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Friday(ish) Flash – 19th February 2010

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Summer competitions
- Midweek rosters
- Vouchers
- Maree's bits
- Missing ball basket
- Club championships
- Finally – The deep south (pt 2)

COMPETITIONS

SUMMER NIGHT COMPETITION

Tuesday Night "Blair Gleeson Trophy" Results.

No results to hand but I can testify that in perfect conditions a good night was had by all.

Midweek Rosters

February '10

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



MAREE'S BITS

Saturday morning tennis for junior club members

Dave is away tomorrow (good luck to those in tournaments this weekend!), so Nick and I would love some extra assistance from club members tomorrow morning (Saturday) from 9.00-10.30am. It is not hard work, just someone to run or assist with some tennis hitting, games and the ball machine. Either phone me on 3436275 or just turn up.

Tennis Open Day:

A huge thank you to everyone that helped out with this last Sunday. Statistical info is still being compiled but we had 77 guests through the club gates and I think around half of those joined as members. There are photos and an article on the Tennis NZ website.

Junior information:

Upcoming tournaments. Please note this list is not comprehensive and only covers those in the Tennis Central region. For a comprehensive list please see <http://www.tennisnz.com/Calendar/EventsCalendar.aspx?FilterView=5&Actions=16&ID=349>

If it has my name (Maree), then I have been emailed a copy of the entry form, and tournament details, and can forward these to you (email me on tenniswang@xtra.co.nz).

| Tournament name | Date | Further info from |
|--|---------------|--|
| Quad Rep Fixture 10's – Manawatu 12's – Wanganui 14's – Manaia (Taranaki) 16's - Masterton | 27/28 Feb | Maree |
| Primary & Secondary Club Champs (WTC) | 14 Mar | |
| Club Parent/Child Tournament (WTC) | 28 Mar | |
| Slazenger Wellington Junior Championships (Renouf Centre, Wgtn) | 2-5 Apr | Jen Burridge |
| National Championships 14/u (Renouf) | 7-11 Apr | Tennis NZ |
| Hutt Valley Winter Tournament (L/Hutt) | 3-7 Jul | www.huttvalleytennis.co.nz |
| Manawatu Junior Spring Open (TBC) | 27 Sept-1 Oct | jared@tennismanawatu.org.nz |
| Slazenger Wgtn Spring Junior Open (Wgtn) | 4-8 Oct | jen@regionaltennis.co.nz |
| Strike Tennis Labour Weekend (Renouf) | 23-25 Oct | jen@regionaltennis.co.nz |
| Taranaki Junior Open (Pukekura Park, N/Ply) | Oct/Nov TBC | s.l.loyd@xtra.co.nz |

Ball machine

A reminder that the ball machine is there for Club Members' use. Please arrange a time with me and I'll meet you down there to get it out, or if there is a Committee member down there, and they have their card on them, just smile really, really, really sweetly ☺

Community Coach Course

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. Manawatu are hosting one on Sunday 28th March, but only have 16 spots available. Please email or phone me if you want further info and I will forward through the form.

If you have any queries relating to junior tennis, please do not hesitate to contact me.

MISSING BALL BASKET

Somewhere out there is a green ball basket. If whoever has it returns it before the next full moon, then they will merely have their eyeballs scooped out with a white-hot dessert spoon. If the offender is caught at a later date, however, they will be forced to listen to Michael Smyth sing "Old Man River" in falsetto.

If anyone knows who the perpetrator is, please snitch on them to the committee.

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

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The prospect of spending another minute, let alone a few days, in Hell was enough to spur me into action. I was getting out of this place come Haast or high water. Armed with several containers of water and a steely resolve, I set out for Wanaka, some 100 miles away and on the other side of a mountain pass.

I hadn't got far when I spied two hitch-hikers carrying back-packs and the mandatory guitar. Good, thought I: some people to share my misery. It was a young bloke and his impossibly fresh-faced girlfriend, travelling to Milford Sound on a journey of self-discovery. Unfortunately, they were university students, and even more unfortunately, they were christians.

Any reasonable person would feel justified at this point in driving to the end of the nearest dead-end mountain road, dropping off the foolish young things and having their deity of choice rescue them. However, not being one to shirk a challenge, I resolved to bring some perspective to their lives and I happened to have just the tools to do it. Firstly, it had turned into a stinking hot day. Secondly, I had to keep the heater on full blast to cool the overheating engine. Thirdly, and most importantly, I had an esky-full of ice-cold speights.

Suffice to say that after a couple of hours they emerged from my van a good deal more worldly and well balanced. Perhaps balanced isn't entirely the correct word to use as they zig-zagged their way to the nearest pub, keen to further celebrate their new-found zest for life in the traditional fashion. Milford could wait.

What had started as a day of potential horror, spent either knawing at my own flesh from desperation in Hell, or seizing my motor half-way up a mountain, had turned into a good day. Not only had I made it back to civilization with nary a burble from my overworked cooling system, but I had managed to nobly corrupt a pair of young minds to within an inch of their lives.

Yes, a very good day indeed.

To be continued.....

Enjoy your tennis.

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