

NEWSLETTER : September 2013

FROM THE PRESIDENT ...



Spring has arrived and with it the approach of our grass court season. The grounds manager is pleased with the condition of the courts and expects them to be of a good standard on the **October 5th grass court opening day**. The installation of the improved irrigation system will be in place by then and ready to maintain the grass throughout the summer.

Your committee has welcomed **Andrea Hughes** as our new Treasurer and **Janine Tyler** as Membership Convener. They are both enthusiastic about their respective roles. I look forward to working with them for, at least, the coming year.

The committee does need some new members and in particular a Vice President. Please consider this as an opportunity to serve your club and volunteer as a committee member. Many club members have the ability to contribute to the running of the club and would bring needed skills. The time commitment is not large – one evening meeting a month plus that required for any special tasks or responsibilities assumed.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our **official season opening on September 14th** for the juniors in the morning and the seniors in the afternoon. Please join us at 3:30 pm after some tennis for afternoon tea in the pavilion. **Neil Prior**, CEO of Canterbury Tennis will join us with an update on their plans for relocating the Wilding Park facilities possibly to our facility.

Alex Sutherland
President

OPENING DAYS

Club Opening Day – Saturday 14 September – Juniors 10am, Seniors 1pm. The juniors will have a morning tea at 11am and the seniors plan a BBQ after play from 3.30pm. Please come and join us.

Grass Courts Opening Day: Saturday 5 October
Our grass courts open day is on Saturday, 5 October.

Junior Tennis – Janine Tyler

Inter club begins on the weekend 18/19th October and runs thru to 13/14th December with no play Labour or Show weekend.

Tennis Coaching at Hagley Park is about to resume again soon.

We will be having our Opening Day on **Saturday September 14th at 10am.**

Mark will coach the Juniors until 11am when we will then move upstairs for a shared morning tea.

Membership remains at \$120 for 11 and under.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Senior Interclub - Bryce Thomson

Winter has flown and hopefully the weather doesn't turn for the worse as spring arrives.

A quick summary of when grades play is as follows:

- Premier Men and Women Saturdays 2.30pm
- Div. 1 and 2 Men and Women Sundays 9am
- Div. 3,4,5,6 Men Sundays 1pm
- Senior mixed 4's Sundays 1pm

Competitions start October 19 and 20. There is no play Labour Weekend or Show Weekend.

Post-Christmas all grades except Prems Start 18 and 19 January. Prems start 8 Feb.

Finals will be played 15 and 16 March with reserve days 22-23 March.

Other deadlines are:

- 30 August indications to Canterbury Tennis of the teams we intend entering.
- 18 September Premier entries and court availability at the club.
- 25 September all other grades and court availability at the club.

We are able to enter the following grades:

- Prem Men and Women
- Div. 1,3,5 and 6 Men
- Div. 2 Women
- Senior Mixed 4's and other mixed grades if there is interest

There is an expectation that team members pay for match balls unless the club obtains funding.

Also there is a commitment to be available each week as the club is fined for defaults.

It is important at this point that members wishing to play interclub this season let me know asap.

Bryce Thomson Ph. 3323222 or 0274 360568 Or email bryce@eguard.co.nz



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.

A Message from our Treasurer...Andrea Hughes

Hi Everyone! I'm the new Treasurer. I will endeavour to maintain the amazing standard Rosie Lau has set in past years. A big 'thank you' to her from us all.

I am preparing subs now and this year, they will be sent to you via email. There has been a slight increase in subs this year in line with CPI increases. It is really important that you keep me updated with your preferred contact email address.

The other new initiative is that we are issuing SHOE TAGS instead of tennis racquet stickers. This makes it easier to identify club members -which helps for committee members and others who regularly monitor green fee collection. Janine Tyler, our Membership person will send you your shoe tag and an updated membership list once your payment has been received. Please secure your shoe tag to your tennis shoes and wear at all times.

Social Weekday/Night Tennis

We have good social playing opportunities during the week with **Wednesday night social tennis** from 6-8pm and on Thursday evenings - our resident coach, Mark Belcher runs **Group Coaching**.

ANNUAL VETERANS' OPEN TOURNAMENT



An early reminder to keep the last weekend in January free to take part in our Annual Veterans' Open Tournament. To be held on [25/26 January 2014](#) at our Club's grass courts.

Come and play, or volunteer to help – it's all good fun! 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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