

NEWSLETTER

Going into the business part of the season, where sunscreen is replaced by thermals - here is the lowdown from Maungaraki Tennis Club.

CLUB CHAMPS

This year our club champs returned to Maungaraki instead of Mitchell Park and was run over two action packed weekends. We were really impressed with the field - 30 entries including 8 debut players in Club Champs for the first time.

We had some family double duos - uncle/nephew, mum/daughter as well as a couple of junior players joining in the fun.

Not surprising for the best dressed Club in Wellington - another highlight was the dress code with a few teams going for the psychological advantage of bringing a coordinated look on court.

A huge thanks to Richard Rattray our Club Captain for superb organisation and for everyone who played and supported the event.

Prizegiving will be held in the evening after the next Twilight Yankee - 1st / 2nd July.

See the back page for the tournament results;



WELLINGTON CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Thanks to Rory Murchland for representing Maungaraki in the 2024 Tennis Central Champion of Champions in May.

The tournament is an invitational where Clubs (Wellington, Kapiti, Horowhenua and Manawatu put forward their Club Champion Singles winners to play in a two day tournament at Renouf Stadium.

The tournament was won by Tawa (Men) and Thorndon (Women).

From Hutt Valley Tennis, Maungaraki and Avalon were the only Clubs with players competing. It was a great result from Rory going through to the quarter finals in the competition of 18 players.



TWILIGHT UPDATE

Twilight continues to enjoy beautiful weather and a full draw. Since the start of the year four new members have joined twilight. Thank you to everyone for making them feel so welcomed to our friendly club.

The last Yankee had a record number of players (32) to wrap up the summer series. Thanks to everyone who attended. There was so much camaraderie on and off the court, great tennis and an enjoyable prize giving. The Yankee was won by Ray Driscoll - who also pulled off the most impressive shot of the night - a slice back spin so close to the net that managed to bounce back into his side of the court before the opponents could get near it. We have witnesses.

The next Yankee will be held (1st July/2nd July).

We are looking for a new Twilight Sponsor so if anyone knows of a company to approach can you let us know? Unfortunately Rolex, Renault and Perrier have made all the usual excuses so the search for a new partner continues.

NIKKI (TWILIGHT CONVENOR)



JUNIOR TENNIS - WINTER COACHING

Thanks to support from Pelorus we are continuing Junior coaching over the winter (9 and 10am sessions on Sunday). It is great for our Junior Interclub players to stay on court over the winter and we are welcoming new players to give tennis a go.

If you know anyone who is interested in coming along and giving tennis a try the 9am session is perfect as an introduction. Get in touch with Kent (Junior Convenor) or Simon (Club Coach) to find out more.



SENIOR TENNIS - WINTER COACHING

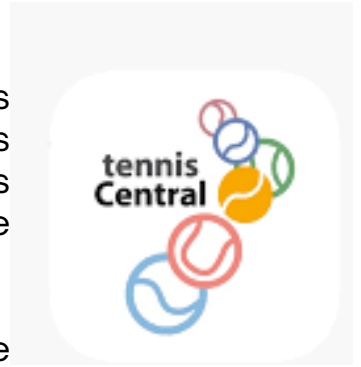
Adult coaching continues on Sunday mornings at 11am with Simon Stronach.

The system is pay as you play - just sign up on the google sheet linked on our website - and be directly invoiced for any session you attend - \$15 per session.

We currently have sessions of 4 to 8 people which means you get a good workout, some fun games and plenty of opportunity to work on technical skills.

WINTER INTERCLUB UPDATE

Formerly known as Frampton - the Tecnifibre Winter Mixed Doubles competition starts next weekend and Maungaraki has four teams entered in grades that will play all over the Wellington Region. Thanks to our Team Captains (Prathiba, Ben, Tony and Paul); taking on the challenge of harnessing all that raw talent!



Thanks to Richard Rattray for organising the teams and some practice sessions - apparently 'practice' is some type of legal form of improving a teams chance of winning....only time will tell!

Teams :

Ben, Irene, Daniel, Melissa
Prathiba, Souradeep, Landon, Tracy
Tony, Tammy, Steve, Nikki
Paul B, Emma, Paul L, Jane

Super Subs: Richard, Ants, Gareth, Mark, Claire, Phil, Anu, Hiren, Belinda, Mike, Yugdeep...

COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT - KENT BARNES

Continuing our volunteer spotlight, meet Kent Barnes - Junior Convenor.

Kent has a day job as an Electronics Technician, which involves him travelling alot for work. He shares his volunteer/spare time organising Inline Hockey for the Maungaraki Rollers and looking after Junior Tennis at Maungaraki.

Kent started by supporting his twins learning to play tennis - then was coaxed into becoming a regular at Twilight - and recently had his interclub debut, which he swears never to repeat.

Kent organises Interclub for our juniors, club champs and the annual whanau tournament. He has organised winter coaching and summer Friday night tennis for our Juniors and he keeps all the tennis families up to date with what is going on. Kent is in the planning phase with Simon to bring an introduction to tennis to a couple of local schools. Alot of the job involves working with Chris Milne (Grants) making sure we can provide professional coaching.



