

Off The Court

Orakei Tennis Club Newsletter – March 2009

Mark Your Diaries

1 Mar (Sun)	Sunday Sausage Sizzles (4-6pm)
22 Mar (Sun)	Club Champs semi-finals
29 Mar (Sun)	Club Champs finals
5 Apr (Sun)	Sunday Sausage Sizzles (4-6pm)
Early April	Challenge Ladder Starts

Visit our website www.orakeitennis.org.nz

Thank you

A special vote of thanks to Glenn Neeve who has donated \$100 to the Club for tennis balls. He has also been very busy doing maintenance at the club, sewing up the nets and mending the fences. Much appreciated.

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Club Champs

The annual club championship competition is well under way with many of the First round matches now completed. Don't forget to put dates in your diaries now for the Club Champs semi-final and final days which are 22 Mar (semi) and 5 Apr (Final). These are always very popular social occasions and of course there is some very good tennis to watch. http://www.orakeitennis.org.nz/index.php/site/page/club_champs_2009_update/

Tennis Open Day

Sunday 15 February was a special day in the Auckland Tennis calendar with all clubs hosting an Open Day to promote the sport. A number of new faces came along to check out our facilities and play some tennis.

Sausage Sizzle

A reminder that the first Sunday of the month we hold tennis from 4 – 6 pm followed by a sausage sizzle for those interested. Do come along, bring friends and family. Sunday sausage sizzles are on 1 March, 5 April and 2 May.

Breaking News

Grolsch lager will be on sale at the bar at a special price of \$4 for a limited period of time. Be quick!



Ice Cream Anyone

Wednesday regular diners were in for a treat at a recent evening BBQ. John Tanner one of the club's longest serving members brought along a pack of ice cream endorsed **ORAKEI TENNIS**. Unfortunately, you cannot get this at your local supermarket. John had made this himself and donated to the club. Those there can attest to just how good this was. Any chance of the recipe John?

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Request to all members

During social nights if balls go over the fence, please could you retrieve them? Tennis balls are expensive and we do not want to lose too many of them.

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Connie's Exhibition

Our own Connie Robinson recently hosted an exhibition of her paintings which was duly attended by a number of club members. This was a very successful venture much enjoyed by those who managed to get along.



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Community Service

The Committee has been working with the Marae to see how we could work closer together.

For the school year 2009, the Club has decided to sponsor one child from the Marae for tennis coaching as part of the after school programme. We hope that through this programme we can uncover some tennis talent. This also provides an opportunity for a youngster to learn a new skill, and helps improve self esteem.

We have also offered the use of the club facilities to the Marae School for their PE curriculum for the school year 2009. Naghuia Hawke from the Marae School will be responsible for this. At the moment we expect them to be using the courts on Wednesday lunch time or early afternoon. Again, this is an effort on our part to help introduce tennis to the youngsters."

Club Challenge Ladder

This will run again starting after the Club Champs. The rules will be slightly different. Keep an eye out for the sign up!

Television

The Club has recently purchased a television. We are in the process of installing it in a secure manner. Once this is done the TV of course will be used. It will be advertised in the newsletter when we are likely to open the Clubhouse when the TV will be on for ... Super 14 games for example, and of course beers will be flowing!

Summer Interclub

Summer interclub is slowly drawing to a close. Two of our teams: Open Men 3 and Open Women 3 are both currently second in their grades, and the other teams: Open Men 6, Open Women 4 and President are in the middle of their respective grades. There are still a couple of matches to go. Hopefully we will be reporting more great results in the next newsletter!

Note Team captains: could you please make sure that the interclub balls are returned to the club for social play?

Wednesday night duty roster

Please help us keep the BBQs going by turning up for duty. If you can't do duty for whatever reasons please swap with another member and let your team leader know. In case of any difficulties please contact David Lattie. We really appreciate your help.

4/03	Zaria Keys (T) Roger Fraser Andrew Morris Rebecca Lash	18/03	Tim Harvey (T) Dirk Frauenfeld Nick Fenwick John Clephane
11/03	Fiona Bignell (T) Peter Shapiro Thomas McNally Janine Bourke	25/03	Tony Sargent (T) Bridget Gaskell Grant Sinclair Connie Robinson

http://www.orakeitennis.org.nz/index.php/site/duty_roster/

Court Fees

The honesty box for court fees is located inside the clubhouse to the right of the glass entry door. There is a \$6 court fee per player for guests who accompany members for private play.

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 email thetennisacademy@clear.net.nz.

Junior Coaching

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

Commercial Break

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.

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. 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.

Membership Opportunities – “Join a Friend” – Help the Club Grow!

Subscription Rates 2008 – 2009

Senior*#	\$320
Veteran (Age 65 & over)*	\$195
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*A \$20 discount applies for existing senior members renewing subscriptions by 1 October each year.

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.

Throughout the year, if you introduce a new adult full member, you'll get a \$75 cheque. If you introduce a new student or midweek member, the cheque will be for \$50. There's no limit on the number of people you may introduce.

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.

Quick Links

Orakei Tennis Club: www.orakeitennis.org.nz

Auckland Tennis: www.aucklandtennis.co.nz

Interclub draws and results: www.aucklandtennis.co.nz/seniors/seniors-interclub/

Interclub player results and ratings (“Topdog”): <http://www.aucklandtennis.co.nz/seniors/grading-system/>

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