

Newsletter

– Summer 2016-2017

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Merry Christmas, Shèngdàn kuàile! Merii Kurisumasu, Bada Din Mubarak Ho, Glædelig Jul. Sung Tan Chuk Ha, Feliz Navidad, Buone Feste Natalizie, , Froehliche Weihnachten, Joyeux Noël, Mauri nte Kiritimati, Meri Kirihimete

Your favourite tennis club wishes that all you members will have, are having or have had



And don't forget, as snow is extremely unlikely, the courts are open over from Christmas Eve through to Boxing Day, as well as through the New Year weekend too!

The Club is looking forward to a Prosperous New Year of 2017

Club Championships



The 2016-17 championships will be coming up after the summer holidays. Formats and other details of the different competitions for juniors, seniors and masters, men's, women's and mixed, singles and doubles will be announced soon. It is hoped that all club members will find a competition that suits their age, ability and motivation. Everyone is welcome to enter. So, before getting stuck into the mince pies, plum pudding, stollen and roast turkey with all the trimmings over the weekend, think

self-discipline and moderation



That will save a great deal on the effort to get down to your playing weight. Another fitness tip is to sacrifice the Boxing Day sale participation for a jog around [Gilpins Track and Mitchells Track](#), followed by some daily tennis practice – you know it makes sense.

Electronic and paper entry forms will be available soon from the [club website](#), on [Facebook](#), at the Clubrooms or by emailing RiccartonTennis@gmail.com.



It's not the winning but the taking part that counts.

Club members should have their 2016-17 membership cards by now. If yours hasn't arrived, email Heather on ogilvies@ihug.co.nz. This is also a friendly reminder that all subs must be paid in full by 13 January 2017. It's quick and easy to pay on the Internet: **The account number is 03-1592-0062890-000. 3585430.**

Facilities upgrade on Upper Riccarton Domain



Christchurch City Council encouraged RDTC and FC Twenty 11 to submit a combined resource consent for the facilities upgrade, including the courts redevelopment; this extended to the football clubrooms development. This we have done and the joint application has been acknowledged by the Council's Asset Planning and Management (Parks) Division. Council officials will be consulting Riccarton Cricket Club and then discussing the application

with the your RDTC committee. They expect to do this in late January/early February, and so something should start moving during the autumn and winter, and all will be realised by next spring, we hope.



Vacancies for Volunteers

The club is looking for summer and autumn volunteers to help with the lawn mowing and other enjoyable, relaxing odd jobs. These will particularly suit those who really need to lose weight and get fit for the club championships – there's nothing like ground-weeding to tone that back and some high hedge trimming for those shoulders and that serve.

If we get a few people to put their hands up, we will only have to do it once each, maybe twice.

So, If you have time in your hand or want a bit of exercise, please ring or message or txt Bryan on 0211192682.

PS A general thank you to all the people helping with the mowing roster so far this season.



Club AGM News: Life Member

The dedicated services and enthusiasm of Bryan Clark, the former president to the club, were recognised at the recent AGM by making Bryan, a life member. We wish you all the best Bryan and Hi 5 for the award, you deserve it.



2017 RDTC Junior Tennis Coaching for Summer and Autumn

Coaching will recommence after the holidays – watch out for the announcements.

Canterbury Tennis Junior Interclub Spring 2016

Three RDTC teams have competed in the Junior Interclub competitions this quarter.

Here are links to the results and draws, and the points as recorded at the time of going to press:

BOYS 14's SAT Division 2 [Points](#) [Draw](#)

Here's the points:

Team	Played	Rnd: 1	2	3	4	5	Total	Members
Burnside Park 14's Dokovic	4	16	8		16	16	56	List
Cashmere Aces	4	16		12	16	0	44	List
Beckenham	4	0	8	4		14	26	List
Edgeware 14's	4	0	8	16	0		24	List
Riccarton Domain Green	4		8	d	0	2	10	List

The Boys 14s team of Oliver Butler, Adam Gopperth, Janula Fernando, Ryan O'Connell and Yutaro Kawano are struggling a bit but hope to pick up in the second half of the competition beginning in February.

GIRLS Junior Open Division 2 [Points](#) [Draw](#)

Here's the points:

Team	Played	Rnd: 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Members
Beckenham Beckenham 2	7	14	8	16	14	14	14	16	96	List
Opawa	6	16	8	14	16	16	2		72	List
Riccarton Domain Blue	6	16	8	d	16	4	16		60	List
Burnside Park 16+ Pliskova	7	2	8	4	12	0	16	14	56	List
Waimairi Red D2	7	0	8	12	2	12	d	14	48	List
Riccarton Domain Red	6		8	2	0	8	16	2	36	List
Cashmere	7	0	8	12	0	8	0	d	28	List
Waimairi Gold D2	6		8	4	4	2	0	2	20	List

The Girls Blue Open team of Eileen Dixon, Emma Wilson, Sophie Butler, Aimee Boniface and Sian O'Connell have performed reasonably well, although they found the two top teams just a bit too good when it came to the crunch.

The Girls Red Open team of Anna Pryor, Sophie Gough, Rosie Burton and Taylor McKenzie came through quite well and are looking forward to picking up in the second half of the competition in February.

