

# Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club

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## TRAMLINES

October 2010

### From the President

Finally some decent weather after what seemed like 6 months of constant rain. We needed two days without rain to finish courts 1 & 2, from July. Believe it or not this only happened in late September when they finally got it completed. I can't imagine belonging to a club in Auckland without indoor courts and it was the reason I joined Blockhouse Bay. We are incredibly lucky to have such a fantastic facility.

On 21<sup>st</sup> August we had a working bee and despite a wet day we had a fantastic turn-out, around 20 people in total. A lot of work got done and you will have hopefully noticed some improvements around the club. Check out the garden on the left as you come in - it looks fantastic. Many thanks to all those who helped and contributed plants, it was great to see such good 'club spirit'.

The following Sunday was opening day which was a great success. Mark Barrett and his tournament team organised a fun tournament prior to the formalities and there was a good turnout. Our Patron Norm Sowter said a few words and introduced Pam Sowter the new Auckland Tennis President. She spoke eloquently as always and presented the annual Sowter Trophy for Club Spirit to George Raffles. George has worked behind the scenes for the club for many years and was an apt recipient. Finally I had to serve a ball to officially open the season. Miracle of miracles it was the perfect serve down the middle. If only I could serve like that consistently in interclub!

Interclub is well under way and most teams are performing admirably. We have more teams than last year and have some set goals, one of which is to get Open Mens 1 promoted and thus earn a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team. Thanks to the players that have been helping with that by playing below their rightful grades.

Caro Bowl is launching on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October and we have a very strong team again. We are looking for someone to replace Margaret May in provision of food for the home Caro Bowl matches. It's a paid position for the 4 home matches and involves about 3-4 hours work plus the opportunity to show-case your culinary skills and help the club out. Please if you can help contact me or Wayne for more details.

Another tournament is being run on Labour Day Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> - see the flyer attached. Entry is only \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. I'm expecting a full tournament again so if not involved come down and watch - it creates a great atmosphere.

At our last management meeting we put forward an incentive for members to significantly reduce the price of their membership. See later in this edition for details.

Finally on a personal level I'm very disappointed not to be in India at the Commonwealth games. Marcus Daniell was chosen for the team and Marcus's father had offered to shout me over to watch. Sadly Marcus had to pull out with a bad back and thus sadly no trip for me! However I did something amazing on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - climbed and skied Mt Taranaki. 7 hours it took and can hardly walk now but completed exhilarated by it. Before photo later in newsletter!

*Bryan Lang*

Bryan Lang  
President



# TRAMLINES

## Tournaments - Mark Barrett

### Club Championships—Singles

**Sunday 10 October 2010**

**9.00 a.m. start**

**Open to all Senior and Intermediate Members**

**Entries close Friday 8 October, 6.00 p.m.**

**Enter now by putting your name down at the desk**

## Interclub—Sheryl Clark

All teams have had a game now except Caro Reserve men due to rain and byes.

Captains—can you make sure that the result sheets are dropped down to the club by Sunday 4pm or sooner. The results have to be loaded onto Top Dog and sent into Auckland Tennis so it is easier for me if I don't have to run around chasing them.

Our top interclub team – Caro Bowl starts on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct, so try and get down to support them.

Everybody should have paid your subs and ball fee by now so if you haven't make sure you pay it before your next game.

## Midweek—Alda Porteous

### Upcoming dates for Ladies Tournaments

3<sup>rd</sup> November            C & Below tournament

17<sup>th</sup> November         Singles Champs

1<sup>st</sup> December            Doubles Champs

Don't forget to put your names forward and enter.

Everything is well under control and some of us are away relaxing and having a break.

## Juniors

Junior Club Night begin on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Normal playing times continue.

Intermediates please note, there has been a disappointing number of you using the available court time on a Friday from 5.30pm; and the committee has decided that anyone who is wishing to enter the Club Champs after Christmas, is required to have attended a number of Friday Club Nights.

Interclub starts for some teams on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

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Blockhouse Bay  
Tennis Club

## LABOUR DAY INDOOR/OUTDOOR SINGLES TOURNAMENT

**Labour Day, Monday 25 October, 2010**  
**Start: 8:00am**

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

**Open to all players graded S2 and BELOW**  
**5 Mens 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**  
**bryan.lang@paradise.net.nz or 021620716**

**ENTRIES CLOSE 22 October**

### PRO SHOP

We have a well stocked Pro Shop to keep you at the top of your game. If you are wishing to try a new racquet out we have a number of 'demo's' available and are usually able to loan from our suppliers, Wilson & Head, any that we do not have.

### FACILITY

Remember we have the most enviable tennis facility of any club in NZ, look after it as if it were your own, because for all fully paid members, it is!

# TRAMLINES

## Around the clubhouse...

### *Congratulations to Bimal Sheth and Aditya Sheth*

Blockhouse Bay club members Bimal and his son Aditya both recently passed the exams to become Tennis Referees and Chair Umpires. This means that they will be able to referee and chair local and junior tournaments (including Caro Bowl) and possibly ITF Future tournaments. As their experience grows the NZ Tennis Umpires Association will give them more and more work. Many of you will have seen Bimal calling the lines at the ASB Classic and the Heineken open. The club wishes them well in this worthy pursuit. If interested in getting involved in officiating in tennis I'm sure Bimal would be happy to point you in the right direction. It is an excellent way of seeing quality tennis up close and giving something back to tennis.

