

CROSSCOURT

FOR LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB MEMBERS

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W elcome to the
O c t o b e r
C r o s s c o u r t !

Power of Two

Don't forget to enter the fun tournament planned for Labour Day Weekend. See on the right for more information!

Some of the pre-Xmas interclub games got underway on 8 October!

Club President, Barbara Bridger reports that Lower Hutt have fielded 2 teams in the Hutt Valley Women's Division 1 grade - Sheryl Edgar, Rachel Baxter, Barbara Bridger, and Sarah Deal are in section 1A. Ros Read, Brenda Scully, Rayma Murphy, Sophie Hamer and Joanna Purdie are in section 1B. Ros Read, Brenda Scully, Rayma and Joanna are newcomers to the club. Both teams came away with a win on 8 October. Their share of tightly contested 3 set matches.

In this Crosscourt issue you will find more information on regional and presidents division interclub teams, league results, sponsorships, tennis in schools, junior tennis and information about future events.

Albie Roberts and Amelia Harris are the 2 members in profile this month.

Mieke, Editor.

CLUB DAYS!

By Adam Bishop, Club Captain

There is plenty of interest in the recently introduced Sunday club day (4 to 6 p.m.) with good numbers showing up. The format is doubles and games are made up on the day so that people are free to come at the last minute. The primary contact is still Keith Walton, however, while Keith is away until November I will be running the Sunday Club Day in his absence.

I am also looking at running another fun day for Saturday, so watch the notice board for more details. Current plans are for a 'teddy bears picnic' theme in early November and another fun day as the christmas event before the end of the year.

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2005

(Monday 24th if wet)

A Mixed Doubles Handicap Tournament

From 12 p.m. Entry Fee \$5 per person. Open to all members. BBQ operating all afternoon. Partners will be arranged. 3 matches minimum. Put your name down at the club or email gene@atomictennis.com

INTERCLUB TEAMS!

Regional Men 1: Daniel Baxter, Wilton Aitkin, Simon O'Leary, Jake Gardiner, Evan Baxter.

Regional Women 1: Amelia Harris, Tania Martin, Julie Scott, Jovana Rodavic, Hannah Baxter

Regional Men 2: Michael Young, Steve Parson, Tony Pietras, Hamish Murphy, Daniel Hydeman

Regional Women 2: Leonie Quinn, Kathy Coyne, Raewyn Roberts, Pauline Yemm, Paulina Godfrey, Kate Nightingale

Presidents Div 2:

(A) Rose Douglas, Jill Wilcox, Gerald Burns, Owen Norris

(B) Sue Anderston, Kathy Maguren, Stewart Bush, Alex Bridger

(C) Mieke Wensvoort, Tony Green, Linda Forsyth, Reginald Murphy.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the many new members that have joined in recent months! It's a pleasure to have you on board. Please don't hesitate to contact your club committee to ask questions. The contact details are on the back page of this magazine.

TENNIS IN SCHOOLS

Gene and Florence have run two sessions for all the students at Waterloo, Eastern Hutt, Randwick and Gracefield. The next schools where we are planning visits are Hutt Central, Boulcott, Epuni, St Peter's and St Paul's.

ATOMIC TENNIS



The club's coaching quarters are pictured above. Contact Gene or Florent for your coaching needs - contact details bottom of pages 2 and 3.

COMING EVENTS

■ Xmas function - December at the Petone WMC.

■ Club championships to be held early next year.

Details to come - watch noticeboard.



SYLVIA & MALCOLM TO REPRESENT NZ

Sylvia Wilmshurst and Malcolm Alexander have been selected again to play Australia in Christchurch (Jan 2006) for their New Zealand vets age group. Sylvia hopes to repeat this year's achievement when her team (pictured above) won Gold for NZ womens 45+ team played in Newcastle, Australia.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Congratulations to Tony Green's team for winning the winter league. Teams 4 and 7 tied for second place. The spring league has started with a massive 15 teams participating. Want to play as a reserve? ring Linda 568 5292).

