

Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club

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TRAMLINES

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From the President

A few recent cold nights have sadly signalled the end of the long summer. Luckily our fantastic indoor facility means there is no need to pack the tennis racket away just yet

Summer interclub has come to an end and it has been a difficult season. The competitions run this year by Auckland tennis have been a bit of a shambles. Even now most grades have uncompleted and/or un-entered matches and this was only partly to do with weather. Results wise it has been a mixed season but I was very pleased that my Open Men's team finished 2nd and gained promotion to 2nd grade. This was mostly due to me not playing very often and the abilities of Joseph, AJ, Jophia and Fale. Also thanks to Sean, Jamie, Andrew and several others for filling in.

A big thank-you to Sheryl our interclub controller for all her work organising it. With our large number of teams it is a very big job.

Two of our Caro Bowl players Marcus Daniell and Artem Sitak got wild cards into the Heineken doubles. Unfortunately this year there was no fairy-tale victory but the boys acquitted themselves very well. It was a great tournament and I particularly enjoyed watching David Nalbandian as seen below! His backhand is unbelievable and they say the best in professional tennis. The new tennis center at Stanley Street will be fantastic when completed.



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Caro Bowl Team

The last of the club champs finished on Sunday with the mixed doubles – congratulations to our winners Jane Oud and Kerry Russell. Jane I hope your back has recovered from 'carrying' Kerry!

All the events that have involved woman have had disappointing number of entries for the last few seasons. One possibility, that I think has merit, is allowing mid-week ladies to enter. This is something that will need to be discussed at the AGM (22nd June), but I'd be interested to hear views on this in the interim.

A number of the clubs juniors were involved in a TV commercial for Havoline (part of Chevron) oil for Mary Wall's TV company. It looks fantastic and will be aired all over the world in a few weeks time. Unfortunately it won't be shown in New Zealand but we will post it on youtube and on the company website www.twobirds.co.nz. Thanks to the following club juniors Aukly Wang, Bianka Radjokovich, Dalton Hiley, Emillie Taylor, Gemma Loveday, Maggie Lee, Marissa Stewary and Steven Barker who participated.

Fianlly as seen later in Tramlines I am running another tournament on Sunday May 8th so there will be no club play on that day.

Enjoy your tennis

Bryan Lang

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TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Review

The Club Champs Doubles and Mixed Doubles are done and dusted for another season.

We had good entries in the Men's and Mixed Doubles competition, however it was a little disappointing to only have 4 entries in the Women's doubles. Suggestions to improve the situation for next season include publishing the club champs dates early in the season i.e. August, advertising the tournaments a lot earlier, and even opening up the doubles to midweek (esp. Ladies) members- after all the more entries the better given that these tournaments have lots of history, are fun, and are one measure of a successful club.

As for the tournaments:

Men's Doubles

The top seeds John Lawrence and Kerry Russell predictably overcame Andrew Kemp and George Gwaze 6-3, 6-2 in the final, the hard and soft hitting combination used their experience to good effect. The only questions that were raised on the day was how the tournament organiser along with Dave Freeman managed to get to the semi finals after being on the court for only 10 minutes and losing the only game completed. The best game of the tournament was the quarter final matchup between Andrew Kemp/George Gwaze and Kevin Bowdler/Lloyd Pommee won by Andrew and George 7-6, 7-5, Andrew, George, and especially Lloyd were serving big and Kevin was hitting lots of winners (up until the huge points).

War horse Ivan Stanton and his crafty partner Roger Wain proved there is still life after 70 with a 6-4, 6-4 win over up and coming stars Joseph Arandelovic and Henry Lukaszewicz in the plate final.

Women's Doubles

In an excellent final the vastly experienced Veronica Vercoe and Jane Oud had a real battle to sneak past the defending champions the Molloy sisters Alicia and Caitlin 7-5, 6-3- Alicia and Caitlin will be looking to avenge this loss next year.

The Women's plate was won by Keryn Jones and Pauline Simon over Katie Bowdler and Mary Wall 6-4, 6-2, this is despite tactical advice given to Mary prior to the match from tennis guru Bryan Lang.

Mixed Doubles

We had a very strong field for this tournament with some excellent matches, in particular the final where Jane Oud and Kerry Russell prevailed 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 over Julie Brown and Wayne (bionic knee) Molloy. This match could have gone either way with perhaps Kerry's big serving at the clutch the difference.

In the plate competition Mary Wall kept Bryan Lang under check to win the title over Harry and Keiko Nakamura 6-2, 7-6, Mary calmly served out the final point much to Bryan's surprise. The endurance award must go to Harry and Keiko who clocked over 100kms each and wore out 4 pairs of tennis sneakers on the day.

Finally the real star of the tournaments was Margaret May who makes the best rolls with 100% consumption achieved at both tournaments.

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Interclub

Interclub has now finished for another season. We had mixed results this season with two teams being promoted and two being relegated. Most teams this year finished middle of their section .

Results :

Caro Reserve Men	9th
First Grade Men	11th (relegated)
Open Mens 1	2nd (promoted)
Open Mens 2	5th
Open Mens 6	10th
Caro Reserve Women	11th (relegated)
First Grade Women	2nd (promoted)
Open Womens 1	8th
Open Womens 3	5th
Ferrier Cup	5th
President A	6th
Presidents 1	6th
Presidents 4	5th

Thanks to all the reserves who helped to fill the teams when we were short.

Can the captains make sure that all the interclub balls and folders are handed back to reception.

Sheryl
Interclub Convenor

Midweek

Coming up is Dots Day on 11 May and an end of season luncheon on 18th May.

Interclub has now finished for the season with good results from teams.

Juniors

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT—TERM 2

Friday night club play for Junior and Intermediate Members; that includes all those attending the After School Coaching Programmes; starts back on Friday 6 May.

AFTER SCHOOL COACHING PROGRAMMES – 2011 TERM 2

Term 2 2011 begins Monday 2 May 2011. Please enrol before this date to avoid missing out on the day and time you wish to play.

See the club website www.bhbtennis.co.nz for details or call in at the club

Entertainment Books

The new Entertainment Books are now in stock at the club. Many of you will already know that these books represent great value at \$65, and a portion of the sales goes back to your club. Please contact Wayne at the club to order your book.

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Around the Club



Above: Pam Sowter sitting with the Governor-General at the Heineken Open this year with husband Norm in front

Right: Bryan Lang also spotted at the Heineken Open (talent spotting for next season's Caro Bowl ?)

Photos courtesy of Peter Stokes



Blockhouse Bay
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SUNDAY MAY 8TH 2011
INDOOR/OUTDOOR
SINGLES TOURNAMENT



Start: 8:00am

**Played at: Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club,
Rathlin St, Blockhouse Bay**

Open to all players graded S2 and BELOW
4 Male divisions and 1 Female division
– Juniors welcome

ALL RESULTS POSTED ON TOP DOG

\$30 entry fee guarantees at least 2 matches
Singles only – 3rd set superbreaker

To enter email or phone Bryan Lang
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Entries Close May 6TH