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Mark Your Diaries

- Sat 5 Dec Christmas Party! - see details below
- Sun 6 Dec Club play and BBQ from 4-6pm
- Sun 13 Dec Ladder play ends
- Wed 16 Dec Christmas BBQ and ladder winners announced
- Wed 13 Jan First summer BBQ of 2010

Club News

Thankyou

THANK YOU David Burton!!! star member and painter extraordinaire. David gave up his own time to paint the upstairs clubhouse, which is not being demolished in the renovation project next year. It looks fantastic - check it out if you have not already seen it. Our thanks to David, Grant and Felicity for your time and the terrific result.

Water Cooler

There is a new Just Water cooler just inside the downstairs clubhouse door for your use. Please enjoy the chilled, filtered water as you play in the warmer weather now and take care refilling the bottle. Thanks to new member Sharon for organising the cooler for us.

Help Wanted

Are you a Microsoft Access expert? If so, we want you! We have some project work to help us get more out of our membership database. If you are able to help, please contact Sue at secretary@orakeitennis.org.nz.

“Holiday Read Sale”

We are organizing a “holiday read sale”. Any magazines, books (adults and kids), DVDs, computer games will be gracefully received. These will, in turn, be on sale to members on Wednesday evenings,

Community Trust

The Scottwood Trust

The Perry Trust

The Lion Foundation



Join a Friend

Introduce a new adult full member student or midweek member and you will get a refund of \$50 on your subscription.

There's no limit on the number of people you may introduce.



Thursday mornings, and also during interclub. A box has been put in the downstairs club house in the kitchen area for collection.

All money raised will go to the renovations fund. Here are some indicative prices:

Paperback:\$3 each
Children's books \$1 each
Everyday magazine \$0.5 each
Glossy magazines \$1 each

Do you have any unwanted Xmas decorations?

If you do, the Club can use these. So please donate these to us rather than throwing them away. Again a box has been put downstairs in the kitchen area for collection.

Christams Raffles

We will also be running two raffles for Christmas, with all proceeds to the renovation project. We have been donated some beautiful and delicious items, perfect for enjoying at Christmas, so make sure you grab your tickets and be in to win. We acknowledge the support of Shiseido and Turners and Growers for their donations.

Working with the Marae

We have been working with the Marae over the last two years. We thought we'd take this opportunity to report back on the children's progress.

The Club, the mid-week ladies and various members have provided coaching sponsorships to a number of children from the Marae after schools programme and the Marae school. We have also opened up our facilities to the Marae School for their PE curriculum , and also have provided the school holiday programme with access.

The after schools programme and holidays programme are run by Celess Eparaima, and Ngahuia Hawke is responsible for the Marae School. Both Celess and Ngahuia are skilled in tennis. So far, four students have been through the coaching programme: Alexis, Neeson, Tapuna and Elizabeth. In speaking with Celess, she cited the most important aspect of the coaching programme was to give these youngsters the confidence that they can learn a new skill and be good at it. The coaching programme helps them build their



Membership Info.

Subscription Rates

2009 – 2010

Senior*#	\$320
Veteran (65 & over)*	\$195
Midweek*	\$220
Senior Couple*	\$550
Family* -	
2 Adults/2 Children	\$610
1 Adult/2 Children	\$380
Student*	\$220
Intermediate Junior (Age 9 - 16)^	\$60
Micro Junior (Age 5- 8)^	\$45

Easy pay option available: 4 payments of \$85.

^ Junior subscriptions do not include coaching fees.

Senior members are entitled to court and clubhouse keys for a one-time payment of a \$30 refundable bond.

Court key locks are changed each October - members must hand in their current key in order to obtain a new key.

10 Visit Concession Card
For prospective members, an alternative to immediately paying a year's subscription is to pay \$50 for a 10 visit concession card.

This entitles the person to participate in Wednesday club nights, but does not include keys for the gate and clubhouse. Note that this offer is not available to existing club members.

self esteem and self efficacy, turning "shoulds" into "coulds".

Alexis has become more confident, and is always sharing her tennis knowledge with her parents and friends. Neeson, despite only had one term of coaching, had a head start having had a little coaching from his aunt who was one of the top Maori players. He was a mature lad who recognized that he was privileged to go through the coaching programme and elected to "let someone else have a go".

Tapuna and Elizabeth are the two students currently going through the coaching programme. Tapuna is an "all rounder" and is very competitive. With support from his parents and grandparents he eased into the coaching programme and has been making good progress. Elizabeth is also progressing very well, both at school and in tennis.

Carl (our coach) and Celess both recognise that it is not always easy for the Marae students at the start. The students see that they are different from all the others in the lesson, and sometimes their mates hang around the courts and throw interesting comments at them. "Well, they have got to learn to interact and get on with others who are different from them. That's what the real world is going to be like." commented Celess.

Carl says the other kids in the area now think it is "cool" to play tennis. It is great to see that the Marae students are making lots of effort and enjoying themselves. Elizabeth has quite a bit of natural talent, and Tapuna's perseverance has paid off. Neeson, although not receiving coaching, plays with Tapuna at times.

