

OCTOBER 2011

This month we're covering...

- Junior tennis interclub
- Thursday club nights
- Junior tennis interclub training and Saturday coaching
- R & A Adams Mixed Doubles Tournament
- Junior and senior squash club championships
- 100 Club launch
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Annual subscriptions
- Important dates for your diary, and
- The latest Squash and Tennis World Rankings

But first...

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE

A month ago we had our tennis opening day ... and since then the weather gods haven't been too kind, with plenty of interruptions to our programmes. Thankfully interclub tennis hasn't been affected as much and most teams have been able to play their scheduled rounds, with some teams having some very good results early in the season. Keep up the good form!

At the 75th anniversary celebrations and again at the AGM I mentioned that the club must undertake a major upgrade of the tennis courts and clubhouse. In the next few weeks your Committee will be finalizing plans for this upgrade and we will be seeking your feedback. Please watch out for more information on this important issue.

THURSDAY CLUB NIGHT

From 3 November we will be having Thursday "Club Nights" from 7-9pm, a chance for all senior members to come down and have hit of tennis or squash. We will have the BBQ going, so make sure you keep these nights free in November. This will be a great chance for new members to meet others in the club and have a friendly match or two.

JUNIOR TENNIS INTERCLUB TRAINING AND SATURDAY COACHING

Junior interclub teams have now been selected and team members notified. Practices started on Monday 24 October – Labour Day. If you don't know when your team is training, contact your team manager.

Our junior coaching programmes for this summer have now been finalized and the club is very fortunate to have again received generous funding for these programmes from Trillian Trust.

Also, registrations for Saturday junior coaching for juniors *not* playing interclub tennis are still possible – please email admin@belmontracquets.co.nz for more details. Coaching starts on Saturday 29 October, the first weekend after we've won the RWC.

THE INAUGURAL R&A ADAMS MIXED DOUBLES TROPHY

Our new mixed doubles tournament will be played on 3 Thursday evenings; 24 November and 1 December for all rounds including semi-finals, and 8 December for the finals. Two divisions will be played and everyone will get at least 2 games.

A registration sheet is up on the club notice board, so find your partners and make sure you enter.

Entries close on Sunday 20th November and the draw will be posted on the club website and on the club noticeboard.

COACHES' CORNER



Manu Yam

www.squashcoach.co.nz

Senior Club Night
Thursdays
7pm – 9pm

Come along and join in the fun! Bar open ☺

Manu 021 886 583
manu@squashcoach.co.nz

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 Database

Please let Cathy know if you have changed address, email address or phone number or have moved away from the area so we can keep our club database accurate.

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.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR SQUASH CLUB CHAMPS

On Friday 7 October the junior squash champs were held. The turnout was excellent and some very competitive games of squash were played. Congratulations to the following winners:

Under 10's Champion – Calem Roberts; Runner Up – Sienna Norman
Junior Open Boys Champion – Henry Pyc (4th consecutive year); Runner Up – Matthew Lucente
Junior Open Girls Champion – Anneke Simmonds (3rd consecutive year); Runner Up – Ellie Thompson

The senior squash champs are now set for 11-13 November and there will be draws for the Open mens and womens, as well as graded draws, so lots of opportunities to play some squash and beat one of your colleagues! More details will be announced in the next week or so.

100 CLUB LAUNCH

At the Tennis Opening Day we launched the "100 Club" – one of a number of fundraising initiatives we will be undertaking over the season. As ticket sales have been slower than expected, *we will postpone this fundraiser until early 2012*. For those of you that have bought tickets, Cathy will arrange refunds asap.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Club is currently looking for sponsors. Opportunities are available for tennis and squash court signage and on our website. Please email admin@belmontracquets.co.nz for more information about becoming one of Club's sponsors.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions invoices have now been mailed out to all members, so if you haven't received yours, please contact Cathy at the Club asap. **Remember, a 10% discount is available for all subscriptions paid by 31 October.**

Upcoming dates for your diary

- **Junior interclub practices** – from Monday 24 October
- **Junior Saturday coaching** – starts 29 October
- **Thursday Club tennis and squash nights** – from 3 November
- **Senior squash championships**; 11-13 November
- **R&A Adams Mixed Doubles Tournament** from 24 November
- **Sunday doubles Xmas social** - 18 December

And finally, current world tennis and squash rankings – see the sidebar on the right. Marina Erakovic is nearly inside the top 50, Joelle King is now # 10, Martin Knight has also improved, however our men's tennis rankings have now slid down into the 400s..... and Roger F is now outside the top 3.

Regards,

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World tennis and squash rankings as at 17 October 2011.

World Tennis Rankings

Men

- 1 Novak Djokovic
- 2 Rafael Nadal
- 3 Andy Murray
- 4 Roger Federer
- 5 David Ferrer
- 417 Artem Sitak (NZ)

Women

- 1 Caroline Wozniacki
- 2 Maria Sharapova
- 3 Victoria Azarenka
- 4 Petra Kvitova
- 5 Vera Zvonereva
- 61 Marina Erakovic (NZ)

World Squash Rankings

Men

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

Women

- 1 Nicol David
- 2 Jenny Duncaif
- 3 Rachel Grinham
- 4 Madeline Perry
- 5 Laura Massaro
- 10 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!