



## **Hello and Kia Ora Everyone**

President's report: *Bryan Clarke*

It has been a really good season from a number of aspects.

For the first time (for so many years) we had a senior team entered in the mixed 4's grade that plays on Saturday afternoons. Heather, Catherine, Mandy, Mayank, Juan and the occasional reserve all played and even though they didn't win many of their games, their participation was definitely beneficial for the club. The increased intensity, consistency and playmaking needed to compete at



interclub level had flowed through to general club day play.

This year we had a 3 boys interclub teams, 2 girls teams and the mini-tennis team. I particularly want to thank the parents who made the mini-tennis team

happen each week. It is not easy to get children across town on a Friday afternoon but the youngsters loved it, especially when they won which they did a few times. What is really important is that in the past our teams have struggled when our players have come up against opponents who have 2 or 3 seasons more competitive experience. By starting off our youngsters with mini-tennis we will remove that disadvantage.



The three boys team did really well - the Boys 14 grade (Ben Dowers, Luke Trenberth, Rowan Clarke, Oscar Neil and Ryan Treleaven) making the final and coming second.



The Boys 12 team (Jason Archer, Rupert Neil, Wilbur Neil and Edwin Dixon) had a great late run, making their way up the table to earn a semi-final against the second best team who they then beat for a spot in the final, again coming second. And of course our Boys 9 Team (Diego Quispe-Kim, David Archer, Isaac Smith, Joshua Read, Jethro Read and Hunter Mason) were the top ranked finalists winning a closely fought match to be the club's first winning team (for so many years). Great result and well deserved. I hope I haven't missed anyone out.



Many thanks to our coaching staff (Steven Davies, Ian Allso and Juan Quispe-Chavez) for preparing the teams so well and for making tennis such an enjoyable exercise for all the juniors.

Silver and Gold pins for the 3 winning and

runner-up teams were presented at our end of season prize-giving by Neil Prior the new CEO of Canterbury Tennis. The most Improved Junior trophy went to Christie Allen. Neil also handed out the trophies to the senior players following a keenly contested Club championships.



- Ladies Singles - Mandy Wilson
- Mens Singles - George Williams
- Ladies Doubles - Heather Ogilvie and Rose Dowers
- Mens Doubles - George Williams and Bryan Clarke
- Mixed Doubles - Heather Ogilvie and George Williams
- Most Improved Senior - Sarah Malin



Thanks also goes to Jacque Te Kaat-Byrne who (for so many years) has been the tireless Junior Convenor and is deciding to step down after this season, although she will be around to help out whoever takes over.



***The 2012 trophy proud winners***

Also stepping down is Jade Clarke the secretary so we are looking for people to help keep the club maintain the momentum that it has built up

**Canterbury Tennis** has encouraged the club to develop a Strategy to make sure that we stay on track and develop the club. The committee has done this and is working toward a series of goals. We will report on the progress towards these goals next newsletter.

Finally a competition - Google's satellite seems to have flown over the club one Saturday afternoon while club day was in full swing. The shadows are of various widths and lengths and shapes according to the height, girth and gender of the players.

1. Correctly identify all players
2. Who is serving on Court 3?
3. Who is not wearing a sunhat on court 2?
4. What is the score in the singles match in Court 1?



First correct answer gets a spot on the management committee next year.  
Our daytime session is on

**Saturdays, afternoon club sessions**

These are in full swing by 2 pm and go to at least 4.30 pm, with some people going strong much later.

### **New Members**

The season continues and we have lots of juniors and students to welcome:

#### **JUNIORS**

Ben Curd-McCullough  
Yamato Kobashi  
Chloe & Cody Wu

#### **STUDENTS/SENIORS**

Ben Young; Sam Poison-Belloir; Paul Geraghty; Melvin Hallegado; Tim Johnson; Andrew Jenkins; Fran Lien; Meho Ito; Kaori Kobashi; Charles Gonnaud; Ting Wu; Lawrence Wu

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From the CEO, Tennis Canterbury region Inc- Neil Prior

### **WILSON BALL ADOPTION BY TENNIS CANTERBURY CLUBS: BALL TESTING**

As you'll be aware, the Wilson 'Australian Open' tennis ball is *"The Official Ball of Tennis Canterbury"*. As such and as per the terms of our sponsorship agreement with Brittain Wynyard (NZ distributors of Wilson sporting products), this Wilson ball

is prescribed to be used for all Tennis Canterbury Region Inc ('TCRI') competitions including interclub and tournaments. This sponsorship is a very valuable one for us. Over the latter part of the just completed season, we had related to us a concern about the durability of the Wilson ball. Please note that this concern was not by any means widespread, and was formally expressed only by one Sub Association with regards ball wear on abrasive asphalt courts. We have received no formal advice of any wear issues of the Wilson ball on modern (Plexipave type) surfaces. However we have listened to that concern, and both Brittain Wynyard and TCRI have acted on it:

In recent weeks Brittain Wynyard has been researching, both nationally and internationally, for any issues with regards the Wilson ball. It should be noted that no issues have been reported.

