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## Friday(ish) Flash – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Summer competitions
- Midweek rosters -repeated
- Vouchers
- Steamboat Tournament
- Junior club coaching
- Maree's bit
- Finally – The yips

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## **COMPETITIONS**

### SUMMER NIGHT COMPETITION

Blair Gleeson Memorial Trophy – B Grade Night Competition.  
Competition will begin Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

Teams consist of 2 men and 2 women – B grade players only.

Entries to Lynne Campbell 348 2373 (away 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Jan) or Les Wright.

Entries close 6 p.m. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

\$40.00 per team payable first night of play.

Entry forms on noticeboard – please complete in full.

### **A-grade**

We still need someone to run the post-xmas competition. Please note I will be out of town until the second week in February so there will be no Flash for the next two weeks. If someone wishes to run the competition and lets me know by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, I can send out a Flash Extra with the details.

## 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



**GREAT VOUCHER  
DEALS!!**

**Maxkatt**  
LIVE VOUCHER

## Steamboat Tournament

Unfortunately could not go ahead due to lack of numbers.

Thanks to Michael Smyth for all his efforts. Organising these events is a time-consuming business and Michael must be particularly disappointed at the cancellation.

Michael had promised (threatened) us that he would discard the clarinet and stretch his vocal chords for a few numbers on the Waimarie, so I guess there is a silver lining to the cloud of disappointment.

## JUNIOR CLUB COACHING TERM 1

The Club's junior coaching programme begins in February.

Primary & Intermediate children starts Monday 8 Feb through to 29 March, 3.30-5pm

Suitable for beginners, a good way to learn the basics of the game in a fun, group environment.

Secondary students start Friday 5 February through to 26 March, 3.30-5pm

Coaching available for beginners, and matches for those with some experience.

The term runs for 8 weeks and the cost is \$25 per term. Players need to be club members.

Further information - call Leeann Lock ph 3477547 or 0277575785

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## **Maree's Bit:**

### **Tennis Open Day:**

Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, is Tennis Open Day which the Wanganui Tennis Club are participating in (this is a nationwide event for participating clubs). Posters are going up around town and I have got the front empty shop in Trafalgar Square (Countdown entrance) for the Thur/Fri/Sat beforehand. I have free product from Rebel Sport and plans for what happens on the Sunday will be organised at Committee Meetings next week.

Does anyone have any display boards that I can borrow while in Trafalgar Square? I cannot put anything directly on to the walls.

Also, anyone with some free time that might be able to put in an hour or two down at Trafalgar Square, please email me on [tenniswang@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tenniswang@xtra.co.nz), and let me know... even if it just so I get a break ☺

### **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](mailto:tenniswang@xtra.co.nz)).

<b>Tournament name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Closing date for entries</b>	<b>Further info from</b>
Thump Sports Kapi Mana Open, Paraparaumu Beach	28-31 Jan	Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Maree, or Jen Burridge on <a href="mailto:jen@regionaltennis.co.nz">jen@regionaltennis.co.nz</a>
Kapi Mana Grasshoppers Challenger Tournament	29 Jan	17 Jan	Maree, or Jen Burridge on <a href="mailto:jen@regionaltennis.co.nz">jen@regionaltennis.co.nz</a>
Tennis Central 18/u Junior ITF Tournament	7-13 Feb		<a href="mailto:jen@regionaltennis.co.nz">jen@regionaltennis.co.nz</a>
Quad Rep Fixture 10's – Manawatu 12's – Wanganui 14's – Manaia (Taranaki) 16's - Masterton	27/28 Feb	Selected	Maree
Slazenger Wellington Junior Championships	2-5 Apr		Jen Burridge
National Championships 14/u	7-11 Apr		Tennis NZ
Hutt Valley Winter Tournament	3-7 Jul		<a href="http://www.huttvalleytennis.co.nz">www.huttvalleytennis.co.nz</a>
Manawatu Junior Spring Open	27 Sept-1 Oct		<a href="mailto:jared@tennismanawatu.org.nz">jared@tennismanawatu.org.nz</a>
Slazenger Wellington Spring Junior Open	4-8 Oct		<a href="mailto:jen@regionaltennis.co.nz">jen@regionaltennis.co.nz</a>
Strike Tennis Labour Weekend	23-25 Oct		<a href="mailto:jen@regionaltennis.co.nz">jen@regionaltennis.co.nz</a>
Taranaki Junior Open	Oct/Nov _ TBC		<a href="mailto:s.l.lloyd@xtra.co.nz">s.l.lloyd@xtra.co.nz</a>

### **Variety Club Funding:**

The Variety Gold Heart Scholarship fund makes available a maximum of \$5,000 per annum for up to three years to help children with special needs fulfill their dreams. This could include assisting with tuition fees, personal development, coaching, and the purchase of training equipment, travel or accommodation. If you know of someone that this may benefit, please email me and I can return email some further information.

