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TRAMLINES

December 2009

From the President

Well still not too many signs of the supposed Auckland summer, but I guess good things come to those that wait! Despite this the club has been very busy over the last month or two and a few new initiatives have kept the committee busy too.

Firstly we have redesigned the membership form and a copy is enclosed at the end of this. We believe the form is a lot easier to understand and certainly visually it looks considerably better than the old one. A big thank you to Sharon Grace and Jane Jones who made the design possible. Both these ladies do a considerable amount of behind the scenes work. Jane does this magazine, plus the website and Sharon is responsible for many of the fantastic designed posters that we print. The new membership form is on the website and there will be printed copies at the club shortly.

The membership form also incorporates the new club logo which was also Sharon's design. The yellow/green arch of the ball flight represents the shape of the indoor centre roof. We still start to use that on other club correspondence in the next month or two.

We have been looking hard at some new Tennis NZ membership software called Promato which should make Wayne's job and ours easier. It is based around email addresses so please ensure that your email with us is up to date. Basically if you are not receiving regular emails from the club it's not up to date! We hope to introduce it in late February if it is a good fit for us. Your privacy is a big issue and we have been assured that the only time the emails will be used is for the regular Tennis NZ magazine Passing Shots. If you don't want to receive these there is a simple unsubscribe link.

Caro Bowl has ended for another season (see later report) and I would like to thank Hamish Linklater and his Zap Restaurants for the continued sponsorship of the team. We are having a Christmas get together at one of Hamish's Zap restaurants on the 16th December (see social news later). I hope that you come to support Hamish and to sample some of the best Thai food in Auckland.

We are very lucky to have world class tennis available on our doorstep and I think it is very important for the club, especially in terms of inspiring our juniors. I know many of you find it hard to identify with the players as most only see them when they are playing. Next year I hope to change that a little by having them come to the club in other capacities, perhaps some coaching or a "meet and greet" evening. I'd be very happy to hear ideas on this.

Finally have a safe and happy Christmas.

Bryan Lang

*Merry
Christmas*

A decorative logo for "Merry Christmas" featuring the words in a red, cursive font. The word "Merry" is on the top line and "Christmas" is on the bottom line. There are green holly leaves and red berries interspersed between the words.

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Tournament Report - Mark Barrett

The BHB Singles club championships for the 2009/10 season have now concluded following the completion of 33 matches over 2 Sunday's beginning on the 15th of November 2009, we had 22 entries in the men's draw and 6 entries in the women's.

In order to ensure that the players did not get too exhausted we played 3rd set tie breaks (to 10) in the 1st 3 rounds of the men's draw, and played (scheduled at least) the men's semi-final's and final on the 2nd Sunday.

After an epic semi final against **Wayne Molloy, Michael Koenen** met **John Lawrence** in the final. This was also another marathon encounter with **John** eventually prevailing 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, both players had opportunities to win however with the dinker* (which turns most opponents into drinkers) style of play John eventually prevailed. John is now a 2 times winner of this title.

In the women's final we had **Jane Oud** (Mrs Tennis) meeting the defending champion **Caitlin Molloy** in the final, this was another tight tussle with Jane eventually prevailing 6-4, 7-5, Jane has the same dinker qualities of John Lawrence i.e. if you have ever played tennis against a brick wall you will know what it's like to play John or Jane. Jane has now won 5 women's singles titles to go along with her numerous doubles and mixed doubles titles.

In the men's plate final **Peri Woods** over came the very steady **John Ryoo** 7-5, 6-3, and in the women's plate final Jane's sister **Thyra Compton** snuck passed **Mary Wall** 9-0. Mary may have been distracted after recent celebrations.

I'd like to thank all those who assisted in making this tournament successful i.e. those that entered, our club captain Jane Oud (posters/admin), Wayne Molloy (balls), and our President Bryan Lang who managed to get our Tournament on the NZ Tennis website + TopDog.

If anyone has any suggestions for our Doubles and Mixed doubles tournament's to be held March next year please let me know.

* **The Dinker, a.k.a. Pusher, a.k.a. Human Backboard:** The dinker almost never hits hard, but gets everything back. "Dinker" is a somewhat misleading name, because one would normally think of a dink shot as something short and soft. The best among this breed can keep most shots deep, lob effectively, and aim fairly well. Dinkers drive a lot of opponents crazy, because they win by getting you to make all of the mistakes. (It's a lot more frustrating to make a mistake than to have an opponent hit a brilliant shot that no one could have gotten.)

