



## 2017/ 2018 Manager's Report – Wayne Peterson

As we near the summer holiday break it's timely to reflect on been another busy year for the club. Looking back through the clubs Facebook Page at the activities & highlights of the year you get to understand how active the clubs membership has been throughout this period.

### Club Highlights

We could write a whole report of the year highlights for **club member Joelle King**, 2018 has truly been a watershed year for Joelle!

Joelle's stunning performances at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games had the squash community & fellow club members enthralled with her matches & gruelling match schedule in all three divisions; Ladies's Singles, Mixed Doubles & Ladies Doubles.

She clinched the ladies singles gold medal with a cliffhanger victory over England's Sarah-Jane Perry. She also celebrated Gold in the Women's Doubles with Amanda Landers-Murphy winning & Bronze in the Mixed Doubles with Paul Coll.

A big crowd of whanau, friends & dignitaries were in attendance to welcome Joelle home with a powhiri at the Maungatautari Marae, to celebrate her wonderful competition successes @ the Commonwealth Games & the PSA World tour. A big thank you to Taiapa Kara for organising this event.

Joelle headed back to her UK base & continued to rack up impressive results on the PSA Tour.

Last month Joelle won her first platinum rated world tour event with a victory over world number 1 Raneem El Welily at the prestigious Hong Kong Open. This victory propelled Joelle up the world rankings to be a career equalling world number 4. The win means Joelle becomes the fourth New Zealand woman to win the title in Hong Kong. She joins Dame Susan Devoy, Leilani Rorani and Carol Owens as winners.

Joelle's successes were recognized at this year's Waipa Networks 2018 District Sports Awards where she was successful in securing her 4th "Sportswomen of the Year" award!

Earlier this week Joelle was honoured by the Mayor Jim Mylchreest & dignitaries of her home town Cambridge at an unveiling ceremony for the Cambridge Sporting Champions Walk of Fame.

Joelle was alongside fellow Cambridge sporting achievers, Hamish Bond, Eric Murray, Sarah Walker & Doug Mienie in receiving their bronze plaque, which will be installed in Cambridge's main street (Duke Street) before xmas.

Congratulations Joelle, we are all very proud of what you have achieved, & we look forward to following your journey!

In July of this year the Wednesday Morning Tennis crew invited club member Ken Dahlberg to a special morning tea to celebrated Ken's retirement from tennis, he played competitive and social tennis for 82-years but is finally calling game, set and match on the game he loves!

Sadly we acknowledge the recent passing of Ken on 13 November 2018, aged 88. Cherished husband of the late Valerie for 64 loving years. Ken was a much loved member & character of the club.

The Club received regional honours in recognition for the club successes & hard work of our club members over the past year.

At the Waipa Networks 2018 District Sports Awards the Club was nominated for Club of the Year. Mike Innes from Tennis Waikato Thames Valley was a special guest at one of our Wednesday Tennis Club morning earlier this year, to award Cambridge Racquets Club The Club of The Year Award, & Tennis Club Volunteer of the Year Award, to Neville Hollands.



Tennis continues to grow at CRC with a very proactive & forward looking Tennis Committee who are always looking for new ways to keep adding events & programmes to the clubs tennis calendar. There is Tennis nearly every night of the week, a growing membership, a very strong junior coaching programme & the biggest Annual Tennis Club Champs in the region.

CRC Tennis has an awesome club feeling, there is a team of dedicated members who continue to make this place work.

People who organise tennis activities, people who maintain the grounds, - cut hedges, mow lawns, clean parking lot and courts on regular basis, pick up and clean up after the regular storms, people who paint the buildings.

Neville Hollands is one of those unsung club hero's who rolls up his sleeves & gets things done!

The clubs competitive squash programme has had a busy 12 month period.

Cambridge Teams featured strongly in the Winter & Spring Interclub competitions, with some great team results.

The club fielded both Men's & Women's teams in this year's Cousin & Mitchell Cup competition. The Women's team finished 5<sup>th</sup> & the Men's team won the Plate Final.

