

Newsletter

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Hello and Kia Ora Everyone

First an **Urgent** and **Important** item



ASB 2012 Junior Christmas Classic

Tennis Canterbury is staging this year's classic on 18 to 21 December (NB 22 December is a wet weather reserve day) at Edgware and Spreydon Tennis Clubs. There are competitions for girls and boys (except 8s is boys only), as follows:

16s/18s singles and doubles on 18-20 December

14s singles and doubles, and 12s singles and doubles on 19-21 December

8s, 9s, 10s singles and doubles on 20-21 December.

Entries close online at **11.59pm on Thursday (13/12/12) (Send manual entries with a postmark of no later than 5pm on Tuesday (11/12/12)).**

Entry forms are at <http://www.canterburytennis.co.nz/play-tennis/tournaments/junior>

Coaching Announcement

This is the final week of coaching, and there'll be a holiday break after Tuesday 18.

For the recommencement of coaching, please visit the website, facebook or contact one of the coaches pictured on page 3.

The sessions will be taking place through February and will run through to the end of the summer season. Don't forget that cancellations for coaching are posted on our Facebook page at the following link.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Riccarton-Domain-Tennis-Club-Inc/309672628242>.



Christmas Greetings from President Bryan

The Club wishes all its members and friends a jolly Yuletide, with a reminder that the courts are available



throughout the holiday, and you are urged to make full use of them. Members get priority over visitors, even our friend here. However, if you should see him, he's partial to mince pies and sherry, apparently; and his livestock like carrots.

We also wish you a prosperous New Year of 2013, and hope that you'll make the best of January, to prepare for the 2012-13 Season Club Championships. Details of these have been announced, as per p. 4.



Speaking of prosperity, there is the little matter of everyone being up-to-date with their 2012-13



membership subscriptions. Can you please ensure you make payment in full by 15 December, or otherwise come to suitable arrangements with the club treasurer, Neil Swift, on fishingneil@gmail.com or tel. 3585430.

The rates for the 2012-2013 Season are \$170 for Full Membership – that lets you play socially all year round, and you get the newsletter!. School and tertiary students get the \$130 concession (just show us your ID). And for Junior Tennis including weekly coaching over the summer, it's only \$155. That's 50 cents a day or less.

Here's a list of new members who've joined since September:

Seniors

Arin Basu	Teisi Mackenzie	Andrew Munnings	
Mark Nicholls	Nigel Patmore	Katie Tran	Tim Togliaso

Students

Emily Barber	Georgia Jones	Kristina Krueger	Hamish Mabey
Chris Moore	Grace Smart	Ravindee Tittagalla	

Juniors

Arabella Aitken	George Allen	Maurine Basu	Charlotte Boyd
Rosie Burton	Victoria Burton	Jasmine Chin	Ethan Cooke
Adam Gopperth	Mikayla Hanson	Nahid Hossain	Joshua Kim
WonJeung Kim	Nishitha Maarka	Amy Kito-Thompson	
Alan Li	Imas Neupane	George McGuffie	
Crystal Li	Eziah Togliaso	Youngrim Gi Munnings	
Emma Patmore	Samuel McGuffie		

By the way, there has been a delay at the printers with the membership cards but they should be available before the summer solstice. Everybody who had paid their subs will receive one from Santa.

Coaching

And noticing the surge in our junior members, it's important to appreciate how much coaching is now happening on Saturdays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and all the other days, it appears. Well done to everyone involved,



photographed and otherwise.

By the way, now the sweltering weather is with us, please remember to come well-equipped to practices, matches and to socialise. That means not just racquets and balls, but sun hats, sun cream and a water bottle, preferably filled with good old Southern Alps water straight out the tap. Oh, and you might find shades and a visor helps to see the balls better.



In among the coaching, the juniors, and some seniors, showed great willingness to be part of the fudge fundraising to buy new balls for the club. A big thank you to everyone who participated, as sellers, buyers and eaters, and administrators and money collectors.

And for anyone of all ages, Ian Allso is running an Easi-tennis programme. It is 6 lessons of 1 hour and will be tailored to the ability of the attendees. Please contact ian.allso@xtra.co.nz if you want to join in – it'll be between \$8 to \$15 a lesson depending on numbers.

Interclub

The coaching seems to be giving rise to favourable consequences, including in the increasingly improving Interclub participation and performances. Six teams, comprised of 30 children, entered the Canterbury Tennis Junior Interclub competitions this year. Not only have the teams enjoyed their games and improved their skills because of these opportunities to play competitive tennis, but they have been winning their fair share of games. Congratulations to you all.

