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## Friday(ish) Flash – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Summer competitions
- Midweek rosters
- Vouchers
- Open day, premier league and Manawatu open
- Club championships
- Finally – The deep south

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## COMPETITIONS

### SUMMER NIGHT COMPETITION

Tuesday Night “Blair Gleeson Trophy” Results.

Fore Ruskles have taken an early lead on maximum of 10 points. In second place is Hit & Miss and LADA on 6.5 points. Last Minute had a bye the first round but got off to a great start scoring 5 points this week.

A reminder to players to start promptly at 5.30 p.m. so the 7.30 p.m. round can start on time. The last team didn't finish until 10.15 p.m. this week.

### A-grade

No volunteers to run the post-xmas comp have been forthcoming despite jollyng, cajoling, bribing and outright bullying. There is still plenty of summer left so if there is anyone out there who is willing to stick their head above the parapet there is an outside chance that a competition may still go ahead.

## **Midweek Rosters**

### **February 10**

**Tue 2 Dawn Wright and Wigs A-Tweed**  
**Thu 4 John Williams and Carron Thompson**  
**Tue 9 Margaret Costello and Pam Watson**  
**Thu 11 Doreen Jennings and Paul Rayner**  
**Tue 16 Garth Gilbert and Les Wright**  
**Thu 18 Graham Tyler and John Goldsmith**  
**Tue 23 Anne Rowe and Angela Tweedale**  
**Thu 25 Marama Hihira and Tom Brock**

### **March 10**

**Tue 2 Dawn Wright and Kathy Raisin**  
**Thu 4 Margaret Fox and Marama Hihira**  
**Tue 9 Nancy Ingle and Margaret Roddick**  
**Thu 11 John Williams and Carron Thompson**  
**Tue 16 Margaret Costello and Pam Watson**  
**Thu 18 Doreen Jennings and Paul Rayner**  
**Tue 23 Garth Gilbert and Les Wright**  
**Thu 25 Graham Tyler and John Goldsmith**  
**Tue 30 Anne Rowe and Angela Tweedale**

### **April 10**

**Thu 1 Margaret Fox and Marama Hihira**  
**Tue 6 Wigs A-Tweed and Wayne Costello**  
**Thu 8 John Williams and Carron Thompson**  
**Tue 13 Margaret Costello and Margaret Bannerman**  
**Thu 15 Doreen Jennings and Paul Rayner**  
**Tue 20 Garth Gilbert and Les Wright**  
**Thu 22 Graham Tyler and John Goldsmith**  
**Tue 27 Nancy Ingle and Vic Grubi**  
**Thu 29 Bernie Hearn and Tom Brock**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Everyone in the club needs to know what they are missing out on if they don't use the great offers available to them via the voucher system.

The businesses involved pay for the privilege of bringing these great deals to you. The club need their support and they need our business.

Make it a habit to print off the vouchers and keep them handy. You'll be surprised at what savings you will make.

Support the businesses that support your club.



## Tennis Info – 12 February

On Sunday, 14 February from 10-00am until 2-00pm, the Wanganui Tennis Club is holding a FREE TENNIS OPEN DAY in conjunction with Tennis New Zealand's nationwide "Love Tennis on Valentine Weekend" promotion. Everyone will be welcome to try their out the great game of tennis - even children aged 5 years and over will be able to join in, using the Grasshoppers mini racquets and mini nets on mini courts provided.

A BBQ is being organised, many spot prizes will be presented, and a new tennis racquet will be given to a lucky junior. Any new members who pay their tennis club subscriptions on the day, will enjoy a 50% discount off all the subscription categories, and be able to participate in all club days and play at any time until end October 2010.

Development Officer, Maree Keelty will have complete information about the club's facilities at the vacant shop in Trafalgar Square from 10-am until 6-00pm on 10, 11 and 12 February – and after school on those days, juniors will be demonstrating Grasshopper mini tennis games.

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Team Leader, and the club's Head Coach, Jeremy Pigou has advised that last weekend the Wanganui Premier team enjoyed another fantastic victory over last year's champions in the Manawatu competition. In their previous encounter the game score was 6-3 to Wanganui, but this time they triumphed 8-1! I the singles, Jeremy won a close game 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, Nick Caton won 6-4 6-0 after being down 4-1 in the first set, and Shane Stanfield won 7-6, 6-3. In the women's singles, Lisa Haden had little trouble in winning 6-1, 6-0, and Michelle low completed a clean sweep for the Wanganui women 6-3, 6-2.

