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This month we're covering...

- AGM: Thursday 18th August, 7pm
- Tennis Northern Gold Membership Award
- Squash Update
- Tennis Winter Interclub Update
- Mid Week Ladies Handicap Tennis Tournament results
- Tennis Interclub Registration - deadline for 2012 season
- 75th Anniversary photos now in Gallery
- Working Bee: Sunday 4th September, 10am
- 75th Anniversary sports towels for sale
- Tasting Evening: Saturday 27th August, 6pm

VICE PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE

Hi! I'm stepping into Graeme's shoes this month to share some great club news and let you know about some important dates coming up. I know how busy you all are, so I'll keep it short and sweet ☺

It's nearly time for the Annual General Meeting (Thursday 18th August, 7pm). I hope you will make the effort to come along to the club and help ensure vacant committee positions are filled. We will be looking for a new junior tennis convenor and a new communications officer, plus we always need helpers with social events so all expressions of interest to be part of the social committee are welcome. As you know, sports clubs like Belmont rely on the generosity of volunteer time and effort and I sincerely hope some of you club members will be able to help out on the committee so we can continue to develop the programmes on offer and build on our reputation as one of the leading squash and tennis clubs' on the North Shore.

See you on the courts (...or at the bar!)

Your Vice President,
Natalie.

WE WON GOLD!

At the Tennis Northern Prizegiving Awards recently, Belmont won the Gold Award for the largest membership increase over the past year. This is a fantastic achievement for the club and just goes to show how popular we are!

SQUASH UPDATE

In senior interclub news, we are now into the second half of the winter pennant and most of our teams are doing well, especially the M08 team and the W04 team who are both currently coming first in their respective divisions.

JETS teams have been selected by Manu for Term 3. Congratulations to: James Mount, Blair Morrissey, Chris Diggie, Dylan Whale, James Eastwood, Shobhan Malhotra, Martin Greshoff, Chris Coleman, Harrison Hinds, Travarn Rua-Chase, Michael Laws, Ryan Harrison, Chris Laws, Brad Witham, Hugh Minogue, Liam Cairns, Brodie Harrison, Chris Pirie, Clare Pyc, Ellie Thompson, Epernay Norman, Jessica Pausch, Greta Ryan, Olivia Werry. Good luck for the term!

COACHES' CORNER



Manu Yam

www.squashcoach.co.nz

Junior Club Night
Fridays
4pm – 7pm

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

Manu 021 886 583
manu@squashcoach.co.nz

Mark Nielsen

www.smashtennis.co.nz

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

Mark 021 462 496
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Belmont has a 1 day Ladies tournament coming up on Sunday 21st August – keep your eye out for entry information around the club over the coming weeks. There will also be a Junior 1 day tournament on Sunday 11th September.

Rafa Yam has had some fantastic success lately, winning the Wellington (pictured below) and Auckland Under 13 titles. Well done Rafa! All your hard work on and off the court has obviously paid off!



And finally for squash, the juniors had a dress up evening for their last club night of Term 2 – apparently it was hilarious fun! You can view the photos in the Gallery of the club website.

SENIOR TENNIS WINTER INTERCLUB

The really keen tennis folk have been keeping up their skills over the winter in the Tennis Northern Winter Interclub league. Special congratulations to the following people who are currently first place in their division – Cathy Coleman, Jenny Smith, Pam Clark, Emma Clark, Jerilyn Rogalski, Louis Yalland, Brian Hsu, John Duncan and Konrad Welte. Keep up the good work guys!

MIDWEEK LADIES HANDICAP TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 22nd June, Midweek Ladies held a 'handicap' doubles tournament. What this meant was that Premier and A graded players were paired for the morning with new and ungraded, or lower-graded players. It was a fantastic experience for the less experienced players, not only to play with, but also against people who they wouldn't normally have the chance to be on court with. We had 2 round robin competitions; the first was won by the pairing of Jo Hewson and Catherine Calver, and the second by Jo Steffen and Debbie Timmins. Hopefully this can become an annual event. Big thanks to Helen Ryan for organising the tournament.

2012 SEASON - TENNIS INTERCLUB

If you want to play interclub next season, register your interest now with Cathy at the club. This applies to both juniors and seniors. The deadline for signing up is 25th August.

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.

World tennis and squash rankings as at 18 July 2011.

World Tennis Rankings

Men

- 1 Novak Djokovic
- 2 Rafael Nadal
- 3 Roger Federer
- 4 Andy Murray
- 5 Robin Soderling
- 288 Michael Venus (NZ)

Women

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

World Squash Rankings

Men

- 1 Nick Matthew
- 2 Ramy Ashour
- 3 Karim Darwish
- 4 James Willstrop
- 5 Amr Shabana
- 57 Campbell Grayson (NZ)

Women

- 1 Nicol David
- 2 Jenny Duncalf
- 3 Rachel Grinham
- 4 Madeline Perry
- 5 Alison Waters
- 17 Jaclyn Hawkes (NZ)

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75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We all know that a few months ago Belmont celebrated its 75th Anniversary. It was a fantastic weekend – and now a selection of photos are available in the club website gallery, like this one below of trio Clive Morehu, Suzanne Hoffman and Kevin McGarvey.



There are also some 75th Anniversary sports towels left over from the event that are for sale at the club for \$10.00. White and navy blue available.

WORKING BEE

It's nearly time for a spring clean! And we would like as much help as possible to get our club looking great for our 2012 season tennis opening days in mid-September. The working bee is set for Sunday 4th September, starting at 10am. Please indicate your availability to help to Cathy at the club.

TASTING EVENING

Need a bit mid-winter fun? Our social committee is organising a Tasting Evening at the club which will be held on Saturday 27th August from 6pm onwards. The evening will include wine and beer tasting, plus nibbles. Put the date in your diary and book a babysitter NOW!

And that's all for now folks. Thanks for reading this newsletter – the next one will be out at the end of August.

See you at the AGM.

Natalie Sheridan

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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.

For Sale

Avanti Exercise Bike – Brand New! \$350.00
Contact Mark on 021 462 496.



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