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NEWSLETTER OF THE  
LOWER HUTT TENNIS CLUB INC.

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## CHRISTMAS EDITION – DECEMBER 2020

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Here's hoping we see some sunnier days ahead and that you get some tennis in before Christmas.

If you are looking for a fun morning/afternoon/evening out, then try to get along to at least one of our league Christmas parties taking place over the coming week. For some, they do require notice of your attendance (and you may need to bring along some food or drink) so read on and if required, please let your league organiser know you are coming. Enjoy!

## TENNIS CLUB CONTACTS

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## What's New?

Our Premier 2 Women's and Men's teams were both playing at the club on Saturday. It was the first time I had seen the teams wearing the new LHTC Team top. They looked smart and here is a photo of our coach, Michael, in action on court in the top. The committee is hoping to have the senior teams in Hutt Valley competitions wearing these in the near future.



## Time for a Christmas Joke...

**How does Rudolph know when Christmas is coming?**

**He looks at his calen-deer!**

## What Next?

## TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES

The 2020/21 membership fees were set at the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020. For members renewing their membership these were due by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020. If you do not wish to renew your membership email Jackie Clarke - [clarkes1@outlook.co.nz](mailto:clarkes1@outlook.co.nz)

## 2020/21 Membership Fees – Renewing Members

The club fees have remained unchanged since 2017/18.

\*\* Any full year subscription payment made after **31 December 2020** will incur a \$30 late payment fee. This is to encourage prompt payment and to cover any cost of administration in collecting overdue fees.

Type	Fee	Late payment**
Senior (19 & over)	260.00	290.00
Couple (same address)	455.00	485.00
Family (same address)	580.00	610.00
Midweek (midweek tennis only)	230.00	260.00
Veterans (over 65)	230.00	260.00
Junior/Intermediate (Under 19)	150.00	180.00
Student (full time) – (Over 18)	200.00	230.00
Court Hire (per hour)	15.00	15.00
Visitors Fee (per player)	10.00	10.00
Non Playing (no court use)	20.00	20.00
Corporate Sponsorship	316.25	316.25

## 2020/21 Membership Fees – New Members

For new memberships dating from 1 January 2021, the following fees will apply.

Type	Fee \$
Senior (19 & over)	180.00
Couple (same address)	300.00
Family (same address)	325.00
Midweek (midweek tennis only)	160.00
Veterans (over 65)	160.00
Junior/Intermediate (Under 19)	70.00
Student (full time) – (Over 18)	145.00

**How do we know Santa is a good racing car driver?**

**He's always in Pole position.**

*What's Been Going On?*

## SUMMER SENIOR OPEN DAY TOURNAMENT 3 OCT 2020

The club held its traditional senior opening day tournament on the first Saturday in October. We had a good entry of about thirty players and for a change the weather held up enabling competitors to complete play. After play finished, we gathered on the deck for prizegiving, nibbles and a sausage sizzle.



Mark Cullen - Organiser

## WORKING BEE 4<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2020



The Club held a working bee a week prior to Love Tennis Weekend and based on the feedback this tremendous effort was well worth it.

A big thank you to all those that helped and in particular: Glenn & Annelisa, Yadgar, Damian, Jim, Graham, Jackie, Alex B & Rachel & Mitchell B, Denise, Anthony, Sharlene, Shirley, Sarah and Henry.

The working bee included a complete clean of the clubhouse, stripping flax plants and concrete strip near court 1, sanding and painting all wooden benches, weed removals alongside the driveway and all club surfaces and



perimeters, lawn moving and laying gravel and stones alongside the perimeter of courts 1-4.



Working Bee Organiser

Alex Bass

(Ed. Thanks to Alex for organising the working bee)

## LOVE TENNIS WEEKEND: SAT/SUN 10<sup>TH</sup>/11<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2020

The Love Tennis weekend was held on Sat 10th - Sun 11th October. This is a Tennis New Zealand initiative to provide clubs with co-ordinated promotional material for their opening days.



