

TRAMLINES EXTRA

**The Official newsletter of the
Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club**

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Hop on down to the club over Easter weekend. There will be no interclub taking place on Saturday, so organize a match and book yourself a court and get your teeth into some tennis.

This may well be the only time we allow bunnies on our courts this season



From the president

The weekend of March 8th and 9th was full on as far as tennis was concerned. Saturday our Presidents 1 team played out at Manurewa. Their courts are very much 'hard' courts - hard on the legs, hard on the balls (the fluff wears off very quickly), and a bit frustrating with the very different bounce compared with the artificial grass.

Sunday was the main day for the club men's and women's doubles champs. Not quite as good a turnout as last year but it was great to see a number of new faces on the courts, and a big range of ages. Brian Ledger and I had had a 'brilliant' win in our doubles against Manurewa on the Saturday, down 5-9 in the third set tiebreaker and came back to win six points in a row. In our first match on Sunday Brian and I won a very seesawing game against two of our Intermediates (Aditja and Sean) 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 in a 'very short' two hours on the court. This game set us up well to take on the top seeds in the next round, but we had obviously peaked too soon and we were not able to take Damien and Wayne to a third set!!

The mixed doubles champs have had to be delayed until after Easter. Hopefully by then the weather will be just a little cooler and most if not all of interclub matches will be finished. If I remember rightly we had about thirty combinations playing in this event last year, and I see no reason why we should not have similar numbers this year. Don't forget that it is a leap year this year so for the women of the club you don't have to wait to be asked, get out there and find an available male. For those of you of either gender, if you just can't find someone to play with, then either put your name up on the sheet with "partner required", or have a chat to our tournament convenor Danica (ph 8175369) and she may be able to suggest somebody.

As I may have said before, we do not have a suggestion box at the club, but if you have any good ideas, or concerns of any sort, please do not hesitate to approach any of the committee, or you are welcome to contact me at any time. My home phone is 813-1442, mobile 0275-658-007, or email fpstanton@yahoo.com.

Ivan Stanton

Ladies Mid-Week

Dates to Remember:

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| 9 April | Donna's Day |
| 16 April | April Handicap's |
| 7 May | Dot's Day |
| 14 May | End Of Summer Luncheon |
| 28 May | May's Trophy |

Congratulations to Mary & Brian on their engagement. We would also like to welcome our new members; Lisa - Simone – Carmen – Louise – Kim – Jo – Sandra and Seli, who have joined us since Xmas, and hope they enjoy our ladies day

Alda Porteous

Interclub

By now the Interclub season is just about over. Some teams are down to 1 or 2 games to go.

Could captains make sure that they are handing back balls as most should be back by now.

Sheryl Clark

Interclub Ball Levy

Those of you who are playing Senior Interclub and have yet to pay your ball levy, please make payment at the club. We know who you are! (or something along those lines).

Ladies Indoor Tourney

A Ladies Indoor Teams Competition will be held at Blockhouse Bay running for 9 weeks, starting 5 May. Teams can be entered with anything from 4 to 8 players on a team list, with 4 players being required each week. There will be 4 doubles matches played per tie giving each combination 2 matches on the day. This is a great way to stay fit and keep your tennis form over the winter months. The entry fee per team is \$295; this works out to approximately \$4 per game, so is great value for money. Come on ladies, get a team together and have some FUN.

Junior & Intermediate

Some great Interclub results were attained in the Pre-Xmas competition, with 5 out of our 11 teams winning their competition. Congratulations to those that played in the Saturday winning teams; Open Boy's 16 – BHB 1 and BHB 2, Open Boy's 14, Open Girl's 15 and Open Girls 14 – BHB 1. A great many thanks to all those who represented the club in the other 6 teams, and to all the parent's who supported those playing, your commitment and organisation make it so much more rewarding for everyone involved. Club nights continue to take place on Friday's, from 4pm to 5.30pm for Primary and Intermediate school pupils, and from 5.30pm to 7 pm for Secondary School students, come along and meet old friends and make some new friends.

