



Midweek newsletter: 2010 Term 1



From the Committee

Hello everyone. Welcome to Term 1! Hope you have all had a good summer break, and the kids are settled back at school.

Thank you to Karyn who organized the Christmas lunch. It was enjoyed by all attended. Lots of members, family and friends had great fun at the Club Christmas party (and some photos to prove it). Thank you to Leanne for some great food! Also thank you to Karyn for organizing the book sale. Both events helped raised a lot of money for the Club.

Summer Interclub has started. We have 3 teams playing. Good luck everyone! And don't forget to sign up for Midweek Club Champs!

Congratulations to Megan's sister Jane Wardley the very lucky winner of the beautiful Shiseido basket. We hope you enjoy all the goodies Jane! And congratulations to Mary Gardiner who won the Christmas hamper. Mary, watch your weight! You still have to run around the tennis court!

Thursday mornings has been well attended so far this year. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday mornings!

The Midweek Committee

Mark Your Diaries

Term 1

18 Feb (Thur)	Midweek Club Champs – Sign up
22 Feb (Thur)	Midweek Club Champs – Start of matches
15 Mar (Mon)	Midweek Club Champs – Deadline for completing first round matches
25 Mar (Thur)	Midweek Club Champs – Finals
22/23 Mar (Mon/Tue)	Last games of Summer Interclub
30 Mar (Tue)	Interclub Debrief Meeting at SCARBRO Tennis Centre 10.00am

Term 2

22 Apr (Thur)	Bartercard Ladies Prizegiving and Luncheon
19 May (Wed)	AGM
3 June (Thur)	Midweek AGM

Novice Coaching

We will be putting on novice coaching for Term 1 starting 25 February 2010 for 5 weeks. If you have a friend that is interested please contact Carl or Sue Wesley.

Junior Coaching

Junior coaching has already started for Term 1. If you still want to put your kids in, please contact Carl asap.

Midweek Club Champs!!!

It's happening now!!! Sign up on the notice board at the Club or email Michelle on mgstsui@hotmail.com by 18 February 2010. Matches will start the following week from 22 February 2010.

Grades: There will be 2 grades, "Open" and "socially competitive", both with singles and doubles competitions.

Format: Winners will go into the championship draw and losers go into the plate draw.
2 sets normal tie breakers and if 1 all then a super tiebreaker (i.e. to 10)

Entry fee \$10 each

First round matches will have to be played by 15 March. Finals will be played on Thursday 25 March.

We suggest that participants play on Thursday mornings, failing that please arrange your own games outside of Thursdays.

If you have any questions please contact Megan or Michelle.



Some great photos from the Christmas Party. The Orakei Tennis Club does not put on too many parties but when we do, we have GREAT ones. Don't miss out on the next one!



Join a Friend

Remember that we have a "join a friend" cash back programme. If you join up a friend you get \$50 cash. We want more members – the more the merrier!

Venue for Hire

Are you looking for a venue for your party or function?

Look no further. The clubhouse and courts are available for hire.

For less than \$500 you can have the use of four courts and the clubhouse for three hours. The clubhouse is perfect for a birthday party or family gathering.

You can get more details from Sue Wesley.

Fund Raising - Great Efforts!

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!

Tennis "quote"

Three Rules of Tennis Steve Metcalf, in the best tennis story I've ever read, "A Game to Remember," recalls his first tennis coach's three rules of tennis: (1) hit a shot you know you can make; (2) make your opponent hit a shot he/she can't make; and (3), the most important of all, tennis is meant to be enjoyed. *Have fun!* Make each tennis outing "a game to remember!"

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