

Chelsea Cup is back!

The North Shore's elite premier tennis competition starts Friday 12 February. This is your opportunity to watch some of New Zealand's best up and coming tennis players in action on your doorstep.

The opening round on 12th Feb sees all 3 of our Milford CareSaver teams playing at Milford - come along from 6.30pm for a feast of top class tennis! The bar will be open and food available.

Milford has been an enthusiastic contributor to Chelsea Cup, since winning both the men's and the women's competitions in the inaugural year, 1986. This provides a pathway for our elite juniors and the opportunity for our members to watch national and international level players from all over New Zealand.

Last year, we again won both competitions - see the trophies in the clubhouse.



Our victorious 2020 teams - from left:

Vanessa Cutfield, Vivian Yang, Aishi Das, Shona Nakano, Jacqui Anderson
Hyeok Min, Matt Alexander, Junior (Matavao) Fanguna, Sion Wiggan, Matt Shearer
Riki McLachlan

This year, Milford TC has again entered:

- 1 men's team, *Milford CareSaver*
- 2 women's teams - *the CareSaver Comets and the CareSaver Cats*.

For draws and results - <https://tennisnorthern.co.nz/compete/chelsea-cup/>

CareSaver our Chelsea Cup Sponsor - we are delighted to report that CareSaver has again agreed to generously sponsor our Teams. A huge thank you to CareSaver - a KiwiSaver plan that focuses on generating good returns ethically. They handpick investments using environmental, social and governance factors, as well as traditional financial metrics. It was founded by John Berry and Paul Brownsey who are both locals in the Milford/Takapuna area. Paul and John have been managing money ethically - and generating good returns - for almost a decade through Pathfinder Asset Management.

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HOME Fixtures – commence 6.30 pm

12 February	Women - Milford Comets v Milford Cats
	Men - v Campbells Bay
26 February	Women (Comets) v Greenhithe Lake Pupuke
5 March	Men v Greenhithe
12 March	Women (Comets) v Mairangi Bay
	Women (Cats) v Beach Haven
Semi-Final Playoffs	19 March
Finals at Albany TP	26 March

THE MEN (Champions 2020)

Matt Alexander, our Number 1 player and team captain is 28 years old and a Westlake old boy. He has played on the Futures Pro Circuit and has played several club tennis seasons in Germany. He plays Caro Bowl for Karaka. In 2017 he represented NZ at the World University Games in Taipei. Currently, he is the National Development Coach at Tennis NZ and works with a number of the country's top junior players.



Matt Alexander



Sion

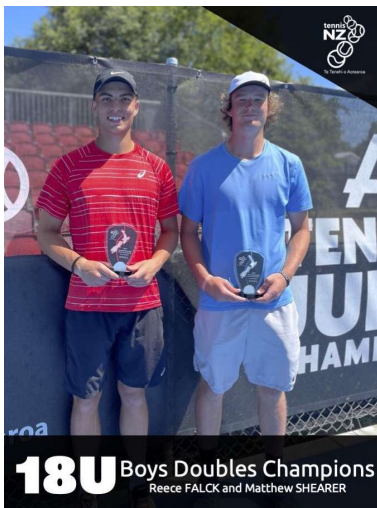


Junior

Sion Wiggin (nickname Chief) continues to show loyalty to Milford, having been at the club since he was 6. Now 25 years old, Sion is representing Milford in Chelsea Cup for an 11th straight season. He also represented Tennis Northern as a junior. He is a multi-talented racket sports player, having represented NZ in squash and racketlon (a combination of tennis, squash, badminton and table tennis).

Watch out for this guy's speed and determination, because he will fight for every point on the court.

Matt Shearer - Matt has had a great start to 2021, winning the U18s doubles title and also winning the Auckland ITF doubles title. He is very proud to be representing Milford for another year.



Matt Shearer (on right)



Hyeok and Elyse

Hyeok Min (16) - in the Summer holidays, Hyeok reached the semi-finals of 16U nationals once again, and also made 1 ITF semi final and 2 ITF quarter finals, lifting his ITF ranking from 2000 in the world to 550.

Aidan McDougall - Big Shout-Out to Aidan who owns the Service Line Proshop at Albany Tennis Park and has generously provided the Men's uniforms.

Junior (Matavao) Fanguna - is a returning team member from last year's victorious team. Junior was also a past Chelsea Cup Champion for Campbells Bay in 2017 and played Caro Bowl for Remuera. In 2019, representing Tonga, Junior and his brother Semisi won the doubles gold medal at the Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa.

Jack Loutit - a new addition to the Milford team this year, Jack is NZ's #2 ranked junior player; world ranking #102. He achieved this ranking off the back of winning 3 ITF titles in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland in January 2021. He was also both the 16U and 18U National Champion in Dec 20.

Lev Gorb - also a new addition to the team this year, coming across the bridge from his home club Pakuranga. Lev is the number 1 ranked junior in his age group (15U) after winning the 14U National Champs in 2020. In 2020, he also won his first ITF doubles title at the Christchurch J5 and the 14U Mixed doubles title.

MEET THE CARESAVER CATS:

Elyse Tse (16) - Elyse is really excited to compete for the Milford Tennis Club in this years Chelsea Cup. She is one of New Zealand's top junior players and has had a fantastic season of tennis. In December, she won the National 18U Girls Doubles Championship. During the summer, she reached a total of 9 Junior ITF finals for singles & doubles, coming away with winning 3 Junior ITF Doubles Titles.

