

# Wanganui Tennis Club Inc. [www.wanganuitennis.co.nz](http://www.wanganuitennis.co.nz)



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## Friday(ish) Flash – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Summer competitions
- Midweek rosters
- Vouchers
- Maree's bits
- Tennis talk
- Finally – The deep south (pt 3)

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## COMPETITIONS

### SUMMER NIGHT COMPETITION

Tuesday Night "Blair Gleeson Trophy" Results.

Some doubles tennis was played and everyone had a jolly time. Can't say who actually won, though.

### Midweek Rosters

**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**

Not on display this week.

## **Tennis Talk – 24 February 2010**

The Wanganui Tennis Club has once again decided to hold their popular "Free Back to Tennis" nights for adults and 5 -10 year olds from 6-00pm to 8-00pm on all the Wednesday nights in March. The young children will play Grasshopper tennis with their mini racquets (supplied) with special soft balls, and fun coaching sessions will be organised by the JD Tennis Academy coaches from 7-00pm to 8-00pm, and.

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The Wanganui Tennis Club's Doubles Championships were held on Sunday 21 last, and many matches went down to the wire – including two of the finals. The results were:

A Grade Women: Rachel Webster and Paige Hourigan defeated Sandra Gennie and Karen Cranston

6/2, 4/6, 7/2(tiebreaker).

A Grade Men: Jeremy Pigou and Shane Stanfield beat Rob Manson and Nick Caton 6/1, 7/5.

B Grade Women: Judy Stringer and Mary-Ann Kane beat Audrey Lane and Helen Couper 6/4, 6/3.

B Grade Men: Roger Lovell and Jamie Byers defeated Terry Wright and Phil Lendrum  
5/7, 6/4

7/1(tiebreaker)

Details of the Club's Singles and Handicapped Singles draws have been posted on the noticeboard on the side of the Grandstand.

# # # # #

On Sunday, 14 February from 10-00am until 2-00pm, the Wanganui Tennis Club held a most successful free tennis Open Day in conjunction with Tennis New Zealand's nationwide "Love Tennis on Valentine Day" promotion. Almost 100 adults and children of all ages enjoyed trying the great game of tennis once again – many of the adults after an absence of 25 or more years!

The club had organised a variety of activities which included:

Attempting to return tennis balls delivered at great speed by the high tech ball machine, a variety of fun tennis related games; organised conventional tennis games; Grasshoppers tennis with mini racquets and mini nets on mini courts for the younger children; a draw for a free tennis racquet kindly donated by Rebel Sports; frequent draws for spot prizes, and a free BBQ lunch.

# # # # #

Eighteen Wanganui Tennis Club members participated in the most enjoyable Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club's Social Doubles tournament held at their Fitzherbert Ave courts in Palmerston North on 23 February. Once again Wanganui members dominated the Championship Event which was won by Helen Russell and Ivan Southon, while Julie Wright & Relwyn Hooper and Doreen Jennings & John Williams reached the semi-finals. The club's Taihape members Dawn Young and Miriam Booth were victorious in the Plate event. Dawn Wright and John Williams are organising a similar Social Doubles competition at the Bassett St courts on Tuesday, 23 March – so anyone interested (non club members will be welcomed) should pencil that date into their diaries, and email the names and phone numbers of their pairs (men cannot play together) to John Williams - john.patty@xtra.co.nz.

## **FINALLY**

I've had several people say they can't wait for the next instalment of my southern odyssey, so in spite of the fact that it has nothing to do with tennis (yet), and that the list of offended people is likely to grow (to date: uni students, Haast residents, christians), I give you...

Part 3...

Don't mention the war.

Staying in backpacker accommodation should ensure that you meet some interesting people from exotic places. The odd Chilean, Venezuelan and Slovakian drift through, but by far the most common are Germans. Germans are neither interesting nor exotic. Although they almost all have an excellent grasp of the English language, the concept of humour is beyond them, and worst of all, they are all bankers. The rhyming slang might be relevant but I mean that they are actually all bankers. They seem to have taken over from the gnomes of Zurich and made ze fatherland the fiscal capital of Europe. Given that they control all the dosh, they are a surprisingly solemn bunch. On reflection, it may be because of all the sauerkraut and bratwurst that they are required to eat.

Wanaka: possibly the most beautiful place in New Zealand. Having just driven through some absolutely stunning scenery, I was forced to employ a system by which to rate the relative beauty of the Southern Alps. There was no point in saying one spectacular view was gaspingly awe-inspiring when five minutes later you are confronted by an even

more gaspingly awe-inspiring view. Therefore each beauty spot was given a rating depending on how many gasps it elicited, one through to five.

Wanaka was a five gasper. (Haast, by the way, was a minus five gasper).

The vista across the lake to the mountains was magnificent. The weather was superb. The van was behaving itself. If not for being awash with Germans, I think I may well have stayed there. As it was, two days had to suffice as the masters' games were beckoning.

After dissuading a particularly robotic and uninteresting German banker from cadging a lift, I departed.

Next stop, Dunedin.

To be continued.....

Enjoy your tennis.

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