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Welcome all, in this edition:

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Advance notice: **ANNUAL PRIZE AWARDS EVENING**

Saturday 11th June 2011 at 6.00pm Squash Lounge

This will be a fun night, come and share this time with all ages of Club members and families and applaud those who have achieved Cups, Trophies and Awards this year.

There will be entertainment and supper provided. To assist would you please bring a plate suitably decorated with food of the Party variety.

The joint committees of Wanganui Tennis Club and Tennis Wanganui invite you all to make this a fabulous night.

Report from WTC Management Committee

Court replacement

We are currently applying for funding to assist in the resurfacing of courts 1-4. Three quotes for this work have been received and final selection will be done when we have confirmation on the level of funding, which won't be until Sept/Oct.

Insurance

Policy being discussed in light of increases to premium as result of Christchurch. This happening is going to effect us all.

Squash

Negotiations are being progressed with Squash over our Joint Agreement whereby we record the terms on which the land we occupy is to be held and used by the parties. The original Agreement is dated 1985 with an adjustment to the financials in 2003. The monthly payment made by Tennis has been stopped and we will now be paying our commitment to Squash, when invoiced monthly.

Squash Mortgage

I know it is of concern to a lot of Tennis members that the Club is a guarantor of this loan to the ANZ Bank. In 2007, when I was last President, we negotiated with Squash to change the then

loan to a mortgage, with strict repayment dates and a finite term of 9 years. To date Squash have met all their payments and more and the level of debt has reduced by one third. It is my understanding that Squash are hell bent in reducing their mortgage even earlier than the remaining 5 years. A good outcome to a situation that first commenced in 1985.

Club Coach

The committee is about to sign off on a 2 year contract with JD TENNIS COACHING ACADEMY LTD.

Jeremy has been coach now for 2 years and we have tweaked the contract to meet both parties needs, going forward.

Court Security

The committee investigated installing swipe card security on specific gates to courts. This proved to be too expensive from the technical installation side and we are now progressing with testing of a manual application to specific gates.

Enjoy your tennis through the winter months as your committee endeavors to keep this complex to a high standard.

Cheers
President Les

MAREE'S BITS

Community Coaching Course

There is a CCC being held at the Renouf Centre in Wellington on Sunday 22nd May.

There needs to be a minimum of ten (10) participants for this course to proceed, and there are currently 5. If you are interested please contact Mike Ryan in Wellington on mike.ryan@tenniscentral.co.nz

2011 Manawatu Winter Open

This is happening during the first week of the school holidays, and the Hutt Valley Winter Tournament is happening the second week. Both tournaments are part of the Central Points race, so could be important if you wish to be considered for the TC Invitational weekend which is usually in November. Further information about the Manawatu tournament can be found on www.tennismanawatu.org.nz.

Please note there are no indoor Nationals during the July school holidays.

Dunlop Slazenger Junior Open

Keep playing during winter in preparation for the Dunlop Slazenger tournament to be held on our courts during the first week of the October School Holidays. This has been expanded to include an Open Grade with \$\$\$ for the prizes, so no excuses, no matter what your age 😊

FINALLY

If chamber music is your thing, and who can honestly say that it isn't, be at the museum on Sunday to see and hear a couple of gals bang out an assortment of pieces on their harp and flute. Just \$25 will transport you to a world where heavy metal means plutonium or mercury, where bass is a fish and bongos are vans made by mazda. No headbanging will be allowed and the moshpit has been filled in with elderly ladies in sensible shoes. Definitely not to be missed. Carolyn Mills and Bridget Douglas will perform at the Wanganui Regional Museum at 2.00 p.m. Heavy security has been employed for this fixture so remember to bring along some i.d. and leave those flick knives at home.

Congratulations to Phil Lendrum for taking out the B-grade Mens' Championship. Last Sunday provided just enough of a weather window for Phil to make short work of Dave Butters. Having succumbed to Phil's wiles the previous week in the semis, I can attest to his uncanny ability to place the ball on a sixpence. He almost never plays an unforced error or double-fault and is a worthy winner of this year's trophy. We should all be thankful that Butters did not win as he would have been insufferable for the rest of the year. If you see him over the next few weeks, make sure you do the "L" sign on your forehead just to remind him who lost the final. He is prone to lapses of memory so you will be doing him a favour.

With winter closing in and tennis becoming less of an option to the wusses amongst you, consider joining the squash club. Rain never stops play and it will give you a whole new repertoire of techniques that are sure to stuff up a perfectly good ground stroke. Fear not, though, as they can always become unlearnt when the summer rolls around again. Great deals are to be had for tennis club members and you can even join on a month-to-month basis. See Donna or Pip for details.

Enjoy your tennis.

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