

# CROSSCOURT



Newsletter of the Lower Hutt Tennis Club Inc  
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## FROM THE EDITOR:

Lots happening and coming up, so check out the calendar of events below. The weather is great, lots of tennis to be played. In this issue we have a fun handi-cap tournament on Feb the 24<sup>TH</sup>, a parent child event to celebrate "Childrens Day" on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, a series of junior Top Dog ranking tournaments, some offers from Atomic Tennis, tennis tips, and more!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### FUN HANDI-CAP TOURNAMENT:

SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008, STARTING AT 1.00PM.

### PARENT CHILD FUN DAY/TOURNAMENT:

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2008

### 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNIOR TOP DOG RANKING TOURNEY:

8-10 FEBRUARY 2008

### SLAZENGER JUNIOR OPEN:

10's & 14's 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 08

12's & 16's 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 08

### FOR ALL OTHER CLUB EVENTS PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK:

<http://lowerhutttennisclub.com/calendar.htm>

## CHAIRPERSONS MESSAGE:

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and new year and I am sure some of you continued hitting tennis balls throughout because our weather was just great. I follow the seniors circuit in January and was able to compete in events in Palmerston North, Martinborough, Tauranga and Wodonga (North of Melbourne).

You may not already know that NZ competes in ITF world senior age group tennis all over the world so if you didn't make it as a junior then when you reach 35+ you can have another go at becoming a world champion later in life.

In fact Mose Harvey from North Harbour recently won the 70 year old world title in the Super Seniors ITF event held in Christchurch, our very first world champion and a great role model for our senior tennis players.

## VOLUNTEERS:

SPARC is promoting a drive for sport volunteers called "Volunteers, the heart of the sport".

## TENNIS CLUB CONTACTS:

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Volunteers make a significant contribution to sport in New Zealand and are dependant on this unpaid labour of approx 500,000 volunteers.

Tennis relies heavily on volunteer work especially in the administration area and for those members who have not contributed or paid back your enjoyment from tennis then think about the satisfaction you could get by giving a helping hand.

There is training provided for most of the work that is required and the more volunteers that help the more the workload is spread around.

So how do you get involved? Please contact myself to discuss your options or come to the AGM and get elected onto the committee.

I would like to thank all of those in the club who have volunteered their time to date because without you the club would not be in the strong position it is today, Sylvia Wilmshurst.

## JUNIOR CLUB NEWS:

Welcome back to part 2 of Summer. Sunday morning tennis began last weekend with a great turnout but unfortunately the 2nd group was cut short by a torrential downpour. Good for gardeners and farmers but not for tennis players! Sunday tennis continues right through to 13 April however there is NO coaching on Easter Sunday.



Interclub coaching is on Friday nights and it is great to see so many managers ensuring that all members of the team turn up. With Flo, Craig & Jack Ng providing coaching, our interclub teams get real value for money. Our results are improving each season and we are the preferred club for junior tennis in the Hutt Valley. In

addition to the supper provided by duty teams on a Friday night we will be selling hotdogs or sausages for \$1. The money raised will be used to purchase extra trophies for prize giving at the end of the season.

Junior Club Champs will continue to be run over the next few Friday nights. We have allocated 3 courts and those that need to play will be rung and advised the time of their match.

Tennis shirts with the club logo are still available in most sizes. The dri-fit white/grey shirts are \$30 and the white polo's are \$20. The quality of the shirts is excellent and wearing the correct tennis gear certainly improves your game. You don't have to play interclub to purchase one -see Gene or Elizabeth.

There is a large pile of clothing in the clubhouse, which has been left around the courts at the end of each day. Please have a look through it as you may not even realise that something is missing. Better still would be to ensure all sweatshirts get named so we can return it to you.

Gene is taking entries for a Parent/Child tournament on Sunday March 2. The last one was held 18 months ago and was a lot of fun with nearly everyone taking home a prize. Make sure you get your name down early to ensure a place in the draw.

Junior subs are now \$60 for the rest of the year. This gives you access to the courts until 31 August and Sunday coaching for the rest of term 1. If you have any friends that want to join, now would be the time. They can come and see what great facilities our club has to offer and you get someone to practise with over the winter months!

## **PARENT CHILD TOURNAMENT 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2008:**

Contact Atomic Tennis for more info!!

### **ATOMIC TENNIS:**

Atomic Tennis has some great offers of lessons and products on at the moment. For the month of March Atomic Tennis are offering a **FREE** can of Head tennis balls with each racquet that we restring. Come into the shop to discuss the details!

**ATOMIC EVENTS:** Adult group sessions are on offer for \$60.00 for four one-hour sessions. These run in four-week blocks and are a fantastic way of improving your game, or getting started into the sport.

We are also running a series of one-day junior Top Dog ranking tournaments on a Sunday at the tennis club starting from the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2008. These are NZT endorsed and the ranking points count towards your club, association, regional, and national ranking! Check out the office and club notice boards or the **www.atomictennis.com** for more events and offers!



## **MID WEEK MEMO:**

Hi Everyone

It's been great to see so many of you back and into the tennis. It's been fun for me to start off the new 4th grade team, which is a combination of Lower Hutt and Muritai players.

**Some dates for you to think about.**

The Stokes Valley tournament is being held on Tuesday, 26th February from 9am until approx 3pm with the cancellation date on 4th March. \$15 each gives you minimum of 3 games of doubles, morning tea and lunch. I have entry forms so give me a call if you want one before Tuesday. Entries close on 22nd February. First in first served and no late entries!

The first singles rounds of the midweek champs will be held on Tuesday, March 11th and the doubles will be on Tuesday, 18th March. You will need to be available from 9am until midday on those days to enter the rounds. Subsequent rounds will be more flexible. There will be entry forms at the club on club days or you can email me. You can nominate a doubles partner or we can find you one.

Red Cross would like us to run their tournament again and this will be on Tuesday, 1st April with the cancellation date of 8th April.

Don't forget that Thursday is a midweek club day too. We have more than Kathy and I playing singles these days! Cheers, Ros

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## **TENNIS CLUB POLO SHIRTS:**

The Lower Hutt Tennis Club Polo Shirts are still for sale! These are made of high quality dri-fit material, are great to wear and play in, and look awesome with the new logo. See Gene or Craig to try one on!

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## **COURT USAGE:**

At this time of year the courts can become pretty busy during the peak times from 4.30 – 8.00pm on the weekdays and 1.00 – 4.00pm on the weekends. The clubs policy is that interclub, club leagues and coaching have first priority for usage, then comes organized events (like interclub practice – but they are meant to play doubles if there are not many courts available), then it is first in first served.

## **FUN HANDI-CAP TOURNAMENT:**

A fun tournament will be held on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. Get your name in to Gene on email [admin@atomictennis.com](mailto:admin@atomictennis.com), or phone 5696872. Details are at the club! That is this coming weekend so please be quick!!!

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