

This month we're covering...

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- Tennis interclub season is nearly upon us...
- Tasting Evening highlights
- Important dates for your diary, and...
- The latest Squash and Tennis World rankings

VICE PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE

At our AGM last week, the topic of membership fees for the coming season was discussed. A number of things were considered in deciding what the new fees should be, including:

- Membership fees have stayed the same for the last 3 years
- Our fees include GST, and last October we had a GST increase, so our income went down as a result
- Like everyone, our costs have risen, especially with lighting/power and repairs and maintenance
- We need to ensure our income not only exceeds our costs, but that we also manage to save some money for future planned and unplanned expenditure
- We want to make sure our fees are affordable and represent the very best value when compared with other sports clubs in our community.

Those present at the meeting were unanimous in their agreement that our membership fees need to increase. It was also agreed at the meeting to base the discount on payment of subscriptions by the due date, rather than on the number of members in a family. This change will reward the single members of the club who have not had any such discount in the past. We have also decided to cap the family fee at a maximum.

Increases in all membership categories were approved and the new rates are now published on the club website (there is a link off the Home page). Membership renewal notices will be issued to all members over the next 1 – 2 weeks.

NEW COMMITTEE

On the 18th August the club held its Annual General Meeting and at the meeting, the Committee for the new season was elected. The 2011/2012 Committee members are now noted on the club website. Please remember, we are always in need of volunteers to assist in various areas of the club, so don't hesitate to contact any of the committee members if you wish to contribute. Graeme and I are sincerely grateful to those members who have volunteered their time for another year.

LADIES 1 DAY SQUASH TOURNAMENT

This fun annual event was held today at the club. Congratulations to the Women's Division 1 Winner, Karen Pickles and Runner Up, Francisca Knottenbelt. The Women's Division 2 Winner was Janine Thorburn and the Runner Up was Claire Daley (both from Te Papa). The Girls Division was won by Mikara Hendry and Clare Pyc was the Runner Up. Thanks to Michelle MacGibbon and Gabriel Pyc for organising the tournament.

COACHES' CORNER



Manu Yam

www.squashcoach.co.nz

Junior Club Night
Fridays – Term 3
4pm – 7pm

Come along and join in the fun! Bar open for the parents!

Manu 021 886 583
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Mark Nielsen

www.smashtennis.co.nz

Full adult class timetable available on the Smash Tennis website. Online booking system in operation – check it out and book your spot in one of the great classes on offer!

Mark 021 462 496
mark@smashtennis.co.nz

Club Clothing

Look smart and stay cool in the Belmont Park club kit. Tracksuits, sweatshirts, caps, t-shirts, hoodies or shorts – we have everything available to keep you fitted out on and off the court!



Club Clothing for our squash and tennis players is available from Cathy at the club.

TENNIS INTERCLUB SEASON

Junior interclub trials will be held on the weekend of 10/11 September for all juniors under 16 years of age as at 30/04/12, and on 18 September for juniors under 18 as at 30/04/12. To find out exact times for the different age groups, visit the club website (there is a link off the Home page) or call into the club to collect a schedule sheet.

Senior interclub teams have been finalised and teams will be notified in the next few days. The senior season starts on Saturday 17 September.

SATURDAY COACHING

Registration for Saturday junior coaching is on 10 September from 9am – 11am. Coaching starts on Saturday 29 October (the first weekend after we've won the RWC ☺)

Any queries regarding Saturday coaching please email to Susan at saturdaycoaching@belmontracquets.co.nz.

TASTING EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

Last night we held a very successful and fun Tasting Evening at the club. The theme was the RWC and each team / table really got into the spirit, which was great to see ☺. The aim of this event was to raise funds for a new computer for the office. The winning team was Ireland (to be sure, to be sure...) and the team that came in last was Australia (fair dinkum!).

Big thanks to all those who helped with the planning of the night – Therese Russel, Graeme Norman, Louise Welte, Ashley Furlong, Brian Lawry, Gabriel Pyc, Cathy Coleman, Gerry Wilson and Sara McNeish. Also thanks to Paddy Martin for being the MC, Pete and Geoff for running the bar and for Epernay, Clare and Meg for their fantastic help in the kitchen.



Pictured: The Mighty All Blacks team!!!

World tennis and squash rankings as at 22 August 2011.

World Tennis Rankings

Men

- 1 Novak Djokovic
- 2 Rafael Nadal
- 3 Roger Federer
- 4 Andy Murray
- 5 David Ferrer
- 381 Michael Venus (NZ)

Women

- 1 Caroline Wozniacki
- 2 Vera Zvonereva
- 3 Kim Clijsters
- 4 Maria Sharapova
- 5 Victoria Azarenka
- 90 Marina Erakovic (NZ)

World Squash Rankings

Men

- 1 Nick Matthew
- 2 Ramy Ashour
- 3 Karim Darwish
- 4 James Willstrop
- 5 Amr Shabana
- 48 Martin Knight (NZ)

Women

- 1 Nicol David
- 2 Jenny Duncalf
- 3 Madeline Perry
- 4 Rachel Grinham
- 5 Laura Massaro
- 13 Joelle King (NZ)

Club Security

This is a gentle reminder to all our members to please check the **windows / sliding doors / side gate / main doors** are locked and the **lights are off** when you leave the Club.

Should any damage or theft occur as a result of someone getting easy access to the clubhouse, we will not be covered for insurance and any loss will come out of the Club's funds.

Lost Property

Please remember to take your clothing, racquet covers, drink bottles etc with you when you leave the club.....otherwise they will get donated to the local hospice shop!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Working Bee - Saturday 3 September: 9am – 11am. Please come down and spare an hour of your time to help clean up or fix a few little things around your club.
- Club Opening Day – Sunday 18 September: 1pm. Kick start the new tennis season. There will be lots of tennis, food and finally, after 2 postponements, the much- awaited clash between the club's women's doubles champions and the women's midweek doubles champions.
- Midweek Tennis Opening day – Wednesday 14 September: 9am.
- Club Squash Championships – dates have been set: 7 October for the Juniors and 27-30 October for the Seniors. More details to follow closer to the time.
- In November, we will be holding the inaugural R & A Adams Mixed Doubles tennis tournament – keep your eye on the website for more details soon.
- Club Squash Nights – remember, every Friday night through Term 3, from 4pm – 7pm.

That's all for now, see you around the club.

Regards,

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