### **Holiday programme**

Jeremy will be running a holiday programme next Tue/Wed/Thurs, 26/27/28 January. It runs from 9.30am-midday and the cost is \$75 for the three days. It is open to all primary and intermediate school students, ability from beginners up, and you will be broken into groups of players that play at roughly the same ability as your child.

To book, or for further information please see Jeremy down at the Club or phone him on 027 4681662

**Quad Rep Fixture** – between Wanganui, Manawatu, Taranaki and Wairarapa. The dates for this is in the tournament list above, but we send 4 girls and 4 boys to each venue, in each age group.

There is a ladder up at the club, and now is the time to start challenging for spots on the rep team for this fixture. Please see, email or phone Jeremy with the name of the person you wish to challenge (may only be one spot above you, or challenge the 4<sup>th</sup> person in the team if you are not currently in the team), so a suitable time can be arranged. While Jeremy does not need to watch the game it is a good idea to have this match while he is down at the club so he can keep an eye on how you are playing.

### **Congratulations from Tennis Central:**

The 12's and 16's National titles have now been completed with some fantastic results achieved by the region's juniors.

12's and 16's National Hardcourts – medal position results are as follows:

Kyle Butters was the winner of the 12's boys singles title. Kyle was also a doubles semi finalist with Tennis Central partner Tai Durie (Manawatu).

Paige Hourigan was the winner of the 12's girls singles and doubles titles. Paige partnered Annabel Ellis from Southern in the doubles.

12's and 16's National Teams Events

The 12's Boys Tennis Central team won gold and what's more, won it without even dropping a match or a set throughout the whole event! Tournament Officials in Hamilton have indicated that this could be the first time a team has won a National Teams Event title in this way.

The Tennis Central 12's Boys team included Kyle Butters, Liam Wilby (Wellington), Tai Durie, Thomas Petersen (Wellington), Bernard Van der Spuy (Manawatu), Jeremy Pigou (Coach) and Dave Butters (Team Manager).

Meanwhile, in the 12's girls & 16's boys events Tennis Central came fourth and in the 16's girls the Region was placed sixth.

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

## **FINALLY**

Watching home-town girl Casey Dellaqua a couple of days ago was an excruciating experience. She and her opponent in the Aussie open seemed to be hell-bent on finding new and interesting ways to lose the match. It seemed that the tie was destined never to end as first one girl, then the other, failed to take advantage of set-winning situations. Two tie-break sets decided it in Casey's favour, but that was always the way this match was going to play out as neither could capitalise on the many breaks of

service and invariably an outstanding performance in one game would be followed by capitulation in the next.

It is an interesting phenomenon that even for professionals, the dreaded yips or a debilitating choke can strike when the big points come along. With the army of medical and psychological support staff at their beck and call, why do players suddenly get thunderstruck with the prospect of winning a match? I remember ten or more years ago a player famously having to resort to serving a set underhand (it wasn't Trevor Chappell) as she was totally overcome by a brain explosion of nerves. I suppose it is easy for us to question how a player can succumb to what would appear to be a minor irritation, but the most at stake for us hackers is possibly having to buy a round in the bar afterwards. Our livelihoods don't depend on whether we make the shot or not. We will not get an almighty dressing down from our personal coaches and we won't be worrying whether player payments for going out in the first round will cover our hotel bill.

However – all that to say this: I DO get the yips. I can sail through the first three points of a service game and am suddenly struck with the prospect of holding serve. That will be enough for me to send a forehand into the net, a backhand into row Z and serve three double-faults, usually in that order. Game.

What is needed are some revolutionary techniques to overcome this awful brain-freeze and I intend experimenting with a few. Some I have tried and discarded (hurling expletives at the racquet/ball/partner/opponent/weather/any poor sod within range) and some I intend to try at the next opportunity (softly hum “Yellow Submarine”, ponder the meaning of life, contemplate the wonder of deep-fried mars bars) but I realistically hold little hope that any worthwhile advantage will be gained. If anyone out there has a possible cure for this affliction, I would appreciate it if you could let us in on the secret. And while you're about it, maybe you could do something about my bald patch.

On reflection, I think I'll persevere with the expletives.

Enjoy your tennis.

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