For detailed results each week, please visit the Canterbury Tennis results websites. Here are the links:

[Boys 10s Division 2 Fri](#)

RDTC is running away with this division, having scored 39 points out of a possible 40

[Boys 13s Division 2 Sat](#)

RDTC is currently vying for the top place with the two Edgeware teams, who are drawn against each other in the final round

[Girls 12s Division 2 Sat](#)

RDTC is gradually improving, and might do enough in the last week to overtake Edgeware and Bishopdale

[Girls 15s Division 2 Sat](#)

RDTC have had a hard time of it against the top three teams and face league leaders Avonhead Gold in the last week

The 2nd half of the season begins in February and just maybe everyone will achieve that first magical win.



Meanwhile, among the seniors, here's how things stand:

Division 3 Mixed

RDTC are due to meet Edgeware for the run off for the wooden spoon

Division 4 Mixed

RDTC are playing for pride in the final round



On the tournament front, RDTC was represented in the ASB Primary and Intermediate School Championships Canterbury last month by Diego Quispe-Kim.

Although playing boys mostly a year or two older, Diego still managed to achieve the runner-up spot in the Boys 8s. Apart from the tournament success, Diego is also qualifying for national points that count in being classified to represent the Canterbury region. Other juniors are encouraged to enter these tournaments, such as the ASB 2012 Junior Christmas Classic detailed on the front page.



Some words on Etiquette from a wise old man

Court etiquette is very important for the harmony and enjoyment that everyone can get out of playing tennis. During the junior interclub matches, there are Canterbury-wide rules that RDTC and other teams are expected to follow. It's important that the young players not only play tennis but also administer their own games, including making line calls, keeping score, etc.

While parents are an important part of the support team for players, they need to exercise restraint and withstand the temptation to officiate. So, during matches the principle function of parents and other supporters is to let the players play and enjoy themselves, while giving encouragement. It is not to umpire matches or take the score.

And speaking of wise persons . . .

We celebrated the retirements of Alyson Topchij and Colin at clubday at the beginning of December, with afternoon tea in the clubrooms. A presentation was made to Alyson, to mark her intention to not always be the first player on the court every Saturday, and even to play less frequently than she has. Alyson is a Life Member of RDTC, and her name is engraved on the club's trophies countless times.

During the presentation, Alyson was congratulated on being an inspiration to the Riccarton Domain Tennis Club. It was recognised that Alyson has always been very passionate about tennis and someone that other club members would do well by looking up to.



Members expressed the hope that Alyson will continue to play occasionally and continue to inspire the younger and newer members of the club.

Colin is also a Life Member and well known to everyone for the numerous jobs he has carried out around the club house. The club members were thankful to have the opportunity to acknowledge him and convey their best wishes. Many thanks were expressed for all Colin's hard work, invaluable time and contribution to the club. He was encouraged to enjoy his retirement.



There are now more pictures like this on the [club's website](#), and everyone is encouraged to post your tennis pictures, and your tennis stories on the [club Facebook page](#). This is a great way of keeping the tennis community informed on what is happening!

Speaking of Facebook, [Tennis Canterbury](#) now has a page there with lots of info you'll find useful. This will be a great way to keep everyone updated on what is happening with everything Tennis.

The 2012-13 Club Championships

Entering for the Senior Club Championships is now in progress. An email was sent to all seniors on the club list on Sunday 2 December, so if you didn't receive the email, please let Bryan Clarke (tel. 0211192682) know. Here's the gist of what the email says:

There are 5 events:

- Women's singles
- Men's singles
- Mixed doubles
- Men's doubles
- Women's doubles.

You can enter online [using this link](#).

Each person can enter all the events for which they are eligible (i.e., up to three events). Each person should enter each event as an individual – that includes the doubles events.

The format of the draw will depend upon the number of entries received. For doubles, the draw administrators will compile pairings with a view to pairings providing the most even possible matchups.

Dates of matches will be advised once the draw is sorted out, with provision for flexibility to enable matches to be convenient for players involved and to maintain the progression of the championships through January and into February.

Tennis fun day

This event is being planned and everyone is encouraged to get involved. Some ideas for what might be included have been hatched by the Funday Committee.

- Serving game - hit a target and win a prize (sort of a coconut shy but with tennis racquets and balls)
 - Most points competition - doubles tennis with whoever makes an error gets replaced and whoever has the longest run of points after say 30 minutes is the winner (sort of musical chairs but with tennis racquets and balls)
 - Sausage sizzle with onion, bread and sauce and charge \$2
 - Soft drinks for a \$1
 - Beer and Wine for \$2.50
- More ideas
- A tombola stall
 - Longest rally competition (by age group)
 - A fudge eating competition!!!\$5 to participate

Any other bright ideas that club members have – please email thoughts or additions to Nigel Patmore (nkpatmore@yahoo.com) and/or George Williams (george.williams@xnet.co.nz).

Junior Club Championships

There'll be an announcement soon about these, so watch out for emails and check the website.

Coaching Tip

Virtual Tennis: Keep playing even when you are not at the domain, through:

Club Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/riccartontennis2/>

Club Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Riccarton-Domain-Tennis-Club-Inc/309672628242>

Ho Ho Ho and Jingle bells to all members and *Happy Holidays*

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