

# Easter Newsletter



JOHNSONVILLE  
TENNIS CLUB

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## Welcome to our Autumn newsletter Johnsonville Tennis Club members!

As we approach the Easter and ANZAC Day holidays, it's the perfect time to reflect on the spirit of renewal and remembrance. It's also the perfect time to bake delicious biscuits and eat a lot of chocolate!

Whether you're gearing up for some friendly matches over the Easter break or taking a moment to honor those who served on ANZAC Day, we have plenty of exciting things happening at the club this month.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter, and wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season, both on and off the court!

*Johnsonville Club  
Committee*



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## President's update

Kia ora,

Here we are at the end of summer, and it's great to see lots of tennis has continued to be played even though our courts were out of action for a number of weeks. However, it was all worth it and don't the courts look great!

A huge thanks for everyone's patience while this work was undertaken, and for taking the opportunity to support club days at other facilities. Particular thanks to Sasha and Sandy for their successful efforts with grant funding, Rhonda and Dylan for the organising of our club tournaments, interclub teams and club days, Ann for managing all of our membership enquiries, Ben with our fobs, Meredith for keeping us in line as our secretary, Greg taking on our facilities actions, Geoff B supporting our junior programme and the court refurbishment, and Shailesh for his many hours on the constitution.

Welcome to all our new members - you all contribute to a really vibrant club! I invite all members to consider joining our committee.

Dylan is stepping down from the committee due to work commitments and we thank him for everything he has done for the club. You will still see him on the courts! We meet monthly on a Tuesday night, meetings are usually an hour and it is a great way to meet others, give back with the skills and experience you can bring and provides opportunities to learn new skills and experience. So if you're keen let me know!

We also love helpers outside of the committee (e.g., Sasha's role with grants and Ben's role organising the fobs). A huge thanks to all of you who have supported our working bees and helped at the junior open day.

It was great to have so many participate in the Slater Shield with Newlands last weekend and amazing to have brought the Shield home! Let's hope we continue to have lots of fun tennis days ahead.

*Eryn* 



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## Club Champs and friendly tournaments

With the end of the season fast approaching, all Club Champs have been played for the 2024/2025 season. Thank you to all those who participated in our club tournaments! They are a lot of fun, and a great way to meet other players - we would love for you to join in next year!



### Men's doubles

*Cup Winners*  
David and Tom N

*Runners Up*  
Geoff B and Cuong

*Plate Winners*  
Andrew and Vincent

### Men's singles

*Cup Winner*  
Tom N

*Runner Up*  
Andrew

*Plate Winner*  
Cuong



### Women's doubles

*Cup Winners*  
Ann and Rhonda

*Runners Up*  
Sandy and Erin

### Women's singles

*Cup Winner*  
Rhonda

*Runner Up*  
Ann



## Renouf evening

JTC held a Social Tennis Evening at the Renouf Tennis Centre on Friday 28 March. The evening was well attended with 14 people coming to play.

Three indoor courts were used and everyone had a great time with some new members joining in.

It was wonderful to see everyone sharing laughs, fun and food!

## Prizegiving

This year's prizegiving will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1 pm.

Following the prize giving will be a fun club tournament, BBQ sausage sizzle and afternoon tea.

Come on down to support our winners!







This year is the 10th year of Love Tennis, and its 7th year as a national event - don't miss out on celebrating community tennis at its best!

National Love Tennis: 10am to 2pm Sunday, 7th September

## The Slater Shield has come home!

On Saturday, April 12, Johnsonville hosted the annual Slater Shield tournament between our club and Newlands-Paparangi. This tournament is a fantastic chance for us to build friendships and community across both clubs.

We had a great turnout of both players and non-playing supporters, with close matches (JTC had home ground advantage!), followed by a fantastic spread.

Newlands-Paparangi put up a fantastic fight, but ultimately, Johnsonville brought home the Shield, winning the day 6 matches to 3.

Thank you to all those who turned out to participate and support, and special thanks to the Captains of both clubs, Sam and Rhonda, for organising such a fun day out!

Finally, a HUGE congratulations to Newlands-Paparangi for winning both Love Tennis AND Tennis Central Club of the Year 2024! What an achievement, and so well-deserved!



Midweek Women's  
Team Captain – Ann

We had a good season.  
We came in an easy third  
on the table, and had  
some great games.  
We are always looking for  
extra players available to  
play on a Monday  
morning!

Johnsonville C  
Team Captain – Kaiyu  
Mixed E Grade

Mixed E Grade had a great time this season,  
and it was V and Kaiyu's first time playing  
Interclub! Each of us is definitely improving  
both individually and as a team, and we have  
a great team atmosphere.

