



NEWSLETTER : December 2017

FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Greetings Te Kura Hagley Park Tennis Club members, friends & families. There's so much to tell in this end-of-year catch up, starting with an update on our merged committee.

Merger Update: From where we were this time a year ago some "*breath-taking*" (so says Jon Derry from Sport Canterbury) progress has been achieved! We have essentially already merged/unified membership, finance, committee & coaching crews which are massive achievements over a four-month period. Huge credit is due to the many people involved for their goodwill, positive attitudes and flexibility. The new committee continues to benefit from this

positivity. The next milestone will be a new club website which should also enable a new 'one club' email communication system and then we look forward to the new courts project. More on that later! With such rapid changes some *wobbles* are inevitable so I need everyone to be sure to communicate well any concerns they may have to a committee member and our combined committee appreciates your tolerance as we work through issues.

The key 'players' of this merged committee are listed at the end of this newsletter & a full list of committee members is available for you on both club noticeboards.

J u n i o r T e n n i s : There are some good Junior tennis playing opportunities every Saturday afternoon through the summer. The sessions run from 2:30-3:30pm followed by afternoon tea and optional extended play thereafter. They are the junior version of our Saturday afternoon adult play and are brilliant for parents who will enjoy the adult play session in parallel with the kids. Games start at the simplest level, and use the smaller equipment and courts. We have a great group of 8-10 kids most weeks, ranging from age 4-8. As with most play sessions - *the more the merrier* - and for kids wanting to improve time on court is crucial, so we hope more members will get involved.

C l u b p h o n e l i s t For those Hagley members wanting to connect with Te Kura members a new phone list will be produced eventually. In the meantime, contact Vicky or James for player contact information.

Tim Preston, President
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Play Tennis. Get Fit. Have fun!

SOCIAL TENNIS STUFF!

From the Coach – Hugo

- **Tuesday night group coaching.** For Adults from 6 – 7.30pm with a fee payable to Hugo.
- **Wednesday night social tennis** Wed 6-8pm, **Free for members.** (Bring friends along - it's \$10.00 for non-members). Some coaching drills on offer and some mini competitions to win prizes. Always a great social atmosphere
- **Saturday afternoon** – we have our members' day. Hit off from 1pm with a cuppa around 3.30 then play on after that if you wish.
- **Facebook Page** Please 'like' us on our 'Te Kura Hagley Park Tennis Club' FB page – you might see yourself there!!

Refer to the Coach's page for more tennis playing opportunities...

Kids' Camping night - Dec 9th:



Kids are getting excited, and some younger adults are starting to get interested too. It feels like it will be a

memorable night.

And the 'I'm too old for camping' group might still be sociable for dinner and/or breakfast. If you don't know what I'm talking about yet, then check your diary for Saturday evening (9th) and look for the club email notice sent 27/11/17 or the club noticeboard.

For camping and breakfast please RSVP to Tim (tim@prestons.org.nz 027-6414301), for afternoon play and dinner no RSVP is required.

Mid Week Ladies

- Katherine Baird & Vicki Jones

There are two Mid-week inter-club teams - A & B with both teams playing on Wednesday mornings from September to April BUT they need more team members!! Regulars &/or reserve players; Male & Female will be made very welcome.



Next year's competition will start on 7th February. We alternate playing at our home club and other clubs, from 9.30am. The format is 4 sets of doubles played to 6 games and this is followed by lunch that the home team provides. Please contact Katherine Baird (351 6082) or katherine.baird@xtra.co.nz for the A team and Vicky Jones (348 3805) or chchjones@xtra.co.nz for the B team if you would like more information.

Volunteers Wanted!
Seniors Tournament –
27/28 January '18
Contact Christine Yap
(clcyap25@gmail.com)
021 301 3751



Junior Tennis Action

Some highlights of just some of our 'junior' players...

