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Friday(ish) Flash – 18th December 2009

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Summer competitions
- Vouchers
- Tennis Talk
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COMPETITIONS

SUMMER NIGHT COMPETITION

A-grade Results 7/12/09

Deadbeats	18	vs	42	Fluffy's
Ivan's	42	vs	17	Bintulan
Nobblers	22	vs	36	Pasties

Ladder

Ivan's Army	292
Nev's Nobblers	287 *
Bintulan Ondasova	269 **
Cornish Pasties	189
Fluffy's Fab Four	164
Dave's Deadbeats	135

* Nobblers awarded 42 pts for their walkover vs Ivan's Army

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With just one playing date remaining, and not wanting to see a grown man cry, the organiser awarded Nev's Nobblers an entirely undeserved 42 points for being lucky enough not to have to play Ivan's Army twice. Bintulan Ondasova also benefited from a

walkover against Fluffy's lot. What the freeby points have done, though, is make for an interesting last round, with the Nobblers only 5 points behind Ivan's Army. Ivan's last fixture is against the Deadbeats, which would normally be 42 points in the bag, but an Aussie crassness for Phil Gifford means that Jeremy Pigou steps into the breach, and if he can offset the appalling form of partner Terry Wright then an upset just may be on the cards. This would see the Nobblers possibly overtake the Army at the final hurdle if they can overcome Bintulan, who themselves can make a late charge for the title if results go their way.

All will be revealed in a couple of days' time.

Tuesday Night B Grade

Completed last Tuesday but no results to hand.

The interclub competitions have proved to be popular and after the first round the Wanganui teams are sitting pretty

Paul Cornish reports...

Just For Fun- Men's A Grade First Round Report

New entrants 'Just for Fun' are making a lie of their name by moving through the first round of competition undefeated in the 2009/10 Manawatu interclub competition. Hardened in the arena of typical Wanganui club play these four wily old guys are proving too much for the Manawatu clubs. Every tie has ended in a clean sweep of wins apart from one against Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club which ended in an epic draw (sixty games apiece).

On most weeks the other clubs field a team of teenagers who hit the ball beautifully and are full of running. But they are still learning to play the game of tennis. Playing at number four Jamie Byers has yet to be defeated in singles and playing with Roger Lovell in the doubles has proven too strong for those east of the Rangitikei. Roger has an equally impressive singles record, managing to battle both his opponent and the flu in the recent win over Marist Green. The player depth in the Wanganui club has meant super-sub Ivan Southon has been able to step in on three occasions and be too strong for those playing number one from other clubs.

Team captain Paul Rayner points out there is one match yet to be played to complete the round. A rescheduled match against 'Tu Toa' who are definitely a team in contention for the title having only dropped one match so far. Can they go all the way to the final and win it? That is certainly the plan, the team has a lot of grit. One doubles match tiebreak against Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club was won from a position of being 1-6 down. 'Just for Fun', yeah right!



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Tennis Talk - 16 December 2009

The club's A and B grade Mixed Doubles Championships were held on Sunday last. The winners of the A grade competition were Rachel Webster and Mike Cronin, and the runners-up were Michelle Low and Howard Hall. The final of the B grade event went right to the wire, with Judy Stringer and Paul Anderson just managing to hold on to beat Anne Rowe and Les Wright.

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The fantastic performance of cousins Kyle Butters and Paige Hourigan in the just completed Optus 12s Australian Teams competition in Melbourne has surprised many people. Both played in the Number 1 position for their New Zealand teams, and both ended the competition undefeated in their singles matches – Paige after 7 and Kyle after 6 games! During the teams competition, both Kyle and Paige defeated the players who were ranked Number two in the Australian 12s end October 2009 ranking lists. If Paige and Kyle can both maintain their current form, they should do well in the 12s individual Junior Championships which began on 15 December.

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Cousins Paige Hourigan and Kyle Butters both earned places in the Semi-finals of the Optus 12s Singles in Melbourne with yesterday's wins. Paige had a tough match against 5th seeded Olivia Tjandamulia, but recovered after losing the 1st set 3-6 to win the next two sets, 6-4, 6-2. This was a great result for Paige as only two months ago she lost a match against Tjandamulia.

Kyle had a easier passage in winning his singles match 6-4, 6-1. Later in the day the cousins were to play in the 12s doubles Quarter finals. Paige and partner Lois Ovetv played unseeded Shannah Beck and Jaimee Furlis, and Kyle teamed up with fellow New Zealander, Kiranpai Pannu, in a match against 4th seeds Jake Delaney and Kevin Shu.

FINALLY

A very merry christmas to all our members. Please don't forget the true spirit of the occasion, which of course is to get loads of prezzies, eat truckloads of food and to spend boxing day cowering in some dark corner.

There will be no Friday Flash next week unless I need to retreat from the festive spirit for an hour or so, in which case the Flash will be indecipherable anyway.

Fear not, though, as 2010 will bring more news, views and the occasional player profile (with subsequent law suit).

Enjoy your tennis.

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