

Newsletter
Autumn 2012



Hello and Kia Ora Everyone

Alas! The chilly breeze of autumn is approaching again. The leaves will start falling soon, filling up our driveways, roads and gutters. But do not be dispirited, as the weather forecast is for sunshine and warm temperatures for this weekend. So, head on down to the courts for competitive or friendly tennis. We all know that there is plenty of joy when it comes to tennis.

Our main daytime sessions are 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. And don't forget the last few

Wednesday evening club sessions

These are in full swing by 6.15 pm and going on into the twilight.



New Members

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

JUNIORS

Chang Jun Shin
Andrew Kim
Nigel La
Dianna La

Andre Taylor
Joseph Andrews
Matthew Kim
Ashley Hudson

Sion Park
Abdullah Algarni
Iros Neupane

STUDENTS

Gareth Vile
David Moore
Ryan Smith



Club Championships 2012

The doubles champions have emerged as:

Bryan and George and Rose and Heather

Well done champions and to everyone else who competed

The singles finals are coming up soon. They are between:

Mandy and Tess

Juan and George

Good luck everyone.

The mixed doubles are nearing completion as well, so watch out for them too.

We'll let you know about presenting the trophies.

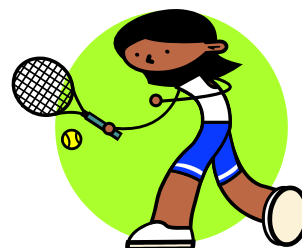


Autumn Coaching by Stephen:

Even as summer comes to an end (and despite the competition from "winter sport"), many people have expressed an interest in continuing to receive some tennis coaching over winter. With this in mind, Stephen is offering to run a 10-week coaching programme (one hour per session) in school terms 2 and 3 (April-June; July to August, until 10 sessions in good weather are complete).



WHEN and WHERE WILL IT BE HELD? The coaching will be held on Thursdays and Saturdays. Thursdays will be 4.00 – 5.00 pm and Saturdays will be 11.00 am – 12.00 noon. The coaching will be held at Riccarton Domain Tennis Club. Stephen will add a second session on Saturday morning for Beginners (age 10 – 11) if sufficient numbers should warrant it. However, the other two sessions are really designed for intermediate and advancing children who play interclub, or are at least up to a reasonably capable standard.



PRICE AND ENTRIES BY DATE The price is \$90.00 per child or \$160.00 for two or more children from the same family. Cheques should be made payable to Stephen Davies. Entries need to be in by **Saturday 14 April** - see form overleaf. In order to confirm your participation, **payment MUST** accompany your entry. This programme will only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers to make it viable. You will be contacted by Stephen once the Entries By date has passed. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Stephen (ph: 980 – 8032), or speak to him at team practises. Depending on the number of entries, other coaches may also be used.



Autumn-Winter-Spring coaching application form

Name of child: _____ Age: _____

PH: _____ Email: _____

Cellphone: _____

Please tick the appropriate box:

- My child is a Beginner, learning the basics of tennis.
- My child plays Interclub, or is of a reasonably capable standard

I would like to attend on (tick both if you are flexible and able to):

- Thursdays
- Saturdays

I give _____ permission to participate in the Riccarton Domain Winter Tennis Coaching Programme.

Signed: _____

Quick summary of this opportunity

When: Thursday 26 April / Saturday 28 April (and 9 further weeks thereafter until 10 have been completed)

Where: Riccarton Domain Tennis Club.

Price: \$90.00 for one child (\$160.00 for two or more from same family).

Entries: Close by Saturday 14 April (along with payment).

Contact: Stephen Davies (ph: 980 – 8032) or 027 6636 375 or Email sbdavies@paradise.net.nz

Please note that the final day for summer coaching for this season is: Wednesday 28th March / Saturday 31st March. A big thank you to Stephen our head coach and to Ian and Juan our assistant coaches, for your valued dedication to the club. Through your coaching expertise, all the players have lifted their skill levels and are obviously enjoying their tennis. Hopefully next year more players will put their name down to play in a competition team. Coaching plus team play does improve your game.



Interclub Competitions

It was great news that two members of our club, Diego Quispe-Kim (age 6) and Chang Jun Shin (age 9) won the doubles championship for Under 9s in the Christmas Tournament organised by Canterbury Tennis and held at Cashmere Club. This is a fantastic result for the boys themselves and also for Riccarton Domain Tennis.



Junior Interclub

by Juan (community coach); and Jacque

Our Under 9 Interclub Division 1 team comprises:

- 1.- Diego Quispe-Kim
- 2.- Chang Yun shin
- 3.- Isaac Smith
- 4.- Joshua Read
- 5.- Jethro Read
- 6.- David Archer (reserve)
- 7.- Hunter Mason (reserve)

The team is leading the Division 1 group and is the firm favourite to be in the final, and could make history for Riccarton Domain Tennis Club. Before last Saturday the team had accumulated 56 points and its win then has probably earned 6 more points. The nearest challengers are 10 points behind.

Our boys 12s team and boys 14s team have won 2 out of 3 matches so far. Well done boys. Enjoy the rest of your games and good luck.

The season has 3 more weeks to run, including the semi-finals and final. The points and upcoming fixtures are on the Canterbury Tennis web page: <http://www.canterburytennis.co.nz/junior-interclub.html>.

WELL DONE BOYS, we are proud of you, so keep going!

Senior Interclub *by Mandy*

Last Saturday's games were called off due to bad and cold weather. That was unfortunate, because overall it has been a really good experience to play other clubs, experience definitely shows in



those who haven't played for over 10yrs! Despite the lack of experience in the tournament we did well even though it may not show in ranking. We had a lot of close games! Thanks for entering a team. Great idea!



Seasonal stuff

The club is ticking along nicely thanks to your subscriptions. Remember, your full membership of \$130 (\$90 for students, and \$20 autumn special for new juniors and seniors) means you can play socially for the rest of the tennis year (ends August), and we expect there'll be plenty of blue sky days in the months ahead.



And just a friendly reminder to anyone who is in arrears, please pay your outstanding subs for this year. *Payments can be made on line, Westpac Bank Acc. No. 03 1592 0062890-00 or the Treasurer Neil Swift 7 Hawkswood Place Avonhead Christchurch 8042 Ph 3584530 .*



Other stuff

George is looking to buy a better quality graphite tennis racquet so if anybody wants to sell a tennis racquet - maybe one that isn't being used anymore please get in touch with George.

Website / Facebook ...

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.

Oh, and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our coach STEPHEN who turns a year older on the 11th March. Best wishes from all of us.

Remember - your membership entitles you all to play on the courts throughout the winter season with other team members/parents. The new season begins again sometime in September. Present members will be notified by e-mail of the actual starting date closer to the time. In the meantime - continue to ENJOY your tennis.



And signing off ...

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