

Off The Court

Orakei Tennis Club Newsletter – March 2008



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BRING A MATE TOURNAMENT

“Great shot mate!... Maaate, that was Federeresque!... Samprastic volley, mate!... I’m glad you don’t really ‘play’ tennis, mate!”

...Got a few mates who are closet tennis players, or at least, wannabees? Get them along to the club on Sunday 30th March and allow them to flaunt their shots on a bigger stage. Tell them it’s time for the world to ogle their talent!

Yes, it’s the Orakei (semi) annual ‘Bring a Mate’ Fun Tournament! You can sign up beforehand at the club, or just turn up on the day before the start time of 2pm. The tournament will run through until 5pm.

Entry fees are \$7.50 for members and \$12.50 for non-members. You don’t need to bring a mate in order to play in the tournament.

“Come on, what are ya?! Sunday arvo, it’s mate against mate!”

Committee Notes

Wednesday club nights have been humming all summer, with full courts every night, and lots of new faces. Great to see! The New World barbecue meals continue through until April 30th.

Club Champs – The tournament is reaching the sharp end, with the semi-finalists found in most of the draws. Semi-finals Day is Sunday 13th April, and Finals Day Sunday 20th April. All members and friends are encouraged to come along on those days to cheer on the players and enjoy what are generally sunny and relaxed afternoons (for the spectators that is!).

Club Renovations – Discussions are being held with an architect with a view to preparing detailed plans. Main issue will be how the renovations are funded. The ASB Community Trust, which has previously contributed large amounts towards the cost of court and fencing upgrades at the club, has changed its policy so that it will now only contribute half of the cost of a project. Thus other sources of funding will be needed.

Business House League - The committee is hoping to run a business house league at OTC again (like the one ran by Bruce Woolmore in 2006). Teams of four players, either from a business or made up of club members or other players. Play one night (probably Thursday) per week for several weeks. If you are interested please contact the President, Michelle Tsui.

Commercial Breaks

Are you looking for somewhere 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.

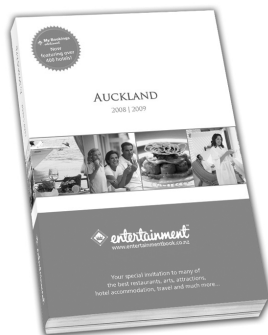
Seeking new ways to promote your business?

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.

Noteworthy!

Well done Mary Gardiner... even though you only started playing tennis last year, you put your name forward for the committee as soon as you joined, and your tennis game is going ahead in leaps and bounds... Excellent effort!

2008 / 2009 Entertainment Book



Pre-Purchase your new 2008/2009 Entertainment Book now... It's the best Book ever!

The club is raising funds by selling the 2008/2009 Entertainment Book. The books sell for \$65, with a portion of the proceeds from the sale going into the club's coffers for future projects. These books have been popular in past years and are sure to be popular again this year, with even better offers available.

Entertainment Books contain hundreds of 25-50% off and two-for-one offers from popular restaurants, cinemas, hotel accommodation, the arts, and sporting events. There truly is something for everyone with high value offers from Vinnies, Partingtons, White, Cin Cin, Q Restaurant, Pontoon, Lone Star, Wagamama, Northern Steamship Company, Breakers, The Royal New Zealand Ballet, Kelly Tarltons, Auckland Rugby, Spookers, Snow Planet, Auckland Luge and many more.

As a special bonus, and only for a limited time, if you pre-order your Book before 28th March you'll receive over \$150 in bonus offers that you can use straight away. Not only will you ensure you get a Book before they run out, but you receive extra value offers to tide you over until the Book is released in early April.

To reserve your copy of the Entertainment Book, email your order to [admin at orakeitennis.org.nz](mailto:admin@orakeitennis.org.nz)

Events Calendar 2007 – 2008 season

- April 08**
- 6th Daylight Saving finishes
 - 7th Committee Meeting
 - 13th **Club Champs Semi-Finals**
 - 20th **Club Champs Finals**
 - 30th Final New World BBQ @ Wednesday Club Night
- May 08**
- 14th Club A.G.M.

New World Wednesday Club Nights and Sunday afternoons

Wednesday club nights continue throughout the year. Over the summer season (late October – late April) Wednesday nights include the New World BBQ meal. A committee member or volunteer member is rostered on as the team leader, with three members making up the duty team. The team run the club night and organise and cook the BBQ meal.

New World Club Night Duty Roster – 6pm on Wednesdays

Date	People on Duty	Date	People on Duty	Date	People on Duty
2 Apr 2008	Fiona Bignell (Team Leader) Li Wolf Mark Bogle James McLeod	9 Apr	Marion Steele (Team Leader) June Younger David Lattie Peter Shapiro	16 Apr	David Stark (Team Leader) Anca Muresan Rob Yallop Joie Deng
23 Apr	Michelle Tsui (Team Leader) Cindy Snowsill Jarrod Snowsill Richard Powell	30 Apr (last BBQ)	Vinod Vetath (Team Leader) Felicity Berry Daniel Hynes Judy Mathias	6 May	A committee member (TBA) will run the club night

All members are expected to take a turn in helping run a club night during the summer season (late October – April). Apart from helping the club to function, being on duty is a guaranteed way to meet and get to know other members. The Wednesday night duty takes about three hours.

People on duty please note: If you are unable to fulfil your duty, it is your responsibility to organise a replacement. For advice only in case of difficulty contact Marion Steele (ph 528 4055).

Team Leaders: It is advisable to contact your team members several days prior to your Wednesday night duty, to confirm that they will be present.

Reminder: The people on duty during the New World BBQ season each receive a meal and a drink as an appreciation for taking their turn on duty.

Coach Carl's Corner

Orakei's resident coach, Carl Limberger, is available for senior and junior coaching throughout the year. Parents please note - currently Carl still has spaces available for junior coaching. For more details, contact Carl on 027 590 0048 or email thetennisacademy@clear.net.nz.

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.

Membership Opportunities – ‘Join a Friend’ - your chance to help the club grow!

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 \$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 \$40 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.

Subscription Rates 2007 - 2008	
Senior*#	\$320
Veteran (Age 65 years & over)*	\$195
Midweek*	\$220
Senior Couple*	\$550
Family*	\$610 2 Adults/2 Children \$380 1 Adult/2 Children
Student*	\$220
Intermediate Junior (9 – 16 years)^	\$60
Micro Junior (5 – 8 years)^	\$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 \$20 refundable bond. Court key locks are changed each October – members must hand in their current key in order to obtain a new key.

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"): www.tennis.org.nz

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