

Off The Court

Orakei Tennis Club Newsletter – July 2008

Mark Your Diaries

- ★ NOW ★ Sign up for the Challenge Ladder
2 Aug(Sat) Singles Tournament
9 Aug (Sat) Singles Tournament (rain date)
21 Aug (Thur) Midweek ladies: Mid Winter lunch
and AGM
21 Aug (Thur) Deadline for summer interclub
17 Sept (Wed) Start of "Back to tennis" coaching

Visit our website www.orakeitennis.org.nz

Congratulations and thank you!

Congratulations to June Younger who won the raffle for the \$80 Rice Restaurant voucher. June has very kindly donated this back to the Club. Thanks June!

Thank you to our sponsors!

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From the President

Thank you for allowing me to be President again this year. Like last year, we have divided up responsibilities as follows:

President:	Michelle Tsui
Vice President:	Vinod Vetath
Secretarial, membership and club operations:	Sue Wesley
Finance and fund raising:	Mary Gardiner
Social:	Fiona Bignell / Sue Stace
Interclub Controller:	Zaria Keys
Website:	Fiona Bignell
Auckland tennis delegate:	Marion Steele
Roster:	David Lattie
Maintenance:	Mary Gardiner / David Lattie
Newsletter:	Vinod Vetath
Renovations:	Michelle Tsui
Tournaments:	Michelle Tsui

Susan Gilbert will continue to help with organising Club Champs this year.

The Committee has agreed on two priorities for this coming year.

Renovations. This is in the planning stage. We have agreed with the architect on the design, and the next stage will be commissioning a structural engineer's report and a safety engineer's report.

Fund raising. Significant additional funding will be required for the renovations. Obtaining sponsorships and driving membership are instrumental.

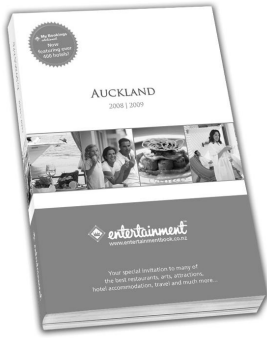
If you....

- have knowledge and/or skills relating to building and renovation work, and/or
- can approach potential sponsors in the area....

...we could really use your help!

Your feedback is always welcome. Either text me or email me on mgststui@hotmail.com.

Michelle



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.

To order your copy of the Entertainment Book, email your order to admin@orakeitennis.org.nz

OTC Singles Tournament Saturday 2nd August (rain day Saturday 9th August)

**Clubs must submit Summer Interclub entries to
Auckland Tennis by 21st August!**

The OTC Singles Tournament is for EVERYONE who wants to play Senior Summer Interclub this season, at any level, whether you are aiming for a spot in the top teams or not.

The purpose of the tournament is to assist with assessing numbers, introducing new club members and as an indication of grading players for and within the teams.

The winner of the matches will be either the first to win nine games, or whoever is leading after 45 minutes of play, whichever comes first.

Date: 2nd August 2008 (rain date: 9th August 2008)
Time: 9am – 1pm
Who: Anyone interested in playing interclub, including those wishing to play in the President's mixed team.

If you can't attend the tournament, please contact **Zaria Keys**, the Interclub Controller, by **2nd August** to confirm that you wish to play Summer Interclub and the team/grade you would normally expect to play in.

Zaria's email: hottieinred@gmail.com
or mobile: (027) 203 1112

NOTE: We need to know sooner rather than later that you are keen on playing.

The Singles Challenge Ladder

By popular demand, we are starting the Challenge Ladder NOW! Sign up at the club or email FBignell@adhb.govt.nz.

The Ladder will run from now to 5 December. Three ladders will be in operation: Men's, Women's and mixed.

There will be prizes for the top player on each ladder and the player that has advanced most. Prize giving will be held on Wednesday 10 December at the Christmas BBQ.

Rules are available on the website and in the clubhouse. Here's a snapshot of the rules:

- First to 9 games (7 point tie breakers at 8 all).
- Ladder will be based on TopDog points, or at organiser's discretion if not available.
- You can challenge players who are 1 or 2 places above you.
- Games should be played within 14 calendar days of challenge, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- Results should be recorded on club notice board or sent to fbignell@adhb.govt.nz.
- Ladder will be updated weekly to be posted on club noticeboard and website.
- Communication will be via email.

Start climbing!

Any queries please contact Michelle or Fiona.

The ladders are already available.

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

"Singles is a game of speed, doubles is a game of exact angles".
Bill Talden

Orakei's resident coach, Carl Limberger, is available for senior and junior coaching throughout the year. "Back to tennis" coaching is a 6-week refresher course starting Wed 17 September. For more details, contact Carl on 027 590 0048 or email thetennisacademy@clear.net.nz.

Club Night Duty Roster

30/7	Marion Steele	3/9	David Stark
6/8	Michelle Tsui	10/9	Richard Powel
13/8	Mary Gardiner	17/9	Glenn Neeve
20/8	Zaria Keys	24/9	Tim Harvey
27/8	Vinod Vetath		

BBQ starts on 1 October!

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 2007 – 2008

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 \$20 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"): www.tennis.org.nz

If you have received a printed copy of this newsletter and you have an email address, please contact the secretary to have your email address added to the club database. This will ensure you receive prompt electronic delivery of the newsletter and club notices, and save printing and mailing costs.

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