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Friday(ish) Flash – 17th June 2011

Welcome all, in this edition:

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

PRIZE Giving

The Prize Giving on Saturday evening was an excellent success and all members and families who attended, reported it was a great evening. Many thanks are needed for those who organised the events through the season which resulted in many well fought for Cups and Trophies being presented to the winners on the night. A **Big thankyou** to those who made Saturday Prize giving a big success, Patron, **Barbara Griffin**, Club Captain **Michael Smyth**, MC **Paul Cornish**, musicians, **Elaine Holden** and **Ric Jones**, supper, **Margaret Roddick** and **Angela Tweeddale** and all those who bought a plate.

Special mention was made to **Maree Keelty** as she leaves the position of Development Officer for pastures greener. Thanyou Maree for all you have done for us and all the best in your new role. Pleased the Junior committee is not going to lose you.

The highlite of the evening was having with us our two most successful members, both Nationally and Internationally. **Paige Hourigan** and **Kyle Butters** who have both just had their 14th birthdays, have produced a staggering performance this season and with their determination and great attitude for the game, we all need to keep watching these pages for the future successes of these two players.

On Saturday , a full list of their achievements were read out and I think it will be of interest to many members just to see what these young members have done this season.

Paige Hourigan

16s girls rep and Senior Wanganui rep
Central masters 16s Champion
Finalist NZ Maori Champs (singles, mixed and doubles)
NZ Juniors 18s Nationals
Quarter finalist NZ residentials
NZ Masters top 8 champion 16s
NZ 18s team event Fiji
NZ 14s team member Australia teams event
Finalist NZ 16s January national hardcourts
Winner 14s Hard courts nationals
April, national doubles winner
April, 16s nationals 5th place

Gold medalist nationals 16s teams
 Silver medalist national 14s teams
 NZ junior Fed cup member (5th)
 NZ World cup junior team, number 1 member (4th) qualified for

finals in Europe.

Paige is off to Europe in the next few days for a period of 5 weeks, playing in 5 different countries. We wish you well Paige.

Kyle Butters

14s and 16s reps
 Senior reps
 National Secondary schools Gold medal winner
 Finalist NZ Maori champs (single and mixed)
 NZ Masters top 8 champion 14s
 NZ 14s team member, Australia teams event
 Winner NZ 14s hardcourt singles
 Finalist NZ 14s hardcourt doubles
 Central RPC finalist 16s
 Central 14s national teams silver medalist
 NZ April 16s nationals 5th place
 NZ April nationals winner
 NZ April national doubles finalist
 NZ Junior Davis Cup reserve
 NZ World Junior teams event - number 1 member, undefeated in
 singles, Beat the number 1 players from China, India, Syria, Malaysia, Yemen and Ubekestan.
 Kyle is off to New Caledonia and Fiji this Friday 17th June for age group events. We wish you well Kyle.

Other Junior members who gained National achievements are - **Gab Hiri** - Wanganui 12s
 reps

North Island

Primary schools rep

Paris Butters -

Wanganui 12s

reps

North Island

Primary Schools rep

Central Districts

12s team member

Dana Hiri -

Senior reps

16s rep

Junior 14s and

National

Secondary school mixed team member (Gold medal winner)

National Central

14s teams (Silver)

14s National

player

Haven't these girls done well this year and the Club wishes them all the best in their on going training and even more achievements for the 2011/12 season.

Gift

At the Management Committee meeting on Monday night it was resolved to assist Paige and Kyle with a gift of \$1000 each. It was felt that such a gift would be an encouragement and token support from their fellow members for the countless hours spent and financial costs involved in attaining their achievements.

**Advance Notice The AGM will be held on Monday 8th
August 2011 at 7.30pm (a bit earlier this year)**

MAREE'S BITS

Job Vacancy

Tennis Wanganui Inc - Development Officer (Part time position)

Tennis Wanganui is looking for an organiser extraordinaire. This is a part time, semi flexi time position. Prior experience in organising sports tournaments, as well as dealing with funding applications would be an advantage. You will be the day to day contact person for the Association, as well as liaising with schools, coaches, and club officials. You will be working to grow the sport of tennis in the Wanganui, Rangitikei and Wairamino's regions. A tennis background is not necessary. To get a copy of the job description, please email tenniswang@xtra.co.nz. A CV with covering letter can be posted to: The President, Tennis Wanganui Inc, Box 711, Wanganui 4540. Applications close 24 June 2011.

Community Coaching Course

There is a CCC being held at the Renouf Centre in Wellington on Sunday 7th August.

There needs to be a minimum of ten (10) participants for this course to proceed. If you are interested please contact Mike Ryan in Wellington on mike.ryan@tenniscentral.co.nz

School Holidays junior tournaments

2011 Manawatu Winter Open (1st week) - www.tennismanawatu.org.nz.

Hutt Valley Tennis Winter Tournament (2nd week) -
<http://tenniscentral.co.nz/Article.aspx?ID=6675>.

South Island Masters Tennis – Nelson – October

The tennis will be held at Hope Tennis Club the weekend of October 15 & 16th. This is a great social event - only doubles and mixed doubles. All the info including registrations can be found at www.simasters.co.nz

FINALLY

Thanks to all who organised last week's prize-giving. It was a great night and special mention should go to Rik Jones and Elaine Holden for their polished performance on stage. Jones' Beatles riffs and Holden's Norah Jones were highlights, but the whole show was extremely enjoyable.

I am shortly off to Taupo Lake for the weekend with "the boys". Not being one for fishing and hunting, I view the jaunt with some trepidation and hope that my umbrella won't elicit too many derisory remarks. On a previous foray, I was dubbed "Jonah" for my ability to not only not catch any fish myself but apparently cause no-one else to catch one either. My fishing buddies were determined that I would lose my fishing virginity (yes, I had never caught a fish in my life) and handed me whosever rod jiggled about in the hope that I would land some sort of aquatic creature. "How hard could it be?", thought I. To cut a long story short, my cherry is still intact. The "Jonah" theory was substantiated the following day when I didn't go with the boys onto the lake and they caught a truckload. Oh well, luckily I can't stand fish, whether it be eating them, swimming amongst them or engaging them in meaningful conversation.

Enjoy your tennis.

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