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Friday(ish) Flash – 19th August 2011

Welcome all, in this edition:

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

A brief from the Management Committee Meeting on Monday.

The position of President has now been filled as Les has agreed to take on another 12 months at that position. Les is also undertaking the position of "Coach liaison" for the committee.

The position of Secretary is still available and in the meantime Michael will continue his twin role on the committee.

Committee members: If you are interested in serving your Club on the committee, please contact Secretary Michael and volunteer your services.

OPENING DAY for Seniors: will be at 1.00pm on Sat the 24th September 2011

This will take the form of a Yankee Tournament with afternoon tea and BBQ to say "Hello" and "Thankyou" to our **Club Sponsors**, who have supported us for many years. These are those Business Houses who advertise their products and services on our court fence.

Members: Please do your best to be present, as this is a first for **"Meet the Sponsors "**

WORKING BEE Watch this space, there will be one soon.

Resurfacing Courts 1-4 Funding grant has been approved by Power Co Trust and as it is too late to get these completed before the start of this season, the job will be commenced around April of 2012. The Club's thanks go to Power Co Trust for the generous grant of \$50000.

Saturday competition: There is no organiser for this competition at this point, but the committee has resolved that 3 courts will be available each Saturday for a regular Club Day, starting at 1.00pm through to 3.30pm.

5 weeks to Opening of a new season.
Look forward to getting good weather.
See you on the courts then.

Cheers
Les Wright
President

MAREE'S BITS

Assistant Junior Coach Course – 9-11 September & 29-30 October 2011

Renouf Centre, Wellington

The TNZ Assistant Junior Coach Course is a progressive Education, Training and Assessment, designed for Year 13 school students, University, School of Education students, Teachers and Part-time coaches contemplating a career in Tennis coaching. The course is a compulsory three-day course followed by, within a six week period, a two day workshop combining theoretical and practical learning in online and practical units in preparation for a final assessment. We recommend that you fulfill at least 40 teaching hours with a registered professional coach prior to sitting this course. Minimum age 17 years.

Cost: \$665 includes course materials and 5 days instruction. BYO Lunch, tennis racquet and active clothing to participate on court.

To enrol and for further information contact Mike Ryan on 021 375496 or mike.ryan@tenniscentral.co.nz. Applications close 26 August.

School Holiday Tournaments

By far the most important is our very own **Dunlop Slazenger Open** – this will run the first week (10-14th October) and is open to everybody (age 1-101). The entry form will be emailed to all juniors over the weekend, and online entry will also go live in Sunday. I'll put more info in the Friday Flash next week.

Once you have won your grade at the Dunlop Slazenger you can then head to Palmerston North for the **Tennis Manawatu Spring Open**. Age groups 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s, 14-17th October. Entry info is on the junior noticeboard, on www.tennismanawatu.org.nz and you can email tenniswang@xtra.co.nz for the flyer. Entries close 26th September.

After also winning at Manawatu, you can then head to Wellington for the **Topspin Tennis Wellington Junior Open**. Age groups 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s and open, 20-24th October. Entry info is on the junior noticeboard, on www.tenniscentral.co.nz or you can email tenniswang@xtra.co.nz for the flyer. Entries close 11th October.

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

I was literally inundated with an email from a concerned friend who wondered if I had survived the great snow storm of '11. Apparently, our polar weather has hit the headlines in places as far away as Europe, where, for the most part, snow is certainly not a novelty. I think I counted twelve snow-flakes, but I dutifully ran around amongst them waving my arms about. I even got out my plastic sled and placed it on top of the highest point in my garden (about two feet high) and waited for the blizzard to send me careering down my hillock and into the shed. Alas, after two hours, any sled-related action seemed unlikely. Without the use of my frozen limbs, I had to call upon my pet cat, Vomit, to don his modified husky-harness and drag me back to civilization, a daunting fifteen feet away. This, sadly, was the extent of my polar experience. Having grown up in the vast arid wasteland that is Western Australia, the prospect of frolicking in the white stuff was an exciting one but it seems that I may have to wait another few decades before Wanganui again has a taste of proper winter weather.

For those that remember Tommy Cooper:

'I phoned my swimming-pool today.
I said 'hello is this my local swimming-pool?'
They said 'that depends, where do you live?'

I phoned the local council today and said 'I want a skip outside my house'.
They said 'well we're not stopping you'.

A blind bloke walks into a shop with a guide dog. He picks the dog up and starts swinging it around his head. Alarmed, a shop assistant calls out: 'Can I help, sir?' 'No thanks,' says the blind bloke. 'Just looking.'

Was cleaning the attic today, with the wife. Filthy, dirty, covered in cobwebs, but she's good with the kids.

Enjoy your tennis.

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