**Tennis Chair Report – AGM 2024**

The 2024 tennis season has been a fantastic success, culminating in our recognition as the Waikato **Club of the Year.** This award highlights the fantastic, positive club culture and our programs that run every night of the week for all ages and abilities. A huge thank you to our amazing coordinators: Carmel, Leah, Richie, John, Belinda, Neville, David, Graeme, and Wayne.

We started the season with an exciting **Love Tennis Open Day**, which drew great crowds eager to try tennis, squash, and pickleball. A big thanks to the 36 volunteers who made it possible, especially Suzie for much of the preparation work and on the day.

**Club Upgrades**
This year brought several upgrades. We now have a new awning on the upstairs deck. The ladies changing rooms were painted, special thanks to Leah for organising this. Plus, the new squash electronic scoring system can be used for tennis tournaments.

Ash Boyd donated a ride-on mower. This was stolen, and Glen Reid donated a replacement. The insurance money received for the stolen mower will be put towards new storage to keep our lawn mower safe.

The highlight of the year is our stunning new **plexipave courts**, thanks to funding from Grassroots and Waipa Council. The public court was also upgraded and now includes Pickleball markings, encouraging greater community use. Special thanks to Richie for driving this and Wayne, Graeme, and Suzie for their hard work in making this happen.

**Tournaments**
We hosted two successful tournaments this year. In December, we showcased our new courts with a competitive Doubles Tournament—thanks to Logan Amey and Mike Causer for organising this successful day, which will now be a regular fixture on the calendar. In March, we enjoyed a Social Doubles Tournament with special guests Deputy Mayor Liz Stolwyk and Kevin Burgess from Grassroots cutting the ribbon. Thanks to ASB for its sponsorship and providing the balls.

Our club championship was also a hit, with a BBQ and an enthusiastic crowd cheering on the players under the new awning. Congratulations to: Alexis Thornton (Girls singles), Taane Young (Junior boys), Logan Amey (senior men), Sylvia Shipley (senior women), Tane Young and Carl Ryden (Junior boys’ doubles), Logan Amey and Nick Hammond (Men’s doubles), and Rosie Smith and Wayne Peterson (mixed doubles). A big thank you to Logan for organising the draws.

Our members have had excellent results at tournaments, both juniors and seniors. Special mention goes to Annabel Chapman who was awarded **Female Player of the Year** for the Waikato Thames Valley, again. Annabel is #4 in New Zealand for the 16 & Under age group.

Congratulations to our interclub teams. Cambridge teams won the seniors Premiership, the juniors Division 1, the junior Division 2, and the Ladies midweek Division B.

**Fundraising**
In June we held a fun-filled 1960s-themed quiz night that raised $3,500. Thanks to quiz master Jamie McKean, everyone who helped, and Suzie for bringing this together.

**Acknowledgments**
Mike Causer was awarded **Volunteer of the Year** for his outstanding contributions organising regional junior fixtures and intra-regional events. And he still finds time to support his Cambridge tennis. Thanks for all your hard work and support.

Thank you to our wonderful tennis committee for your commitment to our club. It is a fantastic committee to be part of and the passion and energy everyone brings is amazing. The Club of the Year award reflected that “there is fantastic leadership and ethos right throughout the club.”

Thanks to the Management Committee and Facilities Committee for all the time and support given to the club. Thanks to Dave Kilbride our president for his insights and support.

To Suzie, **Administrator of the Year.** This accolade is well deserved. Thank you. Suzie shows initiative and takes ownership, ensuring events and the club run smoothly (and answering all my questions). Thank you for all the amazing work you do for CRC.

Thanks to Rosie for her continued support. And to Bob Peterson, thank you for doing a wonderful job of keeping our club in tip-top shop.

As noted in our Club of the Year award, “Cambridge is by far the most successful Tennis Club in the Waikato Thames Valley.” Thank you to everyone who supported the club this year. I wish all members and their families a wonderful rest of 2024 and an exciting 2025 ahead!

— Kim Bannon