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Friday(ish) Flash – 11th December 2009

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COMPETITIONS

SUMMER NIGHT COMPETITION

The A grade Monday night competition was treated to a hot, sultry evening as summer finally hit with a vengeance. An about-face by Ivan's Army saw them return to the fold, and duly gave the Pasties a pasting. Deadbeats pushed Bintulan all the way in the two mixed doubles matches but couldn't find that elusive set.

Nicky Caton put on an exhibition for Nev's Nobblers, including one shot that you won't see in the training manual. Best described as a drive-lob-slice-return of service, the ball was in the air for an eternity and was seen quite clearly over Mt Taranaki before scything its way back to earth, landing right in the corner of the opponents' half of the court. The ice that had accumulated on the ball caused it to skid off the surface and made it unplayable. Point to the Nobblers!

Results 7/12/09

Deadbeats	19	vs	42	Bintulan Ondasova
Fluffy's	18	vs	36	Nobblers
Pasties	10	vs	42	Ivan's

Ladder

Ivan's Army	250
Nev's Nobblers	217
Bintulan Ondasova	210
Cornish Pasties	153
Fluffy's Fab Four	122
Dave's Deadbeats	117

Tuesday Night B Grade

With just one more round to be played there could still be a fight for first position.

Helen Russell remains in the lead for the women on 153, followed by Paula Fore on 147 then Judy Stringer and Michelle Cornish on 142. Maybe those 4 could play each other and see who comes out on top! Kevin Kane has taken over the lead in the mens on 141, but Les Wright is right on his heels on 140 and Roger Lovell chasing on 137.

Next Tuesday 15th December is our last night with ALL games starting at 5.30 p.m.

There will be a cash bar from 7.30 pm onwards (so bring money) and hopefully everyone will join us for drinks & nibbles and the usual "debrief" of their games.

There may even be the odd prize dished out. (the emphasis on odd – so don't get too excited, that way you won't be disappointed).



GREAT VOUCHER DEALS!!

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LIVE VOUCHER

Tennis Talk - 8 December 2009

The club's outstanding Juniors, cousins Paige Hourigan and Kyle Butters have added yet another title to their long list of successes in 2009. They both triumphed in the North Island Primary/Intermediate School Championships which were held recently in the Counties Tennis centre in Pukekohe. The top four top seeds progressed through to the semi finals in both the Boys and Girls events. In the Boys final, second seed Kyle Butters proved too strong for top seed Kiranpal Pannu, and won in straight sets 6-0 7-5. The two top seeds, Paige Hourigan and Kelly Drew won through to the Girls final, which top seed Paige won convincingly 6-1, 6-4. Both Paige and Kyle went through

the entire tournament without dropping a set! Paige and Kyle are currently in Melbourne representing New Zealand in both the Australian National teams event, and the Australian Junior individual championships.

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Neville Hopkins, Selector of the Wanganui Senior representative team had high hopes that his stronger than usual team would win the day in the annual Christie Cup encounter against Taranaki held at the Wanganui courts on Sunday last. However, it was not to be, as Wanganui lost a very closely fought battle 13 matches (29 sets) to 11 matches (26 sets). Wanganui's top seeds, Simon O'Leary and 12 year old Paige Hourigan led by example in making a clean sweep of their singles, doubles and mixed doubles matches. Lisa Haden, Anna McIlraith and Taylor Quirk also had good days and won two of their three matches.

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Paige and Kyle off to a winning start in Melbourne

Both Paige Hourigan and Kyle Butters started their Australian tour in fine style on the opening day of the Optus 12s Teams Championships in Melbourne yesterday. Representing New Zealand in Group B of the Margaret Court Cup in a tie against Australian Capital territory, Paige won her singles 6-1, 6-1, and, with her partner Gabriela Coates, she also won her doubles match 6-4, 6-2. In the 12s Group B of the Rod Laver Cup, New Zealand played against Tasmania, and not to be outdone, Kyle trounced his opponent in his singles match 6-0, 6-1, and the joined with Sam Lane to win his doubles encounter 6-2, 6-1. With the other team members Rosie Cheng and Kiranpai Pannu also winning their singles matches, both the Girls and Boys New Zealand teams enjoyed 3-0 clean sweeps against their Australian State opponents. Today, the Girls team meet Northern Territory and the Boys play South Australia. Let's hope Paige and Kyle, and the other team members, maintain their winning ways today, and in the days ahead!