That research has extended to two "Play Tests" of the Wilson 'Australian Open' ball; the Wilson 'US Open' ball; and the Slazenger 'Hard court' ball.

The first of those tests was conducted by Brittain Wynyard, and they have provided that test (and the balls used for it) to TCRI. TCRI has replicated that test for our own findings.

The testing compared playability factors such as bounce, speed, visibility; and all aspects of wear such as felt loss or 'fluffing-up'.

**The results and conclusions of these two tests were very similar:**

**There was no wear or playability issues for either of the two Wilson balls; the Wilson 'Australian Open' ball was deemed to rate overall the best of the three balls; and the Slazenger ball was deemed to have the worst extent of wear.**

The full detailed results of the TCRI ball test are attached, you can also find them on our website at [www.canterburytennis.co.nz/balltest](http://www.canterburytennis.co.nz/balltest) ; and you're welcome to inspect both sets of balls tested.

I hope that you will support the Wilson sponsorship, and adopt the use of the Wilson ball for all your usual club play also so that Brittain Wynyard can receive a retail sales financial return on their investment in our sport.

[From Ball Sports Manager – Brittain Wynyard and Company Ltd](#)

*Phil Horne*

**To Canterbury Tennis Clubs**

**We write as NZ distributors for Wilson tennis equipment.**

**As advised in Neil's letter we are proud that The Australian Open ball is the official ball of Canterbury Tennis.**

**You will recall that we made contact with you last season in respect of a preferential price offer for your club ball requirements.**

**We are very pleased to advise that we are again, offering your Club the opportunity to take advantage of an exclusive offer for 2012 / 2013 season.**

**Details are available through your preferred supplier of Wilson tennis balls – they will be in contact to discuss specifics with you.**

**You will note that we, in conjunction with Canterbury Tennis have undertaken rigorous and detailed testing of Wilson and other balls.**

**We are delighted with the results of the testing and we are pleased to be able to offer you the best ball available.**

### **Neil Prior CEO address to Tennis NZ / Tennis Canterbury “Proposed New Affiliation Fee Model and Promato Database Tool presentations:**

I may not be exaggerating by saying that, as a tennis community, we could in the future look back at tonight’s presentation as a possibly defining time for our sport:

Firstly in terms of a new affiliation fee model; and secondly how we as clubs, associations, and a regional and national body, communicate with participants in our sport.

These initiatives are long overdue; they have been developed very carefully and over a considerable period; and as your regional body we endorse and support them. And it’s worth adding: change can be a very good thing, if done well!

Tennis Canterbury fully supports these initiatives so I just want to add a few background comments to “set the scene” for this presentation:

The current affiliation fee model, where clubs declare their membership numbers each season to determine the total affiliation fee paid to Tennis Canterbury and Tennis NZ, is both cumbersome and outdated. The administrative load that goes with it is also burdensome, for both you as Clubs and us as your Region. And it is potentially, and possibly also materially, fraught with inaccurate reporting. So for those reasons, and there are others that can also be added, there is certainly room for improving the model.

Secondly, if our sport is to be considered as a credible, national sport, then we need a national database so that we can communicate directly with our members. Not just to Clubs, but directly to members. One of the challenges that any organization faces, and especially a sport that relies on the great work of volunteers, is getting the communication beyond the front door of the club: we can get the message to your shop door, but not directly to your, and our, customers who pay for the product – in this case, their participation in our sport.

And thirdly, the new affiliation fee model provides the opportunity for access to significantly higher funding at a national level by reporting greater participation in our sport; and the database provides not just a communication tool but also funding opportunities for tennis regionally, and potentially for your club also, by connecting your members to the wider community.

**So there is much to be considered. We support this as a way forward for our sport.**

**Website / Facebook ... *to find out more in detail what the*** Proposed New Affiliation Fee Model and the Promato Database Tool presentations please visit the website.

The club website is full of other information about the club (including its Facebook page) and is an easy way to refer potential members and other interested people to the club. The URL is:

<http://sites.google.com/site/riccartontennis2/home>

### **Concluding stuff ...**

Thank you from all members to all the volunteers who are helping out in running the club and doing a great job. We still need more people for a few other important and mostly enjoyable tasks, so if you are interested in getting involved, ask Bryan Clarke when you see him, or ring 021 119 2682 or drop an email to [riccartontennis@gmail.com](mailto:riccartontennis@gmail.com).

### **And signing off ...**

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