

## Report of Tennis committee chairman – AGM 2023

Kia ora tātou.

The 2023 year has once again been very successful for tennis.

Weekly programmes continue to gain popularity offering a range of opportunities for the community to play tennis. Thank you to our coordinators of these programmes, including Carmel Stock, Andrea Groves, John Sheridan, Belinda Myers, Neville Holland, David Huddleson, Graeme Martin, Wayne Peterson, and Lynda McMillan.

Two successful tournaments were held in the last year: our annual Xmas tournament late in 2022, and for the first time, the Masters tournament early in 2003. The masters tournament was run by Wayne Peterson and Rosie Smith. Thank you for showcasing our club to the community Wayne and Rosie, and to the committee members who arranged the Xmas tournament..

The club champs this year was successfully completed in Cambridge, having been moved to Hamilton in 2022 because of weather. This year a longer period was offered to complete matches, which was successful. We also had all the categories competed for. Congratulations to champs, including: Bianca Mace (Girls singles), Tane Young (Junior boys doubles), Oskar Williams (senior mens), Anna McGahan (senior womens), Bianca Mace and Alexis Thornton (Junior girls doubles), Tane Young and Cameron Hill (Junior boys doubles), Tracy Bowell and Katie McQuade (women's doubles), Mike Elliot and Chris Jacobson (Mens doubles), and Anna McGahan and Grant Cameron (mixed doubles). Whilst successful, in 2024, we will look at further refining the event to encourage more responsibility on players part to complete matches in good time, and create a more festive atmosphere on finals day.

With the completion of the resurfacing of the astro turf courts last year, this year has been one of enjoying what the new courts offer and cleaning up some odds and ends. We finally managed to give away the last of the old astroturf that had been piled at the back of the courts. I am very grateful to the members who continued to support our Sunday working bees to shake the sand out of the off-cuts. Our final development will be to resurface the public and our Plexi pave courts, in January. Covid and weather conditions have caused two years of postponements for this project.

This year has kicked off well with the Love Tennis open day being staged last month. It was a beautiful day in which we saw large numbers of kids, mums and dads, new residents and returning players come down for some tennis fun. Activities included tennis coaching, pickleball, table tennis, serving competitions and tennis computer games. A big thank you to all those who helped make it a great day, including Kim Bannon who did all the preparation work.

Thank you to our wonderful tennis committee for your commitment to our club this last year. A particular thank to Sheryl Carpenter who after many years of service to our committee is standing down. Sheryl was recently named Waikato Tennis volunteer of the year to acknowledge the wonderful job she has done at Cambridge. Sheryl is the epitome of a model tennis member. Whenever we have events, fundraisers, or whatever, she is here taking on many responsibilities. Thank you so much for your support of our club.

Also, Wayne Peterson has decided to step down from the committee. We were extremely lucky to have had Wayne's skills, knowledge, and endless motivation to support everything we do, particularly since he took on the reins at Waikato Tennis. Quite simply, Wayne is a key player in the success of tennis at this club. So, Wayne thank you for everything you have done for our committee.

To the management committee thank you. Particularly to you Tracy, who has done a commendable job in leading our club over the past few years, and particularly through the covid years, despite having lots of other commitments. Thank you for all you have done.

To Suzie, you picked up a hard roll and did amazingly in it in the first year. Since then, you have continued to develop, and provide the club with the stability it needs. Thank you.

Finally, once again I'd like to acknowledge first Rosie. Not only is Rosie a great club person and coach of the club, but she also beavers away in the background, putting a lot of time into managing our bar stocks. Thank you heaps Rosie. And to Bob Peterson, thank you for doing a wonderful job of keeping our club in tip-top shop.

Finally, I have decided to step down as chair of tennis but will remain on the committee. Thank you to all who have supported me in my role over the years. I wish all club members and their whānau the best for the remainder of the year and 2024.

Richie Hill