

# **Wanganui Tennis Club Inc**

## **President's report for the 2008/09 tennis season 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

What a fantastic year we have had and didn't it go very quickly. It has been an absolute pleasure and honour to be the president of what I believe is the best tennis club in New Zealand for 2008/09. We held another successful Masters' Games. We had two Wanganui Club juniors win 6 National tennis titles this season. Our club prize-giving was a fantastic night which was enjoyed by many. I am now very pleased to present to you this report on the many events and people who have made our club such a major success this year.

Many Thanks ,

David Butters

### **Committee**

Your club has been very spoilt with the calibre of its committee members who have worked very hard this past season. On the committee we have 3 ex-club presidents all working together seamlessly for our club's benefit. Many thanks to Lynne Campbell and Terry Wright for organizing the B-grade and A-grade nights. Thanks also to Rachel Webster and John Williams for the back to tennis initiative.

A special thanks to Fay Lendrum, our treasurer (supported by Phil), and to Sue Robertson (our club secretary) for her dedicated service to our club.

To our club vice president Les Wright, your support and loyalty this year has been humbling. The club is very lucky to have you on the committee looking after and maintaining our courts and complex.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the whole committee for the direction in which you have guided the club in a successful year.

### **Volunteers**

We have been very fortunate to have had so many volunteers this season. The week before our tennis opening day we had nearly 30 volunteers helping to clean the grounds. Volunteers are the backbone of a club and I have noticed that most of the volunteers are our loyal vets. I have seen the ladies in the gardens weeding, Mike O'Sullivan and Terry pushing the lawn mower like twenty year olds and Michael Smyth repairing fences with Les by his side.

I have witnessed the building of the 103 metre fence put up by a dozen vets in 5 days and I have also seen a club member empty the outside rubbish bins weekly and pick up empty drink bottles left on our courts by members.

Volunteers are the super glue which bond a club together. Without them we would not have a club. To all the volunteers who have helped the club this past season your club says back to you, “Thank you very much ! ! ! !”

Once again to the Volunteers “thank you very Much”

Membership

	2009		2008	
9. Summary Income items	No.	\$	No.	\$
<b>Subscriptions</b>				
Country	27	1738	23	1351
Couples	30	3618	34	3787
Family	97	5893	125	6738
Juniors	91	4453	110	6804
Ladies	31	4082	29	3707
Men	47	6116	43	5422
Student	1	107		
Vets		-4		
Winter	44	2209	20	918
<b>Total</b>	<u>368</u>	<u>28212</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>28727</u>

The club is down on member numbers by 16. Increases have occurred in the mens, ladies, country and winter. Decreases have occurred in the families, junior and couples.

Our club ran a Saturday initiative with St Georges for term 4 and term 1 in which we had approximately 28 students participating. Although over the two terms the fee charged was the same as joining our club we have not included these numbers or amounts.

Our club is slowly rebuilding after the demise of TTK coaching. Service to our juniors last year was very sub-standard and the Saturday morning match play was practically non-existent. Collegiate have joined the Manawatu League and as a result our high school members and St Georges members have had no competition to play and their numbers have declined.

Our club has a new tennis coach and he is Jeremy Pigou of JD Tennis. Jeremy has completed his initial coaching contract for term 4 and term1 and now has signed on with our club for two years. I believe that Jeremy will fill the void that TTK left and will bring to our club a new base of children. The grass hopper school programme has been sold to 2 more schools so I am also expecting new juniors from those participating schools as well.

We also entered a Wanganui Tennis Club team into the Manawatu League and I am happy to say that this team (made up mostly of high school students) finished second in the A-Grade competition. If we are unable to offer a decent Wanganui run competition for our juniors then we must look at joining the Manawatu competition.

**Sponsorship and Marketing**

Our committee has put together a new marketing programme which benefits all parties.

We now have excellent discounts available to our members which if used will save them a lot of money. It also promotes our sponsors and lets them see actual sales occurring from tennis members. Our club receives a percentage of what we spend from the business.

Please support this programme.

## **CLUB CAPTAIN**

Thank you Michael Smyth for all you have done for our club this year. Not only has Michael arranged Saturday afternoon tennis but he has also arranged the club championships, opening day, national tennis day and the MASTERS GAMES.

Michael, you have done an outstanding service to your club and we say thank you very much. The atmosphere and numbers of members enjoying tennis and socializing brought a true feeling of belonging to our great club. It is this feeling of belonging which changes members to volunteers. Well done Michael!

Thank you to all of our members who have organized competitions and club days during the year. To John and Doreen for organizing the successful midweek tournament many thanks. Your club appreciates your commitment.

Michael O'sullivan thank you again for organizing Wednesday tennis.