AMELIA IN MELBOURNE



Amelia represented New Zealand for the second time in a row in the Australian Under 16 Claycourt National Tennis Championships. Together with Abigail Guthrie from Auckland, Amelia played in the final. Tennis was really hard in Aussie but a great result nevertheless. In the singles, Amelia lost her first match, won the next two and lost in the final playoff for the plate. Amelia was pleased with the close game she had in the final.

There was time to have a good look round Melbourne Park where the Australian Open is held. Melbourne was pretty but rather rainy when Amelia was there.

A strong tennis discipline helps Amelia to stay on top of her game. She plays 6 days a week for 3-4 hours, but playing tennis is such a pleasure for Amelia that it is always an enjoyable pasttime. Amelia is intending to improve her ranking with the International Tennis Federation. She played in Auckland last year and she is planning to do more work on going up in the ranks.

Another goal is to have to a big overseas trip in the not too distant future. Amelia friends and family are all in Wellington but she will probably head off to England and Europe when the time comes. Older sister, Olivia, plays at the club while Jessica and Amelia's parents don't play.

Hutt Valley High is where Amelia follows classes in English, maths, science, social studies, geography and economics. Amelia is interested in going to America to attend university. What an absolutely fabulous idea!

3 interclub wins so far - well done a very good start to the season.

CLUB OPEN DAY!

By Hera Swinton, Vice Club Captain

A GIGANTIC thank you to the following people who kept the ball in motion with helping to make the club day a nice one.

Adam - for running the fun tournament. Hera - for the groceries for the BBQ and Graham Clarke for providing the money to shop. Malcolm Alexander - For his 'early-bird' finishing touches made to the coaches building. Jill and Rose - for their contributions in the kitchen. Linda - for tidivating the club room. Barbara - for looking after the Mayor, David Ogden. Ora, Rudi and Odette - For taking care of the BBQ.

And to all of those who participated in the club day. Thank you for coming along. Club members, children and new members. If there are any suggestions about how Adam and Hera can improve the club day opening next year please let them know by calling them (phone numbers at the back of the newsletters and on the Senior members' noticeboard in the club-house, or talk to them in person when you see them).

TOP DOG ranking

Sylvia Wilmshurst reports that NZTennis now has a ranking list of interclub singles players in their Top Dog database. We are the first club in the Valley to have name, code and ranking added to the database. It would be helpful to get date of birth as well. Regional, divisional and junior players are listed. Players can now check out their ranking and code for use in interclub and tournaments. In the case of Sylvia her code would read HVLHSW and she has a starting ranking of S5 (S meaning singles). Doubles players will be added later. The ranking is from 1 to 10 with 1 being senior national and 10 being novice. Check it out on www.tennisnz.com



MIDWEEK MEMO

By Ros Read

Opening day on 13th September was fabulously sunny with 9 courts full. Welcome back to Rowan Smith after her time in the deep south and also to Michelle Dolan and Sally May who joined over the winter.

MIDWEEK INTERCLUB

There are 6 summer teams:

Grade 1

(1): Barbara Bridger, Paulina Godfrey, Lynne Pearce, Sheryl Edgar, Sandra Lisette
(2): Julie Edgar, Victoria Crone, Judy Hicks, Barbar Allen, Ros Read

Grade 2: Janice O'Sullivan, Jackie Clarke, Tricia Lloyd, Fiona Bridgeford, Colleen Neazor

Grade 3: Christine Barnett, Leeann Brown, Sandie Kitchingham, Rowan Smith

Grade 4

(1): Eileen Cullen, Jan Edwards, Elizabeth Josephson, Jane McDougall, Jocelyn White
(2): Chris Kibblewhite, Janet Pike, Philippa Holdaway, Sandy McPake, Adela Jones

Competition started on the 12th October with wins all round for both grade 1 teams and grade 3.

