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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been busy times at the Club recently and I am really pleased with progress the Committee is making.

The feedback from our new exterior signage has been very positive from our members and community. The new logo will also be used on our email, Facebook, website and uniforms.

We are in the early stages of looking at suppliers for new playing T-shirts for our junior and senior interclub players with the new logo which will give our interclub teams a professional image when playing for LTC. Polo shirts with the new logo are also being looked at as more formal wear.

We hope to have these shirts available for all non-interclub club members as well. We are also in the early stages of developing a sponsorship plan to approach businesses to have their signage displayed on the court netting on the perimeter of tennis courts for a set rental per annum depending on the size of the signage. This will give the Club another revenue stream. More will be revealed soon, and all club members could be involved in this exciting project.

We spoke to the Council (HDC) on our written submission to the Long Term Plan. We were given a 10 minute time slot to promote our Club. We took the opportunity to ask for court 5 (public court) to be resurfaced so that it could be more utilised for training, business house and other community events. We also asked the Council for a 50% contribution toward funding the resurface of the court, as well as a 50% contribution to lighting over the Club's four courts. "Don't ask, Don't Get" goes the old saying.

Hayley Underwood from Tennis Manawatu also joined us at our last Committee meeting. She gave our Committee some useful information around tournaments, affiliation fees and governance and was an opportunity for our Committee to ask many questions. Hayley also gave us a letter of support in our application of funding for the lighting to the Council which we tabled at the Long Term Planning submission. Thank you Hayley!!
Thank you to all the members who volunteer their services to the club – "many hands, make light work".

Mark Vallance - President



CHAMP OF CHAMPS TOURNAMENT



Congratulations to Alan Young, who represented LTC at the Champ of Champs tournament held over the first weekend in May at the Renouf Tennis Centre.

This tournament was by invitation only from Tennis Central to each club's annual men's and women's singles champions covering Hawkes Bay to Taranaki and south. As our Champ, Alan played with heart all the way through to the Men's Consolation Final.

It was unfortunate that Gabby Wright had to withdraw from the Women's Singles due to injury.



NUMBER 1'S TOURNAMENT



At the end of March we had Charlie Wright and Beatrice Fumagalli represent Manawatu and our club at the regional number ones tournament.

This is a teams tournament with teams from Whanganui, Hawkes Bay, New Plymouth, Kapiti Mana Wellington, Wairarapa, Combined and Manawatu. In order to be selected for you have to be the number player in your province on S ranking or go through a playoff.

Charlie is the number ranked 10 and Under player in Manawatu and Beatrice went through a playoff to gain her spot.

Both of them had a great first day winning all their matches and gaining the team valuable points along the way.

Day 2 was much tougher with Charlie dropping 3 of his four matches and Beatrice dropping her 4 matches.

They ended up playing Kapi Mana for 3rd and 4th position out of 8. They ended up 3rd out of 8 teams which was a great result.

Both Charlie and Beatrice found the experience valuable and enjoyed being part of a great team.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Carolyn O'Fallon

Nezrin Zyenalova

Daniel Calder

Shem Harris

Cristal Thredgold

We hope you have settled in and are enjoying prewinter club activities.

FINAL INTERCLUB RESULTS

TEAM	PLACING
Premier B Scott, Lee. Reserve: Mark V.	First
Senior A Mark V., Alan, Marco, Clint, Karen, Lisa, Beckie, Jo Reserves: Scott and Raymond	Third
Futures Young Teens Liam, Maia, Francisco, Logan, Reserves: Simone & Lachlan	First
Challengers Over 11yrs Simone, Grace, Ryan, Santi	Second
Green Dot Under 11 yrs Beatrice, Issabella, Alex B, Tommaso, Reserve: Alex R.	First



REGISTRATION AS AN INCORPORATED SOCIETY

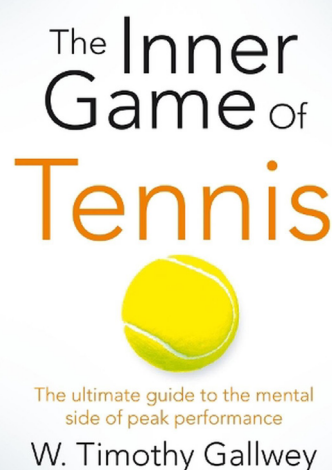
Some members may be aware of the new legal requirement for Clubs and other organisations to (re) register as an Incorporated Society. Whilst we are already registered under old legislation the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requires that affected organisations, including Levin Tennis Club, register under that Act by April 2026. If we do not we will lose our current Incorporated Society status.

