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TRAMLINES

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From the President

The nationwide NZ Tennis Open Day, as held throughout NZ on Sunday 15 Feb 2009, was very much a success as far as our club was concerned. The weather was great, we had many committee members, and others, helping out, and a goodly number of visitors/prospective club members were in attendance. There was something happening on each of the ten courts virtually all afternoon.

Special thanks to our young team of 'professional' coaches in action on courts 8,9 & 10 with the hordes of children. Aleisha, Caitlin and Andrew kept the young ones very active and very busy for several hours. Thanks also to John L and George who kept the BBQ ticking over. Special thanks must also go to Barry Page who single-handedly distributed about 4,500 fliers in the week or so before the Open Day.

For those of you who saw the final of the men's singles at the Heineken Open back in January will have their own memories of this match between Juan Martin Del Potro and Sam Querrey. My own thoughts on this match was Querrey's very last service game. The main weapon in his armoury is of course his big first serve. Obviously Sam Querrey had not read the comments made in the last issue of BBTC's Tramlines, where we said something along the lines of "a serve that doesn't go over the net ain't going anywhere!!"

In Sam's last service game, at four all I believe, three of Sam's big first serves did not clear the net!! And of course Del Potro broke Querrey's serve in this game and went on to win the set 6-4.

I could go on, but that's my lot for today.

Cheers

Ivan

Juan Martin Del Potro and Sam Querrey in action. After winning the Heineken Open in January Del Potro went on to make the quarter finals at the Australian Open.

Both Del Potro and Sam Querrey made the quarter finals in tournaments in San Jose and Memphis

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Caro Bowl Sponsorship

A huge thank you is due Hamish Linklater and Yao from ZAP RESTAURANTS for their total sponsorship of our Caro Bowl team this past season.

With out their assistance the expense would be a big burden on the club. The Club has very much appreciated the support given so generously.

Many thanks also, to Jane Oud, who donated \$685 towards previous Caro Bowl expenses. A much appreciated donation which should have been publicly acknowledged at the time. Apologies Jane.

Colin Scott

Interclub

Well the interclub season has almost finished for another year. Captains—don't forget to return your interclub balls into reception. There was an interclub debrief meeting held recently by Auckland Tennis and it was mentioned again that some teams are cancelling too early when the weather has been wet. Teams must wait until 2.00 p.m. before cancelling. Haven't some of our teams been lucky, being able to play indoors when it's wet. A reminder also that ball fees should have been paid by now.

At the time of writing this newsletter point standings for our teams were:

Caro Reserve Mens	3rd
1st Mens	6th
2nd Mens 3	6th
Open Mens 1	10th
Open Mens 5	1st
Open Mens 6	2nd
Ferrier Cup	8th
Open Presidents 1	1st
Open Presidents 5	5th
Caro Reserve Women	11th
1st Womens	2nd
Open Womens 2	6th

Around and about....

- Several of our members went to the Australian Open again this year and we hear that a good time was held by one and all.
- Three of our members will be in France at the time of the French Open. Two managed to get their tickets for the right day, the other one (not naming names) ordered her ticket for the day they fly home—how dumb is that!!!
- Seen at the tennis in Auckland over January— one of our members working as a linesman. Nice work Bimal.
- Also seen at the tennis in January—in the front row no less—our resident coach, Juan Marciel, encouraging his countryman, Juan Del Potro in the men's final.

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Social Committee

Dinner and the Movies—Thursday 11 June—put it in your diaries now.

Venue: Westwind Theatre

Move: Secondhand Wedding (tbc)

Midweek

Dates to remember:

8th April: Easter Tournament Book Day

29th April: Handicaps

13th May: Dot's Day—Graded Pairs

20th May: End of summer luncheon

3rd June: May's Trophy—B1 & below

Our thoughts are with Pat Courtney on the recent sad loss of her mother.

You Cannot be Serious—some memorable quotes from John McEnroe

"I am not a monster. I'm not all bad. Maybe 10 percent. I think I'm 90 percent good."
- 1984.

"You are the absolute pits of the world".
- John McEnroe, ranting at umpire Edward James during the 1981 Wimbledon Championships

"It would be a nice place if you took all the people out of the city."
- Ugly American, 18-year-old tour rookie John McEnroe, on visiting Paris. (1977)

"I want to be remembered as a great player, but I guess it will be as a player who got angry on the tennis court".
- The lament of the over the hill John McEnroe

"There's too much money and too many nice guys around".
- On what's wrong with men's tennis (1994)

"I don't know that I changed all that much. They just found somebody worse".
- Aging tennis bad boy Jimmy Connors referring to John McEnroe in 1984