Maree's Bit

For those interested in following Paige and Kyle and their games at the 2009 December Showdown at Melbourne Park, please save these links:

Paige -

<http://ta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/player.aspx?id=43F110E8-6901-40BF-82D9-82FECFD870D2&player=668>

Kyle -

<http://ta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/player.aspx?id=43F110E8-6901-40BF-82D9-82FECFD870D2&player=301>

Their games have not been scheduled yet, but once they are, that is where to find them. There are 104 entries in the Boys 12s Singles and 83 entries in the Girls 12s Singles.

Tennis NZ are running a Coaches Course in New Plymouth on Sunday 21st February 2010. It is limited to 16 spaces and enrolments close 12th February 2010.

The Tennis NZ Community Coach Course is the first step on the coaching pathway. It is designed for students, teachers, parents, club helpers and anyone who wishes to gain some basic skills in coaching tennis. For further information please email Maree on tenniswang@xtra.co.nz, and I will send you the pdf document I have. Or email katie@wellingtontennis.org.nz for an application pack

Dave the Prez sez:

Hi Everyone,

The end of the year is approaching fast so I hope you have all nearly finished your christmas shopping. I have to admit that the best things about Christmas to me would be the three Fs (Family , Food and Friends) hmmm I can taste the trifles and pavlovas now washed down with a glasses of ginger beer minus the ginger.(got to love that ginger beer)

We have had alot of tennis played on our courts these past months and I thank all Saturday club day players for allowing the interclub matches against Palmerston North teams to take place. We currently have nine club teams entered from Junior grades to Premier grade. The last matches for the year take place this Saturday and we should all be very proud of how the teams are doing. A special thanks must go out to the team managers and captains because without them we would not have any of the teams entered.

We have the mixed grade champs this Sunday so I hope you have all entered. Many thanks to Michael Smyth for organising the event.

I would like to let you all know that our club has received a cheque for **\$1100.00** from the companies advertising specials to all of us on our website voucher system. These companies are supporting our tennis club so we need to support them or we will lose them. Please print off the great offers and take them into the stores. Tara and I go into the Imlay butcher shop every week and we get the \$6 discount everytime (so far that discount has enabled me to purchase **over 50 bottles of ginger beer for free !**). I got 2 great tyre deals from Tyres and Alloys (Keith Savell from Tyres and Alloys has also joined our club) and we really enjoy Ryan's coffee at Rapido. We recently purchased a brand new dining suite from Ginza and saved over 2 thousand dollars (thank you Peter from Ginza). Watkins Honda will also be starting his great warrant deal again soon. I have asked some of the owners/managers of these companies to

write a weekly paragraph for our Friday flash readers on any topic they wish to, so we all can get to know them a little bit. Tara and I have saved over \$2500 this year by simply supporting these stores which support our club.

Trip to London for two lucky club members. Many thanks to John Williams for putting in his time and energy which enabled our club to win this fantastic prize. Without John Williams we would not have won this. Your elected committee will decide on how the prize is given away and we will come back to you about it at a later date. Very exciting times.

Have a great Christmas everybody and to all of those travelling away please drive with care.

See you down at the courts

Dave

[The club's 'A' and 'B' grade Mixed Doubles tournament will be held this Sunday 13th December, starting at 1-00pm. Entries can be made on the noticeboard, or emailed to organiser Michael Smyth c/- smythmicha@gmail.com. Anyone who would like to participate but does not have a partner should email their name, gender \(if it is not obvious\), grade and phone number to Michael.](#)

FINALLY

As another year grinds to a close we are reminded yet again of the inevitable march of time. The joints ache that little bit more, the eyesight isn't quite as sharp (especially when making line-calls), the hair migrates from the head to the nose and ears, and we say "...back in the day..." far too often. Our libido shrinks but our underwear gets bigger and the thought of a 3-setter fills us with dread and a hard-fought 5-setter is but a distant memory.

But at least we can laugh about it, and in that vein...

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen.

The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, 'Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great.. I would recommend it very highly.'

The other man said, 'What is the name of the restaurant?'

The first man thought and thought and finally said, 'What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love?'

You know.... The one that's red and has thorns.'

'Do you mean a rose?'

'Yes, that's the one,' replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, 'Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?'

Enjoy your tennis.

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