## **Club Champions**

### **A-GRADE**

Mens singles winner	Jeremy Pigou
Runner up	Nicky Caton

Womens singles winner	Paige Hourigan
Runner up	Karen Cranston

Mens doubles winners	Nicky Caton & Taylor Quirk
Runners up	Ivan Southon & Michael Smyth

Womans doubles winners	Rachel Webster & Michelle Low
Runners up	Jan Purvis & Lynne Campbell

Mixed doubles winners	Nicky Caton & Trelise Graham
Runners Up	Jeremy Pigou & Charlotte Gollan

### **B GRADE**

Men's singles winner	Kyle Butters
Runner up	Roger Lovell
Womens singles winner	Helen Russell
Runner up	Lynn Campbell
Men's doubles winners	Roger Lovell & Paul Rayner
Runners up	Mark Buckley & Ormond Torr
Womens doubles winners	Elaine Holden & Jenette Boothway
Runners Up	Doreen Jennings & Wigs Arathoon
Mixed doubles winners	Ormond Torr & Judy Stringer
Runners Up	Les Wright & Anne Rowe
Over 70's Fred Sedon trophy winners	Anne Rowe & John Goldsmith
Accent A-Grade Team Trophy winners	Collegiate
Blair Gleeson Memorial B-grade winners	Red Moon
Mert Roundtree memorial winners	Prospace
Most Improved Mens	Roger Lovell
Most Improved Ladies	Paula fore
Juniors	
Boys Secondary Schools Singles Winner	Kyle Butters
Runner up	Sam Butters
Girls Secondary Schools singles winner	Paige Hourigan
Runner up	Anna Mcilraith
Secondary schools Boys doubles winner	Sam & Kyle Butters
Runners up	Sam Hopper & Jerrick Semeros
Secondary School girls doubles winners	Nam & Fon Kidasatikarn
Runners up	Renee Cummins & Paige Hourigan
Secondary schools Mixed doubles winners	Anna Mcilraith & Taylor quirk
Runners Up	Paige Hourigan & James Musa

Boys Primary schools singles winner	Tim Mckenzie
Runner up	Dylan Rowe
Girls Primary schools singles winner	Paris Butters
Runner Up	Kirsten Boothway

Boy's Primary Doubles winners	Harry Calverly & Tim Mckenzie
Runners Up	Sam Russell & Dylan Rowe
Girls Primary Doubles Winners	Grace McMurray & Madison Ross
Runners Up	Christie Thompson & Georgia Millward

Primary Mixed Doubles Winners	Paris Butters Dylan Rowe
Runners Up	Grace & Liam McMurray

Most Improved Junior Boy	Dylan Rowe
Most Improved Junior Girl	Dana Hiri

## **Masters Games**

The Masters games 2009 was again a great success with many visitors and Club members supporting the event. Michael Smyth and Murdock Mckenzie did a fantastic job . The club is indebted to you both for the great manner in which you approached and administered this event. To Angela, Margaret and all the ladies in the kitchen thank you very much and thanks also to the bar staff. Over five thousand dollars was raised for our club.

## **Web-site**

Thank you Pam Dyhrberg for your continued support to our club for building and maintaining our web-site. There are very few clubs in New Zealand who have a better web site than ours. I know that you get bombarded with requests to load entry forms, make wording changes and Friday flash items etc and appreciate yours and Graham's support.

## **National Champions**

Wanganui continues to punch above its weight. Paige Hourigan and Kyle Butters have done not only the club proud but Wanganui proud. These two cousins have won 2 national doubles titles each this year as well as a national singles title each. This would easily be a first for our club in its 129 year history.

We need to ensure that these two children stay at our club for as long as possible as they are now the shining stars which will attract other potential children and future champions to us (just as Nicky Caton and Emma Hayman have done before them).

Our club has donated money for Paige to help her with expenses accrued from representing New Zealand as well as a planned September tournament organized by Michael Smyth. Other great news is that Kyle is looking good to make the New Zealand team as well for September.

Paige Hourigan also won the Rod Laver 12's tournament in Brisbane which is absolutely fantastic for New Zealand tennis and another first for Wanganui. You have obviously worked hard to achieve your goals. Our club is very proud of you both.

## **Our Facility**

Improvements done this season .

This season we put up our brand new 103 metre fence. Our committee has signed off the building of a sun shade beside court 1. Les and his team have painted the upstairs hand rails and the wooden fences along the drive way. All courts have been sprayed and brand new nets have been purchased from overseas and are now on our courts. Court lights have been fixed and numerous other items maintained. Light card pricing will need to be looked at as we are not recouping the costs associated with them.

Many thanks to Les for looking after our complex.

## **Financial**

Phil Lendrum will present and explain the clubs financial position at the AGM.

I have enclosed the performance statement which we have received from Phil.

Thank you Phil for your time spent on Club accounts. It is very much appreciated.

## **Conclusion**

I wish to thank all our club members for being part of this great tennis club. I hope you all have made the most of your membership this season and that all of you will be back next season.

The fun and laughter heard from our courts is what we are all about.

Dave Butters