Thank you to Bethan Boniface, the Club's Junior Convenor, and all other parents and friends who've supported the teams each Saturday.

And a word from Richard . . .

Hi everyone,

The tennis season is in full swing, be it at Riccarton Domain, around Canterbury and the South Island, at the New Zealand Tennis Classics in Auckland in early January and at the Australian Open in Melbourne in the final week of January. Then, of course, we have the Riccarton Domain Club Championships coming up too.

We hope you are having a great season of playing, supporting and watching. Don't forget, it's all for fun and you can play at the club as often as you want. In fact, with so many new people in Upper Riccarton and round about, why not bring the club and its friendly, welcoming atmosphere to your friends, acquaintances, neighbours and so on. The more the merrier.

Just a reminder about who's doing what in the club administration. Bethan is the Junior Convenor, Mirei is the Club Treasurer, Sarah is the Club Secretary and Lester has also joined the Committee. This mixture of Senior Players, Youth Players and Parents is a club strength. We are also very pleased to have Bryan continuing on the Committee as past President. Heather continues to look after our Membership Database and Hegnes is still doing a great job with the newsletter and website.

We're excited about the plans to improve the grounds and will keep you informed of progress throughout the season.

Many thanks for your continued support

Richard

President



Diary Dates for Tennis Everywhere in NZ Summer-Autumn 2017

2 Jan 2017	3 Jan 2017	Drylands Marlborough Doubles Tournament Venue: Rapaura Tennis Club, 770 Rapaura Road, BLENHEIM	Open	N/A	Marlborough
13 Jan 2017	15 Jan 2017	West Coast Junior Open 2017 - Tier 3 Venue: Grey United Courts, Shakespeare Street, GREYMOUTH	Junior	Junior Masters	West Coast
21 Jan 2017	25 Jan 2017	TNZ Seniors National Individual Championships 2017 Venue: Hagley Park Tennis Club, Riccarton Avenue, CHRISTCHURCH	Senior	N/A	Canterbury
27 Jan 2017	29 Jan 2017	Marlborough Junior Open - Tier 3 Venue: Marlborough Tennis Centre, Parker Street, BLENHEIM	Junior	Junior Masters	Marlborough
4 Feb 2017	5 Feb 2017	West Coast Tennis Open Venue: Grey United Courts, Shakespeare Street, GREYMOUTH	Open	N/A	West Coast
7 Apr 2017	9 Apr 2017	Nelson Junior Summer Open 2017 - Tier 3 Venue: Tasman Tennis Centre, Gladstone Rd, Richmond, NELSON	Junior	Junior Masters	
20 Apr 2017	24 Apr 2017	2017 Tennis Canterbury Junior Championships Venue: Z Energy Wilding Park, Woodham Rd, CHRISTCHURCH	Junior	Junior Masters	Canterbury
15 Jul 2017	17 Jul 2017	Marlborough Junior Winter Open - Tier 3 Venue: Marlborough Tennis Centre, Parker Street, BLENHEIM	Junior	Junior Masters	



Club Days

Saturday (2 till 5 pm) and Wednesday (7 pm till dusk)
where everyone gets a game

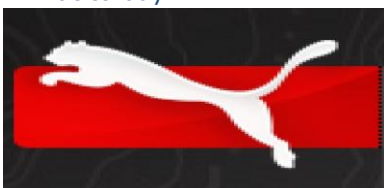
And after the on court action, there's always a chance to have a natter, discuss the latest tournament success, wonder at world events, think about cutting the grass, and putting those calories back on >>>>>

So, just signing off with a Merry Christmas, Prosperous New Year and Happy Holidays greeting to all members and readers

Hegnes Dixon - Webmaster / Newsletter Editor

Discounts for club members

Members can get a discount on all stock from Frontrunner, which is located at Bush Inn Centre past the bakery and butchers. Show your membership card (or just mention that you are a club member). Alistair has been a tennis coach so he can give you great advice on what to buy.



Members can get a discount on shoes only from Puma Sports; this store is located at DressMart in Hornby. The discount is 40% off any type of shoes. Collect the Puma Sports Card from the clubrooms first.

Racquet restrings

Stephen Davies can help you with this matter: Phone: 03 980 8032. The price is \$27.00 - \$35.00 depending on strings (Prince and Luxilon Big Banger strings). Normal turnaround is 3-4 days, but can do next day, if urgent.

Another fundraiser: earn \$250 for our Club from BNZ

Our Club will receive \$250 for each home loan drawn on the bank of more than \$100,000. All you need to do is provide the Bank with the Sport Club Supporters code of RDTC (even if they don't ask for it) when organising your loan. You can give the code to any acquaintances - they do not need to be a Club member or even family. The Club won't know who has taken out the loan but will greatly appreciate any funds it receives.

Please spread the word as wide as you can and remember the code **RDTC**. This is a continuing, long-term scheme - so keep the details handy for any time in the future.

If you have any questions you can phone the Bank directly on 0800 275 269 or Heather Ogilvie (Club membership coordinator) on 021 1257334.



The [club website](#) is full of other information about the club (including a link to its [Facebook page](#)) and is an easy way to refer potential members and other interested people to the club.