Below is an explanation of what a referee does as opposed to a chair umpire:

*The tennis referee is an off court official who oversees the whole tournament. Typical duties of the Referee are that the following are done according to the rules of tennis:*

- 1) The Draw is made correctly*
- 2) Appoints the on court officials*
- 3) The court and net measurements are correct*
- 4) The dress code is observed*
- 5) Coaching during play is not done*
- 6) Resolving Disputes*

*While the chair umpire determines the question of fact, the Referee determines the question of rules. Eg the decision of whether the ball is in or out is the chair umpires job, a referee may be called in to determine whether the call made by the court official (line or chair umpire) was made as per the rules of tennis.*

## WATT News

Those of you have been down to the club in the last week, will have seen that the resurfacing of Courts 1 & 2 has now been completed. The courts will take a little time to 'bed' in, and the more we play on them initially, the quicker the surface will settle.

A big Thank you to Alda and her Midweek Ladies who have enabled the installation of sun shade curtaining for the Dome windows, these curtains can be drawn for those playing on Courts 6 & 7 respectively if the sun is affecting visibility, something which happens regularly over the summer months.

We have also continued the shade curtain theme in the Clubrooms, mainly to block out light thrown from the TV; not that we currently have a TV.

The sandwich press which is in the kitchen has also been upgraded, please if anyone is using it for Interclub or similar, use the 'Teflon Spatula' hung on the wall, so as to extend the life of the new one.

This week has also seen the installation of a PA/Music system, we can now address people playing on both the Indoor and Outdoor courts as required, great for tournament and club nights, and it is also possible for music to be played through the system if required.

# TRAMLINES

## Caro Bowl



Marco Comuzzo

Jackson Bodle

*Caro Bowl starts this  
Friday 8 October  
Blockhouse Bay at home  
vs Cockle Bay  
6.00 p.m. start*



**Sponsors of Blockhouse  
Bay Caro Bowl Team**

Caro Bowl is launching on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October and we have a very strong team again. We have a young Russian Artem Sitak (ranked 330 in the world) who will be staying with Mary and Bryan Lang over the summer. Also Marcus, Jackson, Eru and Marco will be back. Please come and support on Friday evenings – we are very lucky to have world class tennis on our doorstep.

All made possible by Hamish Linklater and his Zap Thai restaurants. I hope that you all frequent his restaurants, the food is fantastic and it's great value.

### Home games:

Friday 8 October vs Cockle Bay  
Friday 29 October vs Herne Bay  
Friday 19 November vs Royal Oak  
Friday 26 November vs Remuera

### Away Games:

Friday 15 October vs Campbell Park  
Friday 5 November vs Parnell  
Friday 12 November vs Pompallier

(If wet, these games will be played at Blockhouse Bay)



# SAVE UP TO 60 % ON YOUR NEXT SUBSCRIPTION

The management committee has introduced an incentive to reduce subscriptions. For every new member that an existing member gets to join the club they will receive 15 % of the new members fee off their next sub.

For example if Joe, an existing member gets Fred to join paying a \$360 sub, Joe gets \$54 (15%) off his next sub.

This reduction can be applied up to a maximum of 60% off a members yearly sub.

The following criteria apply:

1. The new member introduced can not be a family member.
2. The new member introduced must not have been a member of Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club for a minimum of five years previously.
3. Final discretion for the discount is in the hands of the Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club Management Committee.

## **COACHING**

The After School Coaching Programmes for term 4 start Monday 10 October, please anyone wishing to be a part of the Term 4 Programme must be enrolled prior to commencement.

## **COACH**

With Juan Pablo Maciel having returned to Argentina, we have cemented the services of one of our previous coaches in Juan Pablo Fernandez, for Term 4 of this year.

Juan Pablo Fernandez will assist with the running of the After School and Academy Squads, and will also be available for Private AND Group lessons.

## **MEMBERS**

Note that with 1<sup>st</sup> October having passed us by, the club membership fees have increased accordingly. The vast majority of our members have an expiry of 31 August on their membership, if you have not yet paid, we ask that you do so as soon as is possible, to save you any embarrassment.

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Latest travel update from Adrian Ozbeger

Washington DC



US Tennis Open Grounds



Niagara Falls



Washington Monument

Hi to all my friends at Blockhouse Bay Tennis.

We have 4 weeks left to complete our USA road trip, It has been great, going different places and meeting different people. It's true America so big that's why each state is different then others.

Yeah some places so hot! You don't see people walking around.

I was at US open 5th September on a ground pass as all the tickets were sold out. I think when you are US Open you need to be organised better. Tickets were much cheaper weekdays and there were plenty car parks but driving there was hard so I went by train and subway. Next time I will be better organised now I know what to do!!

We are in Pittsburgh at the moment after Cincinnati. Our next stop will be Philadelphia where we will stay till we leave, It is close to NY and will go for day trips. Then we will go to Turkey to rest! and spend winter around the Med.

*Adrian & Emma*

Our illustrious President ....  
The Intrepid Mountaineer



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