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Friday(ish) Flash – 11th June 2010

Welcome all, in this edition:

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The Mid-Week tennis group are holding their annual Mid Winter luncheon at **Caroline's Celtic, 437 Victoria Ave, from noon on Tuesday, 15**

June. All club members and their friends will be welcome to join the Mid-Week team in celebrating the soon to arrive shortest day in 2010.

Those people who have not added their names to the list in the Control Room are asked to contact Wayne Costello - ph 345 6040 - who will advise the numbers likely to attend to the **Celtic.**"

Maree's Bits:

Davis Cup – Grasshoppers Tournaments

Taranaki have invited us to enter a team into the Grasshoppers Tournament they are holding on Friday 9th July (first Friday of the school holidays). There are two age groups: 5-7 years and 8-10 years. This is a fun tournament open to novice players. You will be using the Grasshoppers equipment, courts and rules. Cost would be \$33.50 per player which includes entry to the Davis Cup Opening Ceremony and Day 1 matches.

If you have a child that would be interested please let me know by the end of next Tuesday, 15th June. It is possible that I may be able to take a team up with me, so if you need to work, this may be possible.

Sorry, quote for bus not completed yet.

Just repeating this - Community Coaching Course (CCC)

The CCC is the first course on the coaching pathway. You may wish to be able to do basic coaching of your own children, or possibly would be interested in becoming a Grasshoppers Coach and going in to schools (definitely in Term 4, and you get paid for this – email me if you want more info). There are several courses coming up during the next four months:

Tennis Central, Renouf Centre in Wellington, 1st August

Taranaki Tennis, course to be held in Stratford, on 29th August

Manawatu Tennis, venue to be confirmed, on 17th October

Please email me for course information and registration forms. Most courses are limited to the first 16 enrolled.

Upcoming junior tournaments

Please note this list is not comprehensive and only covers those in the Tennis Central region. For a comprehensive list please see the calendar on the Tennis NZ website. New or updated events are in red.

Tournament name	Date	Closing date for entries	Further info from
2010 HVT Junior Winter Tournament (Lower Hutt) 10s/12s/14s/16s/18s ** see notes below **	3-7 Jul	No later than Sunday 20 th June	tenniswang@xtra.co.nz www.huttvalleytennis.co.nz
2010 Tennis Manawatu Junior Winter Open (Palmerston North) 5-12 years – Grasshopper Challenger 12s/14s/16s ** see notes below **	13-16 Jul	Monday 5 th July	tenniswang@xtra.co.nz or jared@tennismanawatu.org.nz
Manawatu Junior Spring Open	27 Sept-1 Oct		jared@tennismanawatu.org.nz
Slazenger Wellington Spring Junior Open	4-8 Oct		jen@regionaltennis.co.nz
Strike Tennis Labour Weekend (Wellington)	23-25 Oct		jen@regionaltennis.co.nz
Taranaki Junior Open	Oct/Nov - TBC		s.l.lloyd@xtra.co.nz

FINALLY

Poor old Sammy couldn't pull off the big one last week. I suppose we'll have to wait another 30 years before a female antipodean again graces centre stage in a grand slam final. Ah well, with the World Cup a matter of hours away we can concentrate on a proper game for a few weeks. Will Ryan Nelsen's granite jaw break up some of the world's best attacks? Will Timmy Brown's shoulder come good for the first match? Will Leo Bertos trade in those stupid yellow boots? All shall soon be revealed. If my tennis game sinks below its usual lack-lustre mediocrity in the next 4 weeks, I will blame it on the Sith Efricans living in a particularly unsociable time-zone.

Not one club member could be bothered abusing me for that punnet of puns I delivered last week, soon your heads be it:

1. Back in the 1800's the Tate's Watch Company of Massachusetts wanted to produce other products, and since they already made the cases for watches, they used them to produce compasses. The new compasses were so bad that people often ended up in Canada or Mexico rather than California. This, of course, is the origin of the expression: "He who has a Tate's is lost!"

2. King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

3. An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew, and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

In an unashamed plug for my little business, I have 20% off venetians, verticals and roller blinds at the moment, but for you, mention you're a club member when you ring for a quote and I'll take a further 5% off the price.

Enjoy your tennis.

Terry Wright
Accent Curtains and Blinds