

TRAMLINES EXTRA

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

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Hi there

I was nearly tempted to open with Ho Ho Ho, that time of the year is fast approaching.

The club continues to wend; what sort of word is that ?; it's way along with an ever changing cacophony; must be the keyboard; that seems to do little to emasculate; there we go again; some of the more flamboyant characters utilizing our facilities; really what I'm saying is 'Man there's a lot of yelling and screaming happening on those 10 courts at Blockhouse Bay Tennis'

Like it or not, I'm referring to the screaming; what it means is, the courts are obviously being well patronised; sorry did it again; are getting lots of use. Lets face it this is no cemetery, you are here to make friends, make noise, make enemies and then make friends again, hopefully in that order.

So keep on being vociferous; oops.

Wayne Molloy
Club Admin



For those players who participate in interclub competitions, and for members generally who wish to follow the successes or otherwise of our interclub teams, then access the Auckland Tennis website at "aucklandtennis.co.nz", through "interclub", and then on to either "juniors" or "seniors". At the time of writing this piece five BBTC teams were placed in the top three of their respective grades. They are: Caro Bowl Men, Open Presidents Four, Caro Reserve Men, Caro Reserve Women, and Open Womens One. Because the pre-Christmas junior competitions have only just begun, none of their results have been posted as yet.

For those who wish to see some of our top players in action, every second Friday evening our Caro Bowl team play in the dome. Any Saturday morning for the next few weeks there will be junior teams playing at home, and similarly from noon onwards each Saturday there will be two, three or four senior teams playing on our home courts.

Occasionally, around the traps we hear the odd grumble or two. Due to the size of our overall operation, running seven days a week, 355 days a year, and up to twelve or so hours a day, and as the various committees are all made up of volunteers, things are not going to be perfect all the time. We don't have a suggestion box, and we certainly don't have a complaints department. However, if you have a concern of any sort, or even a great idea, then either talk to Wayne or Colin at the clubhouse, or any one on the management committee.

Alternatively, you are welcome to contact me: 813-1442, 0275-658-007, or email fpstanton@yahoo.com.

Don't forget, constructive criticism is always welcome, or even the odd bouquet or two!!

Ivan Stanton
President

Interclub

Caro Bowl has progressed through the round robin and qualified for the play offs. By now everyone should have paid your ball money for interclub.

If you are not well on Friday please ring your captain so they can let us know (Liz, Jane O or Sheryl) to get someone on standby as it is a lot easier than ringing around at the last minute on Saturday morning.

Up till now teams are going fine, some better than others.

Don't forget captains to keep your interclub tennis balls coming in, then they can be recycled back into club play.

Keep up the good tennis.

Sheryl

Interclub Ball Levy

Those of you who are playing Senior Interclub and have yet to pay your ball levy, an invoice is enclosed with your Tramlines, please make payment at the club.

Ladies Mid-Week

Events coming up include :

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| 21 November | Pat's Tournament |
| 28 November | Double's Championships |
| 12 December | Xmas Party and Closing |
| 23 January | Post Xmas Re-Opening |
| 11 February | Interclub begins |

Congratulations to new Grandmothers
Lynn Spray and Doris White

Alda Porteous

Tournaments

We have some dates for the club champs to be held after Xmas.

17th and 24th of February - Doubles Championships

16th and 23rd of March - Mixed Doubles Champs

Please mark these in your diary and keep them free

Congratulations to the winners of the Singles Club Champs, and to all the people taking part in competing, for without them there would be no tournament. Thanks to all those that helped to make it a success, and to Margaret May for the delicious food she prepared.

The Mens Singles was won by - Damien Connelly

Runner Up was - Dima Babenkov

The plate winner was - Shiva Raju.

The Ladies Singles was won by - Julie Brown

Runner Up was - Jane Oud

The plate was won by - Cheryl Clark.

The next tournaments will be held in February and March, and the dates will be posted soon.

Danica Mihaljevich

On the Move 📞

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.

Junior & Intermediate Friday Nights

Hi everyone

Welcome to the 2007/2008 season! We are well into the season and I hope everyone is enjoying their Friday afternoons/nights play !

We have eleven teams playing interclub with a mixture of results, although most have only completed two weekend's of matches so far. Please guys, if you have any problems, or you are unable to play on any particular day, contact your Captain as soon as possible so we can find a replacement. Good luck to you all, The main thing is that you enjoy it! Thank you to all the parents for their support with transport and supervision in regard to interclub, as without it.....???

We only have a small committee so I would like to thank the parents who have volunteered to help run our Friday sessions, it is much appreciated, and you know what they say about many hands!!!!!!!!!!!!.....

Those of you wishing to play Interclub after Christmas will have received the enrolment via e-mail if we have your address; otherwise they are located in the tennis clubrooms, please ensure you return them promptly to have your name put down.

We are looking at closing down for Xmas on the 14th December but confirmation or otherwise will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

Finally, if you have any queries about anything, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of the committee members.

Regards,
Lynette Waite

Coaching

Don't hesitate to contact Matchpoint Head Coach, Nick Turner, should you have any questions relating to coaching requirements.

Nick can be contacted on e-mail at: nick@matchpoint.co.nz

Or you can ring through to the club on Ph: 6278735

Around The Courts

Club Management is on the lookout for one of our members who may still be sporting a grazed arm, elbow and leg along with heavy bruising after they allegedly attempted to leap the very low barrier between the walkway and Indoor Court 6; and FAILED MISERABLY. The culprit was initially identified as being very RED in the face; this is likely to no longer be the case. Unfortunately all witnesses were unable to see through their tears of laughter, however let it be a lesson to anyone trying the same crime; after using the downstairs toilet, do dry your hands thoroughly before you leap.



Closing

The club/centre will be closed for the following days over Xmas :

Closed Monday 24 December 2007

Re-Open Thursday 3 January 2008

If you wish to use the outdoor courts during this period then you are able to purchase a gate key from reception for a \$10 fee.

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