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### **Mark Your Diaries**

- Mon 8 Feb Club champs first round commences
- Sun 14 Feb Tennis NZ Open Day 1-4pm
- Sun 21 Mar Club champs semi finals day
- Sun 28 Mar Club champs finals day

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### **Club News**

#### **It's a Boy!**

Congratulations to Richard Valois and Nikki who welcomed their new son, Louis to their family

#### **Christmas Raffles**

Congratulations to Mary Gardiner the very lucky winner of the beautiful and delicious Christmas hamper. Thank you to Sue W, Grant and everyone who contributed to the hamper.

#### **Thank You**

To Leanne Mayhew who very kindly made lots of the delicious food for the Christmas party which was enjoyed by so many of us! Particular mention goes to Grant Voice who sourced the exquisite Shisheido gift basket. Grant was also instrumental in making the Christmas party a huge success and lots of fun, with Sue George and Leanne Mayhew.

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SAY IT LOUD!

A suggestion box will be available soon at the clubhouse. Your feedback and ideas are always welcome.

COACH CARL

Orakel's resident coach, Carl Limberger, is available for senior and junior coaching throughout the year.

Thanks to the juniors and their parents selling all the snakes and to Mary Gardiner being extremely organized and enabling this to happen.

Thanks to Karyn Job for organizing the book sale, and being the source of a lot of the books on sale.

Thanks to everyone who donated items to the Christmas hamper, and to Duncan for all the tasty avocados.

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**Events**

**Open Day**

The Club is participating in the national Tennis Open Day, 1-4pm on Sunday, 14 February - fall in love with tennis again on Valentine's Day!

Bring along a friend and take this chance to show them how great the club and the game of tennis are! Our two coaches Carl and Andrew will be there and available for some tips and coaching, particularly to visitors. There will be a BBQ and the bar will be open. More details to follow...

Tell your friends and we look forward to seeing you at the club on Sunday, 14 February, 1-4pm. Competition

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**Competition**

**Challenge Ladder**

Well done to Grant Voice and Mary Gardiner who finished at the top of the men's and women's challenge ladder in December. Both received a tin of tennis balls for their efforts.

**Club Champs**

YES! It's this exciting time of the year again! IF you haven't signed up for Club Champs as yet please contact Michelle Tsui as soon as possible. She may still be able to slot you into the draws.

The first round draw will be published by 8 February. You will have until 26 February to play your first round. All

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winners will continue in the Championship round, and the not so lucky ones will go in the Plate round.

Second round draws will be published by 28 February with semi finals and finals days scheduled for Sunday 21 March 2010 and Sunday 28 March 2010.

More details of the Club Champs and the Club Champs rules have been published on the website, and also posted at the Clubhouse.

Any queries please contact Michelle Tsui at clubchamps@orakeitennis.org.nz

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## From the Committee

### Committee Message

Following the Christmas holidays and hopefully a restful break for everyone, things are gearing up again now on the tennis front, with junior, senior and midweek interclub underway, club champs about to commence and the Open day on 14 Feb. We hope to get as many club members as possible involved in these events, so grab your tennis racket and enjoy the great weather.

There are lots of people who kindly give their time and energy to help the club work. In this newsletter we would like to acknowledge Glenn Neeve who has been repairing our tennis nets - thanks Glenn!

We must recognise two great supporters and former members of the club who passed away recently. Graham Tattle was Club President back in the 1980's. Graham always made a particular effort to welcome new members of the club. Graham very kindly donated the 'most improved senior player cup', so his legacy will live on.

Marcella Olla, wife of long time member, Antonio, also passed away recently. Both Marcella and Antonio are great supporters of the club and regular attendees at all social functions, including the quiz night last year and the Christmas party.

We send our condolences and thoughts to Antonio and Grahams' families.

### Eastridge New World

Robert Redwood and the team at Eastridge New World are continuing their support of our club with kind support of our senior club night. .

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### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DUTY ROSTER**

The BBQ season is well underway with plenty of organised tennis on a Wednesday night. A Team leader will be on duty. If you can't do duty for whatever reasons please swap with another member and let Felicity Berry know. We really appreciate your help.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Team</b>
10/02	David Stark	Murray Stephens, Christine
16/12	Bridget	Blayne, Janine
13/01	David Lattie	Mark Hutton, Al Yates

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### **Fund Raising**

#### **Great Effort**

The Committee is pleased to report that our fund raising effort towards the end of last year has boosted our renovations fund substantially. The renovations fund is closing in on the \$10,000 mark. Well done and a big thank you to all. It was a huge effort involving everyone at the club, senior, midweek and junior members.

To give you a feel here's the amount raised from each "event":

- Christmas raffle Over \$450
- Shisheido gift basket raffle Over \$1,000
- Selling "snakes" Over \$1,200
- Book sale Over \$300
- Christmas Party Over 1,000
- Avocado sale Over \$50

Over December and January the Club has also submitted

a number of applications to charitable trusts for funds. While we are waiting for a number of responses from these organizations, there have been some disappointments. Anyway, we are keeping our fingers crossed.

The next initiative is to approach local businesses for sponsorship or advertising with the Club. These will provide the Club with regular revenue going forward, which also present us with opportunities to attract more members.

Growing our membership is a very effective way of improving our finances; so bring on your family and friends, and don't forget the \$50 cash back for introducing a friend!

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## Tennis NZ

### Passing Shots

Sign up for the weekly Tennis New Zealand newsletter and keep informed about what is going on in the local and national tennis scene.

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