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Friday(ish) Flash – 20th November 2009

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Summer competitions
- Vouchers
- Tennis Talk
- Mixed doubles
- Finally – Pip, pip and orf we go to jolly old Blighty!

COMPETITIONS

SUMMER NIGHT COMPETITION

I mere torrent of water was enough to keep the a-graders away last Monday. Harden up, I say. The ladder, therefore, remains unchanged.

Fixtures will all be shunted back a week, so it's the Cornish Pasties who have the bye on the 7th November.

Ladder

Ivan's Army	208
Nev's Nobblers	181
Bintulan Ondasova	168
Cornish Pasties	143
Fluffy's Fab Four	104
Dave's Deadbeats	98

Tuesday Night B Grade

Perfect conditions, no rain!

Leading the ladies is still Helen Russell on 135, followed by Michelle Cornish on 130, Anne Rowe on 127 and Helen Couper on 126.

The men are led by Les Wright on 124, Ormond Torr and Phil Lendrum (or his replacement) equal on 123.

Next weeks games will still be 2 rounds, 5.30 & 7.30 but the following week, 15th December, we will all play at 5.30 p.m. Then from around 7.30 – 7.45 p.m. will have drinks & nibbles upstairs in the squash club lounge. The bar will be open and a possibly a few prizes handed out. Would be great to see everyone there – reserves welcome to come even if you are not playing that nigh



Tennis Talk – 1 December 2009

Organiser Maree Keelty, ably supported by members of the club's Junior Committee, organised a very successful Wanganui Open Junior tournament last weekend, in spite of experiencing rather inclement weather on Saturday. A total of 87 juniors from Wellington, Wairarapa, Manawatu and Wanganui participated in the 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s girls and boys grades.

Local club members who won grade events were:

Girls 10s Doubles – Gabrielle Hiri of Wanganui with partner, Georgia Atkinson from Masterton

Girls 12s Singles - Paris Butters

Boys 12s Doubles – Dylan Rowe and Matthew Cotton.

Girls 14s Singles Dana Hiri and also the 14s doubles with partner Oriana Van Nistelrooy from Palmerston North

Boys 14s Singles – Kyle Butters

Girls 16s Doubles – Anna McIlraith with partner Shaani TeMata-Frost from Manawatu,

Boys 16s Doubles – Sam Butters with partner Tutere Durie from Manawatu.

Prizes were generously donated by Thump Sports, Wilson Sports, and by local businesses: OPUS, Prospace, Downer EDi Works, JD Tennis and Wanganui Tyres and Alloys. Winners of the singles and doubles in each age group were each awarded attractive glass trophies, and a large number of participants received spot prizes drawn on Sunday afternoon, just before the BBQ began.

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Lynne Campbell's enjoyable Tuesday Night B Grade competition is coming to a close, and close is the word for the Women's section! Helen Russell currently leads the pack on 117 points, Judy Stringer has 116 and Anne Rowe follows with 114. Phil Lendrum has stolen something of a march in the Men's with his 113 points, Roger Lovell has 108 and Les Wright 106. The competition's final night will be 15 December, and all participants have been asked to watch for details of a planned competition "wind-up."

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Terry Wright, organiser of the 'A' Grade Monday competition reports that Ivan's Army team of Sandra Glennie, Karen Cranston, Ivan Southon and Rob Manson must have run out of ammunition, because, even though they currently lead the competition with 208 points, they have been forced to withdraw. This means Nev's Nobblers team of Sandra Glennie, Helen Russell, Neville Hopkins and Nick Caton, who are currently on 181 points, have every chance of winning the title. However, it is rumoured that the Bintulan Ondasova team of Rachel Webster, Michelle Low, Mike Cronin, Lupton For, and Murdoch McKenzie, who have 168 points, realise they have an excellent opportunity to overtake the Nobblers, and have been undertaking additional and strenuous training sessions since they learned of the demise of Ivan's Army.

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The club's 'A' and 'B' grade Mixed Doubles tournament will be held on Sunday 13th December, starting at 1-00pm. Entries can be made on the noticeboard, or emailed to organiser Michael Smyth c/- smythmicha@gmail.com. Anyone who would like to participate but does not have a partner should email their name, gender (if it is not obvious), grade and phone number to Michael.

Mixed Doubles Tournament – Sunday 13th December

Come one, come all to this fun afternoon. 1:00pm kickoff. Entries are on the notice board, or e-mail Michael Smyth smythmicha@gmail.com . There will be both A and B grade competitions.

Anyone who would like to participate but have not got a partner, e-mail me with your name, gender (if it is not obvious), grade and phone number. I'll stick the information in the Flash and you can sit back and wait for the phone calls to come rolling in.

FINALLY

Tennis New Zealand have just announced that the Wanganui Tennis Club has won the major prize in their "Play & Go" summer promotion. The prize means that one of the club's members, who paid their sub before 31 October and a friend, will fly Air New Zealand to London during the time of the Wimbledon Tournament in 2010. Tennis New Zealand will enable the prize winners to purchase priority tickets to the tournament - ahead of the many people who would love the opportunity to attend that wonderful event.

Enjoy your tennis.

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