Midweek



16 December: Midweek Christmas Party

8th & 9th February: Ladies Interclub starts

Congratulations to Patricia Treherne on the birth of another grandchild - No 11, I think.

Alda Porteous
Midweek Convenor

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Blockhouse Bay Tennis XMAS DINNER 2009

PROUD CARO BOWL SPONSOR



Where: ZAP 2, 639 Dominion Rd, Balmoral

When: 7:30PM Wed 16 Dec 2009

Cuisine: Thai Licensed and BYO \$30/head

Book: Leave name at club desk.

OR : email mary.wall@mac.com

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Interclub

Most teams only have one or two games left before we close for Christmas. Don't forget to keep up the practising so that you are ready to go when interclub starts up again in late January.

Hopefully, all subs and interclub levies are all in - if you are still to pay yours get them in now - or you may find we have got a reserve to play for you.

The captains of each team will have updated grading lists for their teams in the new year. Please remember to stick to these gradings (especially promotion/relegation grades) or the team could end up losing points if someone has played out of order. Unfortunately we have had this happen.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.
Sheryl Clark, Interclub Convenor

Labour Day Tournament - Monday 26 October

This was another big success with all men's divisions full and only 2 places available in the woman's draw. This meant an entry list of 70 players, including 15 Blockhouse Bay members.

Due to the poor weather forecast for Monday we played 20 of the first round matches on the Sunday afternoon/evening. Despite the terrible forecast the rain stayed away until 3:00 p.m on the Monday, enabling us to complete the remaining matches inside by 7:30 p.m.

The standard of tennis was excellent with each division having very close matches. Jane Oud took out the woman's event and promptly donated her prize money back to the club – a typical gesture from her ! Jason Pimenta took out division 4 and Liam Searson the Division 3 consolation. All results were entered on Top Dog and they can be viewed on: <http://tennisnz.infonetwork.com/tournaments/home.asp?tid=5192190>



Jason Pimenta being congratulated by tournament organiser, Bryan Lang

A special thanks to Mary Wall for her beautiful home made food. The only problem being that I ended up eating too much – especially the cakes !

Also thanks to Jane Oud, Danica, Thyra and Keryn – somewhat reluctant participants who helped fill out the woman's draw. Also thanks to Sheryl, Jane O and Keryn for helping Mary in the kitchen. Was also great to see members stop by to see some of the matches, the centre was buzzing all day.

The positive publicity for the club during these events is fantastic. We have had new memberships because of it and also a good number of people talking about changing clubs to us. That coupled with the extra profit the centre/club makes means we will run more. We can look at different formats for these, perhaps doubles but this current format works very well. Also for the Sunday run ones it maybe possible to leave 3 courts for club days if we're able to play some Saturday afternoon matches. We are aiming to run another on Auckland anniversary weekend at the end of January, which again will not interfere with Sunday club morning.

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Auckland International Tennis Tournaments in January

ASB Classic 4 - 9 January - One of the strongest and most even fields in the Auckland women's tennis open history with all eight seeds ranked within the world's top 30.

Heineken Open 11 - 16 January - Confirmed players include David Ferrer, Tommy Robredo, Juan Carlos Ferrero and David Nalbandian.

Caro Bowl



Jackson Bodle and Marco Comuzzo in doubles action

Any dreams Blockhouse Bay players had of Caro Bowl success are over for another season after the side lost 5-1 to Parnell in the semifinals recently.



Despite fighting hard to make the Caro Bowl club tennis semifinals, Blockhouse Bay couldn't overcome reigning champs Parnell for a place in last Friday night's final.

The Bay were without their top player Marcus Daniell, who is playing in professional tournaments in Australia. Marc Paulik was the only Bay player to post a win, beating Steve Downs in three sets in the No 3 clash.

Jackson Bodle lost to Matt Prentice at No 1 while Tim Meredith and Marco Comuzzo were beaten by Andrew Batie and Jacob Olsen respectively.

