

# LTC NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I can still remember the first day I joined the Levin Tennis Club four years ago after moving up to Waitare Beach from Wellington. Members were welcoming and friendly, and there was a good vibe and Club spirit.

I thought then that this is a Club I wanted to be associated with, and grow with. I have cherished the friendships I have made at the club, and the opportunities to develop my tennis through competitions and interclub. I have also enjoyed making contributions on the Committee for the benefit of the Club.

As the new President, I would like any new member to feel like I did when I first joined the Club. I would like all existing members to feel they are part of a vibrant, friendly and inclusive Club.

Levin Tennis Club's vision as per our strategic plan is to be "a thriving and inclusive Tennis Club for our members and the wider community". I am looking forward to working with our Committee to ensure the objectives and priorities of our strategic plan are carried out, and that our vision is implemented.

Our Committee have a great range of skills, and I thank them for volunteering their time to help ensure the Club remains viable and moves forward in a positive way for the benefit of all our members and stakeholders.

I also thank members who have volunteered to assist – our Co-Club Captains (Glenn Wyman and Alan Young), and other volunteers such as Paul Sanson, Christine Teal (Business House A grade), Andrew Downs (Business House B Grade), Junior coaching (Repi and Debbie Wright).

I would like to make special mention of some amazing people who have stepped down recently:- Richie - has been President for the last 6 ½ years. He has put his heart and soul into the club with his governance duties as well as countless building/maintenance work around the Club. Richie is still involved with some current projects in progress e.g. lighting over all courts.

Rata- has done an incredible amount of work with the secretary role, newsletters, helping out the Club Captain with draws/admin, cooking, cleaning... etc etc.

Ed/Nizar – thank you for junior coaching and development at a professional standard. LTC juniors have greatly benefitted from your junior programmes. We wish you both well for your future coaching endeavours.

Mark Vallance - President



# 2024 LTC CLUB CHAMPS

Another year has passed and another year of great battles has been played out in our annual club champs held in January.

Doubles weekend was held first with 3 out of 4 first round men's doubles games going to a tiebreaker in the second set.

Some great games were also played in the mixed and ladies doubles. This demonstrates what a great level of tennis LTC has.

## **PLATE MIXED DOUBLES WINNERS:**

Stan Green and Jo Williams

## **CUP MIXED DOUBLES WINNERS:**

Frazer Double and Beckie Atkins

## **WOMEN'S DOUBLES WINNERS:**

Karen Broughton and Diane Knight

## **MEN'S PLATE WINNERS:**

Mark Broughton and Robbie Edwards

## **MEN'S CUP WINNERS:**

Scott Christensen and Lee Mackie

The following weekend was singles weekend and although we had to navigate the weather we managed to get the games in by playing to sets of 4 instead of 6.

A special mention to the juniors who entered and played extremely well, a real positive that the future of the club will be in good hands.

Another special mention to Gabby Wright who defended her ladies singles title.

## **LADIES PLATE WINNER:**

Jo Williams

## **LADIES CUP WINNER:**

Gabby Wright

## **MEN'S PLATE WINNER:**

Noah Wright

## **MEN'S CUP WINNER:**

Alan Young

Well done to all that participated. Thank you to those who came down and supported the event. Next year will be the 75th edition of club champs so mark your calendars now for next January, as I'm sure it's going to be a good one.



*Scott Christensen and Lee Mackie*



*Beckie Atkins and Frazer Double*





*Alan Young and Scott Christensen*



*Diane Knight and Karen Broughton*

## WOMENS SINGLES CHAMPION

Womans Singles Defending Champion Gabby Wright was successful in defending her title in straight sets. At just 14 years old Gabby started playing tennis at age 10 and has been coached mainly by her parents Repi and Debbie.

Gabby has recently been named in the Manawatu team to play in the quadrangular tournament against Taranaki and Wairarapa, quite an accomplishment for such a young lady. We are proud to have Gabby as a member of LTC and will follow her tennis career with interest.



## BUSINESS HOUSE

With commencement of our business house starting this week I was asked to write an article regarding our Tuesday night B Grade. This is a wonderful evening for businesses and like minded tennis members who want to join into a team and have a go.

B grade is very social and laughter can be held ringing around the courts through out the evening, our games are taken seriously and we do keep accurate scoring. I am still wondering why my team always seem to be the last finished and yes we do have long rallies. Most teams in B grade have been playing for many years with members and work mates coming together for a great night.

We do have new businesses this year putting teams in and this adds to an exciting time on the courts as they learn to play and keep score, with many tennis balls being chased far and wide Starting this week Andrew and I will be your contact person on the night with Christine doing the draw.

