

HAGLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB

March 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .



This is a time of great sorrow and hardship for many of our club members; many in Christchurch and beyond. Your committee extends its heartfelt sympathies to all members who are suffering. As one of the very lucky ones, I can only imagine what some people are enduring. My personal sympathies are extended together with hope for a rebuilt future.

With respect to our facilities, the grass courts, both real and artificial, are in great shape with no liquefaction. The hard courts now have slightly larger cracks but are certainly playable and the pavilion has not been damaged. The club will continue to operate as normal (*except for no water*) so please do come along and play for some respite and a break from what we are all facing.

* At present we have no water because our supply comes from the Botanic Gardens where the pipes have been damaged, so supply to facilities in the park is severely limited.

To express our solidarity with other tennis players, we have invited members of the Shirley Club to join us for tennis during the next few weeks. Their courts have been severely damaged so please make them welcome.

Working Bee: We anticipate top-dressing Row 5 on the 19th or 26th of March. Please come along and help in the annual exercise and bring a shovel. The exact date will be advised once determined.

Our club patron, **Brian Stedman** has been hospitalised for a series of tests. Members are visiting him daily and carry the best wishes of the club to him. We will keep you informed of Brian's progress.

You will read further on that we are looking for a new website administrator. I take this opportunity extend my grateful thanks to **Tom Burkitt** for his willing and capable contribution in managing our website to date. Tom continued to do this even after his growing family meant that he no longer played tennis.

Alex Sutherland, President

A note from Canterbury Tennis

Canterbury Tennis currently has no communications - phone, email or website. Hopefully this will be restored soon.

The Board met on 3 March and confirmed that all programmes and interclub tennis for both Juniors and Seniors will be postponed. Sadly, the junior administrator at one of large clubs is on the earthquake missing list.

A number of clubs have major damage and in the true spirit of tennis, many clubs that were not damaged are keen to assist those clubs. A meeting of club presidents is planned for the 17 March to facilitate this help. I do trust you will understand the seriousness of the matters at hand. David Blackwell.



We need a website administrator!

Our website is a tremendous asset for our club and we're seeking someone enthusiastic and proactive to take over its maintenance. It's not a big job but it is an important one. You would be responsible for posting newsletters and events pages as a minimum, but we also welcome new ideas on how we can take the site forward.

The site is straightforward at the moment and requires some familiarity with HTML. However, our 'retiring' webmaster, Tom Burkitt will be on hand to take you through the pages and ensure a smooth handover.

It's a fun and easy way to make a contribution to the club. If you're keen to help, please get in touch with Rosie Lau (351 1134) or info@hagleyparktennis.co.nz

Mid Week Ladies & Tuesday Tennis

Tuesday tennis is on hold for a few weeks - some of the regulars have injuries to tend with and Liz Rivers is shifting house. The Mid Week Ladies tennis will no doubt resume soon but Liz will be in touch with players about this.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to our club and hope that you make the most of our club and facilities.

Chris Harrington, Maia Holdem, Katie Pritchard, Jason Watkins, Joseph Yoon, Shane Keenan and Nam Kim.

We have good social playing opportunities during the week and each Thursday night our resident coach, Mark Belcher runs group adult beginner and intermediate coaching so do make the most of what's on offer.

From the Coach - Mark Belcher



It is an extremely difficult time for our great city and I sincerely hope that all our members, families and friends are safe and well. As many will know we have been lucky with our courts and clubhouse unscathed. Please pass on to anyone you know that our club night Wednesday from 6-8pm is open to anyone and for anyone new the first day will be free. Members are also encouraged to come and relax with a game Wednesday evening.

Easi Tennis- is underway again and is aimed at either beginners or those who have had limited coaching in the past and would like to re-learn.

Adult group coaching follows Easi-Tennis and is directed at more advanced players, perhaps those in teams or players with more experience.

If members know of children who have weekend sport cancelled we continue to offer junior coaching Saturday mornings. 9-19am (6-9yrs) 10-11am (9 and older)

I hope people are able to get back to some routine and I hope to see you on court soon.

If you have any queries on the above, call me on: Cell: 0274 986363, Home: 348 6108

Junior Interclub - Janine Tyler

Due to the damage at Canterbury Tennis and Wilding Park all junior interclub games have been suspended until further notice.

Mark is continuing in the meantime to run **Saturday coaching from 10am-11am for all interclub players** as well as providing coaching for non-interclub players from 9am-10am.

Team practices are taking place during the week. These have been slightly altered as below (teams with changed times are in **BOLD**)

Monday: 5.30 - 6.30pm Boys 10s Div 2, 13s Div 2, 13s Div 3

Tuesday: 5.3 - 6.30pm Boys 11s Div 2, **Challenger 4**, **Girls Senior Satellite**

Wednesday: 4 - 5pm Girls 12s Div 2, **Boys Fri 12s**, **Boys 12s Div 2**

Friday: 4 - 5pm Girls 10s, Boys 9s

Entries are now being taken for the **Junior Club Champs** which will take place on Sunday 3 April. Could you please enter by email to janine.tyler@extra.co.nz stating your child's name and DOB. The cost will be \$5-00 which is payable on the day.

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VETERANS TOURNAMENTS - Ours and others...

Hagley Park held our 65th tournament at the end of January. It got off to a wet start this year which created some hiccups for the organisers but all was underway by 12noon. The tournament progressed and was completed on time, with some sunshine and blustery conditions which made for challenging play.

There is always much behind-the-scenes work from a small team of volunteers and we extend our grateful thanks to the *main players*: **Merv Cronin** for coordinating the overall tournament; **Trevor Lau** and **David Corlett** took charge of the draw; **Liz Rivers** (with help from hubby!) provided a scrummy lunch, **Merv Cox** managed the bar and **David Taylor** made sure the courts were well prepared.

Plans for the **Burnside Park Tennis Club Seniors Tournament** is well underway and so they have decided to continue as long as they get enough entries. This will be held on **26 & 27 March**. Entry forms can be downloaded from: www.burnsideparktennis.com.

Elmwood Tennis Club will be holding their Seniors Tournament over **Easter**. Entry forms available at: www.elmwoodtennis.co.nz.

A Win for our Senior Women!!!

Congratulations to our Senior Women's team who won the ASB Bank Final recently. It was a tight finish with the team beating Burnside Park by two sets. Pictured below are: Shirley Haig, Annabel Linterman, Michelle North, Sally Moorfield, Adele Orangi (Capt.), Beth Williamson.

