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

Is there any substitute for match play? Any decent tennis coach will say no there is not, yet people these days are just not playing enough! I calculated the other day that a tournament player will only play a total of 14 interclub matches per year, and if they play in the Wellington area only, can only play a maximum of three tournaments per year (1 tournament if you are not a junior, but not a vet). Three matches per tournament, for a junior that is a total of 21 or 22 matches per year, is that enough matches in a year to really become a tennis player, or to really understand the game?

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON:

This time of the season always seems to be windy and changable which can be quite frustrating for most players. Sometimes you feel that you are trying to beat the wind rather than your opposition. For those members that joined on the Open Day and season kick off last month it was a lot of fun and on that particular day we had mild still weather which contributed to the over all success of making the game of tennis a winner on the day. Interclub, leagues and coaching has started and the season is now in full swing for most members so I do hope the weather comes right for you all and we have some warm and still days on the horizon. The committee will be putting up a new event calendar on the club web site soon so you can plan what tennis events you would like to be involved in. I will finish on a Tennis New Zealand guiding principle from the strategic plan - "Respect and promote sportsmanship and fair play" - applauding a winning shot is a good start.

Sylvia Wilmshurst
Chairperson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

4TH NOV - JNR RANKING TOURNAMENT!

FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY:

Welcome to: Peter Calder, Sandra Calder, Stephanie Calder, Alexander Calder, Mathew Dicken, Anand Duggirala, Harvey Henderson, Meg Henderson, Raj Kamasamudram, Ben McKissack, Peter Newman, Emily O'Shea, Lucy O'Shea, Laura Phillips, Jacqui Randell, Stefan Rood, Vikas Shenoy, Harry Wheelans, Steve Mcphee, Mike Heath, Ruby Heath, Lisa Farrelly, Denise Bennik, Joshua Gomez, Alison

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Blackwood, Kayla Head, Tim Russell, Joshua Watts, Trudy Amos, Tyla Nelson, Bayden Stevenson, Suzanne Shirliff, Renan Muglia, Eamon Bolger, Mike Holdsworth. We wish you all an enjoyable time at the Club.

All people using the kitchen facilities

Please be considerate and clean up after yourselves. This also includes replacing furniture, net sticks and court sweepers, etc. back inside the club house. All people using the courts after club hours please keep the gate shut. This is the only way to ensure your subs are being used for your benefit only. Except Friday night, Junior members (under 13) are only allowed on the courts after 6pm if courts are available.

Now is the time for members to introduce friends and acquaintances to tennis, bring them along and lets try to get membership up to 500. This helps keep our operating costs down.

Graham Nelson

DID YOU KNOW???

Steffi Graf is probably the greatest tennis player in the history of the game? She won 22 singles grand-slam titles (4 Aussie Opens, 6 French Opens, 7 Wimbledons, & 5 US Opens). She won 1 Olympic Gold Medal, a grand slam (winning all for Grand slam tournaments in the same calendar year, the same year as the Olympic medal making it a golden slam), was ranked number 1 in the world for 8 years or 377 weeks, won at least 1 grand slam singles title for 10 consecutive years, won 107 tournament titles, and won \$21 million in prize money! Not a bad record!

MID WEEK MEMO:

Midweek opened for the year on 11 September. We welcomed two new members (Denise Bennik and Amanda Woolham) and Anne Ross has adjusted her work week to join us! There are six teams playing summer interclub. Fourteen have signed up for the Gourmet Wine Escape to the Wairarapa on Sunday 28 October. It should be a fun day full of good food and wines. The Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 27 November and midweek tennis will windup for the year on Tuesday 18 December.
Ros

MEMBERSHIP INFO:

An email will be coming shortly with gate code for all financial members. The Gate code changing 27th October, People not financial before last week of October will have to obtain code from Graham 5692 914 evenings after paying their subs. There will not be another general posting and invoices/statements will only be supplied on request.

JUNIOR NEWS!!!

The first two weeks of windy junior interclub have now been completed with some good results for the Lower Hutt teams, some of which have had to play each other ensuring a win for Lower Hutt!

The Friday night interclub training is going well, and team unity is becoming stronger as teams train together, please remember that all junior members are invited to come to the Sunday morning sessions, so if you are playing interclub you can come for some training with Atomic Tennis twice per week, please take advantage of this great opportunity!

JUNIOR RANKING TOURNAMENT

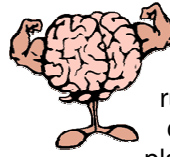
On Sunday the 4th of November, there is a junior ranking tournament, so if you think you should be higher up the ladder, then this is your opportunity to prove it! Entry fee of \$5.00 per player, and play all day. The entry fee includes some food, tennis balls, and fun! To enter please contact: Elizabeth on 971 4408.

COURT BOOKINGS:

As the season has started now, the courts are getting busier and busier, Atomic Tennis have coaching running each day from 3.30 in the afternoon until approx 8.30pm usually using two courts, sometimes three depending on the day. Thursday night is the traditional interclub teams training night, and with the club having quite a few teams involved in different grades it can become a bit log jammed. A generalized court schedule showing what courts are being used when, is on the club website, so maybe we can organize some of the interclub teams to arrive at 6.00pm, and others to

arrive at 7.30pm, that way we can all have at least two courts to play on all of the time?

SOME RULES AND ETIQUETTE!!



This time of year as the competitive tennis is starting is the time to refresh our knowledge of the rules and manners of the sport. A couple of things for new (and already playing) members to remember the next time you are playing:

- Try to wait until the rally has finished before you walk behind another court.
- If your ball goes on to another court, wait till the rally has finished, then ask them to pass it back
- If the ball comes from another court on to yours, stop your rally and pass it back to them.
- Any distraction is a let, this includes interference from other courts, people not following the etiquette above, rubbish flying on to the court, sudden loud noises, or an excessive stoppage in play (say between a 1st and 2nd serve). A let means the point is replayed with the server having two serves (even if they had already hit a fault, on the first serve!).
- You are only allowed to reach over the net to hit a ball if the ball has bounced on your side of the net and then blown back, or spun back, over the net. In those circumstances you are allowed to reach over and hit the ball as long as you, or any part of your body, clothing, or equipment does not touch the net.
- You are allowed to follow through over the net as long as you don't touch the net. However, you are meant to make contact with the ball on your half of the court.
- Call the ball out with your voice! In tennis, no call means the ball is good and play will continue, so if your opponents do not say out, assume it is in and play on!
- Spectators and parents are not allowed to be involved in the game from the sidelines! The calls and rulings are made by the players, unless they call for an adjudicator or umpire, so even though you no that last ball was in (when they called it out) you cannot do anything about it!

ATOMIC TENNIS

ADULT GROUP TRAINING:

Would you like to win that next Wednesday night league? Contact us for a few positional, tactical, and technical sessions. Small groups of four players per coach, four weeks of training, \$60 per person. For all racquet, shoes, strings, grips, and training needs!

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