

# Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club

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## TRAMLINES

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sadly another summer over, and with the clocks back to normal winter seems close.

On a personal level the first weeks of January were the most fun Mary and I've had with tennis. I agreed the week before the Heineken to become Marcus Daniells manager – he had been staying with us intermittently through the summer. Amazingly the night before the tournament Richard Palmer called to offer Marcus a wild card in the doubles with Horia Tecau a Romanian top 50 doubles player, who needed Marcus's wildcard to get into the tournament. What happened next was an absolute fairy tale with Marcus competing and not looking out of place beating some of the best players in the world. The 'all' areas pass I had was fantastic and I watched most of the matches on centre court from the front row of the Robinson (next to TV camera) and Marcus's matches from the players box with his family. I even had access to the player's lounge and was sitting around with Isner, Robredo, Monaco offering advice !!! Definitely a job I could get used to !! Unfortunately I'm now down to the more mundane task of organising playing schedules, arranging travel, organising media exposure raising money for Marcus etc. Many thanks to those that have helped by joining the supporters club (its not too late to join) and to others that have pointed me in the right direction (Pam Sowter).



*Marcus Daniell in action at the Heineken Open*

We have our yearly Anzac day match against Pakuranga coming up and I hope that a number of you can play (contact Jane Oud) and/or support. It was set up by the Charman's who were a big part of the founding of our club and also had links to Pakuranga club. Joy Charman now 87 is one of life's great characters and has been heavily involved in tennis all her life.

Summer interclub is now over and we are looking at entering some interclub teams in the winter league and if interested contact me or Sheryl. Also see the club captains report regards Sunday interclub – this needs to be discussed.

Finally we are running another tournament on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May so club play on that day will be held on the Saturday at the same time. Those wanting to enter please see the flyer attached.

Enjoy your tennis

*Bryan Lang*

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## TOURNAMENT REPORT - MARK BARRETT

Play in the BHB Doubles club championships for the 2009/10 season got underway at 9.00am on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010. This season we are playing best of 3 sets, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> set being a tie break to 10 if at 1 set all. However the finals are the best of 3 full sets. All plate matches are being played 1<sup>st</sup> to 9 games with a tie break (7) at 8 all. The reasons we opted for this was to avoid the draw being held up with long matches, and to be able to finish the tournament all on the one day. I believe this new format has worked well, but we are happy to consider your feedback if you have any suggestions for improvement.

As for the tournament we had 20 doubles combinations (15 men, 5 women), in the men's draw most of the clubs top players participated. However, the number of entries in the Women's draw were disappointing- given our strength in mid week ladies interclub it would be nice to see a bit more competition.

The top seeds in the men's draw John (tinker) Lawrence and Kerry (wild man) Russell dropped only 1 game in reaching the final, however their 2<sup>nd</sup> round match v Peri Woods and Jamie Mallum seemed to last an awfully long time for only 12 games.

In the bottom half of the draw Juan (Tevez) Pablo and Wayno Molloy had a good workout to get to the final- in particular from the Kemp brothers (Andrew/Danyon) in the quarter finals.

The final was memorable for the fact that our club coach Juan (Tevez) Pablo could not hold his own serve, Juan would say the problem was created by his fellow coach Wayno who couldn't volley. Perhaps if they gave each other some coaching (or Wayno did all the serving) they might win the tournament next year. It was also interesting to note that the Tournament director aced the JTP in the semi finals. In a very good final John (tinker) Lawrence and Kerry (wild man) Russell prevailed 6-2, 6-4.

In the Ladies Doubles final the crafty duo of Julie Brown and Sheryl Clark proved too strong for the Molloy sisters Alicia and Caitlin winning 6-3, 6-1, hopefully Mrs Molloy cooked the unsuccessful Molloy's a nice dinner that night.

In the Women's plate Margot Phillips and Thyra Compton prevailed 9-6 over Pauline Simon and Kerryn Jones, this was in spite of being involved in the longest match (only 3<sup>rd</sup> set) match of the tournament when they lost 3-6, 6-3, 10-7 to Irina Leach and Danica Mihaljevich.

The men's plate winners were Peri and Jamie who overcame the big improvers Derek Greenly and David Long 9-1 in the final.

