

# Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club

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## TRAMLINES

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another year has raced by and a new committee is in place. It is essentially the same committee less Mary Wall and Jane Oud. Thanks to both of them for their great efforts in keeping our club strong. Jane Oud in particular has worked tirelessly for the club for a number of years and she leaves a big gap. The role of club captain is very important as they look after the rights of you the members. We are now far more reliant on members advising us of problems with club days and members rights. Please don't hesitate to advise me and/or Wayne of issues that you might be having. Also I would ask that when visitors come to Tuesday or Sunday club days that everybody makes them feel welcome and included. Jane was fantastic at doing this and I'd ask that senior members help out in this regard. New members are essential to keep us strong and the club days are effectively our recruitment ground. I've also asked the WATT employee running the board to get visitors details so that we can follow up with a phone call.

Pam Sowter will be elected as President of Auckland Tennis at the AGM and this is a great honour for the club. Pam has worked tirelessly for the club and tennis in general for many, many years. She is coming to officially open the 2010/2011 season for our club on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August. I hope that you can make it to offer her congratulations and support for her role. The opening is being run in conjunction with organised matches, the details of which are later in the Tramlines.

It is hard to believe, given the wind and rain out the window, that summer interclub is not far away. For those of you that haven't put interclub forms in yet you need to be quick as Sheryl and I have already got the framework for most teams.

On 1<sup>st</sup> October GST goes up by 2 ½ % to 15 % and the club needs to claw back this increase. Thus memberships renewed after this date will be subject to the new rates. However if you pay for your membership before this date the old rates apply, even if you renewal date is not until after 1<sup>st</sup> October. For instance if your membership falls due on the 20<sup>th</sup> October if you pay on 30<sup>th</sup> September you will pay the old rates but your membership will not need renewing until 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. we are having a working bee to attend to some of the essential jobs around the club. I would be very grateful to anyone that can help. Please advise Wayne or Colin or myself.

Finally this coming Sunday there is no club day as there is a open singles tournament being played. There will be some excellent tennis as there are some Caro Bowl players entered. Stop by and have a look.

Enjoy your tennis

*Bryan Lang*

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## TOURNAMENTS - MARK BARRETT

"I'd like to thank Jane Oud and Kevin Bowdler for assisting me on the Tournament Committee for this season.

Our first tournament will be a pre interclub social tournament which will be held on the 29th August 2010 starting at 11.15 a.m. in conjunction with the opening of the 2010/2011 season . The format will be much the same as last year with organised games (doubles + the odd singles match for singles players) with players accumulating points for an overall winner.

You don't have to be playing interclub to participate in this tournament, therefore this is a opportunity for everyone to get some good tennis before summer.

There will be a \$2 entry fee (to cover balls), and you can enrol at the front desk

Posters will be put up in the clubhouse shortly.

***Pre-Interclub Social  
Tournament &  
Summer Opening  
Sunday 29 August  
11.15 a.m.***

## LADIES MIDWEEK - ALDA PORTEOUS

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 25 August	Summer season begins	Everyone a plate please
Wednesday 8 September	Maria's Day	\$3.00 for a continuous morning tea

## INTERCLUB - SHERYL CLARK

For those of you that have not got your interclub forms back to us they are required URGENTLY if you want to play.

The first game of interclub starts on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Once the teams are out can all captains make sure that you have all your team available for your first game. If players aren't able to play one game, make sure you let your captain know in plenty of time so we can get a reserve ready.

If for some reason you are not feeling well on Thursday or

Friday night notify your captain so we can get someone on standby instead of ringing around madly on Saturday morning. It is a lot easier doing it that way than leaving it till the last minute.

Make sure you all get plenty of practice in before the first game.

Good luck

***Working Bee  
Saturday 21 August  
9.00 a.m.***



Don't forget to support our ZAP restaurants, sponsors of the Blockhouse Bay

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## WATT

### Courts

If you have been to the club within the last 7 days you will have seen that courts 1 & 2 have had the astrograss surface removed. The laying of the new courts is very much dependent on the weather and we ask that you be patient whilst the job is in progress.

Please also be aware that the contractors have OSH requirements to meet while they are working, so keep a safe distance. Remember the inconvenience is for a short period only, and the reward is 2 brand new courts.

### Facilities

With our Indoor courts we have the greatest facility of any club, treat it like you would your own home, you are a part of it.

There are plenty of rubbish bins around for bottles, cans, grip wrappings, ball can lids and so on, lets make sure we keep our club the envy of every other tennis club.

### Pro Shop

Interclub and Summer are both fast approaching, make sure you are prepared by getting your racquet restrung, there is a wide selection of string available in the shop and depending on the number of racquets in the shop, it is generally a next day service.

### 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

## JUNIORS/INTERMEDIATES

Club night for all Blockhouse Bay and WATT After School Coaching members, remains as Friday this term.

You are all eligible to come along and make use of your membership and the club facilities.

### Times are as follows:

Juniors up to 8 years	4pm - 4.45pm	Coaching Court
Juniors from 8 years	4.45pm - 5.30pm	Coaching Court
Juniors	4pm – 5.30pm	At level of playing matches
Intermediates	5.30pm – 7pm	Secondary School Students

Whilst there are lots of you who do not take advantage of the club night portion of your membership, the junior section is still busy.

However there has been a very disappointing turn up of the Intermediate section for term 2 of this year; especially given the very strong male base we have.

If you enjoy your tennis then talk to your mates and arrange so that you all attend together and you will be assured of having good matches, no matter how good you think you are, you are only going to get better by playing. As members of the only tennis club in New Zealand, with Indoor courts; you get the chance to play more than any other clubs, so get out there and use it while it is available to you.

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## AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE....

### **Congratulations**

The 2010 Uni Games were held in Southland in April this year. Andrew Kemp, a club member and also a part-time worker at the centre was runner-up in the tennis singles championship and with his partner Blair O'Brien won the doubles competition. Well done!!

### **Happy Travellers**

Pictured below is Adrian Ozbeger and his family. Adrian was a member of the Ferrier Cup team last season. He and his wife Emma and children Ayla and Aslan have been touring America since May. They started their travels in Los Angeles and after visiting Las Vegas, San Diego, San Francisco, Vancouver along the way they are now on the East Coast. After America they plan on heading to Europe for an extended visit.