To cap off a great day for the Premier team they were victorious in all the doubles matches. Wanganui remain at the top of the table in the Manawatu Premier Competition.

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The Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club has invited Wanganui players to enter an Open Doubles competition to be held at their Fitzherbert Ave courts in Palmerston North on Tuesday, 23 February, starting at 9-30am. (Men cannot play together). Morning and afternoon teas, lunch and prizes are provided for a \$15-00 per person entry fee. Anyone interested in participating is asked to contact John Williams ph 347 8281 or email [john.patty@xtra.co.nz](mailto:john.patty@xtra.co.nz), who will organise transport, and submit details of the Wanganui participants to the Manawatu organisers. Dawn Wright and John Williams are organising a similar Social Doubles competition at the Bassett St courts on Tuesday, 23 March – so those interested should pencil that date into their diaries.

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## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Club Championship Doubles will be held on Sunday 21 Feb from 1pm.  
Please enter on the sheets on the notice board.  
This is a knockout competition but flow on games will be organised as you lose.  
Enter on notice board by Sat 20 Feb.  
No partner? Enter and usually something can be sorted out.  
Games are 2 tie breaker sets and a further tiebreaker only, if required as a third set.  
All finished on same day.

Club Singles and Handicapped singles entries close on Saturday 20 Feb. These matches are to be played in your own time with own balls.  
They are both knock out competitions. ie once you lose you are out.  
Draws will be up on Sunday 21.  
Contact your opponents yourself.  
Two weeks will be allowed for the first round to be played then one week for subsequent rounds.  
Singles are best of 3 tie breaker sets.  
Handicapped singles are first to 9.

## **FINALLY**

Top tip for the day: when contemplating the joys of a driving holiday over and through some of the most beautiful mountainous scenery in the world, take into account the vagaries of a twenty-year-old van with a quarter of a million kilometres having swiftly (and less swiftly) passed under its creaking chassis.

As you may guess, this is advice given from recent experiences in the bottom bit of the country.

Although Dunedin (and the masters' games) was my final destination, I took the opportunity to add a few days to my trip and meander down the west coast of the south island. Mind-numbingly beautiful though it is, there is one place that I recommend you never, ever stop at. To be on the safe side, it is probably prudent to never mention the name again lest you be mysteriously transported there.

That place is called Haast (hereafter referred to as "Hell").

The handful of people that have to live in Hell have somehow reconciled themselves to their lot by adopting a permanent, but forced, smile but it cannot hide the haunted look in their eyes. They look longingly at your freedom to merely pass through (which most travellers wisely opt to do) and there is an unspoken, but acknowledged, pleading to be strapped to the roof-rack of anything with wheels that may whisk them away from their life of torment.

But when some poor sod comes limping into town (I use the word 'town' loosely), obviously in need of assistance due to the very expensive hissing and knocking sounds emanating from his clunky old diesel, there is a palpable change in the demeanour of the Hellites. Although abhorring their own plight, they draw satisfaction from the possibility that this latest interloper may actually be stuck in Hell with them and be forced to join their coven. If you have ever seen Bela Lugosi just before he plunges his fangs into a particularly tasty victim, you'll get the idea.

The problem was, I arrived there on a Friday, late afternoon, and the only mechanic within cooee had knocked off and was three sheets to the wind (can't blame him), as this was the most accessible method of escaping, albeit temporarily, from the pitiful existence that is the Hellites' lot.

Faced with a stay of an indeterminate length, I checked into a hostel run by a man who had long since lost all hope, went straight to bed, pulled the sheets up over my head, stuck my fingers in my ears and made la-la-la-la-la noises so as to ward off any locals (it was, I believe, a full moon).

Day two in Hell brought rain, but it did little to douse the Hellfire that was raging in my head. The mechanic deigned to arrive at the service station a little after ten-thirty, and a cursory inspection of my (not-so-) trusty Toyota yeided such an incisive diagnosis that I thought I was talking to Doctor Gregory House. "Hmm, could be one of a hundred things – I may have time to look at it on Monday". To this he added, "If it needs parts, they may take a couple of days or so to get here"

My screams were said to be heard in Invercargill.

To be continued....

Enjoy your tennis.

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