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## Doubles Championship Results

### Mens - main draw

#### 1<sup>st</sup> round

Peri/Jamie def Haodi/Rahil by default  
 Liam/Steve def Frank/Kean by default  
 Bryan/Kevin def Derek/David 6-0, 6-0  
 Mark/Dave def Rob/Andrew 6-0, 6-0  
 David/Ivan def Roger/Steven 6-0, 6-1  
 Andrew/Danyon def John/Lucas 6-4, 6-2  
 Juan/Wayne def Bimal/Aditya 6-2, 6-1

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> round

John/Kerry def Peri/Jamie 6-0, 6-0  
 Liam/Steve def Bryan/Kevin 7-5, 6-2  
 Mark/Dave def David/Ivan 6-1, 6-2  
 Juan/Wayne def Andrew/Danyon 6-1, 6-3

#### Semi final

John/Kerry def Liam/Steve 6-0, 6-1  
 Juan/Wayne def Mark/Dave 6-2, 6-2

#### Final

John/Kerry def Juan/Wayne 6-2, 6-4

### Ladies - main draw

#### 1<sup>st</sup> round

Irina/Danica def Margot/Thyra 3-6, 6-3, 10-7

#### Semi final

Julie/Sheryl def Irina/Danica 6-0, 6-0  
 Caitlin/Alicia def Pauline/Kerryn 6-3, 6-0

#### Final

Julie/Sheryl def Caitlin/Alicia 6-3, 6-1

#### Mens plate

Derek/David def Rob/Andrew 9-7  
 John/Lucas def Bimal Aditya 9-5  
 Peri/Jamie def Derek/David 9-1

#### Ladies plate

Margo/Thyra def Pauline/Kerryn 9-6

## OPEN TOURNAMENT – ANNIVERSARY DAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEB

A record number of entries (72) meant an increase in the number of men's draws to 5. Again an excellent turnout of Blockhouse Bay members (16). 15 matches of the 96 played were completed on the Sunday afternoon to make the scheduling on Monday easier.

The standard of tennis was again excellent with each division having very close matches. Blockhouse Bay members Jason Pimenta won Division 4 and Fraser Grut, Division 5. Adrian Ozberger took out the Division 2 consolation and John (Tinker) Lawrence was the beaten finalist in Division 1.

All results were entered on Top Dog and they can be viewed on <http://tnz.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=0F4039B4-D307-4D39-8702-A81D20FB33C7>

Again a special thanks to Mary Wall for her beautiful home made food. It was great to see members stop by to see some of the matches, the centre was buzzing all day. Again a considerable profit was made and there was plenty of positive publicity throughout the tennis community. For the next tournament(s) I would like to have a sponsor so that we can have prizes instead of needing to give out cash. I have approached New World but if any member has any ideas of who else might be keen please let me know. Anything that we can be used as prizes gratefully received and will increase the profit we make, inevitably leading to less pressure on raising subs !

I am currently looking at running another tournament on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May so if it goes ahead club day will be on the Saturday for that weekend.

Bryan Lang

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## INTERCLUB

### Senior Winter Interclub

The club is looking at entering some teams this year. It starts on Sunday, May 9th or May 16th. Play starts at 10 a.m and runs every alternate week. Formats available are the same as summer interclub except there are also men's and women's only, doubles. It is more informal than summer interclub and No Top Dog points are used. Cost would be approximately \$25 per person.

If interested please contact Bryan on [bryan.lang@paradise.net.nz](mailto:bryan.lang@paradise.net.nz) or Sheryl on [cmsclark@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cmsclark@xtra.co.nz)

### Interclub Round-Up (Captains Reports)

#### **Caro Bowl Reserve Men— John Lawrence (captain), Kerry Russell, Juan Pablo Marcel, Wayne Molloy, Peter Stokes, Michael Koenan, Lee Radovanovich**

Also thanks to Sean, Adrian, Jophia, and Fale for filling in. Had a good start to the season, leading at the half way mark, but fell away by the end of the season through work commitments, holidays, emigration and support of the Ferrier Cup team. Highlights included Juan's "percentages", 6-0 win over Mission Bay, the return to form of Peter Stokes, Lowlights included the return to form of Peter Stokes. **4/12**

#### **1st Grade Men - Bryan Lang (Captain), Adrian Ozbeger, Yanniss Naumann, Michael Koenan, Sean Chitty, Steve Atley**

Despite the handicap of me being in the team 1st Grade had another solid mid-table year. Stand out performers were Michael Koenan (who unfortunately left for Germany pre Xmas) and super sub Peter Stokes who were both undefeated. Adrian Ozbeger bamboozled plenty of opponents with his unorthodox style and Sean Chitty continues to improve. Thanks to other fill ins Liam Searson, Fale Tamiano and Jophia Kommunuri. **9/13**

