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TRAMLINES

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From the New President

I'm just starting to get my feet under the table, so to speak. As mentioned at the AGM, I'm always happy and available to hear opinions and suggestions to improve our tennis club. Please, unless very urgent, email these to me at bryan.lang@paradise.net.nz as I regularly check.

At the AGM Tony Hutchinson and Hamish Linklater were made life members of the club in recognition of the many years service they have given to the club. Congratulations to you both.

As some of you know the tennis club (BBTC) runs as a separate entity to the tennis facility itself – (Western Area Tennis Trust - WATT). I, as president, sit on both of these management committees. Basically all the clubs surplus funds from subs go to WATT to maintain and run the tennis centre. In short the more the tennis centre makes itself the less reliant it is on the club funds. Thus in the first instance if the centre makes more on its own from public court hire, running functions, holiday programs the less reliant it is on our subs. Not only that but the more the center makes the better the facilities will be. For instance in the short to medium term we would like to replace the lighting outside so us 'slightly older' members can actually see the ball.

In my view, the centre itself can earn a lot more from court hire and other activities. Obviously this needs to be done with the minimum possible affect to what we as club members already get for our subs. However the centre does have some very quiet times – weekdays (aside Wednesdays) from 8:30 to 3:30 for example. Likewise summer holidays, long weekends etc. The recent tournament is one of the ways of maximizing revenue. I am also talking to Auckland Tennis about a competition to fill some of those weekdays. Does anybody have any other ideas? I'd be happy to hear them.

Another good revenue source is hiring the indoor facility out for functions. Please consider the centre for your 21sts, weddings, whatever. Obviously these need to be at times that the centre is not being used by members.

This year we are very keen to have company Christmas parties in the very quiet period before the 25th. Juan and his team of coaches could organize fun activities on the courts. If required catering can be organized and a fun Christmas party with a difference can be run. PLEASE consider and/or suggest this to the companies you work at.

Finally the new interclub season is nearly upon us. Please get your forms into Sheryl ASAP.

Bryan Lang
President

Committee for 2008/2009 Season

At the recent AGM held in June the new committee for the 2008/2009 season was elected.

President:	Bryan Lang
Treasurer:	Wayne Molloy
Club Captain:	Jane Oud
Midweek Convenor:	Alda Porteous
Junior Convenor:	vacant
Tournament Convenor:	Mark Barrett
Interclub Controller:	Sheryl Clark
Social Convenor:	Mary Wall

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Tournaments

Our first tournament of the year will be held on Sunday 30th August from 9am to midday. It will be called the Opening Day/Preinterclub Tournament and the emphasis will be for club members to get in some competitive matches before Interclub begins in September. The cost will be \$5.

Both interclub and non interclub players are welcome to participate and players can expect games, either singles and/or doubles with players of similar ability. Hopefully it will be an opportunity for lots of members to come along and enjoy a good mornings tennis. Look out for the sign up sheets on the notice board in the Clubrooms.

(Depending on the weather, two courts may be set aside for club play that day).

Apart from the club champs (singles, doubles and mixed), the Tournament Committee are also looking at a Sunday evening Teams tournament followed by a BBQ and also a mixed ability Christmas tournament. Look out for Notices and emails advertising these events around the Club.

Mark Barrett
Tournament Convenor

Club Captain

Thanks to all those who participated in our Wimbledon Sweepstake. It was a sell out a week before the starting date.

Congratulations to Roy Gillbanks who was our winner , he was lucky enough to draw Roger Federer and the Runner up, Kevin Bowdler who drew Andy Roddick.

Perhaps the unluckiest person was Bertie . She drew the number one seed, who at the time of the draw was Nadal. Unfortunately she then got the lucky loser when Nadal pulled out a day later.

As promised the money raised (all \$45 of it) went towards new balls for club days. Look out in September when we do a US Open Sweepstake.

