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## **Friday(ish) Flash – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Wilton's bits
- Saturday club competition finals
- Tuesday night competition
- Racqueteers and carollers

### **WILTON'S BITS**

#### **PAIGE HOURIGAN in FINAL!**

Paige has won through to the final of the NZ 18's CHAMPS, she is only 14 and is schooling girls much older than her. She plays her singles final Friday at 9 am and her doubles final after that. Congratulations and goodluck.

#### **Hexangular Tournament**

Wanganui lost to Wellington on sets count back in the Semi final after drawing 6 matches all. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> play-off we got out revenge on Manawatu to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Manawatu, Kapi-Mana, and Hutt Valley.

#### **WTC SATURDAY COMP PLAY-OFFS 17<sup>th</sup> December**

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Playoff Sam Butters team(Nek Minnit) v team Shane Stanfield

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Nick Catons(Superstars) v team Cronin

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Team Paul Raynor v Team Ireton (Nothing Trivial)

**“JUNIOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP”**

The Junior Christmas Holiday Camp is targeting all future tennis stars aged between 5 and 12 years old who are eager to learn or improve their skills in a fun and challenging tennis environment. The camp will run for three days and will cover all strokes, revisiting key points learnt throughout term 2011. The camp will also involve target and game based drills, as well as a mini round robin tournament on the third day.

**When:** 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

**Where:** Wanganui Tennis & Squash Club

**Time:** 9.00am – 11:30pm

**Cost:** \$ 80

**Last Day:** Shared Lunch and Prizes

**Please note all children wishing to attend the camp must be enrolled**

**by December the 18<sup>th</sup> !**

To register or for more information please contact:

**Jeremy Pigou: 027 468 1662 (M) or Email: [jeremy\\_pigou@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremy_pigou@hotmail.com)**

### ***Taranaki Open***

If you haven't been up to Hawera for this tournament then put it on the bucket list, it's a bloody good grass court tournament.

**DATE: 27-30 December 2011**

**10s, 14s, 18s – Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Dec to Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Dec (carryover to Thurs**

**29<sup>th</sup> if required).**

**12s, 16s – Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**All other events – Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Dec to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**VENUE:** Hawera Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club, Albion Street.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Entries must be received by post no later than **5pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**December 2011**– late entries will incur an additional \$5 fee per age group.

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# Takapau Tennis Club

## **TAKAPAU DOUBLES TOURNAMENT in Sunny Hawkes Bay**

We are hosting our Annual Doubles Tournament on 7th & 8<sup>th</sup> of January. Mens and Womens Doubles are on Saturday (start time 9am), Combines on Sunday (start time 10am). We welcome all friends, old and new, and it would be great to see you there.

Entry fee is \$25.00 per player per day giving you:

At least three games  
Continuous coffee, tea and food  
A meal on Saturday night

Entries can be phoned to:

Kim Cooper            027 2466628            (06) 8575226

Emailed to            kscooper@farmside.co.nz

or posted to

Kim Cooper, R D 2, Waipawa

We have generous sponsorship from Thump Sports and the Takapau Foodmarket and we would enjoy catching up with you.

**\*\*\*POSTER ATTACHED\*\*\***

## **Tuesday Night Tennis has finished for the year.**

### **Results as follows:**

Men - 1st Doug Ireton on 138 points, 2nd = Craig Davey & Ormond Torr on 125 points.

Women: 1st Judy Stringer on 125 points, 2nd Angela Tweeddale on 123 points, 3rd Kate Davey on 119 points. Sue McAree is feeling a little hard done by as she missed the first week and had she played and scored maximum points she would have finished on 127 points. Well Sue, next time get your act together and get your entry in on time. Sorry!!!

Reminder to start thinking about your team for the Blair Gleeson B Grade Trophy. Teams of 2 men & 2 women. Starts early February, entry forms out mid-January, so keep a lookout for them on the noticeboard.

## **Saturday Club Competition Finalists**

Hi Everyone , what a competition!!!!!!

So close between 2nd and 3rd (one point separating the two teams and also one point separating 4th and 5th

Finals as follows:

Play off for 1st and 2nd NEK MINNIT and team Standfeild

Play off for 3rd and 4th Super stars and team Cronin

Play off for 5th and 6th Nothing Trivial and team Rayner

See you all on Saturday where court allocation will be advised.

**Dave**

## **FINALLY**

The Racqueteers fought back to gain a worthy 1-1 draw with Victoria dental on Wednesday evening. Rik Jones' sublime left foot strike just before full-time ensured we didn't go into the xmas break on a losing note. With the team starting to gel, we will go all out to win the post-xmas competition and try to take out the coveted first prize (a substantial bar tab).

Special mention should go to Mark Keelty, who managed (somehow) to turn up for the game, having prised himself away from what was evidently a very merry xmas party. His "merriness", in this instance, manifested itself in a shameful display of referee baiting. The referee did a magnificent job under difficult circumstances, handling the game astutely and with aplomb. I would like to apologise on Mark's behalf for his childish antics and promise he will never do it again. The fact that the referee is a valued customer of mine is, of course, completely irrelevant....

I have Vomit, my pet cat, on high alert now that the christmas season is upon us. Carollers are my favourite people as they provide a few minutes distraction before I let fly on their woeful harmonies and banal lyrics. The crowning glory, though is when I let Vomit loose on them, having underfed him for several days. The look on the faces of the carollers, especially the small ones, is priceless. Joy, happiness and goodwill are commodities I prefer to dole out on very infrequent occasions and in very small amounts. To be confronted by a huge dollop of it by a bunch of jolly well-wishers is not something my inboard emotional fuel tank can handle, so my feline friend regulates the event nicely by balancing goodwill and bloody terror in equal parts. I am all for compromise.

The Friday Flash will take a short break and be back sometime in early January. Have a great christmas and a happy New Year.

Enjoy your tennis.

Terry Wright

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