

HAGLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB

NOVEMBER 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On the first weekend in October we enjoyed a good grass court opening with the courts and their surroundings in great shape. This was a credit to the excellent work of Bill Malloch our groundsman, and to Anton Coberger who has assisted Bill with mowing. Thanks also to those members who provided a special afternoon tea. To those of you who did not attend and thus missed out on Bryce Thomson's chocolate sponge cake – tough!

After a rather wet October, November has provided us with some glorious days, warm, dry and little wind, and perfect grass court conditions.



Both Senior and Junior interclub tennis have started. I am sure you join me in wishing all Hagley Park teams a successful season. Congratulations are in order for the two midweek ladies' teams who won came first and second in their respective winter competition. Details are given below in reports by Liz Rivers and Rosie Lau.

The club has been fortunate in receiving a grant of \$20,000 from the Canterbury Trust and a \$10,000 grant from the Southern Trust to assist with the resurfacing of courts 1 to 4 on Row 2. The Christchurch City Council has also given us a grant of \$2,000 for tennis balls for interclub teams and coaching equipment for Mark Belcher, the club coach. We are very grateful to these organisations for their generous support. Special thanks must also go to our secretary Rosie Lau who prepared the applications on our behalf.

Once again we will be participating in the National Open Day on Saturday the 13th of February from 1:30pm to 4:00 pm. Tennis will be free for all who come to join with us on that day. Please encourage your tennis playing friends to come along and experience tennis on the grass. Do come yourselves and help make our visitors welcome.

Alex Sutherland
President

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Club receives \$30,000 in funding grants

Our club wishes to acknowledge the Canterbury Community Trust and the Southern Trust for their very generous donations towards our tennis court project.

Between them, they are providing 50% of the overall cost of our project and this enables us to now proceed with the repair and resurfacing of our two Plexipave courts and two of our Astroturf courts.



We are very grateful to the Canterbury Community Trust and the Southern Trust



and thank them very much for the confidence they have shown in our club and committee.

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	Dafyyd James, Lindsay North, Jocelyn Douglas



Junior Tennis

The Junior Interclub tennis is underway. Hagley Park Tennis Club has entered a total of 15 junior teams, 5 girls teams and 10 boys teams. After a sluggish start, teams are now performing very well, and winning a lot of their matches. Well done to all players and supporters, especially for those who are playing interclub for the first time. Keep it up for the rest of the season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have assisted me to make my job that much easier, especially the 'volunteered' team captains. I really appreciate the time and effort you have put in to ensure that your team is at the right place at the right time, and submitting the results sheets on time.

For all juniors who want an extra hitting session, remember there is the Friday afternoon tennis at 4.30 – 5.30pm, followed by a BBQ. This normally finishes at 6pm. Do come to the Club and have a social afternoon of tennis.



There will be a junior tennis ladder set up for all junior players. All juniors will be ranked. The purpose of this ladder is to challenge the player ranked above you and to move up the ladder in rankings. Games can be played at an arranged time, or on Friday afternoons during social tennis. Please report scores to either myself or Mark.

The Club will be running a Junior Christmas tournament on 13 December 2009 at 2pm. This will be a doubles only tournament. There will be an entry list at the club house. Please put your name down. If you do not have a partner, do not worry, we will match you up with a partner. This will be a fun and social event with prizes as well as a BBQ. There will be a small entry fee of \$5.00 per person.

Finally, Mark will also be running a tennis clinic during the school holidays. The dates are from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th December. The times are from 9.30am to 12 pm. The cost will be \$70 per person. Please contact Mark on 0274 986363 to confirm.

Christine Yap
Junior Tennis Administrator



Tennis Coaching

Beginner Coaching

A request to all senior members. If you know of anyone who hasn't played a lot of tennis we offer two excellent opportunities to get started.

Easi-Tennis is a 6 week course for beginners or those who haven't had coaching before or are looking to get back to tennis. It runs each Thursday from 5:30-7:00pm.

Social tennis, which runs from 6pm every Wednesday, is also a great way for all standards of players to get back into tennis in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We want to encourage players who are a little nervous to come along to these to give it a go, once over the hurdle of coming once most find they fit in fine and enjoy the play. Many of these players also become valuable members of the club.

Senior Coaching

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

Junior Coaching

Xmas holiday coaching program. Daily from 9:30am to 12:00. December 14-17. Stroke production, tactics, games, prizes from HEAD. Phone Mark to enroll. Cost \$70 (Friday is the reserve day for rain)

If you have any questions about coaching you can contact Mark on either **3486108** or **0274986363**. You can also email him at mgbtennis@xtra.co.nz



Australian Open

Who will be the next Australian Open champions? Roger, Rafael, Serena, Venus or Safina? This commentator's picks are the two shown on the left; Mark's picks are on the right.



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SUCCESS FOR WINTER TEAMS

Congratulations to the members of our team that won the Premier Grade section of the Wilding Park Winter Indoor competition. The team was a composite 'Hagley Park' team which included Hagley club members Jane Wright, Sandra Wilson and Rosie Lau (Capt.). They were very strongly supported by Vange Weil (Halswell), Sally Spence (Southbook) and Linda Earney (Cashmere).



Congratulations also to Claire's winter team that came second in their competition. They were collectively 100 years older than the other teams in the competition and only lost on a count back of games. They are really determined to win their competition next year.



From left to right: Ros Preston, Jill Wilson, Judy Chambers, Claire Williams and Liz Rivers

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From the Club Captain

A big welcome for the new season to members playing inter-club (particularly first timers). Please ensure score sheets are filled in with full names, scores and signed off. If these tasks are not completed points are deducted. Also team playing order can only change if Canterbury Tennis is notified before the

Wednesday prior to playing. If you wish to do this or have any questions about inter-club rules please call me on 332-3222 or 0274360568.

Bryce Thomson
Club Captain

RULES OF TENNIS QUIZ

So you have been playing tennis for many years and you think you know the rules of tennis? Here are a couple of questions to test your knowledge.

Question 1: When the ball is in play, another ball rolls onto the court. A let is called. The server had previously served a fault. Is the server now entitled to a first service or second service?

Question 2: During a singles match played on a court with net posts and singles sticks, the ball served hits a singles stick and then hits the correct service court. Is this a fault?

Question 3: Where can a vibration device (a dampner) be placed on the strings?

The answers will be in the next newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES

Junior Christmas Tournament on 13 December 2009
Hagley Park Canterbury Junior Grass Tournament 12, 13, and 14 January 2010
Hagley Park Veterans' Tournament 30 & 31 January 2010
National Open Day on February 13 2010 from 1:30pm to 4:00 pm

