



NEWSLETTER

NOT SPAM but actual NEWS from the best Tennis Club in the Western Hills and beyond. Read on for important dates for your diary, coaching opportunities and stories about the unusual activities our members have been roped into..

MTC - PINEHAVEN INVITATIONAL SUNDAY 18 FEB 1PM

We are hosting Pinehaven Club next Sunday at 1pm for the annual invitational.

All Senior Club members are welcome to take part - it is a social Yankee tennis format with prizes and a BBQ.

We would really appreciate members support in attending and making it a fun event. Who knows, we may have a shot at the Trophy that Pinehaven donated to the event last year.

Prizes are sponsored by CUS (Classic Uniforms and Sports) and the Jubilee Committee.

To register please sign up at the club or email Richard at captain@mtc.co.nz



TENNIS CROSS-FIT AT MITCHELL PARK



Recently Maungaraki Tennis launched a fitness crusade on the hottest day in January - all in the name of bringing astroturf to MTC.

Although we were told that turf and sand can actually be quite heavy - the crew of helpers managed to ignore all health and safety warnings to liberate Mitchell Park of some of their excess turf.

With a magnificent effort from the three Labetts (Tim, Paul and Andrew), Kent, Tony, Gareth, Petrus, Chris and Nath - we managed to move a trailer load of turf ready to lay on the north bank.

Thanks everyone for answering the last minute call up - three hours of back breaking work has to be good for your tennis!



COACHING OPTIONS AT MTC

Congratulations to our recent Tennis Xpress graduates who completed their course in January - we hope to see you out on court soon!

We are looking at options to start some more adult coaching sessions depending on interest and court availability.

Formats that Simon can provide are private coaching, Cardio, Tennis Xpress and Group Skill sessions.

If you would like to be kept informed of upcoming sessions - please register your interest and availability in the club sign up sheet or email us at coach@mtc.co.nz



RICHARD HOTTER - JUNIOR TEAM MANAGER

We would like to recognise the contribution to Junior Tennis of Richard Hotter. This year Richard is finishing up as Manager of the Maungaraki Mystery Team - which plays in Division One. Richard has been managing Junior teams for the past six years - handling those last minute weather calls, 8am starts and so many tie break games which are a bit of a feature of Junior Tennis.

Richards easy going manner has really encouraged our Juniors to get on court for interclub and he has been guaranteed support at our events - including joining in on the junior tournaments, wearing the obligatory Christmas themed tennis outfits and famously saving our Club BBQ from our Junior Chefs at Love Tennis last year.

Last year we were able to tempt Richard into playing some interclub so we are looking forward to keeping him on court now that he is officially hanging up the clipboard.



INTERCLUB UPDATE

Interclub teams are back on court after some good pre Christmas results.

Premier Mens - Maungaraki have guaranteed their placing in the Premier competition finishing third place on the table.

Mens 1 - are moving into Division Two to be close to MTC 2.

Mens 2 - sitting comfortably at fourth on the Division Two table.

Womens Doubles - finished third and are looking to build experience and perhaps enter a second team for the next summer round.



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT - NIKKI BENTLEY

Continuing our volunteer spotlight introducing Nikki Bentley - Twilight Convenor.

Nikki started as a tennis Mum and soon graduated from the sideline to joining twilight, winning Maungaraki's Most Improved Player, joining Interclub and taking out the ProAm final last year.

Arguably Nikki's most impressive tennis shot is the one she makes while giggling - remember she is not laughing 'at' you, she is laughing 'with' you.

Nikki is in her second year as Twilight Convenor - making those tough weather calls and keeping the team draws 'interesting'.

Under Nikki's watchful eye our Twilight numbers on Monday and Tuesday nights have grown to around 50 regular players.



Away from tennis - Nikki is manager for her husband's motorbike racing team and as dedicated pit crew - she is seen at most road racing events.

She is open to bribery for those who you who want to stack your teams or demand new balls...

DATES FOR YOUR TENNIS DIARY

April - Senior Club Champs

Due to the construction work at Mitchell Park we are looking to run Club Champs at Maungaraki over two weekends (one for singles and one for doubles matches). Club Champs are a great way to test your tennis self in a friendly setting - all grades are encouraged to join.

And with Jason Kane travelling somewhere between Croatia and Bosnia/Herzegovina, your chances at Masters Singles has never been better!

March - Junior Club Champs

April - MTC Whanau Tournament

Exact dates to be confirmed.



SOCIAL INSIGHTS



In January a survey was sent out to members that highlighted some valuable learnings, chief among them was that nobody likes to complete surveys.

What was clear from people who did respond is that you prefer social events with tennis involved and that you consider working bees as the second most desirable social event. Proving that a Property Convenor 'box of beers budget' is still a good investment.

Thanks to those who took the time to respond - give Tony a yell if you have any ideas you would like us to pursue - in the social role he is all about giving value for money from your membership.

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Happy hitting, hope to see you out on court soon
Tracy - MTC President