

SEPTEMBER 2011

## This month we're covering...

- Tennis opening day
- Annual subscriptions
- Junior tennis interclub trials and Saturday coaching
- News from Mark Nielsen, our Club's tennis coach
- Junior squash tournament results
- 100 Club launch
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Important dates for your diary, and
- The latest Squash and Tennis World Rankings

But first...

## **PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE**

After watching some sensational tennis at the US Open, I thought this month's ramble should be about behaviour and respect on the court.

The mens final between Djokovic and Nadal was absolutely breathtaking, with spectacular shotmaking and unbelievable rallies. Winners were hit from impossible positions and both players gave everything for over 4 hours. But what impressed me the most was that the match was played in a great spirit and respect for each other *and* the officials.

Unfortunately the womens final witnessed some more poor behaviour from Williams (again). Thankfully her behaviour didn't affect Stosur, who played brilliant tennis and deserved to win. However Williams' reaction at the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> set was an example of how *not* to react to an official's decision, which was correct!

In the heat of competition, when a call goes the other way, I hope we can all react like a Djokovic, Nadal, Federer or Stosur.

## **TENNIS OPENING DAY**

On Sunday 18 September the Club's Tennis Opening Day was held. A great day it was and even the annoying showers didn't affect things too much. Thanks to everyone who came along to play tennis, enjoy some very tasty lamb burgers (thanks again Jenny), and watch the excellent exhibition ladies doubles match. Remember, Sunday social doubles for all senior members is now every Sunday – 3 to 5pm.

## **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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

## **JUNIOR TENNIS INTERCLUB TRIALS & SATURDAY COACHING**

Junior trials have now been completed and interclub teams are being finalized. In the next few days players will be notified which team they are in and when practice starts.

Also, registrations for Saturday junior coaching are still possible – please email [admin@belmontracquets.co.nz](mailto:admin@belmontracquets.co.nz) for more details. Coaching starts on Saturday 29 October, the first weekend after we've won the RWC.

## **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](mailto:admin@belmontracquets.co.nz) for more information about becoming one of Club's sponsors.

## **COACHES' CORNER**



### **Manu Yam**

[www.squashcoach.co.nz](http://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  
[manu@squashcoach.co.nz](mailto:manu@squashcoach.co.nz)

### **Mark Nielsen**

[www.smashtennis.co.nz](http://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](mailto: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.

### **NEWS FROM MARK, OUR TENNIS COACH**

Mark has organized a number of programmes over the coming weeks ranging from school holiday programmes to specialist coaching sessions. There are also some fantastic deals in his pro shop. Check out [www.smashtennis.co.nz](http://www.smashtennis.co.nz) for details.

### **JUNIOR SQUASH TOURNAMENT**

On the weekend of 10 and 11 September the Club hosted a junior squash tournament. Nearly 70 entries were received and the finals on Sunday weren't completed until well after 6pm! Congratulations to the following Club members for their performances:

Boys Division 1 Runner Up - Ben Diggie (BP)  
Boys Division 2 Champion - Harvey Malva (BP)  
Boys Division 3 Runner Up - James Mount (BP)  
Boys Division 4 Runner Up - Dylan Whale (BP)  
Boys Division 5 Champion - Ryan Harrison (BP)  
Boys Division 7 Champion - Brad Witham (BP); Runner Up - Liam Cairns (BP)  
Girls Division 1 Runner Up - Anneke Simmonds (BP)  
Girls Division 2 Champion - Clare Pyc (BP); Runner Up - Epernay Norman (BP)

### **100 CLUB LAUNCH**

At the Tennis Opening Day we launched the "100 Club" – one of several fundraising initiatives we will be undertaking over the season.

The concept is simple, each ticket costs \$100 and the ticket will then entitle you to 15 draws over the season, to win prizes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. To read more about this fundraiser, see the website (link on the homepage).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Club squash championships**; 6-7 October for Juniors, and 27-30 October for Seniors.
- **School holiday programmes** at the club will be run 11-21 October for tennis and 11/13 and 18/20 for squash. Please contact the respective coaches to make bookings.
- The **inaugural R&A Adams Mixed Doubles Tournament** will be held from 24 November to 8 December. More details will follow in the next few weeks, so start finding your partners. Two divisions will be held.
- **The Club's Christmas party** will be on 10 December, and remember
- **Club junior squash nights** – there are 3 more scheduled on Friday nights through to the end of the school term, culminating with the junior squash champs.

**And finally, current world tennis and squash rankings.** Marina Erakovic continues her rise and Joelle King is nearly in the top 10. See the sidebar for more details.

Regards,

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### **World tennis and squash rankings as at 22 September 2011.**

#### **World Tennis Rankings**

##### **Men**

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

##### **Women**

1	Caroline Wozniacki
2	Maria Sharapova
3	Victoria Azarenka
4	Vera Zvonereva
5	Li Na
63	Marina Erakovic (NZ)

#### **World Squash Rankings**

##### **Men**

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

##### **Women**

1	Nicol David
2	Jenny Duncalf
3	Rachel Grinham
4	Madeline Perry
5	Laura Massaro
11	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.

### **Help Wanted**

I'm looking for an assistant to help me manage the club website. If you have an interest in this area of communications, please let me know. Any web or graphic design experience is an advantage but not strictly necessary – I will provide training.