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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE

Hi everyone

What a busy last few weeks it has been with tennis Club Champs, 2 squash tournaments and the 75th anniversary celebrations (more on these below). These events are only as good as the people that offer to help organize them, so once again a ginormous thank you to our Committee and others that have given their time and energy over the last few months.

A number of you may have seen recently that we installed some new lights on court 3. I think that anyone who has since played on this court at night will agree that the quality of light has improved, even though the brightness of the light has dropped a little. Without wanting to get technical, we are trying to get the right balance between brightness and evenness. At the moment we have bright lights but they don't provide an even level of light through the playing area. Tennis lighting in a residential area is complex and it is a difficult balance getting light fittings that are affordable, selecting bulbs that have a reasonable life (2 years is what we have been told to plan on), and don't use too much power for the level of light permitted (we have resource consent limits).

We are close to making a decision with the contractor on what to do with the remaining courts and will provide an update in the next newsletter.

And I can't finish my ramble without some useless tennis and squash trivia. As we know, the clay court season is coming to an end and tennis on clay leads to very long matches. So what are the longest matches and rallies and ever?

- **The longest mens match?** Isner and Mahut at Wimbledon last year – 11 hrs 5 min and 183 games. Their 5th set alone took over 5 hours!
- **The longest women's match?** 6 ½ hours! Played in 1984, Vicki Nelson defeated Jean Hepner 6–4, 7–6(11).
- **The longest rally?** The women's match just referred to featured a 29-minute, 643-shot rally, the longest in professional tennis history. This match is also the longest professional match completed in a single day; the Isner-Mahut match was twice suspended by darkness, lasting three days.
- **The longest pro squash match?** At the Chichester Open in 1983 Gamal Awad played Jahangir Khan. The first game was a record for the longest single game in a squash match, as Awad recovered from 1–8 down to win 10–9 in 1 hour and 11 minutes. In the end, Jahangir won the match 9–10, 9–5, 9–7, 9–2 in 2 hours and 46 minutes.

See you on the courts,
Graeme

CLUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to all those past and present club members and supporters who attended the festivities on the 13th & 14th May. It was a fantastic weekend of reminiscing and fun. We had approximately 150 people attend the drinks and exhibition matches evening on the Friday - many of whom were past members of the club. Great to see squash players trying their hand at tennis and vice versa in the fun



COACHES' CORNER



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DISCOVERY SQUASH PROGRAMME

Every Thursday 16 June – 14 July (5 weeks)
Women's group: 7.30 - 8.30pm
Men's group: 8.30 - 9.30pm

Suitable for beginners and newbies, perfect for tennis players. Opportunity to learn and discover a New Sport that can be played year round. Great for fitness, fun and socializing and overall well being

Cost: **FREE** (yes, free thanks to funding secured by our President).
Limit of 6 persons per group, so bookings are essential.

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Term 2 After School programme has settled in and already we are seeing great progress amongst the juniors. There are lots of new faces so that is looking good for future memberships for the club.

Need to keep fit over the winter?

Attackers and Defenders is very popular and great for developing combinations, strategy & tactics, cardio fitness and net play attack & defence. Come along, bring a friend. We will pair you up with a doubles partner. We also have a 6pm session in addition to the 7pm class on Wed. Get a discount - book in for both! (For more info & other session times go to www.smashtennis.co.nz)

If you have any aspect of your game that you are not happy with or needs improvement, now is a great time to book a lesson and get it sorted for the summer.

Look forward to seeing you around the club.

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tournaments on the Saturday afternoon. The weekend was completed by the dinner and dance on Saturday night, the highlight of which was the presentation of the **R&A Adams Spring Mixed Doubles Trophy** to Ray and Aly Adams. Photos will be posted in the Gallery of the club website soon. If you couldn't attend on the Saturday night and missed out on getting one of the exclusive Anniversary towels, you'll be pleased to know we've got a few left. We're selling them for \$10 at the club (see photo in sidebar).

TENNIS PRIZEGIVING NIGHT 10 JUNE

Next week Friday 10th June we'll be celebrating everyone's success at the Junior and Senior Club champs held in April and the Midweek Ladies Club champs held last week. The evening kicks off at 6:30pm, the bar will be open and it would be great if you could **bring a plate** please. Doesn't have to be anything too fancy..!

MIDWEEK LADIES NEWS

The Annual **Muriel Barton Memorial Tournament** was held earlier this month and after a rainy start it turned out to be great day for Belmont. Obviously with the help of some very good partners Louise Welte made it to the Finals, Debbie Timmins won the Consolation prize and Toni Sharp and Cathy Coleman were the winner and runner up in the Special Final respectively.

Midweek Champs were held last week with the following winners:

C-Grade: Cathy Coleman & Sandra Lewis

B-Grade: Mary Harris & Jenny Newton

A-Grade: Jo Hewson & Suzi Nola

Stand by for more info on the upcoming '**handicap**' tournament on Wednesday June 22. Entries are open to all grades, and this day will be run in a similar fashion as the Muriel Barton Tournament, i.e lower grade players will be paired up with higher grade players. Should be a lot of fun...

SQUASH TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

Our annual 'B-Grade and below' squash tournament was held over the weekend of the 21st of May and was a great success with entrants coming from as far afield as Christchurch.

A lot of sweat and quite possibly some blood and tears was spilled on our courts over the weekend. There were some great games on show with a number of matches going down to the wire. Many thanks to Michelle MacGibbon and a number of other helpers for putting on a great weekend.

The mens division 1 was won by Sion Wiggin from Browns Bay with Gene Gledhill (Belmont) runner up. Women's division 1 was won by our own **Tracey Hartley** with **Paddy Martin** being runner up. Division 2 was won by **Miguel Yam** and Division 2 women's by Devon Wright from North Shore. Division 3 men's won by Lucas Rosa from Devonport.

RAFA YAM WINS

Rafa Yam receiving his trophy for winning the Waikato Age Groups under 13s category last 20-22 May held in Cambridge.



BPRC Anniversary Towels

Available from Cathy for \$10 each!



World tennis and squash rankings as at 23 May.

Novak and Roger have swapped places and so have Andy and Robin. Martin Knight and Joelle King are holding their own in the squash rankings!

World Tennis Rankings

Men

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

Women

- 1 Caroline Wozniacki
- 2 Kim Clijsters
- 3 Vera Zvonereva
- 4 Victoria Azarenka
- 5 Francesca Schiavone
- 167 Marina Erakovic (NZ)
- 211 Sacha Jones (NZ)

World Squash Rankings

Men

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

Women

- 1 Nicol David
- 2 Jenny Duncalf
- 3 Rachael Grinham
- 4 Madeline Perry
- 5 Alison Waters
- 14 Joelle King (NZ)



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DATES TO NOTE IN YOUR DIARY

- Friday 10 June 6:30pm – Tennis Junior, Senior, Midweek Prizegiving
- Wednesday 22 June – Midweek Ladies Handicap Tournament
- Beer / Wine / Cheese tasting night (early August – date tba)
- Annual General Meeting (late August – date tba)

Thank you all for your contributions to this month's newsletter.
Great team effort!

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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.



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