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MARTINBOROUGH

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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End of Season Wrap-up

We've reached the end of another season at the Club and it has been very successful despite the lack of a proper summer. There has been some great tennis played at all levels and it was capped off at the recent Wairarapa tennis awards night when Martinborough scooped the pool winning every senior post-Christmas competition. This culminated in us winning Interclub Club of the Year too!



This is the Regional 1 team after winning the Gawith Shield, proudly held by Club President, Charlie Cresswell.

In the Regional 2 division, Martinborough had two teams entered and the Black team captained by Red White took out the trophy. Red had a strong season just being edged out as the most successful singles player for the season in the Regional 2 competition.



And in the Regional 2 Women's division, Martinborough came through again, winning the grade. Nicky Thomas and Carla Didsbury were there to collect their certificate from Matt Spooner, the competition organiser.



Working bee

Thanks to everyone who turned up to help with the end of season working bee. Apologies again for the late notice, but when we finally got a window of fine weather, we had to take it. The courts are now sorted ready for their winter hibernation and the grounds are looking good. Thanks again to those who were able to come along and help out.

End of Season Bash

This year because of the difficulties trying to find a date that worked where our top players were available for the club champs, we ended up having a fun tournament – the End of Season Bash instead. Even then, the weather nearly disrupted it, needing the event to be moved from the scheduled Saturday to Sunday for the better weather.

We had a good field of entries, which were divided into two grades, each with two pools. Richard and Ed Wilkie combined to win the A grade while Dave and Andrea Goodwin held on to win the B grade after a number of pairs were tied at the top.

The "Fast 4" format proved very successful and we will be looking to hold something similar as a season opener later in the year.

Options for play at the Club

There are still lots of options available for club members to play tennis throughout the winter.

Active tennis

This is run by club captain, Marco de Groot, who will have you on your game as you practise drills, go to the net, team up, take on the challenge, and generally have a great time. The cost is \$15 per session, and you can book with [Marco](#) on [021 566 489](tel:021566489) for:

- Monday – 9am
- Friday – 9am and 10:30am

Marco is also looking to start another class on Mondays at 10.30am so if you're interested and this suits your timetable, please give Marco a call.

Midweek Ladies tennis

- Tuesday – 9-10am
- Thursday – 9-10.30am

Contact Jenny Wilkie for details on 306 9790.

Wednesday Whackers

Wednesday Whackers is on at 9am on Wednesday mornings. It is seriously fun tennis where you get to play three sets. If you're interested speak to [Richard Le Mare](#) on 022 400 8619 to get onto the WhatsApp group for the sessions.

Richard calls for interest each week on the WhatsApp group and then makes up games of doubles to ensure everyone gets a good match.

Winter Evening Tennis (WET)

Also known as Thursday nights under lights, this starts at 5.30 and once again Richard is getting people together for this. It is following the same format as Wednesday Whackers and if you're keen for a hit or want to find out more details, get in touch with [Richard Le Mare](#) on 022 400 8619.

Sunday casual

Casual and social tennis happens Sundays from 3 – 4:30pm where, depending on numbers, we rotate players on courts and have a fun time. Turn up and join in – it's free for members.