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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

It is the time to relax, and what better way then to play a game of tennis. As some of you will be heading into holiday mode it is now the time to start to think about playing more often and getting your family and friends involved! The weather is warmer, the sunsets at the club are spectacular (those of you who have stayed behind on a Friday night for a couple of quiet will know what I mean), and there is lots of tennis to be played.

Our lights are on, and aren't they great! The club is looking great thanks to a lot of people but mainly Graeme Josephson for his hard work around the grounds. The night competitions are running smoothly and the Christmas party is coming up on the 16th of December 09...what more could we want! -EDITOR.

FROM TRUDI:

It is that time of year again. The silly season is upon us, hopefully that means lots of long summer nights are ahead where you can forget about doing the garden and get the family down to the courts to play some tennis.

Join us for some Christmas Cheer

The Christmas function for all members will be on Wednesday 16 December from 6.00pm. Come down and enjoy something off the BBQ, and mingle, and if you feel inclined there will be some games of tennis organised.

Saturday Club Day Tennis from 1.00pm

Traditionally Saturday afternoons have been Club Day, with an opportunity for all club members to come down to the club, where games are organised based on skill and level, and is a great way to meet other members and play against different people. The committee have been very lucky that we have had the support from club members who have volunteered their time to organise the Saturday event. Thank you to everyone that has helped in organising and supporting this day, it has been really appreciated.

We have seen a decline of participation in Saturday tennis, and with life getting more hectic this isn't a surprise, but the Committee are keen to keep this in the calendar, and to organise and put some effort into running this. **Watch this space.** With Christmas nearly upon us, we will be looking at getting this up and running again in January and will let you know in the newsletter when this will kick off.

The committee wish you all and your families a safe and relaxing Christmas, and don't forget the courts are available over the break to go down and work off some of the Christmas Cheer.

HUTT VALLEY JUNIOR XMAS TOURNAMENT:

17-21st December 2009. Held at Mitchell Park. Age groups are 10,12,14,16,18's. Contact Sandra Calder for more details on email p.scalders@orcon.net.nz.

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JUNIOR CLUB:

Friday Night Juniors - Last Friday pre-xmas will be Friday 11 December. All players who attend to bring a plate of food for a Xmas Party. Prizes will be given to the winners of the Quiz and there will be a prize for the best dressed Christmas theme player. First Friday back after Christmas will be Friday 29 January 2010.

Sunday Morning Juniors - Last Sunday pre-xmas will be Sunday 13 December. First Sunday back after Xmas will be Sunday 31 January.

Junior Interclub - we have had some wonderfully close matches. The feedback from team managers has been very positive - great club spirit and games being played hard but fair. That's really good to hear. The following teams are currently leading their grades - Boys Regional One Federer, Boys Under 12 Soderling, Girls 2nd Division Kuznetsova, Girls Under 12 Jankovic. The following players are unbeaten in singles so far - David Silcock, Alex Calder, Logan Archer, Thomas Josephson, James Havler, Matthew Dicken, Ben Hurst, Matthew McCawe, Andrew Morris, Ben Wolyncewicz, Luke De Jong, Sean Leach, Annabel Josephson, Lucy Garner, Meg Henderson, Kendall Melville, Charlie Parson, Victoria Stewart, Erin Brennan, Nadia Sziranyi, Manasi Ramadani, Daisy Wilson, Sophie Trask

Junior Quiz Winners - the following members were the winners of the first junior tennis quiz for the season and will receive prizes on Friday 11th December and Sunday 12th December:

Sunday morning - Robbie Walker
Interclub - Jordan Musgrave and Peter Mitchell

Kevin

We would like to thank both the Pelorus & Southern Trusts for their support of \$2000 for the juniors.

REGIONAL COMPETITION:

Well the regional competition is well underway and our 4 teams are all doing really well.

Women's Premier 1:

Our women's Regional One are currently placed 1st!! 2 points clear of Thorndon. The team is Hanna Baxter,

Julie Scott, Jenny Burrridge, Rachel Baxter, Carmel Sheehan.

Women's Premier 2:

This team is placed 1st!! 5 points clear of Titahi Bay! Leonnie Campbell, Katie Farrell, Monique Buckley, Cathy Coyne, Raewyn Roberts are the team!