Aimee Brown (17) is a member of the St Kentigern College premier girls team that won the Auckland Secondary Schools Premier Tennis competition in 2018, 2019 and 2020. She is also in the college's Premier team for the National Secondary School Champs which placed 3rd, 2nd, and 2nd in recent years. She has received regional team selection for the last few years for the annual TNZ National Teams Event tournament, winning the 16u tournament in 2018/19 with the Tennis Auckland team. She regularly plays in ITF Junior international tournaments.

Sadheera Weerapperuma (16): is a Westlake student, who started playing tennis at the age of 8. She has represented NZ in Melbourne for the December Showdown and was part of the Westlake premier team when they won the National Secondary Schools title in 2019. Sadheera, along with her sister has been a part of Milford tennis club for nine years, she coaches for Shelley and was part of the 2018 winning Chelsea Cup team.

Charlotte Tse (16) - is an enthusiastic tennis player who loves competing for the Milford Tennis Club. She has won different age group regional tennis tournaments over the years and was the Runner Up in the National 16U Girls Doubles Championship which was recently held in Christchurch. She can't wait for the Chelsea Cups season to get started!

Audrey Newman (14) - is excited to play Chelsea Cup for Milford. Audrey started tennis at age 9. In 2020 she was a member of Auckland's winning 14U team and placed second on the 14U Masters Points circuit. She recently earned her first ITF points in the quarter finals of a J5 tournament in Christchurch and won the 16U doubles title in the 2021 Auckland Junior Champs. Audrey also plays soccer and competes in athletics for Ellerslie. Audrey studied overseas before coming to NZ in 2015. She now does Cambridge exams as a home-schooler. Audrey hopes to improve her tennis and someday play on clay!

Mahinarangi Warren - (13) has recently started Saint Kentigern College after spending 2 years in Fiji on an ITF scholarship. She has represented Samoa and the Pacific in many international tournaments, including the World under 14 Champs in Jakarta and the Australian and NZ Junior champs. She was runner up in the U12 NZ Champs and is currently ranked no 2 in the U14 division and no 1 in the Pacific Islands.

Deshma Weerapperuma (19) has been a member of Milford tennis club since she was ten years old and is a past Westlake Girls student. Deshma has represented the school as part of the premier tennis team that won the

National title from 2016-2019. She was part of the Chelsea Cup winning team of 2018, and currently plays for Milford in the Premier Mixed Doubles competition.



Elyse



Charlotte



Aimee



Audrey



Champions 2018 From left:
Elyse, Sadheera, Briar, Deshma, Kalais Going



Mahinarangi

MEET THE CARESAVER COMETS (2020 Chelsea Cup Champions)

Vivian Yang (16) - ranked #13 in NZ and from Auckland, Vivian is NZ's 2nd highest ranked junior and has 2 singles and 5 doubles titles on the International Junior Circuit. Vivian has represented NZ at Junior Federation Cup and the World Junior Teams Event. In senior tennis she made the quarter finals of the Hamilton Women's \$14K Pro Event, won the NZ Champs Doubles title with Paige Hourigan in 2019 and claimed 2 Kiwi Money Tournament titles in 2020. She was our #1 player last year in the winning Comets team.

Aishi Das (13) - in 2020, Aishi was the 12u singles/doubles national champion, the 14u masters champion and placed 3rd in 14u nationals. She also won the 16u nationals doubles title.

Katie Oliver (14) started playing tennis at 5 years of age. She loves all sports but particularly tennis. In 2017, she won the Rod Laver Junior Doubles title with an Australian partner and this led to her love of playing doubles. In 2020, Katie was runner-up in the 14s National Indoor Champs and also won 2 other doubles titles in the national Tier 2 Junior tournaments. Katie is looking forward to her first year playing Chelsea Cup.

Taleia Tuatao - Taleia is a new addition to the Comets this year. She trains at Lavie Tennis Academy with Chris Bint as well as her dad who coaches her full time at home. Taleia started playing when she was 3 years old and her dad had a racquet for her before she was born. To focus more on tennis, Taleia became home schooled in late 2018. In January this year she earned her first ITF points, finally gaining a junior world ranking. Tennis is a very important and passionate part of her life; her goal is to become professional and play full time on tour.

Carli Davis - played on the junior circuit prior to going to play college tennis in Florida for four years. She won several ITF doubles championships and was the 16 National New Zealand Girls champion. She graduated from Rollins College with both her Bachelor's degree and an MBA in 2017 and currently works as an analyst at Calm The Farm, an organisation committed to helping farmers transition to regenerative agriculture. Carli was also part of the 2020 Chelsea Cup winning Milford Comets team.



Carli



Vivian



Katie

Jacqui Anderson has played a lot in the North Harbour and North Harbour interclub competitions. She was a member of the Chelsea Cup winning Milford Caresaver Comets in 2020. In that year Jacqui also played in teams that won the Ferrier Cup (top Auckland city doubles/mixed grade) and the North Harbour premier midweek ladies grades. She also won age group national titles in 2020 and 2021.



Vanessa



Jacqui



Aishi

Vanessa Cutfield - played national tennis until the age of 16, in her home country of Argentina. 23 years later, when she took her son for his first tennis lesson, she realised that she could give it a go again. She has competed at a high performance level in mountain biking and cross country, but tennis is again her favourite. She says "I think I'm extremely lucky to be able to play a sport that I love, and to have been invited to play Chelsea Cup."

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- **Sals Pizza** - Sal's Takapuna is extremely proud to support Milford Tennis Club and it's members. They (Shay and Akash) are very grateful for the support that the teams and families have shown and want to thank the hard working administrators for the excellent relationship formed so far - bring on 2020!
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