

FROM THE PRESIDENT...



It has been a busy year for the club and committee. We have had some fabulously generous support in terms of donations, working bees and other voluntary assistance this year and we have achieved a lot with the cobblestone area, seating and new emphasis on Hotshots children which we are sure to grow next spring. As President I've been derelict in numerous duties including very well deserved "Thank-you" messages and I remain ever hopeful of catching up on those.

Probably the most important help is from **Alex Sutherland** without whose continued efforts it is fair to say the club would struggle to continue operating. It is mainly to his credit that we expect to complete the year with a reasonable surplus. The most exciting news however is clearly the potential for us to complete a merger with Te Kura and greatly expand our membership and secure the clubs future. I hope to see many of you at the Special General Meeting, Saturday 10 June at 4pm. There promises to be interesting discussions and I look forward to new ideas forthcoming from that meeting.

On a final note if you have interest or curiosity about getting involved in shaping the club's future and how we operate please do give me a call. We could be a much better club if there were more people willing to put time into various opportunities either as a committee member or as a specialist volunteer outside of the committee.

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Special General Meeting

A reminder that our Committee and that of Te Kura have agreed to hold a joint SGM to consider the exciting special business of a proposed full merger of the Hagley Park and Te Kura Tennis clubs. This meeting will be held at: **Hagley Tennis Pavilion, 4pm Saturday 10 June**. Your attendance is urged.





S O C I A L T E N N I S S T U F F !

- **Wednesday night social tennis** from 6-8pm, organised by our resident coach Mark Belcher.
- **Thursday night group coaching.** For Adults from 6 – 7.30pm with a fee payable to Mark.
- **Saturday afternoon** – we have our members' day. Hit off from 1pm with a cuppa around 3.30 then play on after that if you wish.
- **Facebook Page** Please 'like' us on our Hagley Park Tennis Club FB page – you might see yourself!!

M i d W e e k L a d i e s - Rosie Lau

Sadly, after 30 years playing, lurching, socialising, the Mid Week Ladies team 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 say....Te Kura, this group may re-form which would be brilliant!

J u n i o r I n t e r c l u b - Janine Tyler

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 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.**

C o a c h ' s C o r n e r

Hagley Park's own NUMBER ONE!! **Diego Quispe-Kim** is New Zealand's number 1 in the latest NZ rankings for under 12's boys.

"Congratulations Diego", next step National Champion!

[Diego at practice >](#)





Jamie Garbett has just completed the 2016/2017 season with a win in the final of the Tier 2 Canterbury Championships.

After an epic final where the longer the match wore on the harder he hit the ball, Jamie Garbett is Canterbury Under 16 boy's champion. It was great to see Jamie not holding back on ANY ground strokes in this final. His answer in the 3rd set tie break to great defence from his opponent was to hit the ball *EVEN harder*. **"Congratulations Jamie"** and you guessed it next step National Champion!!

Jamie has now completed a run of winning the Canterbury Under 8, 10, 12, 14 & 16 titles.

This win as well gave Jamie second position in New Zealand for Masters qualifying points with one more Tier 2 tournament in Dunedin in June. This assures Jamie of qualifying in the top 8 for Masters 2017.

Jamie had an up and down season with sickness in the Masters 2017, 16u Nationals and Wellington 16u Championships costing him ranking points and only being able to play interclub once a week due to a new Canterbury Tennis Rule, reduced his ability to prepare properly for tournaments with tough match play.

Highlights of the season for Jamie were:

1. Beating Matt Meredith in the Spark Open and during Premier play.
2. Making the third round of the ITF in Christchurch beating a player with a best World Ranking of 650.
3. A top ITF U18 World ranking of 1073.
4. Top three in New Zealand for 16U.
5. Member of the STAC Team that won the National mixed title.

Club Champs!!

Our club championship matches were recently held with the following Champions confirmed & Congratulations bestowed: Women singles- **Michelle Kelsen**, Doubles - **Michelle Kelsen/Mandy Wilson**, Mixed - **Christine Yap & Matt Sunderland**, Men's Singles – **Matt Sunderland**, Men's Doubles - **Steve Brookman & Greg young**.

Housekeeping Matters!