Jane Oud
Club Captain

Interclub

Another season is about to start and it's that time again to start looking at interclub teams. Wayne will be emailing the interclub forms out to all members (or posting if you don't have the internet, but then you wouldn't be reading this then would you).

Anyway if you don't receive one contact Wayne at the club on 627 8735 or by email bhbtennis@free.net.nz or Sheryl at cmsclark@xtra.co.nz. We need your forms back by July 27th, as we don't have much time to select teams. Fill it in as soon as you receive it.

This year if you have not paid your sub after a month of interclub starting, you will be replaced with a reserve until you pay.

We can't have players not financial as it is not fair to other members who are.

Let's do well again so get out and start hitting.

Sheryl Clark
Interclub Convenor

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Midweek Ladies

29th July Soup Day, you can bring a friend \$5.00 each

26th August Opening Day - Everyone a plate please.

9th September Marias Day

We don't know of any births, deaths or affairs

Alda Porteous

LMW Convenor

Juniors

Club play will take place on Friday throughout Term 3

Coaching Court up to 8 year olds 4.00—4.45 p.m.

Coaching Court 8 year olds up 4.45—5.30 p.m.

Junior Court play 4.00—5.30 p.m.

Intermediates (year 10 up) 5.30—7.00 p.m.

Social

Giddy BHB Club Members,

I am the newly elected social convenor for BHB Tennis Club, Mary Wall. My first foray into this role was the recent BHB Tournament, held on Sunday 19 July. I undertook the task of providing food for the competitors and their supporters who came from within the club and from outside.

With 65 entrants and their appetites the food was cleared up, except for a few scones and Anzac biscuits. Having a coffee cart to supply real coffees was a bonus for the competitors and supporters.

The success of the day was unquestionably Sunday's almost perfect weather and the precision by which the tournament was run. The comment's from visitors, about the clubrooms, was very positive.

For the future, I will be letting you know of upcoming social events within the club and encourage you to contact me if you have any fabulous ideas that you think may benefit club members and the club.

Here is a bit of info about me:

I have played Saturday interclub tennis Open women' 4, for the BHB for the past two years. When time permits and my shoulder behaves, I attend Juan's Friday morning squad. I love tennis, should go without saying really! I also love good food and good wine!

Cheers,

Mary Wall

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Congratulations to Katie Bowdler on turning 21 recently.

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One Day Open Tournament—Sunday 19 July

The tournament was a massive success both financially for the club and also for the buzz it created – the carpark was full virtually all day ! We were very lucky with the weather and all ‘88’ singles matches were completed with the last finishing at 8:00 p.m.

65 players entered in all, with 15 from our club which shows that a number of members do want these events. The gross centre takings for the entire weekend were twice what they normally are. Effectively the center made \$700 extra profit for the weekend.

Thanks to Jane Oud, John Lawrence and Sharon Grace for pitching in at times. Also thanks to those members that popped by to have a look it added to a great day. Aside the revenue the good publicity for the club is immeasurable. I am talking to a number of people who are looking at joining because of it. A lot of people don’t know what a fantastic facility we have. At time of writing Tennis NZ is publishing a story on the tournament on the website so keep an eye out for that.

For obvious reasons I/we are very keen to do some more of these. Probably the next early next year. I am however wary of disrupting Sunday club play. This was transferred to Saturday morning and not as many as usual showed, Please let me know if there is a better time/day to transfer it to – perhaps Saturday or Sunday evening.

Bryan Lang

Coaching Profile—Juan Pablo Fernandez

Juan Pablo Fernandez is the resident coach at the club. A former Top 40 Argentinean Men’s Open Player Juan is PTR qualified, with experience working with some of the top Argentinean Men’s players including Gaston Gaudio, Former French Open Champion, as well as 6 years experience coaching at the Vilas Academy in Buenos Aires. His playing credentials are also outstanding, having been in the top 40 men’s open in Argentina.

Juan is available for group or individual coaching. Contact the club if interested.



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