Our top two 16 year old juniors **Jamie Garbett & Will Schneideman** who both play Premier Men's for TKHP had some impressive achievements recently. They travelled to Wellington to compete in the NZ Masters this is the top 8 players in NZ play off. Unfortunately they both got injured & had to withdraw. Last month they were both selected to be in the Canterbury Nationals team to play in January after the individual nationals where they were both seeded in the top eight. Last holidays Jamie & Will competed in the ITF tournaments & managed to pick up some hard earned points which is a great effort at aged 16.

Nick Schneideman made the 14s NZ masters & came 4th. **Jenner Johnson** competed in the second tier masters & won. Nick was runner up in the Canterbury secondary school tournament for his year last week & won doubles with Jenner Johnson. Jenner has been selected for the 14s National teams event in January & is seeded 10th at the Nationals individual event.

Charlie Morrison was runner up at the Secondary schools tournament last week for his year group. Charlie has also been selected for the National Teams event for 14s in January & is seeded 6th at the individual nationals. **Liam Barrett** was also selected for the NZ Masters for the 12s & came 6th. Liam has also been selected for the Canterbury Teams event for the 12s in January & is seeded 4th at the individual nationals. Liam is currently in Australia representing NZ at the Australian showdown.

Wonjeong Kim has also been selected for the Canterbury team at the national's teams' event for the 12s. She is seeded 6th at the individual nationals. Most of these players have won regional tournaments over the last few months.



Congratulations to them all for being our Star Players!!!
See the 'back page' for pictures of these players

We are very proud that 14 boys & girls from Te Kura Hagley Park TC competed at the Canterbury primary schools tournament & of those, 7 qualified for the South Island finals.

At the finals: In the year 5-6 girls, **Cherry Zhou** won the singles & the doubles with her partner Lucia Gale from Prebbleton.

In the year 7-8 boys, three of the top five players were from TKHP. **Liam Barrett** 2nd, **Jasper Johnson** 3rd & **Luca Landells** 5th.

In doubles Liam & Jasper won & Luca came 3rd with his partner Nichica Morgan also from Christchurch.

In the year 7-8 girls, **Wonjeong Kim** came 3rd & **Natalie Hetherington** won the consolation.

Wonjeong won the doubles with Alkmini Giannakogiorgou also from Christchurch.

Jasper Johnson was selected for NZ team for Brisbane team's event – on now!!

Senior Interclub

- James McGregor

"The season for the newly combined club has gotten off to a terrific start. In total we were able to field 11 teams this year! We are also one of the only clubs to have teams entered in Mixed Div 2, Premier Women & Div 1 & 2 Women. Overall our teams have been very successful & have benefited greatly from the merger.

The Premier Men's team (**Jamie Garbett, Will Schneideman, Hugo Nurse-Strang, & Matt Sunderland**) have gotten off to a flyer winning 3 out of 4 ties including an upset win against top contenders Waimairi. The team's efforts are all the more impressive given that the success has been headed by our top two juniors in Will & Jamie.

As some of you may be aware the prestigious Canterbury Open recently took place at Wilding Park. Te Kura Hagley Park had a strong showing in the Open with five players making it into the main draw. Will Schneideman put in a great effort to make the last eight before succumbing to eventual Champion James Meredith.

Finally Hugo & I would like to highlight how happy we have been with the spread of juniors across our senior teams. It has been awesome to see our more experienced players take these up & coming stars under their wing & pass on the knowledge & experience which is so crucial in their development.

Thank you to all of our interclub players for their commitment & efforts each week. You are doing us all proud!

Lots of Messages from the Coach

- Hugo Nurse-Strang



Juniors...

Canterbury Junior Xmas classic!

I encourage all juniors to have a go! (age groups divided into divisions based on rankings). Refer to the Fact Sheet on Canterbury Tennis Website - Click on "Compete" then "Canterbury Junior Tournaments" to view it. Enter via the tournament website: <http://tnz.tournamentsoftware.com/>. Entries close Sunday 10 December.

Xmas holiday junior coaching program!

