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Friday(ish) Flash – 9th December 2011

Welcome all, in this edition:

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WILTON'S BITS

“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: 21st – 23rd 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 18th !

To register or for more information please contact:

Jeremy Pigou: 027 468 1662 (M) or Email: jeremy_pigou@hotmail.com

Junior Reps v Taranaki

The weather held out and it was a very enjoyable day.

Big thank you to Paula Hiri for putting in the hard hards in the Kitchen and Ania Sosnowski for helping out and making the Sandwiches to take to the Collegiate Venue where our 16s played some matches. Thank you to all the parents for bringing plates of food.

Results

10's – 6-0 Taranaki

12's – 15-1 Taranaki

14's – 11-5 Wanganui

16's – 15-1 Taranaki

Next Rep Fixture

Keep practicing over the holidays because we have a quad fixture on the 18th & 19th of versus Hutt Valley, Manawatu, and Taranaki. 10's will be in Manawatu, 12's Hutt Valley, 14's Taranaki, 16's Wanganui. All of the associations are keen on the idea of billeting for this fixture. However it would mean that each player would have to host 3 players. For Wanganui it would involve the families of the 16's team.

Rep Ladder

I am putting together 2 rep ladders, one for 10's and 12's, and one for 14's and 16's. Once this is finished I will post it at the WTC. This will be great for match practice over the summer.

Tip of the Week

Poaching in doubles or mixed doubles

If there is a ball that the net player can reach in doubles it is their duty as a tennis player to put it away, if you are not doing that you are playing social doubles which is ok, but not what we are looking for at rep level. An unsuccessful poach is still useful because it puts doubt in the oppositions mind, they will start watching you instead of

the ball and miss basic shots. **Anticipation** is also a skill that is part of the game, knowing when to poach. Predicting or even guessing when to cross. **Communication**, before the serve or return talk to your partner to tell them if you are going to cross or stay, so they can cover a down the line pass etc.

Upcoming Tournaments

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 27th Dec to Wed 28th Dec (carryover to Thurs 29th if required).
12s, 16s – Wed 28th Dec to Fri 30th Dec
All other events – Thurs 29th Dec to Fri 30th 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 16th December 2011**– late entries will incur an additional \$5 fee per age group.

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TAKAPAU DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

7th of January Doubles

8th Mixed Doubles

Camping available, dinner included.

Always great weather and great company in the Central Hawkes Bay.

Contact Kim & Suzie Cooper 06 857 5226

HELP!!

Hi everyone,

My first year at Massey University has come to a close and I am desperate to find some summer work. I have just received a B Grade average for my first eight papers of Business and am furthering my studies in marketing and finance. I have been doing coaching on Saturday mornings with the junior and upcoming players. I have great computer skills and I enjoy serving customers.

Im looking for any work on offer (regardless of how hard it is) so that I can save up for my future expenses at university.

If you can help me out, please contact me by email to munter.sam@gmail.com or at home on 3443773.

Thanks,

Sam Butters

FINALLY

The intrepid Racqueteers got back to winning ways last Wednesday with a 3-0 win over Wat'son Builders. Cherie Spooner, Roger Pearce and Yours Truly got on the score sheet. Fine performances from Kelly Jones and Rik Jones topped off a good showing, with several others keeping up with the Joneses. One week remains of the pre-xmas competition and we are battling to retain our mid-table mediocrity status.

What a brilliant effort by Kyle and the rest of his team in Australia. This young bloke seems to go from strength to strength and I reckon his mum and dad are already eyeing off a mediterranean villa. Young Paris is also playing way beyond her years and has that knack of hitting a ball with reckless abandon that many younger players have instilled into them. We of the older fraternity can also play with reckless abandon, except it usually ends up having to make the trek onto the bowling greens.

Enjoy your tennis.

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