

# MTC TENNIS - NEWSLETTER

*Get comfortable - this is a novel...*

*In this edition we have the low down on the Pro-Am, Love Tennis, our AGM, our Irish export - and the antics of the Gold Card Club (aka the Jubilee Crew).*

*Oh - and it is membership renewal time again, so we have some good news about that...*



## MTC PRO AM TOURNAMENT

It is a well known fact that Jason Kane can always pick a playable date for tennis tournaments - even when planning months ahead.

So it came as a surprise when we had to delay play for an hour for the Pro-Am in August due to rain and windy conditions. The day settled and we had a great tournament with tournament veterans as well as a record number of MTC Twilight players taking the court.

The Plate Championship final ended with a one point win for Anu Desai and Daniel Jupp.

First prize - including exclusive ProAm champion hoodies - was taken out by Nikki Bentley and Andrew Chuah who were unbeaten on the day

Thanks to CUS for their sponsorship and to Jan Milne and Len Kane for helping Jason as tournament controllers.



## TWILIGHT UPDATES

### Yankee - Tuesday 19th September

Next week is the Yankee - all are invited, followed by a prizegiving and supper upstairs. Bring a plate and something to drink afterwards.

### Twilight - Spring Series is starting Monday 9th October

Please let Nikki know if there are any changes to consider making up the new twilight teams, as always she can be bribed.

If you know of anyone interested in playing, remember twilight is a great opportunity to invite them along to give it a go in a relaxed friendly atmosphere.

Thanks to Nikki and Kevin (pictured in one of his 'no pressure' playing poses) for being our twilight hosts.



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL EMAILS

We will be sending our membership renewal emails next week and this year we have enabled Stripe so you will be able to register and pay by credit or debit card. You will receive payment confirmation by email and your membership will be automatically renewed and set to active.

Any new members can register and pay by selecting a new package from our website.

If you are wanting to join using a different package option just let us know at [memberships@mtc.co.nz](mailto:memberships@mtc.co.nz)



Hi Coco

Thank you for renewing Family 1 Adult 2 Child 2023-2024 at Maungaraki Tennis Club.

Please find below confirmation of your renewal.

Payment method: Credit/Debit card

Membership package name: Family 1 Adult 2 Child 2023-2024

Cost: \$ 110.00

Membership starts: 11/09/2023

Membership ends: 31/08/2024

## AGM THANKS AND THE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM last Tuesday. All the orders of business were completed in record time and included a break to eat this amazing cake which celebrated the years achievements.

We now have a full committee and we have appointed some very critical roles with new people as well as appointing some new volunteers in non-committee roles. We can be really proud of that as many Clubs in the region are operating with Committee shortages.

Paul Labett (often seen working with Tim on the North Bank seating) has accepted the role of Treasurer. He replaces Dave Foster who has been a Junior Convenor for 7 years and Treasurer in the last year.

Richard Rattray has accepted the role of Club Captain, taking over from Jason Kane. Proving that Jason has been doing the work of three people, we also have Ben Whitehead helping and Andrew Chuah who will takeover as Manager of our Premier One Men's Team

Tony Skerritt has accepted the role of Social Convenor - which has been vacant for the past few years. We are so excited to have him onboard with some fresh ideas and of course with our 50th Celebration coming up in November.

Also helping out (without a committee role) is James O'Neill Cooke, looking for sponsorship opportunities for the club. Please get in touch with us if you have any ideas in that space.

On a sad note we mark the passing of our Auditor Max Shierlaw on the night of our AGM. Max has been helping MTC and other community organisations with auditing of their Annual Accounts for many years.



A huge vote of thanks to our outgoing members Dave and Jason - we know we are losing a wealth of experience in the short term and appreciate all the handover that has been done in preparation for our new committee members.

I also want to thank the Committee members who are staying on, they are always working in the background to keep the MTC running and obviously have to juggle this with family and work commitments.

The 2023/24 Committee is  
Patron Len Kane  
President Tracy Taylor  
Secretary Tammy Hambling  
Club Captain Richard Rattray  
Treasurer Paul Labett  
Property Tim Labett  
Grants and Fundraising Chris Milne  
Twilight Nikki Bentley  
Junior Kent Barnes  
Social Tony Skerritt  
Membership Belinda Dunn  
Midweek Vivienne Ball

# COACHING UPDATES

Updates from Simon, Club Coach;

## Adult Tennis Squad

Wednesday Adult Squad - sessions will move as of 13th September to accommodate Junior Coaching

We will contact everyone with a new time slot when it is confirmed.

Cost \$15 per session.

## Tennis Xpress

Suitable for anyone new to tennis or rusty - course planned for 5th November and running to 19th December.

90 minute sessions 1:30pm-3pm each Sunday.

Cost \$150 per person - open to non-members and members



Contact Simon at [coach@mtc.co.nz](mailto:coach@mtc.co.nz)

## School Holiday Tennis Camp 2nd - 6th October

For ages 10 -14 - suitable for junior interclub players

9am to 12pm daily

Cost \$40 per day or \$170 for the week

# CALL FOR SUMMER INTERCLUB PLAYERS

Interclub options include premier and division one and two men's and women's - Saturday afternoon competitions.

We also have Presidents Grade doubles open to players over 35 (women) and 40 (men), which run on a Sunday morning.