13-15 December & 18-22 December - 9.30am-12.30pm at Te Kura Hagley Park. More info on Facebook ads: <https://www.facebook.com/tekuratennis/>. All registrations & enquiries to Hugo: tekuracoach@gmail.com

January holiday junior coaching program!

15-18 January & 22-25 January - 9.30am-12.30pm at Te Kura Hagley Park. More info to be emailed to members later & ad to be posted soon at <https://www.facebook.com/tekuratennis/>. All registrations & enquiries to Charlotte: junior@tekuratennis.co.nz

Anyone & Everyone...

Private coaching in January!

Hugo & a few other coaches will be in Christchurch for most of January. We'll have more time up our sleeves than during the busy school terms. So please don't hesitate to contact me in January if you'd like to tune up your game during the break from interclub.

Adults!

All of these weekly coaching & social tennis programs are growing from week to week 😊 Come & join the fun & improve your tennis &/or fitness!

Easi-tennis group lessons!

Only **\$10.00** for club members (non-members \$15)

Tuesday nights 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Beginner & Intermediate groups. **Must** text Hugo the evening before to let him know if you will join this group.

Cardio Tennis!

Same time & price as Easi Tennis! Get super fit while having a blast hitting tennis balls!

Also need to text Hugo if coming.

Easi-Tennis, Cardio & Wed Social all finish for 2017 week ending 22/12.

They all begin for 2018 week beginning 15/12.

And more from the Club Captain...

Entries for the Club Champs are now open. Please email me at tk.tennis.seniors@gmail.com highlighting which events you would like to enter, & if you are playing doubles, who this is with. Players may only enter two categories.

The categories are: Men's Singles / Men's Doubles / Women's Singles / Women's Doubles / Mixed Doubles. Semi Finals & Finals will take place 20th-21st January & will be on the grass. Preceding rounds are to be self-arranged. **Entries Close Friday 15th December**

Te Kura Hagley Seniors Tournament

Keep the last weekend in January free to take part in our
42nd Annual Seniors Open Tournament!

To be held on **27/28 January 2018** at the
Te Kura Hagley Park gorgeous grass courts!

Come along and play, watch or volunteer some time to help. Volunteers are needed for:

Bar/Registration/Selling raffle tickets/Tidy-up etc - Contact Tournament
Organiser Christine Yap on clcyap25@gmail.com or 027 301 3751

Kitchen (Michelle North michellenorth@hotmail.com, or 021 104 1613)

Entry forms can be obtained from the Christine, the clubrooms or the website
www.hagleyparktennis.co.nz

We get lots of visiting players from other NZ clubs so it's a great opportunity
to meet and mix with other tennis players during a fun and enjoyable weekend.

And!!! The tournament is our *best ever* fundraising event so...**do you have
any prizes you can donate for our Fabulous Raffle??**

Anything that can be used to package up into a gift basket, or raffled on its
own would be *totally* appreciated!

Contact Christine Yap, or Rosie Lau (rosetrev@extra.co.nz, 021 108 2821) -
we'll happily collect, and acknowledge all gifts.

Junior Club Champs



To be played on 24 & 25 March 2018

Boys and girls, singles and doubles will be played in **Age groups of:** 10yrs and under. 12 yrs
and under, 14yrs & under. Quarterfinals of singles onwards, and semi-finals of doubles
onwards, will be played on 24/25 March. **In draws** with over 8 singles players/4 doubles
teams, preliminary rounds will be organised by **Hugo** to be played during the two weeks prior
to 24/25 March.

More to come from Hugo in February...

The Page of Pictures!



Charlie Morrison, Liam Barrett & Nick Schneideman



Hot Shots Kids take on James!



Matias & Will



Jamie Garbett – On form!!



Will at Justine Henin's academy in Belgium



George Wigley at Cant Champs

Key Club People...

Our Committee...

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Our Brilliant Groundsman...David Saunders! Many thanks Dave for delivering beautifully maintained grass courts for us all to enjoy!



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