The weather was kind, apart from the wind, the numbers through the gate were up on last year, and the club gained 40+ new members. It was great to see the club so busy and the courts all being played on.

It takes quite a bit of effort to set up and so thanks to all the volunteers, in particular head coach Michael McGlinchey, plus Steph Fuller, Jackie Clarke, James Lord, Trevor Dine, Julie Scott and all the parents and other club members who contributed to two very successful days.



(Kids ready for the lolly scramble)

Organiser

Duncan Hutchinson

(Ed. Many thanks to Duncan for taking the reins on this one! – Ha! A Christmas Pun)



## Coach's Corner

Another great year of coaching at LHTC. A big thank you to all the coaches who have helped out over a very disrupted year; Simon Stronach, Brad Newson, Alex Chambers, Luca Campbell & Jackson Barr.

The coaching year has produced many highlights for me;

- My u12 Talent ID Programme has brought together 17 junior players to train and play together on Tuesday's & Thursday's.
- Our tournament presence at LHTC is becoming stronger, with 20+ juniors from the coaching programme competing in tournaments outside the club throughout the year
- The Senior Coaching Programme has taken shape and filled up - I have three levels of programmes running as well as Cardio Tennis throughout the week.
- 12 Players from my coaching programme have been selected to represent the Hutt Valley in the Bob Brown fixture on December 6 at Mitchell Park.

Check out a few important dates coming up:

Friday 11 Dec: Final junior club night & Christmas party  
Sunday 13 Dec: Final junior club day  
Friday 18 Dec: Term 4 Coaching Ends  
Monday 21 - Wednesday 23 Dec: Christmas Holiday Camps run at the club, 9am-12pm  
Thursday 24 Dec - Tuesday 12 Jan: No Coaching Available  
Wednesday 13 Jan - Dec 24 2021: Available for coaching

For any coaching enquiries please email me:  
[mcglincheycoaching@gmail.com](mailto:mcglincheycoaching@gmail.com)

I hope you all have a great Christmas & New Year, it's been a pleasure being a part of the club over the last two years.

Michael McGlinchey – Tennis Coach  
0272 81 81 81 or [mcglincheycoaching@gmail.com](mailto:mcglincheycoaching@gmail.com)

**What is the best Christmas present in the world?**

**A broken drum – you can't beat it!**

## Interclub / League Updates

### JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

*The LHTC Committee would like to thank Rochelle Forbes for stepping into the Junior Convenor role for the last year and supporting the Junior Committee and our junior players. This year, we welcome our club coach, Michael McGlinchey, to the Junior Convenor role.*

2020 started off with a bang at the club with the club's first parent-child tournament in recent years. We had 10 teams competing on a very hot Sunday afternoon. Well done to Sanjay and Aryav Bhawan who ended up winning the round robin.

Junior club coaching continued through the summer months, with lots of new players coming along to have a go on a Sunday Morning. Sunday Junior Coaching has become a real family affair with committee members, Steph Fuller & Jackie Clarke, doing a wonderful job of running a beginner hit morning alongside junior coaching for parents and senior players.

Our 10.30am group enjoyed an introduction to match play with many players going on to play interclub later in the year.

Luckily, before lockdown kicked in we managed to host our junior club champs- well done to all players who entered and to our winners:

Boys u10 Singles: Charlie Whiting  
Boys u12 Singles: Troy Crout  
Boys Open Singles: Aryav Bhawan  
Girls Open Singles: Hayley Naylor  
Boys Open Doubles: Aryav Bhawan & Jayden Stols



After a two month break from tennis, junior tournaments around the Hutt Valley resumed. A special mention to Adithya Ramaswamy, Aryav Bhawan & Jayden Stols who all managed to win Division 1 at one of the various Evolve S-Ranked Tournaments over winter. Jayden Stols went on to win the Wellington Junior Tier 3 Open at the Wellington Renouf Centre & Aryav Bhawan qualified for the TNZ Junior Masters Series for the top 16 players in the country. Well done boys- inspiring stuff!

