

NEWSLETTER : November 2012

FROM THE PRESIDENT ...



The grass court season has at last got well underway. I trust members are enjoying the courts and the fellowship one finds at the club.

Merv Cox a long time member of the club and a willing helper at many of our Veterans Tournaments recently suffered a mild stroke. I have expressed sympathies and extended best wishes for his recovery on behalf of the club.

Unfortunately we still have a major weed problem on the grass courts. We are trying to control it through a programme of spraying which our Grounds Manager has researched. He believes it to be the most appropriate action. It is not possible to predict just how rapidly or to what extent the weeds will respond. We are however hopeful some noticeable improvement will occur shortly.

Planning has started for our annual **Veterans Tournament to be held at the end of January 2013**. Volunteers are always needed on the Saturday and Sunday to ensure the tournament runs smoothly. Even if you are playing it is possible for you to help with some of the tasks that need to be done. Please don't be shy in coming forward with an offer of help.

May I urge all members who qualify as a Veteran (over 35 years of age) to enter and enjoy one or two days of competitive doubles and/or mixed doubles in a very social and friendly tournament. The entry form can be found on the club's website www.hagleyparktennis.co.nz.

Canterbury Tennis Future Location.

As a result of earthquake damage to Wilding Park tennis courts, Canterbury Tennis is looking at some alternative locations for courts. Your committee has had discussions with Canterbury Tennis about their needs but at this stage there is no firm proposal for consideration. Should there be a proposal that your committee thinks could benefit the Club, it would be the subject of a special general meeting of members, for further consideration.

A note on Junior Tennis – Very special thanks to Janine Tyler who has worked like a Trojan to ensure our juniors are well matched in teams. I know there is a terrific workload behind the scenes in getting our junior teams together and we are fortunate to have a very competent J.A. in charge of this. Janine has provided an update of junior achievements further below. And... **Congratulations to Jamie Garbett** who recently had some good success in the Canterbury Primary and Intermediate Schools Competition – see below for more details.

Members will be looking forward to the Christmas break which is not far off. May I wish you all the very best for the festive season and enjoy you to continue playing over the Christmas/New Year period.

Alex Sutherland, President

Play Tennis, Get Fit, Have Fun!

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE



We are introducing a (hopefully!) monthly Friday Night Social Tennis and Sausage Sizzle (SS). Subject to good weather conditions, this will start

THIS FRIDAY, 30 November at 5.30pm.

The sausage sizzle is on us but do bring your own refreshments.

Guests are certainly welcome and only need to pay the normal \$10 green fees.

We look forward to welcoming you. Future Friday social tennis evenings will be advised via e:mail and arranged on an ad hoc basis but we will aim for one each month.

Other Social Stuff!

- **Wednesday night social tennis** from 6-8pm with Club Coach, Mark followed by a thirst-quenching visit to Trevinnos afterwards 😊
- **Group Coaching:** On Thursday nights our resident coach, Mark Belcher runs group coaching. For adult beginners at 5.30pm and intermediate coaching at 7pm. There is a fee payable for the group coaching.
- **Mid week tennis:** If you want to know about mid-week tennis playing options, give Liz Rivers a call on 332 5836.
- **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.
- **Sunday afternoons from 1pm.** There is generally a small group of members who turn up for some relaxed, casual tennis. Anyone is welcome anyone to join them for a hit.

Junior Tennis – Janine Tyler

We have had a good start to the season with many teams recording wins on a consistent basis.

At this stage (after 4 rounds) the following teams are doing well:

Boys Challenger 2 (Jamie Garbett, Alex Zorn, AJ Tyler and Moss Jackson) are currently 3rd in their grade.

Boys 15s Div 2 (Mitchell Wilson, Felix Ellerm-Norton, Nox Tait, Nayuta Nishiyama) are also in 3rd position.

Boys 11s Div 2 (Nathanael Wain, Victor Gan, Tony Yoo, Bronson Lee, Tom Kelly) are 1st in their grade.

Boys 10s Div 2 (Harry Ashburn, Kane Jones, Andrew Garbett, Ben Pownall, Matthew Durant) are also in 1st position.

With the Elite Junior Challenger Grades being moved to Friday nights this has allowed our top Juniors to play in Senior Grades on Sundays. This appears to be happening in all clubs across Christchurch. Presently we have **Jamie Garbett** and **Alex Zorn** from BOYS Challenger 2 playing in our **Mens Div 3** and **Mens Div 5** respectively. **Stephanie Jeffs** and **Nay Nay Thomkrun** from GIRLS Challenger 1 are playing in **Women's Div 2.** (Nay Nay playing for Shirley Tennis Club).

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Juniors and will help build the strength of tennis and our club.

Jamie Garbett played in the Canterbury Primary and Intermediate Schools Competition recently. In a field of 42 Jamie played Sharsa Glotov who was the number 1 seed. Jamie beat Sharsa 4/6 6/3 6/4 in a very exciting match. Jamie lost in the semi-finals to the eventual tournament winner Rille Bruin 6/1 6/4 who is almost three years older than Jamie. This qualified Jamie to be one of four boys to represent Canterbury in the upcoming South Island Primary and Intermediate Schools Competition in Blenheim - **Good Luck Jamie!!**

From the Coach - Mark Belcher



XMAS SOCIAL TOURNAMENT and BBQ- 5:30pm Friday 21 December. \$10, new balls, prizes, games, no partner required, prize for best dressed famous player look alike. Some fun before the Xmas break. Register with Mark at the club or on 0274986363.

Xmas Holiday Program- 17-20 December 9:30-12 noon daily.
All strokes covered, tactics, game play, prizes. Enrol with Mark on 0274986363.

Last dates for 2012: Wednesday, 19 December is the last social tennis evening and Thursday December 18 our final night for Easi Tennis and adult coaching.

Senior Interclub - Bryce Thomson



Inter-club is operating in the same manner as last year with matches being played at clubs, mostly on a home and away basis. We have seven teams participating.

Premier Women (pictured left) are lying in second place after losing to Elmwood at the weekend. Of the other teams, Division 5 Men are doing the best at around second place.

L-R: Annabel Linterman, Shirley Haig, Beth Williamson, Michelle North, Adele Orangi (capt.)

House Keeping Matters!

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.

Green Fees

There cannot be a newsletter without a reminder to players to please collect green fees from your guests. We are the only grass court club in Christchurch and so we are the only club that must employ a full-time grounds manager. This cost needs to be covered by subscriptions and green fees that your guests – particularly those who regularly play at our club, must pay. Alternatively, please DO encourage your regular guests to become members. We offer a good discount for first-time members and payment by instalment can be arranged on an individual basis. Contact: Membership@hagleyparktennis.co.nz to enquire further.

A Message from the Treasurer...

Reminder notices are being sent to those whose subs remain unpaid. If this is you, please treat this as a gentle reminder to...please pay up 😊

ANNUAL VETERANS' OPEN TOURNAMENT



Keep the last weekend in January free to take part in our Annual Veterans' Open Tournament. To be held on 26 & 27 January 2013 at our Club's grass courts.

- Come along and play, watch or volunteer some time to help.
- Entry forms can be obtained from the Clubrooms or the website www.hagleyparktennis.co.nz.
- Refreshments will be available throughout the weekend from the clubhouse and a BBQ will be held at the end of play each day.
- Everyone entered receives a gift, and a chance to win some great prizes in the lucrative raffle or from one of our lucky dip draws.
- We get lots of visiting players from other NZ clubs so it's a great opportunity to meet and mix with other tennis players during a fun and enjoyable weekend.

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