Women's Premier 3:

This team is placed 1st! They have won all of their ties this season so far! Hera Swinton, Ashleigh Ward, Jess Dowling, Rebecca Clarke, are the team.

Men's Premier 1:

Our Men's Regional One are currently placed 4th in this very strong competition behind Wellington, Thorndon, and Khandallah. The team members are:

Daniel Baxter, Thiem Nguyen, Thomas McCabe, David Herman, Gerald Farrell

HUTT VALLEY INTERCLUB COMPETITION:

(please note, the order the players are listed below is not necessarily the playing order of the team)

Mens Division 1 has two Lower Hutt teams this season.

Lower Hutt 1 is coming 2nd, and Lower Hutt 2 is coming 4th at this stage. Team members are: L Hutt 1 Dave Leesburg, Mac Leesburg, Steve McPhee (C), Micheal Young, Ali Basalaj. L Hutt 2 members are: Trevor Dine, Andrew Gaudin, Oscar Neilsen, Kieran Casbolt.

Mens Div 2: Team members are Larry Mann, Ioan Tulesca, Ram, and Chester Holmes. They are currently in 4th place.

Mens Div 3: We have two teams in the Div 3 grade, **in section 1** we have the team of Justin Ng, Jordan Beere, Mike Holdsworth and Richard Grant, they are coming 3rd currently. **In section 2** of the mens Div 3 competition we have Kamahi Connor, Josh McGreggor, Tyler Titov Smith, and Josh Mitchell. They are currently coming 2nd in the competition.

Womens Div 1: There are two sections in this competition, we have one team only in section 1. The team of Sylvia Wilmhurst, Liza Farrelly, Charlotte Kerr, Esther George, Amanda Lamb, and Margaret Young are currently in 2nd place.

CLEANING:



When you are playing interclub at the club remember you are responsible to ensure the clubhouse is left clean & tidy after your match. All members are responsible for the general tidiness of the grounds. Put all drink bottles into the rubbish. Parents please talk to your children & make sure they understand these rules.

COURT USAGE:

All members are encouraged to make use of the courts whenever they want to play. Because we have so many members wishing to play it is necessary to have some rules.

When there is organised play at the Club either on Club days or nights or when Interclub has been scheduled at

the Club then casual play is only permitted if courts are not required for this organised play.

From 5 pm senior members have preference & juniors are required to give up their court when requested to do so. Non-members or parents who have not paid but who are playing with their children, who are members, have no rights at any time & must pay a court hire \$10.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE:

There are the two last rounds in December and the league will finish on the 9th of December. The prize giving for the Hardy Cup will be at Xmas function on the 16th of December.

In points so far three top-teams are within one point, and all have a good chance to win.

The Wed summer league 2010 runs along the school term from 3-February till 31-March, people can start signing for the league, either put your name on the list in the club, or email aarno.korpela@gmail.com.

- Because of the late start to the next league, there will be organized social Wednesday tennis at the end of January.- Aarno

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

There are still some people out there who have not paid their fees! If you have not paid your fees could you please do so quickly.

If you are not sure of what to pay, here is a list of the fees. Senior \$210, Veteran (Over 65 yrs) \$185, Mid Week (no weekend or evening play) \$185, Couple \$380, Family \$540, Full Time Tertiary Student \$160, Junior (under 19 as at 31 Dec) \$110, Parent (playing only with child) \$50, Non playing (social) \$20.

If you are also playing interclub then there are these additional fees are: Midweek \$50, Regional \$100, Weekend Divisional \$70, Weekend Presidents \$55, Junior \$25, Junior Playing Senior \$60.



THE GATE:

The gate combination has now been changed. If you are a financial member and have not got the code, please contact Graham Nelson on 569 2914. Remember to close the gate when you enter & leave The Club.

ATOMIC TENNIS:

Junior Holiday Camps: 14th – 18th of Dec 09 or 21 – 23rd December 2009. Beginners in the mornings from 9-12, advanced in the afternoon from 1-4pm.

Grasshopper Tournaments: 6th Dec 09, 12.30 – 2.30 pm, for 7 – 11 year old players not playing interclub yet.

Challenger Tournament: 20th of Dec for interclub players who have not yet played any tournaments. Details and lots more! on the Atomic Tennis Website www.atomictennis.com

YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE: To make comments or give feedback email info@lowerhutttennisclub.com .