The junior interclub season rolled around, with 7 Lower Hutt Teams competing throughout the Hutt Valley & Wellington Region on a Saturday Morning. Here's how they placed:

**Lower Hutt Zverev** (Boys Regional 1) 1st Place, 34 Points (one round still to play)

**Lower Hutt Djokovic** (HV Premier 1) 8th Place, 11 Points

**Lower Hutt Azarenka** (HV Premier 2) 1st Place, 41 Points (not all results entered)

**Lower Hutt Wozniacki** (HV Premier 2) 8th Place, 11 Points (not all results entered)

**Lower Hutt Thiem** (HV Division 3) 4th Place, 28 Points (not all results entered)

**Lower Hutt Osaka** (HV Division 4) 1st Place, 37 Points

**Lower Hutt Nadal** (HV Division 4) 5 Place, 12 Points

### Important Dates

We still have a few more weeks in the year, and plenty of tennis to come... Check out these **important dates**:

Friday 11 Dec: Junior Interclub Christmas Party & Prizegiving, 5.30-7.30pm

Sunday 13 Dec: Junior Club Day Shared Lunch & Wind Up.

Thursday 17 - Sunday 20 Dec: HV Christmas Tier 3 Junior Open at Mitchell Park

Any juniors who don't play interclub currently, but would like to play interclub post-Xmas please email me as soon as possible.

Finally, congratulations to all the Lower Hutt Tennis Club Junior Players selected to represent Hutt Valley vs Wellington in the annual Bob Brown Fixture at Mitchell Park on Sunday 6 December:

Amelia Cave  
Jayden Stols  
Josh Fisher  
Alicia Harris

Aryav Bhawan  
Luca Campbell  
Sophia Cave

On behalf of the Junior Committee, thanks to everyone who has given up their time to help the junior club - we wouldn't be able to operate without all our wonderful volunteers.

Michael McGlinchey - Junior Convenor  
[lhtcjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:lhtcjuniors@gmail.com)

M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S



### WOMEN'S WEEKEND INTERCLUB

The last round of Premier Interclub was played this weekend in very windy conditions once again! Premier 1 were playing to stay in the top grade for post-xmas and Premier 2 were playing to maintain their 2nd placing.

**Premier 1** – Amelia Harris, Rachel Baxter, Rebecca Clarke, Emily Dine, Maia Reid, Elesha Smith.

This team unfortunately came bottom in the pre-Xmas competition so will start post-Xmas in the Premier 2 competition, where they will be looking to win the grade and re-gain their position in Premier 1 for next season.

**Premier 2** – Julie Scott, Emma McEwan, Sophia Cave, Amelia Cave, Ella Watson, Zoe Maddigan.

This team had a close battle with the current leaders of the competition, but couldn't quite manage a win. They ended up coming 3rd overall.

The Hutt Valley Division interclub competition finished a couple of weeks ago with our women's team finishing 1st!! Congratulations – Steph Fuller, Angel Li, Julia Stephens, Mandy Stewart. This was a new competition this year and will hopefully continue to grow in strength and numbers.

Any women who have yet to express interest in playing interclub post-Xmas please contact me ASAP. Here's looking forward to a post-Xmas competition with more sun and less wind!

Julie Scott – Women's Interclub  
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**What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar at Christmas?**

**He got twelve months!**

### MEN'S WEEKEND INTERCLUB

Our Premier 2 team is middle of the table with one round left of the pre-Xmas competition. We wish them luck for the post-Xmas competition when they will endeavour to earn promotion to Premier 1.

Hutt Valley Men's Divisional has been exceptionally successful.

Division 1 1<sup>st</sup> It is possible our 2<sup>nd</sup> team could finish 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Division 2 1<sup>st</sup>  
Division 3 1<sup>st</sup>

Any men, not currently in a team, who wish to play interclub post-Xmas please contact me ASAP.

