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Friday(ish) Flash –13th August 2010

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Vouchers
- Maree's bits
- Finally – Stormy weather, Russian legs and a challenge.



MAREE'S BITS

Junior committee members

The date for the WTC AGM has been set for Wednesday 8th September. The WTC Junior Committee would welcome new members and if you are interested but cannot make it on the night, please let me know on either 3436275, or tenniswang@xtra.co.nz.

Dunlop Slazenger Junior Open

The entry form for this is on the home page of the Club's webpage.

Community Coach Course

The next one in the Tennis Central region is in Stratford on 29th August. Please contact me if you are interested in this and I will email you the form.

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 |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| TC RCP Tournament (Masterton) | 28-29 Aug | | On noticeboard or Maree |
| Manawatu Junior Spring Open | 27 Sept-1 Oct | | jared@tennismanawatu.org.nz |
| DUNLOP SLAZENGER JUNIOR OPEN 10's, 12s, 14s, 16s, singles & doubles Over \$12,500 in prizes HELD IN WANGANUI | 4-8 Oct | 5pm, 30 Sept | tenniswang@xtra.co.nz |
| Strike Tennis Labour Weekend (Wellington) | 23-25 Oct | | jen@regionaltennis.co.nz |
| Taranaki Junior Open | 23-25 Oct | | s.l.lloyd@xtra.co.nz |
| AMI Tennis Central Primary Schools (Wanganui) | Fri 5 Nov | Selected | Maree – closer to the time |
| TC Invitational Weekend (Wanganui) – to participate you need to enter those tournaments that are part of the points race | 6-7 Nov | Selected | Maree or Clint Packer |
| Hutt Valley Christmas Tournament | 18-22 Dec | | |
| Taranaki Open | 27-30 Dec | | |
| REP FIXTURE – Wanganui vs Taranaki (played in Manaia) | 20 Mar | Rep ladder | Maree |
| REP FIXTURE – Quad Rep Weekend (played in P/Nth or Feilding) | 27 Feb | Rep Ladder | Maree |
| REP FIXTURE – Tennis Central Match | TBC | Rep Ladder | Maree |

Entry information for the Tennis Central RCP Tournament and what to do if you want to be considered for the TC Tri-Series team is now in the junior noticeboard (applications due by 19 August).

FINALLY

There is a certain sense of impending doom on this blackest of Black Fridays. Our trusty rag, the Chronicle, has warned us to batten down the hatches as a storm is a-brewing and no less than 100mm of rain will descend upon us. We must have angered the weather gods indeed. I'm not entirely sure what 100mm of rain looks like, but it sounds like a lot. A hundred of anything is quite impressive so I'll be checking my stocks of battens to make sure I have enough for the various hatches I have lying around.

Helen Russell was today remarking on how she was looking forward to the upcoming US Open. I was about to agree, but when I really thought about it, I realised there was nothing about today's top tennis professionals that was at all interesting. We couldn't think of any players that have that spark that used to fill the arenas. I'm talking of Connors, McEnroe, Nastase, Vilas, Gerulaitis, Navratilova, Cash, Becker, Sabbatini (the blokes know why she's on the list). Sure, there are the Williams sisters, but they are just unlikeable and not particularly interesting. Maybe the standard of tennis required just to be in the top 500 is so high now that only the automatons make it to the big time. Those with even the tiniest sense of there being a world outside of tennis will be weeded out at an early stage because their focus is not total. The dominance by the Eastern European countries would seem to support this and if those Russian women players didn't have such damn fine legs, I'd be turning off the TV altogether.

Maree has set us a challenge, but it will rely on the honesty of the challengees:

What is the meaning of "friggatriskaidekaphobia"?

Googlers will be disqualified, which lets me out as I couldn't resist.

Email Maree with the answer before Monday 16th 8.00 PM and you will go into the draw to win.....

A Bar of Chocolate!!

Winner will be published in this august publication (see what I did there?) and they will evermore be known as a Nancy-Girly-Swat.

No offence, Nancy.

Enjoy your tennis.

Terry Wright
Accent Curtains and Blinds