

# Off The Court

Orakei Tennis Club Newsletter – July 2009

## Mark Your Diaries

Sat 18 July	All Blacks v Wallabies at the Clubhouse
Sun 26 July	Interclub grading
Sun 2 Aug	Interclub grading (rain day)
Thu 13 Aug	Quiz Night!
Sun 13 Sept	Working bee
Sun 27 Sept	Open Day
Wed 30 Sept	First summer BBQ

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## Club News

### New Arrival

Congratulations to Jarrod and Cindy Snowsill on their new arrival. Ryan Jarrod Snowsill was born on the 08<sup>th</sup> June 2009 just before 3am weighing in at 3.425 KGs or 7.5 pounds. Well done. Looking forward to seeing Ryan on court before too long.

### Referee on the Premises

Congratulations to Blayne Newton who recently attended a two day referee's course and passed an exam. Blayne will now be honing his skills as an assistant referee at junior tournaments during the school holidays and we may see him at Stanley St soon.

For anyone interested, there is a half day course for line people coming up in September at Stanley St. Please let Blayne know if you are interested in attending with him.

So any questions about the rules or disputes on court - see Blayne!

### Club Rooms

Our architect will shortly commence work on the detailed drawings which are required for building consent and then lead into the process of getting builders quotes. We will keep you informed as things progress.

If you have knowledge and/or skills relating to building or renovation work or you are interested in participating in our fundraising efforts please let me know. We would appreciate your help



### Tri-Nations Night - All Blacks vs Wallabies

Enjoy a hot roast meal and a beer and enjoy the game at the club house on Saturday, 18 July. Tickets are available at the clubhouse now - \$20 each. Bring your friends and family and be part of the fun! Go the mighty All Blacks!

### Raffle

Be in to win a beautiful, delicious hamper, kindly donated by Nosh. Tickets are available at the clubhouse on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning: \$2 for one ticket or 3 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn at the clubhouse on Saturday 18 July, just before the All Blacks game.

### Quiz Night - Thursday, 13 August

Put it in your diary now. Fiona and Thomas will be hosting another fantastic, fun filled quiz night in August. Start swotting up now! There will be prizes and a dinner provided. More details to follow soon.

### Club Night

Wednesday evenings are still as popular as ever with good attendance despite the cold weather. Good tennis to be had. A recent innovation thanks to Grant Voice is the opportunity to buy hot gourmet sausages and onions after the game. Do come along.

### Winter Interclub

Winter Interclub has started and runs through to next month.

We wish the teams well and lots of fine Sunday mornings.

### Your ideas

A suggestion box will be available soon at the clubhouse. But your feedback and ideas are always welcome: please contact me on [blayneandmary@xtra.co.nz](mailto:blayneandmary@xtra.co.nz)

### 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.

### Breaking News

Grolsch lager and Kingfisher, India's favourite tipple are still available at the special price of \$4.

### From the Committee

Following the AGM on 20 May we welcome in a new Committee. Joining me on the Committee are:

- *President* Mary Gardiner
- *Secretary/Treasurer* Sue Wesley
- *Club Captain* Marion Steele
- *Finance* Mary Gardiner
- *Marketing/Sponsorship* Mary Gardiner/ Grant Voice/ David Lattie
- *Website* Paul Gutch
- *Social/ Tennis tournaments* Bridget Gaskell/Grant Voice
- *Social - Non-tennis* Sue George
- *Rosters/Auckland Delegate* Felicity Berry

Non-Committee members with key responsibilities are:

- *Inter club controllers* Zaria Keys/ Keith Bason
- *Newsletter* David Stark
- *Maintenance* Blayne Newton
- *Licence holder* Tim Harvey
- *Renovations* Michelle Tsui

The Committee is focussed on:

- progressing the clubhouse renovation,
- fundraising and
- increasing membership.

### Adopt a Court

Welcome to *Eastern Suburbs Panel and Paint*, our first Adopt a Court sponsor. We hope you have admired the sign on Court 2 or 'Court Eastern Suburbs Panel and Paint', if you prefer. We hope this will be the first of several "Adopt a Court" sponsors.

Sponsorship is a key part of running a successful club, as membership subscriptions, our main source of income, is not sufficient to cover all the costs of running our club. Maintenance, repairs and replacements of our assets as they wear out is a major expenditure item. Further, as we proceed with the renovation project we need to increase our fundraising and sponsorship activities.

If your business is interested in becoming an Adopt a Court sponsor or you are interested in approaching local businesses, please contact Mary.

Thank you to our sponsors!



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## Tennis NZ's 2009 Club, Region and National Tennis Forum

This will be held at:

- Scarbro Tennis Centre,
- Merton Road, Glen Innes
- Thursday 16 July 2009 at 7.00 pm (drinks and nibbles) for a 7.30 pm start.