Cambridge Men's B & C Grade Superchamp National teams both made the finals in their respective divisions, with the result going either way for both teams. Although not victorious this year, this only adds to motivation for next year's campaigns.

The 2018 Calcutta Cup competition grew to a 64 draw format with club members battling each other & members of Leamington & TA Squash Clubs also adding to the competition.

The competition ran over a 7 week period with club member Gerard Whittaker winning top honours over TA's Wade Bell. This is an excellent club competition that brings our squash members together & also raises valuable fundraising money for the clubs projects.

A big thanks to Stephen Oxenham & Ivan Martinovich for running another successful Calcutta Cup, great job guys! Ash Boyd & Ryan Shutte will be taking control for the 2019 Cup.

Thanks also to the Oxenham Family for donating the new Calcutta Shield Trophy.

Glenda Knox, Development Officer from Squash Waikato continued to work with the club & other Waipa Squash Clubs & Schools on developing Waipa School Kiwi Squash programmes & Waipa Schools Interclub competitions. These initiatives have introduced a number of new junior players to the club & too competitive squash.

Congratulations to Cambridge Middle School for retaining their Waipa Schools title, & Cambridge High GOLD Team for winning the inaugural High School Competition. Special thanks to Ash Boyd for facilitating all matches played at the club.

There has been a concerted effort by the clubs committees to accelerate fundraising activities for the clubs major capital projects.

The two key projects being:

- 1/ Squash courts LED lighting replacement & ceiling refurbishment (approx \$20k)
- 2/ New Astro Tennis surface for all 4 x astro courts (approx \$105k)

The tennis committee have continued with the Mitre10 BBQ sizzles & the club movie nights, as well as launching a Debenture Scheme & Tennis Court Section Donations.

The clubs Management Committee would like to thank those members for supporting these fundraising initiatives. To date we have raised over \$6000 with another \$5500 pledged.



The squash committees fundraising projects, were the Calcutta Cup, the marshalling for the TA Cycling Club & 2 x Casino Nights. Combined money raised is close to \$3000. All of these activities were excellent revenue earners for the club.

A Fundraisers Supporter board will be installed early in the New Year.

Grants continue to be an important revenue stream for the club, especially during this time of capital projects fundraising period.

The Management Committee would like to thank Claire Martin for her help with securing the \$5000 from Blue Sky Community Trust.

Dave Stearns has recently stepped into the Grant Application role & the Management Committee will be making a big push in supporting Dave in 2019.

There is also the option of re-engaging Grant Cowie to support Dave in the application for the big ticket application for the new Astro Courts. The Management Committee will finalize Grants strategy early in the New Year.

The importance of extra revenue generated by hireage of the club to Porirua Canoe & Kayak Club, and Wellington Girls High School Rowing team is shown in this Year's End of Year Financial Report, with Venue Hireage down by \$16000, the major contributor to the clubs operating loss. (\$10k for PCKC & a non Maadi Cup year, extra \$6k on top of existing locked in \$9k regatta bookings)

Both groups are booked into the club for this coming summer (Maadi Cup year), these bookings will bring the clubs books back into the black.

As we move forward, opportunities for hiring out the club for accommodation & functions should be explored to help diversify the clubs revenue stream.

Although this causes a minor inconvenience for members with a few courts being unavailable for use for a few days, it is a very important source of income for the club.

Again the club has greatly benefitted by a core group of club members who have volunteered their time and energy by taking on-board key renovation & maintenance tasks around the club.

I would like to give a huge "thank you" to everyone who has helped out on one of the committee's, or have taken it upon themselves to pitch in with jobs & tasks around the club!

Club Co-President Tracy Bowell takes a break from the clubs top chair this year, but she will still be involved with the Management Committee.

A special thank you to our club Sponsors for their continued support of our club & the programmes that we run. Your continued support of our club is very much appreciated.

And lastly, I would like to congratulate Murray Browne on his Club Life Membership Award. His service & loyalty to the club over his 44 years membership have been outstanding.

Wayne Peterson

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