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## Friday(ish) Flash – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012

Welcome all, in this edition:

- Mixed doubles championships
- Wilton's bits
- Finally – Racqueteers and some pun-ishment

### **Mixed Doubles**

#### Club Championships.

The Laurel Cook Cup Mixed Doubles (Combines) Championship will be played on 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February starting at 1:00pm. Entries close 5<sup>th</sup> February. Tournament contact person Lynn Dent on 347 7420 (H).

At the completion of play on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be the usual BBQ & all are welcome, a salad is all we ask you to bring.

Also please draw members attention to the following:

#### Upcoming Weekend Tournaments.

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February the Central Region Quadrangular tournament will be played at WTC.

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February the Central Masters U12, U14 & U16 top 8 in each group will be played at WTC. This will be a great opportunity to see that best of NZ's juniors in action, so come & support our juniors.

Courts will be available for social tennis after 3:30pm on both weekends.

# WILTON'S BITS

## Kyle and Paige at ITFs

Paige won the Canterbury ITF last week beating Hong Kongs Carina Ma Ka Man in the final. I was with Paige during the tournament and was impressed by her professional attitude and preparation for her matches. There were dozens of top international girls that caught my eye on the 1<sup>st</sup> round of play, but Hourigan was too good for all of them. It was very impressive to watch. She is hitting a very powerful and flat ball was very athletic & powerful around the court.

Kyle Butters took out the doubles title in Ashburton and was kind enough to catch a special flight to play the Adidas Cup for Wanganui. He flew out the next day to Auckland after catching a wild boar with Rob Manson. This was great prep because he made a big break-through at the Auckland ITF. He is into the semi-finals of this grade 3 ITF. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round on Monday he got revenge on the highly funded Marc Polmans who beat him in the final of the Aussie Champs, In the quarter finals Thursday he destroyed the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed and World junior #189 6-2 6-1. Keep an eye out for an article by Mark Dawson on the back page of the Chronicle.

## Free Coaching for Promising Juniors

The Wanganui Junior Committee has decided to fund six 10's boys and six 10's girls Free, 45 minutes lessons each Monday afternoon during term one!! If you want to nominate your child contact Leanne Lock at [thelocks@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:thelocks@vodafone.co.nz) or Wilton Atkins at [tenniswang@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tenniswang@xtra.co.nz) ASAP.

## **Mondays & Fridays with Leanne**

Leanne is taking Coaching at 3.30pm on Mondays for Primary Schoolers.

And 3.30pm Friday for Secondary Schoolers.

## Saturday Morning Junior Tennis

9am till 11, excluding this Saturday because of Waitangi Weekend.

## **An update to junior subscriptions:**

If a primary student wants to join in term 1 then the fee is \$40. Coaching fee on top is \$25. Secondary School is \$45.

For those that had already paid their subs, there is a \$25 credit sitting with the club. This will be paid to JD Tennis for any coaching undertaken before the end of the playing year.

## **Junior Rep Practice & Quad Fixture.**

I have emailed out an details about the rep Quad fixture. If you have any queries or didn't get an email don't hesitate to contact me.

Rep Practice for 10's and 12's is 3.30pm -4.30pm Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

For 14's & 16's Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to 6pm.

The Rep Match is on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of February, 10's play in Palmerston, 12's in Hutt Valley, 14's in Manaia, 16's in Wanganui.

## **Parent Rep Managers**

We need a parent for each of the above age groups to volunteer to be team managers, (one for boys, one for girls). If you are available it would be great help. Contact me asap.

## **BALL MACHINE**

The Ball Machine is available for the use of any club member, it is a great tool to help you find your rhythm and groove your stroke. Also great for the kids. If you need to use the ball machine contact Wilton Atkins 027 60 60 660, or a club member that has a swipe card to the shed. Andre Agassi's father Mike Agassi had the right idea :-P

## **Adidas Cup**

Thank you to Paula Fore for her hard work in the Kitchen. Shane Stanfield and Dave for running a successful day.

Good to see some supporters and enthusiasts down checking out the action.

## **Manawatu Seniors Tournament.**

Congratulations to Ivan Southon and Kevin Neil took out the men's doubles title.

Michelle Low and Rachel Cronin won the Ladies Doubles.

And Murdoch McKenzie & Michelle Low were in the mixed final with Mike & Rachel Cronin.

## **GABI HIRI**

Congratulations to Gabi for winning the 14's Singles & Doubles at the Taranaki Open. Keep up the great work Gabi.

## **FINALLY**

The Racqueteers got back to winning ways last Wednesday, with Mark Keelty finding the net for the first time in a while. The solitary goal was enough to claim the spoils and victory was celebrated in the traditional fashion.

Not sure if I've reproduced these for you before, but they bear repeating anyway. Nothing like a good groan.

1. King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan.

Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested, "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!"

Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, it makes no difference who you are."

2. Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss league records were destroyed in a fire, and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

3. A man rushed into a busy doctor's surgery and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!"

The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down, you'll just have to be a little patient."

4. Back in the 1800s, the Tate's Watch Company of Massachusetts wanted to produce other products, and since they already made the cases for watches, they used them to produce compasses. The new compasses were so bad that people often ended up in Canada or Mexico rather than California. This, of course, is the origin of the expression – "He who has a Tate's is lost!"

5. An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew, and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

6. A famous Viking explorer returned home from a voyage and found his name missing from the town register. His wife insisted on complaining to the local civic official, who apologized profusely saying, "I must have taken Leif off my census."

7. There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one slept on an elk skin, and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant. The first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This just goes to prove that.... the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.

8. A skeptical anthropologist was recording South American folk remedies with the assistance of a tribal elder who indicated that the leaves of a particular fern were a sure cure for any case of constipation. When the anthropologist expressed his doubts, the elder looked him in the eye and said, "Let me tell you, with fronds like these, you don't need enemas."

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