

AUGUST 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the 2009/2010 tennis year at Hagley Park Tennis Club begins we all look forward to the opening of our wonderful grass courts on October 3rd. Let's hope the weather has picked up by then.

Thank you to all those members who attended and contributed to the recent Annual General Meeting. This is an essential part of our club calendar year and paves the way for the coming season. It is pleasing to note that there was no increase in subscriptions for this year.

The meeting elected a strong committee with whom, as President, I look forward to serving the club. A warm welcome is extended to Jocelyn Douglas as the new member of the committee. I am particularly pleased to have continuing members David Fifield as Treasurer, Rosie Lau as Secretary, Christine Yap as Junior Administrator and Bryce Thomson as Club Captain.

Your committee has met and acted as follows:

Agreed to resurface Courts 1 and 2 of Row 2 (the hard courts) and replace the "grass" on courts 3 and 4 of Row 2. Substantial funding will be required for this so we are seeking a number of grants to reduce the amount of club reserves that will be needed. **We are very grateful to The Canterbury Community Trust for their donation of \$20,000 to our court resurfacing project.**

Called for the agreement with the Croquet Club whereby we provide grounds keeping services to be renegotiated.

Asked that the contract with the Club Coach be reviewed.

Approved purchase of parts for one of the Dennis mowers and its reconditioning.

Agreed to support a Junior grass court tournament in January and to continue with our annual Veterans' Tournament

Drew up the year's calendar which is included with this newsletter.

Accepted with regret the resignations proffered by 15 members.

You will notice the listing of Committee members shows the office of Vice President has yet to be filled. I would welcome all offers from Club members to become my Vice President.

May I wish all club members a most enjoyable year of tennis.

Alex Sutherland
President



Your Committee	
President	Alex Sutherland
Vice President	Vacant
Immediate Past President	David Corlett
Hon Secretary	Rosalie Lau
Club Captain	Bryce Thomson
Junior Administrator	Christine Yap
Ladies Midweek Captain	Liz Rivers
Hon Treasurer	David Fifield
Committee	Dafydd James, Lindsay North, Jocelyn Douglas

Junior tennis

Juniors, it's time to get your tennis racquets out and head down to the tennis courts! Yes the tennis season is upon us again.

Hi. I am continuing on as Junior Administrator for another season, so I will be seeing all of you on the tennis courts again this season for another fun-filled season of tennis.

Please note the following important dates:

The Junior Tennis Registration dates at Hagley Park Tennis Club will be on **29th August and 5th September from 10am to 12 noon**. Please come down during these times to register your interest to play junior tennis and inter club tennis. There will be also an opportunity to play some tennis, so bring your tennis racquets as well. If you are unable to make it to the tennis club on any of these dates, please let me or Mark Belcher know if you wish to play interclub this season. I can be contacted on 355 1475 (e:mail: rcjeffs@xtra.co.nz) and Mark on 348 6108 or 027 4986363. It is very important that I have all the names of those who wish to play interclub before the 9th of September as I need to put you in teams and submit the teams to Canterbury Tennis.

For interclub this season, there will be the following categories:

Mini League for 8 years old and under. This will be played at Wilding Park on Friday afternoons at 4pm. It will be indoors and will be played on a smaller court with soft tennis balls. This is a great start for someone who wants to get started with interclub or competition tennis. It is also a fun way to learn to play the game.



Friday afternoon interclub **starts on 16 October** at 4pm

Saturday morning interclub **starts on 17 October** at 8.30am or 10.30am depending on the age group.

Sunday morning for the Challenger grades **starts on 18 October** at either 8.30am or 10.30am. Please note that this is a change from last season where the Challenger grades are played on Saturday afternoons.

There will be a parents' meeting for all interclub families on Friday, 16 October at 5.30pm. I urge your attendance if your child is playing interclub this season – and stay for the BBQ!

The Saturday junior tennis coaching will commence on Saturday 17 October with Mark and his coaches. The 10 years and under will start at 9 to 10am and the 10 years and over or intermediate level from 10 to 11am.