Kent is also a working bee regular and has spent the past 4 months painting the back of the club house - as well as coming along to the turf collection, fence building, scoreboard repairing and path concreting (both shifts).

LOVE TENNIS - SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

The countdown is on for Love Tennis and Maungaraki is joining 169 Clubs over the country in a national event celebrating tennis, sausage sizzles and balloons

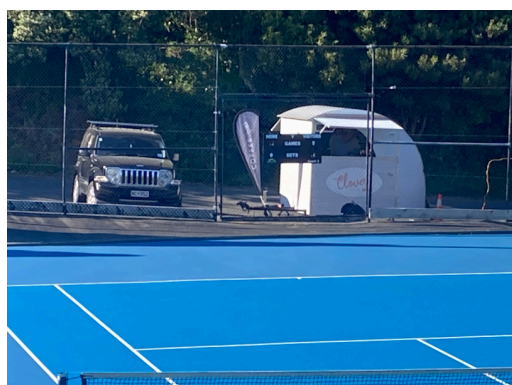
Official Tennis NZ description;

It's all about 'bringing the community in' to your club. Reaching out and engaging with your community and connecting as a team of club volunteers. "This club is a place for everybody". Love Tennis is fast becoming one of New Zealand's favourite community events, inspiring people across the country, to get along to their local tennis club, pick up a racquet and give tennis a go.

"Love Tennis is a showcase to the community to show them what your club is all about".

Love Tennis takes a bit of planning - and this year our Social Convenor Tony is the Project Manager for the event, with Belinda (Memberships) as his trusty assistant/sidekick. Tony and Belinda will be looking for helpers (for the build up and on the day) in jobs such as advertising the event, setup on the day and of course the event 'official friendly people' who help bring new members to the club.

If any of these jobs sounds like your skill set, please drop a line to Tony.



PROPERTY UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who has jumped in and helped with various property jobs. We really appreciate the support and patience - with the strategy of Maungaraki Club DIY to preserve funds for the big ticket club repair.

Deck Replacement

We have a detailed design of the new deck out from top floor of clubrooms. (architect, fire and engineering report).

This is ready for building consent but is on hold while we obtain building quotes and work on further funding or further changes to reduce cost. As part of the fire report a new fire door has been funded via grant applications and is on order.

North Bank

Removed a small mountain of soil left over from the new retaining wall build and completed underground drainage behind the retaining wall. Concreting of the new north path and the new concrete slab at the north west corner has been completed. New seating area around the and fencing next to the court one stairs completed. Finished the retaining wall around concrete slab. New low level retaining wall next to path (not yet complete). Obtained artificial turf from Mitchell Park and delivered to cover the bank.

Club Rooms

Painted club room roof. Painted top level back wall (80% complete) and windows of clubrooms, including new window flashings. Fixed water leak behind club rooms.

Southern Fence

Scaffolding poles tying South Fence to Inner Fence to stop it falling down now the it does not have the emotional support of the trees by the scout hall.

Tennis Court

Clean of the court surfaces - repair of the court squeegees.

On the 12 Month Property Radar

Complete the low level retaining wall next to path, including some low level seating behind umpires chair

Fix the artificial turf to the north bank

Fix the men's urinal, and replace both toilets.

Fix the south fence (may include new low retaining wall replacement)

Painting and new mesh for the fence between the club rooms and courts

Complete the painting of the back top level wall of the clubrooms

Paint the low level clubroom windows

More planting of flax on the banks behind the club rooms

Install retractable roof over the court area (just added that to check you are still reading)...

Volunteers always wanted - if you have any way you can help onsite or with fundraising ideas we would love to hear from you!



Modern art or scout preservation? Our Southern fence has a new look these days..



Concrete crew in action Louie, Catherine, Kent and Dean (not pictured - Tim, Kat, Paul and Tracy).

2024 CLUB CHAMP RESULTS

The long awaited official results...let the glory basking begin in earnest before the trophy ceremony next month!

Event	Winners	Runners-up
A Men's Singles	Rory Murchland	Richard Rattray
(B) Women's Singles	Tracy Taylor	Melissa Murrihy
(B) Women's Doubles	Prathiba Gupta - Tracy Taylor	Irene Wong - Melissa Murrihy
B Men's Singles	Tristan Hotter	Landon McMillan
(B) Men's Doubles	James Bowden - Richard Rattray	James O'Neill-Cook - Paul Burns
(B) Mixed Doubles	Tracy Taylor - Richard Rattray	Prathiba Gupta - Souradeep Gupta
(C - Plate) Women's Singles	Nikki Bentley	Tammy Hambling
C Men's Singles	Paul Labett	James Bowden
Master Women's Singles	Tracy Taylor	Tammy Hambling
Master Women's Doubles	Prathiba Gupta - Tracy Taylor	Nikki Bentley - Tammy Hambling
Master Men's Singles	Shishshir Jaiswal	Paul Burns
Masters Men's Doubles	Phil Potter - Steve Limmer	Paul Burns - Shishshir Jaiswal
Masters Mixed Doubles	Tracy Taylor - Chris Milne	Prathiba Gupta - Souradeep Gupta

...and finally a huge word of thanks to our sponsors

Court 1



Court 2



Court 3



Happy hitting, hope to see you out on court soon

Tracy - MTC President