

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011

Hi Members!

It has been some time since the last newsletter but I can assure you that the committee has continued to work to make your club a better place to be.

COURT LIGHTING

We hope you are enjoying the benefits of the much improved lighting on courts 1 – 3. This lighting is the result of a long and very involved process over three years. Although we didn't get the exact lighting we wanted due to not being able to shift the poles, we are confident our members will now be able to actually see the balls they are endeavoring to hit!!! Great to see court 1, for the first time in the history of the club, is now a preferred court at night.

BOARD DUTY

Our club play sessions are an integral and very enjoyable part of club life at Kohi. Unfortunately for this area of the club to function, we do require the services of our members to man the board and make up games. If you do not turn up for your allocated duty, the job then falls to those who turn up are willing to fill your spot. This tends to fall to the same people over and over and therefore prevents them being able to enjoy a game of tennis as they are entitled to. Please ensure you turn up for your duty or, if you are unable to make your slot, arrange for a swap with someone else on the roster.

MAKING UP THE BOARD FOR GAMES

A friendly reminder to all those making up the board. As a rule of thumb, please endeavour to set 50 – 70% of games so that players are playing with players of a similar level including mixed doubles, with the remaining 30 – 50% of games in more mixed games with players of differing grading bands and abilities. Please do not always put your friends/playing partners together for all games and always on the 'favoured' courts. It is only fair that **all** members are able to enjoy their club play and be given a variety of games they can enjoy. This applies to all club play including Vets sessions.

A big 'Thank You' from the Committee to those of you who turn up and do your allocated duty, it is much appreciated.

COACHING

Some time ago we conducted a survey asking members what they most wanted from their club. One of the points raised very strongly was the desire for more coaching to be available to senior members and teams. As a committee, and in conjunction with our Head Coach Rick Healey, we have made many changes to the coaching schedules at the club to try to provide what our members requested. These include tennis fit classes and far more availability to enjoy and access senior and interclub team coaching sessions. Juniors and Mid Week Ladies have

taken advantage of these changes with great enthusiasm but we need you to patronize the following Senior coaching sessions in order to make them a viable option for the coaching staff.

Tuesday	6.30 – 8pm	New players, those coming back in to tennis, new interclub teams
Thursday	6.30 – 8pm	More advanced players, interclub players and interclub teams
Sunday	10 – 11am	Tennis fitness and technique class.
	11 – 12 noon	Tennis fitness and technique class.

AUDITOR REQUIRED

If you, or anyone you know, would be prepared to give up around 5 – 6 hours of your time to audit our annual account this year, please let us know by either contacting Anna at the office 528-8239 or phoning Wendy Baker on 021 646107 or 521-1999. We would greatly appreciate any offers of assistance with this once a year task.

Please note that we are required to have an auditor and if one cannot be procured, we'll need to go to an accounting firm, which will be expensive

JUNIOR INTERCLUB – PARENTAL BEHAVIOUR

We have had some complaints about behaviour by parents – not always our parents – at interclub games played by our Junior teams. When you come and support your children in their games we would really appreciate you observing the following guidelines put out by Tennis Auckland:

Do not sit on the courts when games are in play. There are ample viewing points outside the court perimeters.

Do not interfere in any calls made by the children. If there is a disagreement, a mutually agreeable umpire can be appointed to umpire the game.

Do not make line calls or interfere either vocally or by hand signals when games are in progress.

Any club official or home team manager is able to ask parents to leave the court so that the game can continue without interference.

Please also remember that your selectors and committee do their best to provide you with a quality season and good teams so that your children can enjoy the game of tennis. This is done on a voluntary basis and we are always looking for new volunteers to help out with this job. Jane Boyd had done an amazing job of running this for a number of years now and the committee wishes to pass on a big vote of thanks to Jane for her hard and unerring work in this area.

CLUBHOUSE SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS

Although most of us are very conscious of the security of our biggest assets - the courts and the clubhouse - there are often times when the clubhouse, the courts or both are left unlocked while no-one is on the premises. Please ensure that everything is locked up if you are the last to leave paying particular attention to the front door and the two gates that access the courts from the car park. . If you are not the last one to leave, please check that the players left are members and not visitors. If only visitors are left, please ensure they leave with you and lock the clubhouse

While we do employ a cleaner to ensure the clubrooms are kept in a clean and enjoyable state for our members, it is not the cleaner's job to clean up glasses, food and drinks that our members feel they have a right to just leave on the bench after using them. Please ensure that you and your children put all glasses and plates in the dishwasher before leaving the clubrooms and ensure any food is cleared away and disposed of correctly. This guarantees clean glasses for the members coming to use the clubrooms the next day and avoids the nasty ant attacks we suffer from when things are not left clean and tidy as they should be.

CLUB CHAMPS

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FOR THE CLUB CHAMPS FINALS: **SUNDAY 27 MARCH**

Put this day aside and come and watch our champions at work!!

Please get any last minute entries of the singles champs to Greg Davis gregd@masport.co.nz as soon as you can so that we can make this a worthwhile competition.

As is the trend at other clubs, Club Champs entries are declining. If anyone has any ideas on how to revive this area of the club, we would be glad to hear from you. Please drop an email to Anna in the office on info@kohimaramatennis.co.nz and we will give all suggestions our full consideration.

TOURNAMENT

The committee is planning a major **tournament on Sunday 20 March** as part of our tournament calendar this year. Entries will be strictly limited so watch out for more information as it becomes available.

ENJOY YOUR TENNIS!!!!