Our thanks to our sponsor Hamish Linklater, co-owner of ZAP Restaurants. To show our appreciation to Hamish, the club has organised to go to ZAP restaurant in Dominion Road, Balmoral on Tuesday 14 December at 7.00 p.m. All club members are invited to come along for some great Thai food and to show support for our sponsors.

HARD FOUGHT: Blockhouse Bay's Jackson Bodle fires off a forehand during the team's loss to Parnell in the Caro Bowl semifinals



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Important dates...

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday 16th December at ZAP Restaurant, Dominion Road, Balmoral



XMAS CLOSING

The club will be closed from the end of play on Wednesday 23 December 2009 and will open again on the morning of Tuesday 5 January 2010. Keys for access to the outdoor courts over this period can be obtained from Reception @ \$10 each.

JUNIOR CLUB NIGHT

Junior & Intermediate Friday night play will end on Friday 11 December 2009 (with a B-B-Q) and will start again on Friday 5 February 2010.

WATT AFTER SCHOOL COACHING PROGRAMMES

Term 1 2010 begins Monday 1 February 2010 and will finish Thursday 1 April 2010.

Social Committee

December 16, Xmas dinner get together, hope you can fit it into your pre Xmas schedule. Details on attached poster.

February 2010 Wine Games Evening, a casual and fun event. Details to be posted at a later date. Apologies to all for the false start this year, I forgot it was my 50th birthday, but my birthday did not forget me and fortunately neither did Bryan who had secretly arranged a surprise dinner.

Look forward to seeing you at these events.
Mary Wall

Auckland Tennis Delegate News

PROPOSAL FOR TENNIS NZ TO INCREASE ITS LEVY

At a special AGM on the 26th November all Auckland clubs (including us) voted against the following motion:

“that Tennis Auckland votes at the Tennis NZ Special General Meeting to be held in February 2010 for the increase in affiliation fees proposed by Tennis NZ of \$4.00 + GST for 2010-2011 and by \$5.00 + GST for 2011-2012.”

The present Tennis NZ affiliation fee is \$16.00 + GST = \$18.00 for Seniors and \$4.00 + GST = \$4.50 for Juniors. Thus an increase of 25 % for the next 2 years for seniors and an increase of 100 % for juniors. Basically the clubs thought that Tennis NZ had not been governed well and that the clubs money was not being utilised well, and could be better spent in other areas. On the previous evening Canterbury tennis also voted against supporting the motion. As Canterbury and Auckland make up 45 % of the votes (and the other regions haven't yet decided) it is very unlikely that Tennis NZ will be able to increase the levy. This has very serious implications for Tennis NZ as the SPARC (government) funding for them was contingent on them being able to increase their funding from the clubs. Many of us think this is not a bad thing as we believe Tennis NZ has not been performing well anyway. It seems to me there is a lack of accountability. Anyway there will certainly be some changes - watch this space!
Bryan Lang

Checkout our website: www.bhbtennis.co.nz

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2009/2010

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PRINCIPAL MEMBER

Surname First Name Please circle Male / Female
 Postal address
 Email DOB **Tick if interested in playing Interclub *BALL FEE LEVY WILL APPLY**
 Parent name (if only junior applying)

OTHER PERSONS INCLUDED IN MEMBERSHIP:

Name M/F Circle Ph DOB Email
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FEES: Go to column showing number of members in family

	1 member	2 members	3 members	4+ members
per Senior	\$350	\$315 each	\$300 each	\$280 each
Mid-week	\$240	\$216 each	\$204 each	\$198 each
per Student (18-20 years old on 1st Sept)	\$270	\$245 each	\$230 each	\$210 each
per Intermediate (Secondary school students)	\$160	\$144 each	\$136 each	\$128 each
per Junior (Primary / Intermediate school students)	\$115	\$104 each	\$98 each	\$92 each

TO CALCULATE fees use table above (eg; 3 member family of 2 seniors and 1 junior will be \$300 each for seniors and \$98 for junior adding up to \$698)

PAYMENTS:

\$ Total Payment method: Cash Cheque Direct Debit Eftpos

OR Direct credits to: ASB 123049 0244907 00 (Use family name as reference)

Signature: Date:

FEES INCLUDE NZ & AK TENNIS LEVIES – FOR SENIORS \$52.09 – FOR JUNIORS \$46.46

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