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## Friday(ish) Flash – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Captain's notes
- Wilton's bits
- Finally – Racqueteers and the descent of Man

### CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Club Championship Singles will be played during November/early Dec.

Entries are invited.

Please write your name, grade and contact number on notice board in covered way.

Games are to be played in your own time by certain dates.

Minimum entries are required for events to take place.

The Yankee Tournament will now be held on Saturday 5 Nov.

Turn up at 1-00 for a 1.30 start.

All ages and abilities catered for.

Prizes afterwards. Please note that there will be no barbeque as the forecast is for a windy afternoon.

### WILTON'S BITS

#### **Thank yous**

Firstly I'd like to thank Maree Keelty for helping make the transition into the Development Officer's role smooth. She has been awesome giving her time to teach me the new systems. All the volunteers at the Dunlop Slazenger Junior Open, Neville Hopkins on fire in the control room, Paula Hiri, Tracey and the other volunteers in the kitchen, and Dave Butters running it classily.

#### **Upcoming Events**

**2011 AMI Tennis Central Primary Schools Regional Finals 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Held today the 4<sup>th</sup> of November at the Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club, Wanganui has sent Gabi Hiri (St Marcellin), Paris Butters (WIS) in the Open Girls grade, Sam Russell (St Georges), Vitek Sosnowski(WIS) in the open boys grade, Kasey Watson(WIS) in the intermediate boys grade, and Beau-Riley Hourigan in the year 6 & Under grade. They will be competing against the top primary aged kids from all of the other associations in the Central Region.

**Saturday Interclub**, numbers are getting there but would still like more to sign up. You can contact Me/Wilton on [tenniswang@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tenniswang@xtra.co.nz) or 0276060660. Or Dave on [dave@pksglobal.co.nz](mailto:dave@pksglobal.co.nz) or 3443773.

**Saturday match play is for all juniors (5-18)**, as long as you can serve and know how to score get along to the club 9.00am-11.00am.

**Primary schools coaching on a Monday afternoon with Leanne**, a great way to learn how to rally and serve so you can play in the Saturday morning tennis.

### **Junior Rep Fixture – at Home V Taranaki, 4 Dec**

Need 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s both male and female. Jeremy, Leanne and I are in the process of putting together rep squads.

**Gisborne Xmas Tennis tournament 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Dec.** This is a great tournament for players to experience a NZ country tournament at its best. Players from Australia and the Pacific Islands have already committed to playing. There is plenty of entertainment at the tournament with a Maori Welcome, hangi & BBQ as well as the Gisborne clubs being wonderful Kiwi hosts. Don't forget the beach. Entry forms are on the website – <http://www.tenniswaikatobays.co.nz/Article.aspx?ID=3654>

**FITZ KIDZ - 'Outdoor Fitness for Kidz'** A scaleable outdoor group fitness workout that combines cardio and body weight exercises that are varied and fun! Suitable for very active or non-active Kidz aged 8-13. To book your Kids place enquire at [toptwoinches@gmail.com](mailto:toptwoinches@gmail.com) or phone / text Rod Bannister 0211691725.

### **About the New DO Wilton Atkins**

- Wilton is born and bred Turakina boy, where he learned his tennis.
- He was the first Wanganui player to earn a USA tennis Scholarship to play University tennis.
- Gained a Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology & Sports Medicine
- Named his School's Athlete of the year in 2009
- Certified professional coach by the USPTA , certified grasshopper coach by the TNZ.

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## **FINALLY**

The Racqueteers pulled off a remarkable victory in Wednesday's twilight football competition. Our previous efforts at sandbagging during the grading matches went unrewarded as we were placed in the top division amongst all the young guns and gunnenses. I would much rather have been amongst the guinnesses but the Liffy nectar would have to wait. The cocksure young bucks on the other team thought they could have the goalkeeper support their attack, leaving their goal temporarily exposed. Upon losing possession, our star import, Scotty Keelty, swept the ball into the net from fully 30 yards. This happened not once, but twice, and along with another couple of well taken goals, including one superb strike from Kelly Jones, we came away winners 4-2.

The moral decay evident in society today is reflected in many aspects of life, most notably hoodies, religion, footballers' wages and New Zealand's give-way-to-traffic-turning-right rule. None of the above can be justified but they all pale into insignificance when compared to the dreaded text message. A few years ago, I was casually scanning all the mobile phone plans available and saw that some offered 5000 texts a month. I was gobsmacked that there might be people out there that would use even a fraction of this amount. On the infrequent occasion that I was forced to text someone, it took me longer the average cricket match to construct a coherent sentence, and being the grammatical pedant that I am, I was obliged to search out every appropriate form of punctuation and use it accordingly. This often meant scrolling through a dozen Greek letters and ancient hieroglyphics to find that perfect semi-colon. I persisted with this practice for a long time but at some point I must have realised that there was more to life than prodding away at a tiny keyboard, especially if you have chubby fingers and the digital dexterity of a tortoise.

So, I find myself at this place where the ends justify the means. If I can type 'u' instead of 'you', then I will. If I drop the second space after a sentence because the phone won't automatically capitalise if I don't, then so be it. Even 'okay' became 'ok', which became 'k'. I am even becoming conversant with T.L.A.s (three letter acronyms) and have recently found out that L.O.L. doesn't mean 'Lots of Love'. I have yet to find out if there are to be consequences to THAT particular mistake. There is a line to be drawn however, and that is texting, one-handed, while the phone is in the pocket and talking to someone at the same time. Some might say this is an admirable skill, soon to be made into an Olympic event. I say that it is just rude. I have sunk to depths I had never imagined but cannot conceive of a situation where I would be prepared to let go of human dignity to such a degree.

Except if you're a spy and are being held captive.

Or if you are with someone really boring and need rescuing.

Or if you need to send a message to your secret lover.

Maybe there are uses. I think I'll go and get me a phone with one of those really big keyboards.

Enjoy your tennis.

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