#### **Open Mens 2 - Ken Tofa (Captain), Adam Tong, Brian Ledger, Hiro Shimoji, Hans Sibilis and Alvin**

Considering Open Mens 2 competition is a lot harder than our previous assignments (Open Mens 5 which we won 2 years in a row), we did quite well at the beginning of the competition thanks to forever consistent play of Hiro and much needed improved Ken. Near the end we started to lose our first team appearance due to various reasons and the results were not encouraging. We finished 10/11 but the team spirit is high and we will only improve from here on for the following seasons. **10/11**

#### **Open Mens 3 - Paul Denney (Captain), Lloyd Pomee, Aditja Sheth, Jophia Kommunuri and Fraser Grut.**

Considering not having the same team each week this team held there own. Fraser came up from another

team as they were short. The team had quite good results, and a big thanks to all the reserves we had play for us. **8/12**

#### **Open Mens 8— Danyon Kemp (Captain), Jarrod Jones, Ben Isdale, Jamie Mallum, Michael Del Grosse**

The Open Men's Team played well all season and had a successful end result. Many thanks to the three regular players Danyon, Jarrod and Ben. What a great effort you put in. Thanks must also go to Henry and Jamie who both played in the latter games of the season. We couldn't have won without your support. **5/12**

#### **Open Mens 9 - Joseph Arandelovic (Captain), Tony Yeung, Rahil Shah, Ravneel Chandra, Ravikesh Chandra, Ivan Stanton**

The team performed consistently well throughout the whole season. Unfortunately because of a couple of defaults we lost points which resulted in the team coming fourth. Special recognition goes to Henry Lukaszewicz who came to play for the team on such short notice. Also, recognition goes to Tony who was a very reliable member of the team. Thanks a lot to everyone especially Sheryl for her support. **4/12**

#### **Caro Reserve (Women) - Caitlin Molloy (Captain) Alicia Molloy, Laura Isaac**

Another difficult year for us as we again played the season without a full team. Alicia, Laura and I enjoyed our time together but found the pressure of needing to play; whether we were fully fit or not, difficult. Many thanks to Diana, Johanna, Vicki and Nicole for helping fill in. Hopefully we can find more players for the team for next season to make it easier on the team, the captain and Sheryl. **12/12**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> grade Ladies—Vicky Neilson (Captain), Jane Oud, Seli Scutts, Nicole Wu, Veronica Vercoe and Sheryl Clark**

Another good season by all, Veronica was a doubles specialist for some games that Jane didn't play. Nicole got married so missed a few games towards the end of the season and Sheryl filled in for her. Jane only lost 1 singles and that was to Julia (played Fed cup for Zimbabwe)

**2/12**

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### Open Women 2 - Danica Mihaljevich (Captain), Margot Phillipps, Thyra Compton, Irina Leach and Stephanie Bailey

This year we had a very challenging season. It could be that we are all getting older while our opponents seem to be getting younger. We had a few unfortunate events happen, like Stephanie breaking her foot at the start of a doubles match, which put her out for the rest of the season. She is recovering well and hopes to be back playing in the not too distant future. Thanks to Katie Bowdler, Brooklyn Chitty and Mary Wall for helping to lift our points. We had some really good tennis, which the scores didn't always reflect.

11/11

### Open Womens 3— Katie Bowdler (Captain), Brittany Rainsfield, Brooklyn Chitty, Tracey Brown, Tanya Young, Mary Wall, Alexia Waite

A good season for this team, and a first for some in Senior interclub.

7/12

### Ferrier Cup— Sheryl Clark (Captain) Adrian Ozbeger, Fale Tamiano, Bryan Lang, Jane Oud, Veronica Vercoe, Sharon Grace, Julie Brown with help from:

Peter Stokes, Mark Barrett, Dave Freeman, Steve Atley, Wayne Molloy, Kerry Russell, John Lawrence, Lloyd Pomee, Kevin Bowdler, Colleen King, Seli Scutts

It was not a good start to the season as Adrian hurt his shoulder before we even had our 1<sup>st</sup> game – he was out for about 2 months (that left us with 2 men). Ferrier Cup seems to get stronger and stronger each year. We start off with fewer men each year and this year had more women. Veronica is the one that works out combinations and how we get our points. It was Julie's first year in Ferrier and Fale's first with Blockhouse, so hopefully they both enjoyed it. Kerry played 2 games for us so now he can say he has played "fairy cup". It's good to see Peter back playing permanently after surgery on his tennis elbow. Thanks to all the other reserves that played for us, we certainly needed your help.