We all hope that these students will continue to play tennis and make this part of their lives, and introduce tennis to their peers.

From the Club's perspective, we will endeavour to provide our full support to the Marae. However, given the imminent renovations project, our finances are going to be tight. Any future community spending will be discussed in detail before commitment. In the meantime, the best way for us to support the local community would be to provide them access to our facilities which we will continue to do so.

Social Events

Christmas Party

Your Ideas Wanted

A suggestion box will be available soon at the clubhouse. Your feedback and ideas are always welcome - please contact me on blayneandmary@xtra.co.nz

Venue for Hire

Are you looking for a venue for your party, function or to hold a team building exercise?

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 the Secretary, Sue Wesley.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Seeking new ways to promote your business?

Our club has over 200 members, all of whom receive copies of the club newsletter at least nine times a year.

Members come from all over Auckland, not just the eastern suburbs.

Our interclub teams play all over Auckland too. And our website has over 1,400 visits and 6,000 hits a month.

The club Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 5th December at Orakei Tennis Club from 7.30pm till late. This promises to be the social event of the year so don't miss out.

Tickets are \$20 which includes a complimentary glass of bubbles on arrival, fingerfood and great music. The Bar will be open. We have a party theme: wear something red and bring your boogie boots. Tickets will be available in advance on club nights.

Bring a friend or two, neighbour, family and have a great night. Get into the festive spirit. See you there

Mid-Week Ladies X'mas Lunch

This is planned for Thursday 3 December at 12:30pm at Tom Yum Goong (Thai restaurant at 1 Maskell Street, St Heliers, opposite the St Heliers Primary School. www.tomyumgoong.co.nz). BYO wine. Most lunch main courses are \$9.50 each. Anyone interested please let Karyn Jobs know or sign up on the midweek notice board by Monday 1 December 2009. There will be the usual social play at the club before lunch.

Competition

Don Murdoch Tournament

Around 20 keen members participated in the Don Murdoch mixed doubles competition on Sunday, 1 November. The format was short mixed doubles matches with randomly drawn partners in each round. After four hotly contested rounds, where it was obvious some players had worked out the secret to scoring quickly, our four finalists were chosen.

The final between Paul G and Marion verses Rob and Sue G was tense and exciting. Both teams cheered on by the spectator crowd. It was a close final and in the end Paul and Marion prevailed. Congratulations Marion and Paul on your nerves of steel and good play. Thanks to Sue W and Grant for putting on a fun afternoon.

Challenge Ladder

There have not been too many challenges played recently. Remember, competition finishes on Sunday, 13 December. Keep those challenges coming if you want to end up on top!

Advertising your business through the club is guaranteed to reach a large audience.

We have several different advertising and sponsorship options available.

Please contact Sue Wesley or Mary Gardiner for more details.

Links

[Orakei Tennis Club](#)

[Auckland Tennis](#)

[Interclub draws and results](#)

[Interclub player results and ratings \("Topdog"\)](#)

From the Committee

Renovations

Tenders have been received back from various builders and the tenders are being analysed by the project team. We are still aiming to spend the next six months on fundraising and grant applications so that we can commence the project proper in April 2010.

The fundraising team is gearing up now. We are looking for volunteers who have some time during the day and would be prepared to approach local businesses to talk about the club and various partnership opportunities we have developed. The promotional material and even as script to get you started will be available to help you. If you are interested please contact either Mary on blayneandmary@xtra.co.nz or Michelle on Michelle.Tsui@watsonwyatt.com.

We hope to get another special Renovations newsletter out to all members in December with a more detailed update.

Renovation donations

A BIG THANK YOU to all those members who kindly added a donation towards the renovation project to your subscription. We really appreciate your support for the club and this key project. We now have over \$5,000 funds raised from the donations, raffles, quiz night and rugby evening.

Thank you also to NZI Insurance, a supporter of the club who have made a contribution towards the renovations. Well done Helen M.



Public access to the courts

Members of the public are welcome to use any available courts, not being used by club members, provided they pay the \$6 per person visitors fee. If you are at the club and a member of the public would like to use available courts please make them welcome, but ensure they pay the visitors fee and they are able to safely exit the club premises.

Auckland Tennis ticket promotion

Once again we are pleased to offer members the opportunity to purchase tickets to next year's international tournaments, the ASB Classic and Heineken Open, at discounted rates before they go on public sale.

[Click to Download Order Form](#)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DUTY ROSTER

There is still 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.

Date	Leader	Team
11/11	Paul Gutch	Jenni Marsh, Blayne, Connie
18/11	Tim Harvey	Veronica, Grant Drummond, Fiona Mills
25/11	Richard Powell	Darrin Grafton, Rebecca Lash, Florence
2/12	Tony Sargent	Fiona, Lyndsey Fowler, Graeme Bartlett
9/12	Mary Gardner	Graham Smith, Peter Shapiro

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.

You can register for this interesting and informative newsletter at:

<http://www.tennisnz.com/Article.aspx?ID=742>

COACH CARL'S CORNER

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

Contact Carl on 027 590 0048 or
emailthetennisacademy@clear.net.nz.

Junior Coaching

Junior coaching and Friday club night have started. For information please contact Carl.

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