

# HAGLEY PARK TENNIS

## MARCH 2009



We have run two major events since our last newsletter. The first was our ever popular Veteran's tournament. Thanks to John Robertson and David Fifield and the rest of the organising committee for making this such an outstanding event.

On 15<sup>th</sup> of February we also held an open day as part of our participation in the New Zealand Tennis Combined Campaign. The open day was well attended and we look forward to a running a similar event next year.

Its crunch time for many of our interclub teams with only a couple more rounds to go. All our women's teams are well placed and congratulations to our Senior Women's team who defeated Cashmere yesterday.



The club champs are also moving into the final rounds and it's great to see so many members participating. Could those lucky enough to still be in the singles competition please complete your remaining matches as soon as possible.

The days are getting shorter but we still have several weeks of play left on wonderful grass courts. So come down and make use of that membership.

And finally, we also hope to see you down at one of our working bees from **9am-12 noon** on **Saturday the 14th and 21st** of this month (see article below for details).

David Corlett  
President

For more information visit our wonderful website [www.hagleyparktennis.co.nz](http://www.hagleyparktennis.co.nz)



## Another Successful Veteran's Tournament.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of January the club hosted our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Veteran's Tournament. This is a very popular event on the Canterbury tennis calendar, and we had over 100 participants, some from as far a field as Australia, Japan and America.

The weather was perfect, you could say even too hot.

The event ran very smoothly and we received a lot of positive feedback from the members of other clubs. The success of this event is testament to the dedication of John Robertson, David Fifield and their team. They have been running this event for many years.

John and David are stepping down this year so we are keen to find a couple of volunteers to help organise the event. If you are interested please contact John or David who will let you know what's involved.



## New Members

A warm welcome to Jack Murphy, Kyla Klenick, and James and Isabella Garbett.

## Tennis coaching

Mark our resident coach is well on the road to recovery after tearing his Achilles tendon in late December .



### Junior Interclub team coaching

This has recommenced for term 1.

### 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 \$69.

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.

### Holiday coaching for juniors

This runs from 9:30am-12 noon, Mondays to Thursdays. The coaching runs from 6 to 17 April, but as different groups start on different dates please contact Mark for more details.

If you have any questions about coaching you can contact Mark on either **3486108** or **0274986363**.

## Hagley Park Members Appear on Rebel Sports Commercial

If you watch television you just might catch two of our senior members in the latest Rebel Sports "Hagley Park Good Sports" commercial.

## Combination Locks Installed on Gates

From time to time members have expressed concern about the number of people using our courts for access to the Hagley Park sports grounds. This can interrupt play and damage the courts (especially when we are re-sowing the grass). To combat this we are trialing the use of combination locks on 5 of the gates. The combination for all the locks is 150. That should be easy for tennis players to remember because it represents the score (15-0) after the first point of any game. To re-lock the combination locks simply ensure it is set at 150 and spin the tumbler.



## New Seating Installed

You may have noticed Alex Sutherland busy at work installing new seating in rows 2 and 5. The seating has been provided by the Preston family and friends, and is in memory of our much loved member Don Preston. We thank the Prestons, and Alex, for providing some much needed relief for our weary feet.



## This Years Working Bee

At this time each year we spread topdressing on two of the rows. This year it's the turn of rows 1 and 4 to get a boost. The working bees are from **9am-12 noon on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of March**. All you need to do is turn up (If you have a shovel that would help, but it's not necessary). There are three jobs. One is spreading the topdressing (enriched soil) by shovel. One is spreading the soil by rake (good for those who want some very gentle exercise). And finally levelling the soil (see photo below). The more people we have the quicker we can get the job done. If it rains on either these days then the **28<sup>th</sup>** will be the back up day.