And it does matter! If you are the last to leave the club, please check to see that the clubhouse windows are locked and the main door is locked. And please help us to keep the clubhouse tidy – especially now that it's had a wonderful facelift with new paint, carpets and flooring. **Special Thanks to Christine Yap** for driving this project.

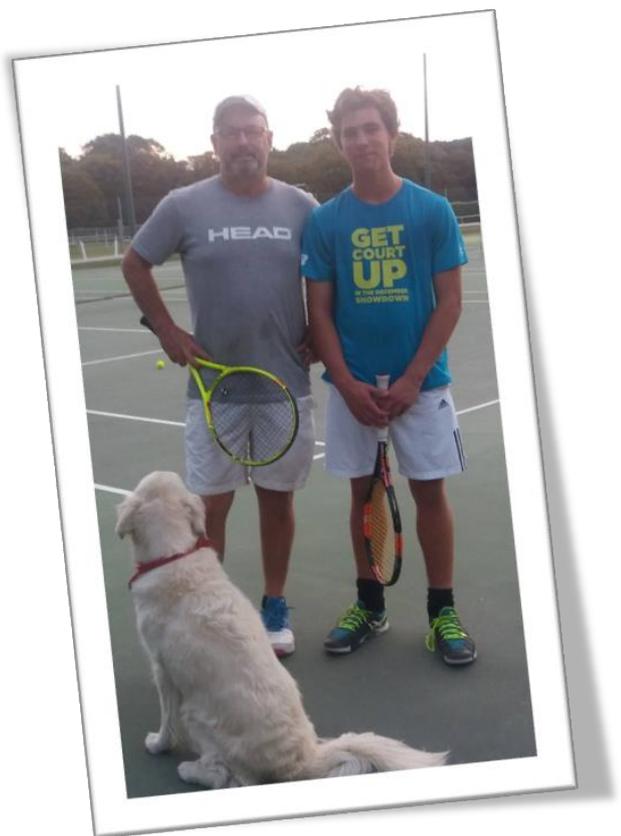
Do you want an Entertainment Book???

It's not too late to support Hagley Park by purchasing this year's Entertainment book. Both digital and book forms can be purchased via super-easy!! Book collection can be arranged at Elite Physiotherapy, 309 Riccarton Road during business hours, or at the club by arrangement. E:mail Michelle on michellenorth@hotmail.com and Michelle will send you a link to order your book, or arrange c.o.d.

Play Tennis, Get Fit, Have fun!

The Page of Pictures!

Mark Belcher & Jamie Garbett after a coaching session with Club Mascot Caddie looking on.



Jamie Garbett & Diego Quispe-Kim – Sharing the Wisdom



Christine Yap cheerfully in the lead from **Trevor Lau**– with both being carefully monitored by Club Grounds Manager – **David Saunders** at a recent club working bee.



Special General Meeting
Saturday
10 June, 4pm

And a poem...

Inspired by Andre Agassi's book "OPEN"...**MASKS**, by Mark Belcher:

I guess the saying is true "never judge a book by its cover"
And having now read his I'm an Andre Agassi lover.

We all thought his focus was shallow and on the external,
When in fact he was hiding in plain sight, his battle internal.

A colourful rocker, a pirate with a ring in his ear,
All cleverly disguised masks for a young man's fear.

Still shorter than the net when a ball machine named the dragon gave him no rest,
Along with a relentless barking father it was tennis he grew to detest.

Andre would have loved to see tennis in the simple way Pete Sampras did,
Instead it was a complicated mess for a frightened kid.

His love Steffi Graf appeared aloof, cool perhaps even cold,
But it was just another mask for a shy girl with pressures untold.

Those watching me on the court saw a man overtaken with anger and frustration,
when all is really was, was an anxiety infiltration.

Composed is the catch word for our young phenomena Lydia Ko,
How calm she is on the inside we absolutely don't know.

When Michael Campbell said "aliens invaded my body" so many sneered,
When like most of us it was just failure he feared.

Do you really think pressure is not felt by our most popular team,
believe me it is even though it's unseen.

When someone looks at you do they really know what your feeling,
Or does what you show the world have a very low ceiling.

With his book "Open" Andre mask has all but disappeared
Leaving us to decide if he's to be disliked or revered.