The club champ's have taken place for the 3 weeks beginning 29 February, and over 100 matches were completed during this period, all those that competed are to be applauded and an extra clap for the winners of the various age groups. Again, thanks to all those who volunteered their time to assist in the running of our major event.

Post Xmas Interclub is being played up until 5 April; let's get ourselves some more winning teams!

Prize giving will be held on **Friday 4 April** with the last night of club play being **Friday 11 April**

Lynette Waite

Social

PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT
THE MUSICAL

Outrageously funny!

Coming to Auckland from May 27th for a limited season only.

The Civic Theatre

Tickets @ \$84.90 + \$119.90

In you're interested, put your name and details on the list on the notice board **no later than Sunday 30th March**

We'll get back to you with a proposed date which we hope suits most people.

Looking to book for sometime in June/July.

See you there ...

Coaching

Dear Members,

Damien Connelly joined the coaching team in 2005 and has made a significant contribution to the programmes and the club at Blockhouse Bay over the last 3 years. His coaching and playing style has brought colour and skill to Blockhouse bay in his time at BHB. Damien leaves us to take on an exciting new role in London with the LTA. I would like to thank Damien for his hard work and commitment, and wish him, Lou, and Cooper all the best for their new step.

While it will be impossible to replace Damien's presence, we will be ensuring all his squad and private lessons will be serviced to ensure continuity for all members.

Once a new coach has been found we will also be looking to further increase our adult and school programmes over winter. Check out all our current programmes on our new website. www.Matchpoint.co.nz, and look out for new programmes and session times over the next few weeks.

The MatchPoint Academy has been growing and having some strong results. In December at the 18s Boys Nationals MPA was represented by 10 of the 48 main draw players, more than any other programme in the country. Recently we also had 2 members gain their first ITF World Junior ranking points, among many other great results over the summer. Well done to all the dedicated juniors of all levels at the club who are working so hard.

Please let me know if I can help with any of your tennis needs.

Regards,

Nick

On the Move

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| Please, Please, Please, if you have changed your e-mail address or did not previously have e-mail, advise us so we can keep in contact with you. The same applies to any phone or physical address changes. |
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Tournaments

We've just completed our Men's and Ladies doubles champs on 9th and 16th March. We had a good turnout, thirty eight people taking part, and having fun. Thanks to all those that helped to make the event possible.

Congratulations to the winners of:

Men's doubles – Wayne Molloy & Damien Connelly
Runners Up - Bryan Lang & Dima Babenkov

Ladies doubles - Julie Brown & Sheryl Clark
Runners Up - Jane Oud & Veronica Vercoe
Plate winners - Margot Phillipps & Danica Mihaljevich

Due to insufficient interest this year there was no plate draw for the men's doubles.

We've got the mixed doubles on Sunday 6th April coming up so if you haven't got a partner, find one and put your name up. Entries close on Wednesday 2nd April.

Danica Mihaljevich

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Want to save \$\$\$\$?

The new Entertainment book is out early April, these books will be selling for \$65 and contain up to \$15000 worth of 2 for 1 savings and lots of 25% to 50% off some of the BEST restaurants, cafes, attractions and sports in Auckland . These books provide discounted prices at Restaurants-Hotels-Sports-Cinemas-Leisure Activities; the list goes on and on.

You can e-mail or phone the club to order your book, and BHB Tennis receives \$12 for every book we sell, a great opportunity to support your club.

Thank you

A big thank you to Alda and the Mid-week Ladies who's generosity has ensured that nobody get dish pan hands; with the procurement of a new dishwasher for the kitchen.

Around The Courts

Word has it that one of our Interclub teams was recently spotted on match day in Taupo, had they taken a wrong turning enroute to their match? or were they simply out looking for new competition ?

Same word has it that one of these players recently sprayed 2 consecutive golf balls down one of the NZ's State Highways; sounds very unbelievable considering this same person usually beats their first serve to the net.

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