5/12

### Presidents A—Dave Freeman (Captain), Mark Barrett, Barry Page, Yingkhee Lai, Kevin Bowdler, Annette May, Fiona Freeman, Vanessa Joe, Colleen King, Jennifer Hershbein

A great start to the year with us being in the lead after the first 5 rounds. Unfortunately it all went wrong in the next 2 matches. We had a 3-5 loss to Winstone Park followed by a 3-5 loss to Kohi. This took us out of the running to win the grade. We ended up 3rd overall, but we did beat Mangere who came 1st and Mission Bay who came 2nd. All in all a good season consolidating our place in Pres A. Annette started the season with a broken wrist and only played 5 contests, however she did end the year in top form. Top results in the ladies went to Colleen winning 18 from 20 matches and in the men to Kevin winning 12 from 20. Colleen and Kevin only lost 1 mixed all year. Thanks team for a good season and special thanks to the reserves - Sharon, Margaret, Bryan and Bimal.

3/12

### Presidents Open 1—Jane Jones (Captain), Brian Ledger, Peri Woods, Ivan Stanton, Roger Wain, Anne Ulbrick, Desna Smith, Sandra Kemp

Our season started and finished with a flourish— an 8-0 win in our first match against Parnell and again in our last match against Cockle Bay. In between there were mixed results. Starting the season with only 3 men proved a challenge but with the help of Ken Tofa pre Christmas and Roger Wain post Christmas we got there. Thanks

to all our reserves, Margaret May, Simon Muir, Brian King, David Stitt and Lynette Waite

5/12

### Presidents Open 6— Bimal Sheth (Captain), Brian King, Kean Au, Frank Lee, Patricia Treherne, Billie Langdon, Mary King, Mary Wall, Thyra Compton

This team did well this year considering they were missing Brian and Mary King for the first couple of matches.. Bimal did a good job, some weeks we had to find him a few reserves but at least we always had a full team to play.

2/11



President Open 1 players taken at Eden-Epsom  
First photo: Ann Ulbrick  
Second photo: Sandra & Ivan  
Third photo: Desna & Peri

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## MIDWEEK

Interclub has now finished for the year and a great season it was. Congratulations to Julie, Veronica, Sheryl and Seli for winning the Monday Championship Grade

### Dates to remember:

|            |                        |
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| 28th April | Handicaps              |
| 12th May   | Dot's Day              |
| 19th May   | End of Summer Luncheon |

## CLUB CAPTAIN

Club nights on Tuesday continue to thrive at the club where we regularly get 9 or 10 courts full of keen Intermediate and Senior tennis players.

For something different and to try and boost numbers on a Sunday we held an afternoon of club tennis from 4pm to 7pm followed by a Sausage sizzle. Unfortunately this was not well received by members as we had only 6 people turn up for the afternoon of tennis.

Which brings me to Sunday morning tennis. For the past six months we have only been attracting approximately 15 club members for Sunday morning play – usually only enough to fill 3 or 4 courts. This is not good utilisation of the courts as 6 or 7 courts are being left empty.

It is no good for members to say (as I have heard in the past) that people should turn up and support Sunday morning tennis. This format of social play does not suit everybody who joins the club...remember we all join for different reasons. To this end we must look to the future and decide what to do with Sunday morning tennis. I have my own opinion, which may be different to others, but it is important to start discussing this issue so that any incoming committee has had a chance to hear what members think.

Several options are as follows:

1. Leave Sunday morning tennis as is ...which means 5 or 6 courts are not used.
2. Allocate only 5 courts to Sunday morning tennis. This could either be the 5 indoor courts or the 5 outdoor courts.

The remaining 5 courts could be used for:

- a. The Club Coach to hold coaching classes at members own expense
- b. Junior interclub
- c. Winter interclub
- d. Club members to book their own games.

Remember, nothing has been decided but members need to start discussing with each other what is best for all club members.

Jane Oud

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### **Wine Tasting Games Evening Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Despite only 22 people attending, the evening was a lot of fun. The night started with a laugh as a couple of people turned up in tennis gear thinking the games involved tennis ! They actually involved a wine expert from Glengarry running a multi-choice quiz around wines that everyone was tasting (quite a few were stretching the concept of tasting!). The team of John (Tinker) Lawrence, Pam Sowter, Sheryl Clark and Veronica Vercoe took out 1<sup>st</sup> prize, obviously more indicative of a drinking problem than any particular skill !!!