To so we need, amongst other things, to adopt a new constitution that meets the legal requirements. They include, for example, a register of members, details on committee structure and roles, financial procedures, dispute resolution procedures and AGM requirements. Full consultation with the Club members is an important part of the process and we look forward to your involvement.

Tennis New Zealand will soon be releasing a constitutional template for small clubs and we will provide details to members once that is available. In the meantime a subcommittee (Mark, Jeff and Tony) has been set up to get the ball rolling. Lindsay has also agreed to review the work – thanks Lindsay.

If you have any comments or questions please contact a committee member.

RECOMMENDED READING FOR TENNIS GROUPIES



The Inner Game of Tennis
by W. Timothy Gallwey
The ultimate guide to the mental side of peak performance

MIDWEEK TENNIS



This is where a lot of us start when joining LTC, a welcoming smile and loads of encouragement are received when we step onto the court regardless of skill level.

Approximately a year ago, as a newcomer to tennis I bravely arrived at a Tuesday morning session not sure what to expect, was I ready for this? The support and encouragement I received from these guys was phenomenal, there was absolutely no judgment. They seemed to know when to teach me, when to challenge me and when to simply leave me to figure out that all important shot.

I remember very clearly my one and only 'Ace'. It had of course absolutely nothing to do with the serve and everything to do with the glaring morning sun in my opponents' eyes. As I stood there confused as to why there had been no return, I heard raucous laughter from around the court, it had been the softest ace many of us had seen. I haven't managed another ace since, but from this experience I am no longer anxious standing at the

baseline preparing to serve, I hear their laughter which forces me to relax. They taught me something without realising it.

The encouragement and support continued over the months, my game improved and many new friendships were formed.

Then one spring morning the body reminded me I am no longer 25, I ended up in a broken heap all the way down on court 4. Despite being a sweaty mess I was carried back to the club house and placed with leg elevated, ice pack, words of comfort and concern. and of course, plenty more laughter.

Many of these guys have volunteered endless hours, years even as LTC committee members and volunteers, the club we enjoy today is largely due to their commitment and dedication.

Without a doubt, these people are the "heart" of LTC.

LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE

We have now received quotes for the proposed lighting of our courts. The project proposes an additional lighting pole next to Court 4 and the installation of LED lighting on each the poles. The quotes range around \$100,000 and our focus is now on sourcing funding for the project.

The Committee has made a submission to the Council asking for them to fund 50% of the project as part of their Annual Plan currently being considered. Submissions on that were heard on the 2nd of May where Mark and Jeff did a presentation on the proposal to the full Council. Watch this space!

We have also sought the support of Tennis Manawatu for a project.

The Council have confirmed that no resource consent is needed for the project, and we are seeking clarification on their building consent requirements if any.

LADIES LUNCH

Ladies, mark your calendar for the last Thursday of each month and join us for lunch at a local café', no racquets please. Follow us on Facebook for choice of café for the month.



THANK-YOU

We extend a very big thank you to Alastair of Kair Design and Print for his expertise in assisting us with the new club logo and signage.

Achieving a majority vote on the club logo was not an easy task with such a passionate committee but we got there in the end, thank you Alistair for your patience and the continuous supply of adjusted proofs for our consideration.

We look forward to working with you on future signage projects.



Thank you to our funders who have generously assisted us with the following:

Pelorus Trust - Defibrillator

Pelorus Trust - Court resurfacing (part funding)

Pelorus Trust - Ball machine

ONE Foundation - Court resurfacing (part funding)

Aotearoa Gaming - Lighting

Aotearoa Gaming - Tennis balls

Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) - contribution to operating expenses

Without your support these projects would not have been achieved.

FAST 4

MID-WINTER TOURNAMENT

Sunday 2nd June—Singles

- 8.50am De-brief with match commencement at 9.00am.
- Matches will be postponed to Monday 3 June if rained off.

Friday 28 June—Doubles

- 8.50am De-brief with match commencement at 9.00am
- Matches will be postponed to Sunday 30 June if rained off.

- **Juniors**

under 18, girls and boys combined.

- **Open Women**

- **Masters 50+ Women**

- **Open Men**

- **Masters 50+ Men**

If you are 50+ or under 18yrs you can choose to play in the open grade.

Each player can only enter in one grade.



RULES

- Golden Point at 1st Deuce
- One set, first to four
- Rally to serve, this is your warm-up
- Games will go FAST and every point counts
- Doubles partners will be drawn from a hat by the committee.
- Warm-ups at courts 5 & 6
- Please bring a plate to share.

TO ENTER

Entry is **FREE** to all LTC Members
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