Trevor Dine – Men's Interclub  
566 3646 or [trevor.dine@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:trevor.dine@slingshot.co.nz)

## MONDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

On Monday nights we operate a mix of singles and doubles. You can play all doubles if you want. Send me a message if you are keen and get on the Monday Night League list, even if you only want to play occasionally.

We're going to have a Christmas tennis night for us on the evening of Monday 14th of December. I will organise some food but you will need to bring your own drink. We will have two rounds of tennis then we'll have the Christmas party. Starting time is the normal starting time of 7:30pm. If the weather is bad for tennis - we will start the Christmas party early. Please RSVP to me at [lhtcmnl@gmail.com](mailto:lhtcmnl@gmail.com) by Sunday 13th so I get an idea of the numbers.

The draw system will be working for the 7-Dec-20, 14-Dec-20 (Christmas party night) and then will shut down for an extended holiday period. It will start up again on Monday 1-Feb-21 (the first Monday after Wellington anniversary public holiday).

Ken Barnett - Monday Night League Organiser  
021 133 0191 or [kenneth\\_barnett@outlook.com](mailto:kenneth_barnett@outlook.com)



## MIDWEEK - TUESDAY

The midweek club meets on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 for casual games of doubles. All are welcome to join us, no matter what level. The group will restart next year following the anniversary weekend.

The 2020 Melbourne Cup day is always popular and saw a variety of hair accessories on the catwalk! The Best Hat winners were Steph (and sister, Di) and Jeanette.

The annual Christmas ham and bubbly lunch is on Tue 15th December. Tennis starts at 9.30am and lunch will follow from 11am. Please let Jackie know if you are coming.



Jackie Clarke – Midweek Convenor  
[clarkes1@outlook.co.nz](mailto:clarkes1@outlook.co.nz)

## TUESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Tuesday evenings is another opportunity for tennis. Anyone interested will be added to the group and will receive an invite via email each week on Sunday evening. You can ask for either singles or doubles. Matches will be organised on Tuesday afternoon, the draw is emailed to participants, and play starts at 7:00pm.

Only a small number of players are taking advantage of this opportunity. However, thoroughly enjoyed by those who do participate.

Anyone interested in tennis on Tuesdays, drop an email to James.

James Murphy - Tuesday Night League Organiser  
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**What would you have if Santa left a kitten and a puppy under the tree?**

**A meowly Christmas and a yappy New Year!**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

**It's been a funny old year with weather, covid etc but hey, we still have tennis 😊.**

**We have a fabulous team playing and have welcomed many new members.**



**I would like to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and Best wishes for the NEW YEAR**



**Wednesday Night Tennis Christmas Party  
Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm**

**At the Club, from 6.30 onwards (wet or not)  
A wee "game" of tennis  
Ham and trimmings  
Music  
BYO plus \$10  
and a plate to share (nibbles or dessert)**

**\* PLEASE ADVISE YOUR INTENTIONS...  
email MANDY subject JOY or REGRET  
[wntennis@gmail.com](mailto:wntennis@gmail.com) before Dec 10<sup>TH</sup>  
with which plate you intend bringing**

Mandy Stewart - Wednesday Night League Organiser  
021 467 413 or [wntennis@gmail.com](mailto:wntennis@gmail.com)

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON TENNIS



The number of participants in Saturday League is steadily increasing with usually all 4 courts being occupied. Our Christmas party will be held on 12 December after our normal

play from 1pm to 3pm (postponement 19 December) and everyone is invited to bring some Xmas food to share including some drink.

Going into 2021, Saturday League will continue to run from 1pm till 3 pm, unless otherwise advised by email. Saturday League will start up again some time in February, exact date to be advised.

