

# Off The Court

Orakei Tennis Club Newsletter – May 2009

## Mark Your Diaries

2 May (Sun) Sunday Sausage Sizzle(4- 6 pm)  
20 May (Wed) AGM

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A special vote of thanks goes to Michelle Tsui for being such an excellent President over the last two years. We wish her well.

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## Club News

### AGM

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May. This is an important event in the club calendar and gives all members an opportunity to hear about how the club is run, things that we need help from the membership and the re-election of Club officers. There will be social play until 7:30 at which time the AGM will start. There will be free wine and cheese.

A number of our current Committee members are not standing for re-election after having served for a number of years. We are seeking therefore keen, enthusiastic, energetic, organised, computer literate people to join the Committee. In particular people with computer or website skills and fundraising skills are being sought. Please contact Michelle or any current Committee member to find out what is involved or better still come to the AGM.

### Raffle

We are running a raffle to win a fabulous bottle of Pol Roger French champagne. Tickets \$2 or three for \$5. Tickets available at club night. The raffle will be drawn at the AGM so get in quick.

### President

Our current president Michelle is standing down this year after doing an outstanding job injecting a great deal of enthusiasm and energy into the club. As a result, the club and members have benefited enormously. With the acquisition of two young children Michelle's energy resources are now in heavy demand leaving little for OTC. We are very grateful to Michelle for all that she has done for the club.

### Breaking News

Grolsch lager is still available at the special price of

\$4 This is for a limited period of time.



### Letter from the President's Office.....

*"For personal reasons I will be standing down as president this year. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all my committee members for their dedication over a busy two-year.*

*The last two years have been full of events, planned and unplanned. The 60th anniversary celebrations went smoothly and were enjoyed by all those who attended. The plans for the renovations are gradually progressing. We have had great member participation in the Club Champs and Challenge ladders. On the unexpected front, we had the caving in of the men's bathroom ceiling, wind damage to the lights on Court 5, last month's burglary and many more. It has certainly been a busy 2-year period. With the help of my committee members and other members, things have been sorted out one by one.*

*Unfortunately the club doesn't run itself. It's run by volunteers. Thus we do need support from you to make the club work. I understand that everyone has a busy life, but I still hope that many of you will be able to chip in a little of your time to share the workload. In particular, we will be getting busier with the renovation project, and expertise in this area would be greatly appreciated.*

*Last but not least, you, the member define the club. The atmosphere at the club has never been better. So keep coming down; for tennis, a beer, watch TV or simply a chat!*

*Looking forward to seeing you on court or at the bar."*

Michelle

### Club Champs

Although The annual club championship competition is over, some of our winners were not announced in the April newsletter. Our apologies. The Winners are as follows:

- Men's Plate singles – Martin Dallow
- Men's Plate doubles – Alex Benn & Julian Wroblewski

We also wish to acknowledge the fabulous support to this tournament given by:

- Liquorland, The Strand for donating many bottles of wine
- Tennis Auckland for donating shirts and other tennis apparel.

### Winter Interclub

Winter Interclub starts this weekend and runs into August. We have two teams entered, a ladies and a mens singles team. We wish them well and lots of fine Sunday mornings

### Challenge Ladder

The singles Ladder Challenge is now under way. If you have any questions please contact Fiona at [fbignell@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:fbignell@adhb.govt.nz)

### Business House Winter Indoors tennis tournament

This very popular tournament will be running again this winter. There are two competitions open for grades A –D and a social grade. 8 players per team, doubles only. Entry forms must be submitted by 29 April 09. For more information go to:

<http://www.aucklandtennis.co.nz/UserFiles/File/Evening%20Indoor/WINTER%20INDOOR%20ENTRY%20FORM.pdf>

### 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.

### Club Rooms

A renovation update, the resource consent has now been granted by Auckland City. We would like to thank Jarrod Snowsil for his work to manage this process in an efficient and fast manner - thank you

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It's taken care of. **Firestone**

Jarro!! The next step is for detailed drawings to be prepared by our architect and to plan the fundraising effort. We will keep you informed of progress.

## Television / SKY

The TV is proving very popular and has become a regular haunt for some members during the Warriors games. It is intended to run some functions around the Tri-Nations tournament (July) – details will be provided nearer the time so watch this space.

## Security

The broken window has now been repaired.

Please ensure that the Club facilities are locked after use at all times.

## 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.

6/05	Mary Gardiner	3/06	Richard Powell
13/05	Fiona Bignell	10/06	Glenn Neeve
20/05	Tim Harvey	17/06	Marion Steele
27/05	Tony Sargent	24/06	David Lattie



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## 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.

<h2>Coach Carl's Corner</h2> <p>Orakei's resident coach, <b>Carl Limberger</b>, is available for senior and junior coaching throughout the year. Contact Carl on 027 590 0048 or email <a href="mailto:thetennisacademy@clear.net.nz">thetennisacademy@clear.net.nz</a>.</p>	<h2>Junior Coaching</h2> <p>Junior coaching and Friday club night have started. For information please contact Carl.</p>
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## 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!

<h3>Subscription Rates 2008 – 2009</h3> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td><b>Senior*#</b></td> <td>\$320</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Veteran (Age 65 &amp; over)*</b></td> <td>\$195</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Midweek*</b></td> <td>\$220</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Senior Couple*</b></td> <td>\$550</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Family*</b></td> <td>\$610    2    Adults/2 Children</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$380    1    Adult/2 Children</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Student*</b></td> <td>\$220</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Intermediate Junior (Age 9 - 16)^</b></td> <td>\$60</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Micro Junior (Age 5 – 8)^</b></td> <td>\$45</td> </tr> </table> <p>*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.</p>	<b>Senior*#</b>	\$320	<b>Veteran (Age 65 &amp; over)*</b>	\$195	<b>Midweek*</b>	\$220	<b>Senior Couple*</b>	\$550	<b>Family*</b>	\$610    2    Adults/2 Children		\$380    1    Adult/2 Children	<b>Student*</b>	\$220	<b>Intermediate Junior (Age 9 - 16)^</b>	\$60	<b>Micro Junior (Age 5 – 8)^</b>	\$45	<p><b>Throughout the year</b>, 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.</p> <p><b>10 Visit Concession Card</b>  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.</p>
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