



Kohimarama Tennis Club

Newsletter

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Heineken open

To the club members who attended the Heineken Open in January wasn't it great to see two of our members Marina Erakovic and Karangi Vano performing and to know that during the years they were growing up it was Kohi that helped build the foundation stones for where they are today? Mention too should be made of Mary-Rose Scarborough and the role she has played over the years in nurturing and developing junior players with outstanding potential. The early years in Caro Bowl and the coaching platform put in place at Kohi should never be underestimated in the part it has to play. It is sometimes too easy to take for granted just how good some of our promising youngsters are.

Junior Tennis

A successful coaching program over the Christmas holiday saw 60 non club members involved and interest remains high during the first school term. There are now 90 non members involved and 17 Junior interclub teams being coached on a regular basis from Monday to Friday while Friday night continues to be popular. Thanks to Rick Healey and Rob Fisher for the continued enthusiasm in running these programs. The club welcomes new coach Joe Sullivan who is keen to become involved. A fitness session on Sunday morning from 10-11am is proposed which will be followed by individual coaching for the next two hours. Club members wishing to have coaching or requiring more information can contact the head coach Rick Healey on 528-9782 or email healeyk@xtra.co.nz

Social events

The committee is proposing two social events in the next little while so put these dates in your diary

- Easter Bunny Wednesday night Tournament- Four weeks from now. Organiser Sue Hardy.
- Trivial Pursuits- Second Friday in June. Organiser Tim Everall

Both these nights promise to be a lot of fun and will cater for all age groups. More information will be provided closer to the events. Your support and attendance is what makes these evenings a great success. Watch the notice board and website for developments.

Club Champs

This Sunday 15 March promises to be a great day for the club champs. Participants are up this year as is the level of interest and there are sure to be some high quality and exciting matches.

- Plate and consolation matches begin at one o'clock.
- Main matches begin at three o'clock.

There will be a continuous BBQ all afternoon and of course the bar will be open. Special thanks to our President and to Tim Overall and Andrew Moore for their behind the scenes work.

Coming and Goings

The club records with sadness the passing of Merv Healey earlier this year. Merv's contribution was outstanding and his friendly and cheerful manner will be missed by all who knew him.

The club welcomes Louise Mitchelson in a new role as accounts administrator working alongside the treasurer Tony McKenna. If you wish to check your current subscription status please call Louise on 521 7572 almitchelson@xtra.co.nz. The club extends its warm, heartfelt thanks to Russ Harding for the many years of service he has given to the club in administration. Thank you Russ for all you have done.

Lighting

The Executive Committee acknowledges members views on the lighting situation particularly on courts one, two and three and courts seven and eight and will continue to make this a priority. There has been considerable work behind the scenes and quotes will continue to be sought. Thanks to John Priestley and Bruce Moffitt for their efforts so far.

Interclub

The interclub season is rapidly coming to a close and the committee is keenly aware of the interest which exists surrounding teams who are subject to promotion relegation. Your results will be followed with interest in the next three weeks. Teams involved include;

- Ferrier Cup
- Presidents A
- 1st Grade
- 2nd Grade
- Open Men's Team
- Women's Caro Bowl Reserve
- 1st Women

Hang in there guys!

Parking for Club Champs

Please ensure that you only park at the club on Sunday 15 March if you are watching or playing in Club Champs or if you are attending Sunday General Play – which will be limited to courts not needed for the Club Champs Finals day. This is also the day of Round the Bays and we will be blocking off the car park from Saturday afternoon to avoid all parks being taken by Round the Bays competitors.

If you have any items of interest to contribute to the newsletter, please contact the club or Wendy Baker on wendybaker@xtra.co.nz.