The Friday social BBQ tennis will commence on Friday 16 October at 4.30-6pm.

Finally, Mark will also be running a tennis clinic during the school holidays. The dates are from Monday 21st to Thursday 24th September and Monday 28th September to Thursday 1 October. The times are from 9.30am to 12 pm. The costs will be \$70 per person. Please contact Mark on 0274 986363 or 348 6108 to confirm.

I am away from 15 Sep to 12 Oct – please contact Mark Belcher or David Corlett (021 918 155) during my absence.

Christine Yap
Junior Tennis Administrator

FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

We intend to enter teams in the CLTA summer competition as listed below:

- Senior Women and Men
 - Division 1 Women and Men
 - Division 2 Women and Men
 - Division 3 Men
 - Division 4 Men
- and possibly a Mixed team for play on Saturday.

Please would all who wish to play inter club tennis call Bryce Thomson on (03) 332 3222 and indicate their interest.

Bryce Thomson
Club Captain





US OPEN PREVIEW

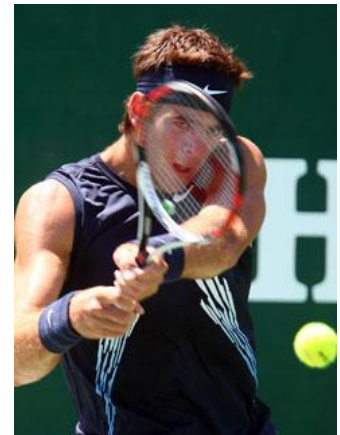
At the end of this month, the last Grand Slam of the year, the US Open, will commence.

Leading the male entry list is world number one, and five-time US Open champion Roger Federer.

Rafael Nadal, world number two will no doubt be a contender along with Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Andy Roddick.



Juan Martin Del Potro (right) the Heineken Open champion, will probably be sixth-seeded. (He's said he's coming back to Auckland next year) The US Open will offer a good complement of former female Grand Slam champions this year. Dinara Safina will be the top woman's seed, although she is yet to win a Grand Slam.



Elena Dementieva, ASB Classic champion for 2009 (above), will probably be fourth-seeded

Tennis coaching



Beginner Coaching

If you know anyone who would like to learn how to play tennis Easi-Tennis is a course for beginners which runs for 6 weeks with 1.5 hour sessions and costs \$79.

Don't forget that you can also join Mark's group lessons on Thursday night at 7pm. The cost is \$10 per person.

Social tennis

This continues on Wednesday evening at 6pm. We encourage players of all standards to join in.

If you have any questions about coaching you can contact Mark on either **348 6108** or **0274 986 363**.



RULES OF TENNIS COURSE

The Rules of Tennis is an introductory four-hour course which includes an overview of the basic skills to apply to club tournaments, assistant umpires at local tournaments, line umpiring and working towards refereeing.

Overall the course is an introduction to tennis officiating and will benefit players, coaches and parents as it increases awareness of match rules. The course will be run by Tony Glentworth. The fee covers course materials, rule book, certification, NZTUA membership (if applicable).

Date: Sunday 4 October 2009

Time: 9am – 1pm

Where: Wilding Park

Cost: \$25 per person

Please Note: Course numbers are limited therefore registrations must be received by Friday September 18th or it will be a first in first served basis. All enrolments need to be accompanied with the registration fee.

If you would like to enrol on this course please contact Sarah Paton to receive a registration form. P: 389 6484 x229 or E: sarah.paton@canterburytennis.co.nz

IMPORTANT DATES

Junior Open Days	Sat: 29 August, 10 am – 12 noon Sat: 5 September, 10 am – 12 noon
Senior Open Day	Sat: 29 August, 1 pm – 4 pm
Grass Court Open Day	Sat: 3 October, 1 pm – 4 pm
Junior Grass Court Tournament	Tues, Wed, Thur: 12,13,14 January
Veterans' Tournament	Sat, Sun: 30 & 31 January