Make sure you are on the courts by 5.30 or earlier as we have started later this time and will run out of daylight

Please always remember to leave your score board inside the clubroom and look forward to seeing you all there Tuesday night.

Thanks Wendy and Andrew

## JUNIOR COACHING WITH REPI AND DEBBIE WRIGHT

Come and learn to play tennis or develop your game further. There are 2 options depending on your ability. We look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Times:

3.15 to 4.00pm Red, Orange and green dot (Novices 1 year of training or playing and beginners) Max of 30 to 40 children

4.00pm to 5.00pm Experienced players (those playing junior interclub) Max of 16 to 20 children  
Come along and learn some new skills or develop your game. If you are a beginner we have racquets available.

Junior coaching will occupy two courts only, members are welcome to use the available courts.

## INTERCLUB

The first half of 2023 / 2024 interclub season came to an end pre Christmas with some outstanding results from all LTC teams, congratulations to all players and thank you for your team commitment. Thank you also to all parents / volunteers who assisted with transport and refreshments.

<b>LTC Junior Orange Dot</b>	3rd Place
<b>LTC Junior Green Dot</b>	2nd Place
<b>LTC Challengers</b>	2nd Place
<b>LTC Futures</b>	1st Place

<b>LTC Premier A Grade</b>	3rd Place
<b>LTC Premier B Grade</b>	1st Place
<b>LTC Premier C Grade</b>	1st Place
<b>LTC A Grade Rafa</b>	Semi Finals
<b>LTC A Grade Carlos</b>	Semi Finals

The second half of the interclub season kicks off on the following dates and will run for a period of six weeks:

<b>Premiere</b>	Wednesday 14 February
<b>Junior</b>	Saturday 17 February
<b>Senior</b>	Saturday 17 February

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

We welcome Karen Broughton to the Committee, Karen is a well respected member of LTC and definitely lets us all know where we need to be and when, whether at a home competition or tournament away. We all hear her words of support during a match and notice the finger and nod when our game isn't quite what it should be. We look forward to working with you Karen.

You may have noticed the new club email, please feel free to contact any or all Committee members using [levintennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:levintennisclub@gmail.com). We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Thank you to those who have contributed to the suggestions box, as a committee we acknowledge receipt of these and are giving all suggestions due consideration.

If you are reading this newsletter on the club noticeboard and haven't received it via email please contact Linda at [levintennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:levintennisclub@gmail.com).

## FOR TENNIS GROUPIES

Whilst we await the French Open at Roland-Garros in May, we have Indian Wells ATP and WTP Masters 1000 4th to 17th March available on Tennis TV.

### Tennis Tip

The number of times you play in a week should ideally be the number of times in a year your racket is restrung.  
Thump Sport – Wellington

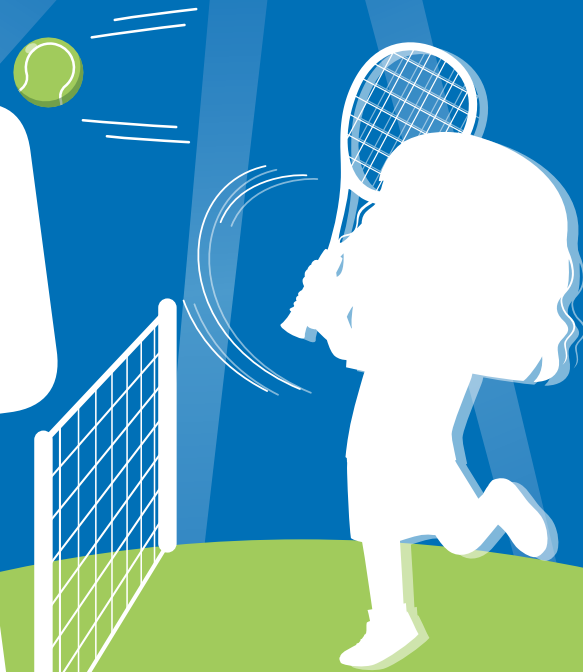
# LTC JUNIOR TENNIS GROUP COACHING

EVERY TUESDAY &  
THURSDAY IN TERM 1

3:15PM – 4:00PM  
RED ORANGE & GREEN DOT

4:00PM – 5:00PM  
INTERCLUB JUNIOR PLAYERS

- > LEARN NEW SKILLS
- > DEVELOP YOUR GAME
- > RACQUETS AVAILABLE



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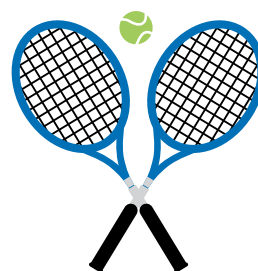
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