Anyone interested in playing should let Richard know on [captain@mtc.co.nz](mailto:captain@mtc.co.nz)

# MTC 50TH JUBILEE - TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The Jubilee Committee have been very busy!

Tickets are available to purchase for the evening function at Maungaraki Community Hall

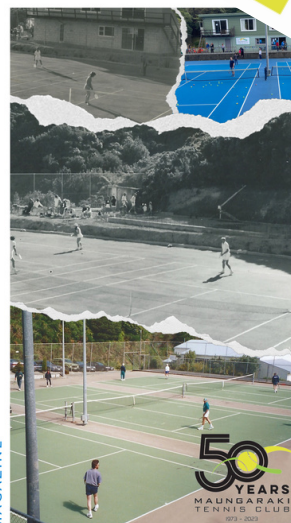
We are also taking pre-orders for the Jubilee Magazine. It really has been a huge effort and the Jubilee Committee is looking forward to sharing the magazine on the 11th November. There will be limited sales on the day so we ask that people pre-order their copies.

To order a ticket to the function or pre-order a magazine - go to our website - Jubilee page, here;

<https://clubspark.kiwi/MaungarakiTennisClub/Events>



50th JUBILEE  
MAGAZINE





# LOVE TENNIS - 10 SEPTEMBER

Thanks to everyone that helped at Love Tennis - we had an amazing group of helpers on the day - including many Juniors.

We had a steady stream of visitors that we are hoping to turn into sign-ups after a week of free tennis - where we have invited people to come along to sessions to try out.



THANKS TO LEN KANE, ERNIE, RICHARD RATTRAY, ANDREW CHUAH, RICHARD HOTTER, NIKKI, TAMMY, ANU, HIREN, TONY SKERRITT, ROCKY, SHISSIR, AARON, BELINDA, MARK RAHMAN, CHRIS MILNE, LANDON, SIMON STRONACH, DAVE FOSTER, PAUL JUNIORS - TRISTAN, JOEL, AMELIE, FREJA, JOHNATHAN, JEFFREY, MING, DEAN



## WHAT FLOATS YOUR BOAT SOCIALLY?

Welcome to the 2023/2024 Season Social part of the newsletter.

As I have recently been appointed to the committee as the Social Coordinator, I am keen to get everyone's thoughts on future social events.

Thanks for filling in this short survey!

Tony Skerritt

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# LIMITED EDITION MAUNGARAKI MERCHANDISE

Thanks to those who ordered one of our limited edition T-Shirts or hoodies.  
We are opening up another order on the website at the start of October for delivery  
in time for our celebration in November.

The orders will also have an option for delivery/pickup from the club.

The Shirt and sweatshirts are great quality and each one sold is contributing funds directly  
back to MTC.



## MERCHANDISE

### Limited Edition 50th Anniversary



Order from [cus.kiwi.nz/maungaraki-tennis-club](https://cus.kiwi.nz/maungaraki-tennis-club)



# LIFE MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Thanks to all those who sent in nominations for Life Members.

Three recipients were awarded Life Membership at this years AGM.

## **Chris Milne**

Chris has served in Fundraising, Grants ,Treasurer and Properties roles on the MTC Committee for over 20 years.

Notable efforts such as obtaining full funding for the latest court resurfacing and regularly funding our Junior Coaching Programme have been invaluable in keeping the Club in a good financial position. Throughout this time he has also quietly served as groundskeeper - mowing, weed spraying and clearing drains.

He continues to be an active player winning many Club Championship titles and notably turns up on court playing presidents and filling in for Prem Two Teams with the goal of staying upright for the entire match.

## **Tony Borra**

Tony is an example of a member making a huge contribution to MTC without taking up a committee role. Described as a doer who went the extra mile for the club in numerous ways. Member of the Club for 30 years, with Philippa he ran Tuesday night Twilight for over 10 years and hosted dozens of Yankee Tournaments. He has helped recruit new members at Love Tennis (including the current MTC President).

Tony organised the main fundraiser at MTC - Quiz Night - for several years and served as the Quizmaster. Tony has been part of the Jubilee Committee.

## **Philippa Borra**

Phillipa was a Committee member in the mid 80s, and has been helping run Tuesday Twilight very well for over a decade, Philippa looked after our club rooms - keeping them provisioned and ensuring members joined in maintaining them to a high standard.

Along with Tony, she was a willing helper at many working bees including painting the Clubhouse inside and out. For Quiz nights she coordinated catering for the event and for Twilight Yankees was famous for her cheese balls. Philippa has also been part of the Jubilee Committee.

We will be presenting awards to the recipients at a later date.



# FAREWELL TO JASON

September marked the departure of our Club Captain and Life Member Jason Kane to Ireland.

The Club farewelled Jason at the Pro-Am and at Baylands Brewery - we wish him safe travels and hold him to his promise when he returns to only ever play for Maungaraki Tennis Club.



## CLUB HOUSE ROOF PROJECT

A quick note of thanks to the scaffolding, water blasting, roof spraying and painting that has been going on over the past few months - Jason, Tim, Paul, Chris and thanks especially our painter Phil Potter for bringing the roof back to great condition. Paint for the project was donated by Dulux and Bunnings.

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## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