Dylan has been very supportive, and given  
Kaiyu great advice and guidance as a newbie  
to the Team Captain role. We really  
appreciate his support. We have had lots of  
great shots, rallies and made mistakes too.  
The most important part is we all had great  
fun, which matters most at the end of the  
day! We're really looking forward to next  
season!

## Interclub results

Johnsonville B  
Team Captain – Ann  
Mixed C Grade

We had a great season, finishing just behind  
the A team. This means, as we came second, we  
will be expected to step up to Mixed B next  
season. It's easier to be in separate grades, but  
the team can decide how competitive we want  
to be.

Johnsonville A  
Team Captain – Erin  
Mixed C Grade

We weren't the happiest  
bunch to be relegated to C  
grade for the start of the  
post-Christmas season. I  
think Phil and Tom  
commented that they had  
never played in the C grade  
before! We set ourselves a  
couple of goals. Firstly, to  
get promoted back to B  
grade and, if we could, win  
the C grade. I am pleased  
to say we achieved both  
goals! We had a great  
season in the C grade,  
played some great tennis  
against some great teams  
and enjoyed our travels.  
We're looking forward to  
playing against our friends  
in B again next season. A  
thanks to Phil, Tom, David,  
Sandy, Ashleigh and Joy.

# Juniors

Johnsonville Tennis Club  
is offering **FREE** Junior  
Club Days on Thursdays!

Our Junior Club Day is all go during school  
terms 1, 2 and 3!

5-7 years: 3.30 - 4.15pm  
8-10 years: 4.15 - 5.00pm  
10-12 years: 5.00 - 6.00pm

This is club funded, and FREE for all  
Juniors aged 5-12 years. Please come  
along on Thursdays to the appropriate age  
group/time and enjoy the fun! The  
sessions will be high energy, with lots  
of fun games, hitting  
lots of balls!



We are continuing our positive  
connection with St Brigid's School  
whereby the kids are supervised to use  
our courts each Monday lunchtime.  
This took place throughout Term 1 and  
we hope to continue this through Term  
2 and possibly to the end of the year.  
This is a great way to get kids to give  
tennis a go and for the Club to give  
something back to kids in the  
community.



## Junior Interclub – Team Manager – Lola

The Johnsonville Flyers junior interclub team formed  
this 2024/25 season to restart Johnsonville Tennis  
Club's junior offering in the junior grades. The team  
had some core Johnsonville members, as well as  
benefiting from a few reserves across other clubs.

The team were placed in the Kapi Mana A grade due to  
the combination of points across members. The grade  
was certainly a challenge for the team, playing against  
some 16- and 17-year-old tall young men! Many of the  
matches were lost, but great learning opportunities  
were had and even some of the 11-year-old team  
members managed to take games through to super  
ties.

Some games were won of course, and at least 2 rounds  
were an exact draw on games and sets. This showed  
that the team held their own in the A grade, and  
despite the challenges avoided relegation pre-Xmas.  
Post-Xmas the team even progressed to middle of the  
A grade, showing that every point in every match  
counts, and to keep fighting for every point!

The team really enjoyed being able to play home  
games at Johnsonville, and all the visitors commented  
on what a great set of courts and location the courts  
are, with convivial amenities (including coffee and  
treats) nearby! Next season, the teams look to grow  
across grades as interest in playing with Johnsonville  
juniors increases. Watch this space. Well done everyone  
for continuing to work hard, progress, and fight for  
every point!



## Junior Open Day

This was held on Saturday 22nd  
March from 11 am to 4 pm.

We had junior players and adults  
on the courts enjoying the day  
with our Coaches – Tash, Troy and  
Richard.

We received 26 entries into the  
draws to win racquets and tennis  
balls. A BBQ sausage sizzle and  
afternoon tea was provided.

The good news ... JTC has  
increased the number of junior  
players taking part in the free  
Junior Club Days.



## HENSON TENNIS



www.hensontennis.com is a newly launched tennis clothing and accessories brand, based here in New Zealand. They offer a selection of more affordable tennis clothing and accessories. They are dedicated in serving a purpose to the NZ tennis community through the clubs and would very much appreciate Johnsonville Tennis Club spreading the word about this new and exciting brand.

Henson is proud to support and partner with Ary Bhawan (NZ #3 18y), as he heads to the stunning shores of Fiji to compete in two back-to-back ITF tournaments starting on 14th April.

This exciting moment of international play marks an important step for both Ary and the Henson brand. We'll be cheering Ary on every step of the way.

**Sale now on**, ending Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Please support New Zealand companies and buy local 🇳🇿🇮

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*Thank you for reading!*