Tinie and Simon Jellie - Saturday League Organisers  
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## SUNDAY MORNING MEET-UP

The Sunday Morning meet-up (9am – 10:30am) is now into its second year and we have a mix of fresh, new faces alongside a few carried over from last year. The meet-up provides an opportunity for those new to tennis and former players to hone their skills and (re)learn game play in preparation for joining our senior leagues in a friendly, relaxed environment.

The format is a tennis warm-up, short drills and then we get into playing short double games. We have adopted a casual turn-up and play approach, there's no commitment to attending each week – but the more you play, the more you improve!

We will have a Christmas morning tea on our final Sunday of the year, the 13<sup>th</sup> after a shorter playing session (probably finish playing around 10:10am and then head into the clubhouse for morning tea). Next year we start back on 31 January.

If you would like to come along and have a go, just turn up on the day. If you want further information then send me an email.

Steph Fuller - Sunday Meet-Up Organiser  
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## Rule Reminders

A quick refresher on some of the rules of tennis...

- A player calls all shots landing on, or aimed at, the player's side of the net.
- If any part of the ball touches the line the ball is good. A ball 99% out is still 100% good.
- Any ball that cannot be called out is considered to be good. A player may not claim a let on the basis of not seeing the ball.
- When a ball from another court enters the playing area, any player on the court affected can call a let as soon as the player becomes aware of the ball.
- Partner's disagreement on calls. If one partner calls the ball out and the other partner sees the ball is good, the ball is good.
- Don't walk behind another court during a point, wait until the point is over.

## Thanks to our Sponsors

The Club has been successful in receiving grants from Sport Wellington (for loss of income due to Covid-19 \$5,000) and Four Winds (Coaching Expenses \$2,000).

Thank you also to ARL Lawyers for their continued sponsorship.

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Why is it hard to find an advent calendar?

Because their days are numbered!

## Club Information

### HOUSEKEEPING

Just a reminder to all members that we are a club run by volunteers. There is no housekeeper that regularly attends to cleaning the clubhouse. If you find the kitchen bin full or getting smelly, then please take the rubbish bag to the green wheelie bin outside. There are replacement bags in the drawers in the kitchen, next to the dishwasher. Likewise for the bathroom paper bins, if these are full then please empty them and put in a fresh bag.

## MAINTENANCE

If there are things around the courts that need to be fixed, please contact Graeme. If we don't know about something, we can't fix it!



View from cherry picker replacing a light

Graeme Josephson – Property and Maintenance  
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## FIRST AID

First aid supplies can be found in the kitchen cupboard as well as an icepack in the freezer for any minor injuries.

## FACILITIES

Please remember that if you are socialising after your game of tennis it is your responsibility to clean up after yourself e.g. bottles in the recycling bin, glasses brought inside and placed in the dishwasher. If the dishwasher is full please empty it if it is full of clean dishes, turn it on to wash if dirty and then wash your own dishes.

If you are using the BBQ or heater please remember to turn off the gas bottle.

When you are playing at the club you need to leave the clubhouse and the grounds tidy.

A reminder that we are not allowed to use the lights on Sunday nights due to the resource consent.

## WEBSITE

If you do not wish for your photo to be published on the website, Facebook page or newsletter please email Steph Fuller at [stephfuller@outlook.co.nz](mailto:stephfuller@outlook.co.nz)

## LIKE US

The purpose of our Facebook page is to put us out there in the ever-growing social media to make our presence in the community known and for messaging.

<https://www.facebook.com/lowerhutttennis>  
Click and Like to follow your club!

## Last Words

*Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this newsletter with updates and photos. It is always rewarding to see the final result and I hope you have enjoyed reading it. I borrowed my son's Christmas joke book again for inspiration.*

*If you would like to contribute something in the next newsletter then send me an email and I can add you to my list of contributors. The next newsletter will be coming out at the end of the summer season.*

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

Steph (Stephanie) Fuller – Newsletter Editor  
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## And the lucky last...

**Why do Christmas trees hate exams?**

**Because they get stumped by the questions!**