Plans are well underway for the Midweek Reunion on Tuesday, 15th November. Invitations will go out this week inviting present and past members to tennis at 9.30am (or socialising at 10.30am if wet) followed by a catered lunch with wine at 12.30pm at a cost of \$15. Please RSVP to Ros by 1st November. The Christmas windup is Tuesday 13 December.



ALBIE CELEBRATES MILESTONE!

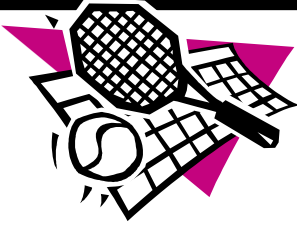
Maybe it's because I'm a Londener, that I love London town!

Well, It's not just London that Albie Roberts loves. Tabletennis is another love, and one in which Albie has important achievements, both in England and NZ. His first win came in 1947 - Thurrock Youth Club Champion! Six years later he was Thurrock Area Champion! After arriving in NZ in 1956, Albie represented the Hutt Valley in tabletennis for many years. He has won many over 45 and over 55 tournaments.

At aged 75, Albie still plays a mean game of tennis. Don't be fooled by his low key approach to the tennis game! "The wide body rackets improved my game" says Albie and he has won quite a few veteran tournaments to prove it. Albie has been on the tennis court since he was 17.

Albie's working life started with the Shell Refining Oil Company. He was apprenticed as a welder. Then in 1951 off to Berkshire for national service in the R.E.M.E.

Albie and Davina (from Berkshire) have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both for this wonderful achievement. Is there a lesson for us here? If you love your life and love your wife, **you** might also be bouncing around the tennis court at age 75 like Albie! Sons, Terrence and Alan, live in Australia. Albie now has a granddaughter called Elise.



CLUB FEES DUE NOW?

If you haven't paid your club subscription, please do so as soon as possible!

THE COURTS

At any time when there is organised play at the club then that activity has preference for the use of all courts and in particular for the use of the astrograss courts. Examples of organised play include Saturday afternoon, Sunday 4-6 p.m., interclub matches (not postponed games), juniors Sunday morning and Friday evening.

CLUB SPONSORS

PRINCE is our new sponsor for regional interclub. They are supplying uniforms for the top 2 teams.

JULIAN ASSOCIATES is another new sponsor. Their donation is in return for advertising at the club.

LIGHTS

The club committee apologises for the problems with the lights. Technology has caught up with us: getting parts is a problem! Your committee, forced to consider a complete replacement at a cost in excess of \$50,000, is not taking this decision lightly. Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter the lights will all be fixed.

JUNIOR INTERCLUB

Junior interclub began on Saturday 15 October. Our club has 16 teams. 3 Under 12 teams mainly made up of children who have played during winter. They have the confidence to play games and the results show that playing regularly all year puts you at an advantage. Friday night from 5 to 8 is for interclub practice. Also to get to know each other. It is really pleasing to see teams where all members turn up. The extra effort put in will reflect on Saturdays games and provide the opportunity of moving up a grade after Christmas.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Sunday 27 November: commencing at 10am. Entry open to Interclub and advanced Sunday players. Sausage Sizzle and drinks Entry \$5. Entry forms from Gene or Clubhouse.

ATOMIC TENNIS

Club juniors is up and running! Many thanks to Jack Ng who kindly donates his time and wisdom to the Friday night 5-8 p.m. sessions. Parents who would like to run a game court on Sunday mornings then please do drop in and talk to Flo or Gene. We like to keep the groups small.

It's a busy time - we have a squad of about 20 players training every Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30 - 8.00 pm. This squad is made up of players who are playing more seriously, entering tournaments and working on tennis as the #1 sport for them. Nick Eaden providing fitness training and assessments for the players, and I believe this has really helped as the squad fitness has improved over the past two terms.

CONTACTS:

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Thanks very much to the working bee!