Here's a chance to hear from Tennis NZ and take part in discussion about their plans. We need to understand what these plans will mean to us – the Auckland clubs – over the next few years. It is important that your Club is represented and any members who wish to attend are welcome. Please RSVP by Monday 13 July 2009 to Joan at Tennis Auckland, telephone 373 1706, email [joan@tennisauckland.co.nz](mailto:joan@tennisauckland.co.nz)

*"Dear Clubs*

*You are invited to attend a very important forum with Tennis NZ and Tennis Auckland to workshop the development of tennis in your area and throughout the country, as well as to take part in a discussion around the strategic direction of Tennis NZ and Tennis Auckland and how this impacts your club.*

*The Forum will be about providing an opportunity to speak about tennis in your area and its development and will have a clear focus on club development, club initiatives and overall enhancement of the experiences offered at tennis clubs.*

*The format of the session will be:*

- Club feedback as to all matters tennis
- Club Involvement – Grasshoppers, Open Day, GHT, Toolkit, RDM Support etc
- Coach Education
- Peak Performance and Tournaments
- 'Piecing it all together'
- IT, database and communications
- Tennis NZ AGM Outcomes and Affiliation

*We hope your club can be well represented and join the Tennis NZ CEO and Game Development Manager, the Regional CEO and Development Manager, plus your fellow clubs for what is a very important activity for tennis.*

*This is a great opportunity to work together for the betterment of your club and for tennis in New Zealand and we look forward to your company."*

Mary will be attending, representing Orakei, any any members are welcome to also go along.

## Challenge Ladder

Back by popular demand, the winter singles challenge ladder is up and running. But it is not too late to sign up, just email Mary at [blayneandmary@xtra.co.nz](mailto:blayneandmary@xtra.co.nz).

The ladder will run from until Sunday, 13 December. There are two ladders in operation; a men's and a ladies ladder.

This year we are running a **reverse** ladder, with the strongest players starting at the bottom of the ladder.

There will be prizes for the top player on each ladder and the player who has advanced the most places up the ladder. A prize giving will be held at the Christmas BBQ on Wed, 16 December.

The rules are available on the website and at the clubhouse. Here's an overview of the rules:

- first to 9 games (7 point tiebreaker at 8 all)
- ladder will be based on TopDog points, or at the organiser's discretion
- you can challenge players who are 1 or 2 places ahead of you
- games should be played within 14 calendar days of the challenge, unless there are extenuating circumstances
- results should be recorded on the clubhouse noticeboard or emailed to [blayneandmary@xtra.co.nz](mailto:blayneandmary@xtra.co.nz)
- the ladder will be updated every 1-2 weeks and posted on the website and the clubhouse notice board.

Any queries please contact Mary. Good luck and have fun!

## Wednesday night duty roster

Although the BBQs have ended 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 David Lattie know. We really appreciate your help.

1/07	Mary Gardiner	29/07	Sue George
8/07	Grant Voice	5/08	Bridget Gaskell
15/07	Marion Steele	12/08	David Lattie
22/07	Felicity Berry		

## Summer Interclub

Playing summer interclub is a great way to have fun, improve your tennis skills, hone your match tactics, meet new people and keep fit.

Last year we had five summer interclub teams, involving more than 36 players representing the club. We would love to see even more members enjoying summer interclub this year. If you are interested in joining a team, contact our Interclub Controllers: Zaria Keys or Keith Bason and come along to interclub grading from 10am on Sunday, 26 July (or rain day Sunday, 2 August). If you are interested in playing summer interclub and/or you will participate in the interclub grading please inform Zaria on [hottieinred@gmail.com](mailto:hottieinred@gmail.com) or Keith on [KRAB@xtra.co.nz](mailto:KRAB@xtra.co.nz) by **Thursday, 23 July**.

There is also a Super mens and Super women's doubles competition run with a three hour time limit on Saturdays throughout the summer season. If you are interested in this competition please let Zaria or Keith know.

## Davis Cup

Tennis NZ is encouraging all tennis clubs, coaches and members to support the New Zealand team at the upcoming Davis Cup tie, New Zealand v Indonesia in Hamilton on Friday 10 July to Sunday 12 July 2009. Please note the reduced prices for affiliated members.!

Call either 09 528 5428 x1 or 07 856 8181 for tickets. Please have your Credit card details available.

### PRICING:

- Fri 10th July, 2pm start: Adult day pass \$18; Affiliated member day pass: \$10; Under 14 FREE
- Sat 11th July, 2pm start: Adult day pass \$10; Affiliated member day pass: \$8; Under 14 FREE
- Sun 12th July, 10am start: Adult day pass \$18; Affiliated member day pass: \$10; Under 14 FREE
- 3 – day pass (Fri – Sun), \$38, Under 14 FREE
- Remember – young tennis fans come FREE!

## 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](mailto:thetennisacademy@clear.net.nz).

## Junior Coaching

Term 2 has finished and we look forward to Term 3. Spaces available. Please contact Carl for details.

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

\*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](http://www.orakeitennis.org.nz)

Auckland Tennis: [www.aucklandtennis.co.nz](http://www.aucklandtennis.co.nz)

Interclub draws and results: [www.aucklandtennis.co.nz/seniors/seniors-interclub/](http://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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