### **Upcoming Events**

The TV now has an aerial (thanks to Seli Scutts) and the possibility of having social events around televised sports events is being looked at.

There will be a mid-winter event probably involving food at the club and this will be advised in due course.

### **General**

There seems to be real difficulty attracting people to social events at the club. For instance for the wine evening everyone in the club was emailed and phoned to attend but only 22 made the night. Possibly it was the wrong type of event but it seems to be a pattern across all of the different types of social events run by the club in the last few years.

It is a very important part of the fabric of a club but an enormous amount of work goes into it and if few are interested perhaps these efforts could be directed better elsewhere in the club. This is just a point for discussion at this stage but please feel free to let your views be known. Possibly it can be a point of discussion at this year's AGM.

### **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 ring Wayne at the club to order your book.

## AUCKLAND TENNIS DELEGATES REPORT

Notes from the Auckland Tennis delegates meeting of 25.2.10

1. Board report - demolition work has started for the major re-build of the Stanley St complex. Overall this will take about months in total. However, the complex, while still incomplete, must of course be in a satisfactory state for the two international tournaments in January 2011.
2. Roger Harvey was nominated for Life Membership of Auckland Tennis. Pam Sowter spoke on behalf of BBTC as the nominator for Roger Harvey, and made comment that Roger was strongly supportive of the indoor court complex at BBTC. Comment was also made that Life Members will be very rare in the future due to more and more roles being filled by paid staff



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## JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE

Club night play will continue throughout Terms 2 & 3 on Friday's. Winter is particularly advantageous to us with our Indoor Facility, and we generally see a lot of progress through this period as opposed to other clubs. If you want to be a better player make use of our great facility and what we offer.

### **WATT Coaching**

The WATT After School Coaching Programmes will commence again on Monday 20 April. These coaching sessions are very popular and only 2 of the sessions last term were not full, so please make sure you enrol prior to the start date if you don't want to miss out on your spot.

## AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE....

### **WATT News**

Funding has been secured to courts 1 & 2 resurfaced. We hope to have this done over the winter months.

### **Carpark**

Over the last 2 weeks we have had 2 cars broken into in the car park. The most recent during the day; these people have been targeting the likes of GPS and IPOD's, so please remember to make sure you have nothing of value which is visible in your car.

### **Winter Indoor Bookings**

If there are any members who would like to make a regular Indoor Court Booking over the Winter period; April to August, you can submit your request via e-mail to [bhbtennis@free.net.nz](mailto:bhbtennis@free.net.nz). Please note if wishing to possibly have a permanent booking, you need to have enough people in your group so that the court is occupied every time.

### **Sign Sponsorship**

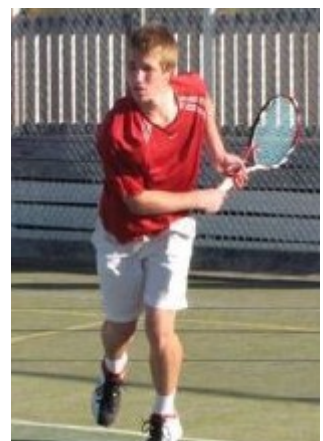
If any members would like to have their business, or if they know of someone wanting to advertise their business, we have signage opportunities currently available. Please contact Wayne at the club.

### **Heading off...**

Adrian and Ema Ozbeger are off on an extended trip. They will be spending the next year or two touring with their young family in the both the United States and Europe. Look forward to receiving regular updates on your travels.

Michael Koenen, a member of our 1st Grade Mens team this season left for Germany in January on a scholarship. Michael's family say he is settling in well and having a great time.

In August, Michael will head off to Harrogate, Tennessee where he has received a full scholarship to attend Lincoln Memorial University. At Lincoln, he will be part of the university's tennis team "Railsplitters" who compete in the South Atlantic Conference



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## SUNDAY MAY 2ND 2010 INDOOR/OUTDOOR SINGLES TOURNAMENT



**Start: 8:00am**

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

**Open to all players graded S3 and BELOW  
4 Male divisions and 1 Female division  
– Juniors welcome**

**ALL RESULTS POSTED ON TOP DOG**

**\$25 entry fee guarantees at least 2 matches  
Singles only – 3rd set superbreaker**

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