavilion.

Alex Sutherland

Coaches report

Last season brought many highs and lows for our competition players. Jamie Garbett won yet another Canterbury title, this time for the under 16 boys. Meanwhile Diego Quespe Kim is ranked number one in New Zealand in the under 12's boys. Our under 13's boys flew the flag in interclub tennis winning the division one title..

The premier men's team had some excellent results while hit hard with injuries. At number one Kenta Naka had very few losses and has now gone on to a tremendous win loss record on scholarship in the U.S.A.

It was great to see the New Zealand veterans on our courts again with Hagley netting one title.

I enjoyed being part of the gang laying our new cobblestones down and hope that with some new outdoor furniture our club will become even more friendly and social in the near future.

Mark Belcher

Christchurch City Council also helped us with a grant for \$1800 toward Mark's hotshots coaching.

Club Captains report

We entered 6 teams in inter-club, Prem Men and Women, Division One Men and Women, Division Two Women and Division Four Men. Prem Men and Women finished 7th and 3rd respectively, Division One Men and Women 4th and 5th respectively whilst Division Two Women won their semi-final, but were unable to play in the final because of a technical disqualification and Division Four Men were relegated mainly because they were unable to have members available consistently.

Club championships were completed through the good work of Matthew Sunderland. Results were as follows:

- Michelle Kelsen beat Christine Yap 6-1 6-1
- Matt Grant beat Greg Young 7-5 6-4
- Greg Young & Steve Brookman beat Matt Grant & Matt Parratt 6-4 4-6 7-6
- Michelle Kelsen & Mandy Wilson beat Christine Yap & Sara Broglio 7-6 3-6 (10-6)
- Matthew Sunderland & Christine Yap beat Michelle Kelsen & Lindsay North 6-4 6-3

Bryce Thomson

Junior Administrator's Report

We had 8 teams entered in the Junior Interclub Competition including one team in the Monday afternoon Hot Shots league. The Boys 13s consisting of William Morris, Johnny Bullen, Luke Melville, Charlie Leonard & James Lange team won their grade defeating Te Kura 84 points to 74.

We have 2 teams entered in the current running Winter League: Boys 13s and Mixed 10s. The Boys 13s this time consisting of: William Morris, Luke Melville, Misha Kalinin, Josh Karathra and Ricky Kotepong are again near the top of their grade.

The Club would like to thank the parents that took the role of managers during the season, organising their teams and entering results:

Belinda Edmond, David Pownall, John Morris, John Marris, Victoria Pett, Kyoko Matsudaira & David Corlett.

Janine Tyler

Hotshots community play

With the help of Pub charity grant we purchased \$1949 of hotshots nets, rackets and balls and ran community play sessions on Saturday afternoons. These were popular with a small group and resulted in new junior members and one new senior member. My weakness was in promotion of the activity to get stronger numbers and that is an area of focus for the coming season.

The small courts marked out on the lawns in front of the Pavilion are a superb setting which sets us apart from all other venues and give me confidence that we can grow readily this activity.

Tim Preston

Mid-week Ladies Report

After 30 years playing, lunching, socialising, the Mid Week Ladies team sadly, has disbanded – due to myriad reasons which saw members leave Christchurch, get injured, go permanently caravanning (!), get more injuries; This resulted in too few players to get a team together eventually. But... perhaps with an injection of new players from Te Kura, this group may reform which would be brilliant!

Rosie Lau

Hagley Seniors Tournament

We held a successful Hagley Seniors tournament in January on the weekend after Nationals, organised by Christine Yap and supported by numerous helpers and sponsors. Numbers were slightly down on the previous year and we will continue to lobby TCRI to not hold interclub on that weekend in order that our event can become more successful. Through logistical support of TCRI and NZT Seniors (free use of equipment following the Nationals) the financial return to the club was slightly up.

Chrstine Yap