



Report of the Chairman of the Tennis committee - Richard Hill

Kia ora tatou.

As everyone will know, the 2020 year has been quite topsy turvy with the spread of Covid and its effects on our ability to pursue our favourite sport. Despite this forced 'down racquets', the year has ended positively with most competitions being completed and a significant milestone reached.

Another successful year

As our manager has explained, tennis membership is experiencing a continued growth. We are finding that unlike many other Waikato clubs which have dropping numbers, the programmes and facilities offered at Cambridge are an attractive proposition to many people. This was again recognised by Waikato Tennis Trust by being awarded "Waikato Tennis Club of The Year" for 2019/20.

Programmes

Each of our programmes attracts good numbers and provides a wide range of tennis options for budding tennis players from the beginners to the highly competitive. The programmes offered this year included:

- Rock up doubles (coordinator – Lynda McMillan)
- Mens' business house doubles (coordinators – Graeme Martin/Wayne Peterson)
- Wednesday morning (coordinators - Neville Hollands and Dave Huddleson)
- Mixed doubles – Digby Johansen
- Womens' doubles (coordinator Linda Webster, Joc Moore)
- Sunday hit out (coordinator Richie Hill)

We have now also added children's tennis to our programme – an important element of our growth strategy. The pilot programme in 2019 tried Sunday morning lessons/games. However, it did not attract significant numbers, so this year we moved to Friday afternoons with a more positive outcome. We are consistently attracting 8-10 children – with a mixture of members and non-members.

I'd like to thank all the official coordinators of each of the programmes and their band of helpers whose efforts often go unnoticed. Thanks to Lynda McMillan, Graeme Martin, Linda Webster, Joc Moore, Neville Hollands, Dave Huddleson, and Digby Johansen.

Club Champs and interclub

This year COVID meant our club champs were held in May and June. Thanks to Wayne P's great organisation, the competitions were smartly arranged and the result was some fantastic games. I'd like to congratulate the following CRC Racquets Club tennis champions of 2020:

Junior Girls - Annabel Chapman
Junior Boys – not completed
Women's Singles - Rosie Smith
Men's Singles - Oskar Williams



Interclub has also proved to be popular with four senior teams and three junior teams competing well in the Waikato competitions. Thank all the captains for your efforts in managing your teams, including Tony Dikmans, Kev Anderson, Tracy Bowell, Linda Webster & the parents of our junior interclub teams.

Events of 2019/20

In 2019/20 we had many tennis competitions and occasions including our Xmas tennis tournament and our Farmers tournament, Love Tennis weekend celebration of tennis. We also put a float into the 2019 Xmas parade. Each was very successful, and helped to raise our community profile. Thank you to the people who helped with these including Anne Spelchan (Xmas Tournery) and Sheryl Carpenter (Xmas parade).

Fund raising for the courts

Recently, we completed a milestone in our efforts to raise money to resurface our astro turf courts by securing \$50,000 to complete stage one (two courts). The committee and club members have worked very hard to bring this achievement to fruition. I'd like to commend them on their efforts in sausage sizzles, a quizz night, a casino night and tournaments. I'd also like to mention the many sponsors and Waikato businesses who have offered donations, sponsorship and prizes, including The Good George, Mitre 10, J Swap, Signboss, Waipa Tree Services, Peter Bryant and Brent and Wendy Torrance, Pony, Wholly Cow, ST Automotive, Florida, Repco, Camb Sports World, Camb Tyre and Alignment, BCM Barbers, 4 Seasons and many others. The two new courts will be rolled out after Xmas ready for use in February.

Tennis sponsors

Special thanks also to our tennis sponsors for your continued support of our club: Supreme Clean Cambridge Ltd, FMG, Cambridge Insurance Brokers, Rocket Spark, Webb Wood Accountants, Cambridge Real Estate, Mitre 10 Mega, New World, J Swap Contractors & Waikato Mortgage & Life Brokers.

Coaching

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the coaches who support our club. We enjoy a great reciprocal relationship to Peter Hoyland, Oskar Williams and the Kiwi Tennis coaching crew. Thanks also to Rosie Smith 'Coach Rosie' - for her part as our newest tennis coach.

Looking ahead

Looking ahead, there is lots happening and more challenges to keep us busy. We look forward to two tournaments in November and December, the formation of a new fund-raising strategy towards replacing the final two astro turf courts, the creation of a new 5-year plan from 2021, and a second attempt at lobbying local council to do their bit in maintaining a dilapidated public court.

Thank you to our wonderful President, Linda Webster for her leadership and enthusiasm for our club, my fellow committee members for dedication and the CRC management committee for providing oversight to the workings of the club. Finally, I'd also like to make special mention about our manager, Wayne Peterson, who does a fantastic job as our 'front man' at what could be termed his second home. We really appreciate your energy, commitment and guidance.



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