

# NELSON BAYS TENNIS ASSOCIATION

### **NEWSLETTER**

Quarterly Newsletter 2023 —Issue 1

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and that you are getting plenty of tennis. Lots of tennis happening both locally and internationally so an abundance to watch and get inspired by!

Nelson Bay's Tennis Association is pleased to announce that we are running a fundraising concert at the Boat House on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. As funding grants have significantly reduced over the past 12 months, this concert will raise much needed funds to keep the NBTA functioning. Please keep this date free as we would love to see as many of you there as possible! More details about the concert coming soon.

Are you focused on improving your tennis skills this year? We have fantastic coaches throughout the region so don't hesitate to contact them tin order to find out what programs they are running.

David Turnhout
President of the Nelson Bays
Tennis Association



David Averill & Simon Phillips playing the Cameron Cup



### **FINANCIALS**

In regards to the NBTA's financial situation we are overall similar to last year bearing in mind still a few months to go but a healthy position with adequate cash reserves to cover fixed operating costs and salaries.

Levies slightly up \$36838 v \$34812 Grants down \$13485 v \$28420 Sponsorship up \$23000 v \$14950

Grants and sponsorship are down about \$7k compared to last year reflecting a more difficult environment with funders changing their criteria.

### **FUNDRAISER**

The Nelson Bays Tennis Association is pleased to welcome you to our fundraising concert! The night will begin with music from local musician Bryce Wastney, followed by five piece band, PlayTime.

An auction for a range of items and goodies will be held between musical acts. All proceeds will be donated to the Nelson Bays Tennis Association.

Just follow the link below to purchase tickets:

### Nelson Bays Tennis Association Fundraising Concert and Auction Tickets, Fri 19/05/2023 at 8:00 pm | Eventbrite

If you are interested in donating an item for the auction please get in touch. All businesses / individuals that donate will be acknowledged on social media and at the concert!











### **JUNIOR TENNIS**

#### **JUNIOR INTERCLUB**

Junior interclub is finished for the season, we held our prizegiving junior at Tennis club last Richmond Saturday. We had 85 kids this competing summer. to Congratulations all the winners and well played to everyone who gave junior interclub a go. Thanks Kate, our NBTA Junior convenor for all your hard work and organizátion!

### **JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS**

At the end of December 2022, NBTA held a successful *X-Generation Doubles Tournament*. The competition was a lot of fun, with some great costumes, prizes, and close matches.

The *Nelson Kia Junior Open* was held in January 2023. We had players travel from Wellington to Dunedin for the tournament. Thank you to Kia for their support and to Maria for all her organisation.

The Talley's end of Summer junior open is on this weekend at Richmond Tennis Club. Come along and support our local juniors compete.



### **JUNIOR SQUADS**

This term our High Performance Squad were fortunate to have another session with coach *Nic Jenkins* from Christchurch.

We also were very lucky to have a session with a local Professional Player - Alex Hunt. Alex is a professional tennis player who played at a D1 college in the US and is currently playing on the ITF Pro Circuit. He is also the first player missing a limb to get an ATP World Ranking. Alex is a coach, mentor and speaker whose dream is to inspire the next generation of athletes.

Ashleigh Calder & Vanessa Mairs coached three 12U Junior Development Squad sessions this term.

Thank you to all the coaches for their hard work contributing to our juniors development!

### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENTS

The Road to the ASB Classic involves a series of tournaments around the country for tennis players under the age of 14 to compete for a place in the 32-player main draw of the Jaguar Cup. This was played on the courts at the ASB Classic in January.

Congratulations to Dallas King-Ehau & Liam Howes who were both invited to compete in the Jaguar Cup. This was an incredible opportunity for our young players to experience the atmosphere of a professional event, and give them a taste of what it's like to compete on the world stage. Dallas made it to the girls final and played on centre court. Liam played one court over on grandstand court. It was an amazing experience for both players, playing in front of a large crowd, having chair umpires & ball kids.









### **JUNIOR PROFILE**

Name: Finley Clark

Age: 16 years old

Club: Richmond Tennis Club

Favourite Tennis Rafael Nadal

Favourite Tennis Shot: Forehand down the line

Player:

Best Tennis Memory or Goal: Going away on team trips because they're heaps of fun.

Best Tennis Advice: Practice and enjoy. Practice improves your game and enjoyment keeps you interested.

### **SENIOR TENNIS**

### **VET'S TOURNAMENT**

Report by: Phil Stevenson

Nelson Veterans Tennis Club held their 55th Annual Tournament over the weekend with great weather for the Women's and Men's Doubles on Saturday and 58 matches were played. The weather did not hold for Sunday's Mixed Doubles and all play was cancelled without any matches having begun when persistent rain in the morning had water pooling on the courts. 94 players entered for the 3 events.

The women's doubles were contested by 34 players in 4 round robin draws with the top seeds taking the finals of all 4 draws. The top division was won by local players Ruth Seeman and Suzanne Spencer who conceded only 6 games in their 3 matches, winning the final 6-3, 6-0 against another local pairing Alice Anderson and Annette Bormolini. The division 2 women's final also featured all local players with sisters Kate Prebble and Susan Rooney taking the final 9-1 against Denise Marshall and Heidi Mayer. Division 3 in the women was the most hotly contested draw of the day with 3 of the six matches going to 9-8 tiebreak results including the final won by Rhonwyn Knecht & Melanie Seymour in a hard fought victory over Lynda Jury and Win-Li Toh, all 4 again being Nelson players. In the women's division 4 draw the Canterbury pairing of Sue Dennis and Ngaire Simmons were too strong for their opposition, only conceding 2 games all day and winning the final 9-2 against Nelson's Jill Dickinson and Gill Summers.

The men's doubles were contested by 40 players in 5 round robin draws. The top division featured all Nelson players with top seeds Simon Phillips and Kolie van Zyl winning their three matches in straight sets to take the title. Steve Daykin and Peter McMillan were runners-up, the result being decided on the difference of games won and lost after all three pairings finished with a win each. Men's division 2 final was won by the Marlborough pairing of Stephen Dempster and Owen Dodson who beat Nelson's John Dunlop and John Skelton 9-3. Like the women, division 3 was also the most hotly contested men's draw with all 8 players being from Nelson and 3 pairings having 2 wins apiece. A count-back on difference between games won and lost was also tied by 2 pairings so it went to the head to head result between them for Jimmy Coombes and Jasper Rahal to take the win 9-4 over runners-up Mark Robinson and Mike Spencer. Men's division 4 was won by Marlborough's Scott Booth and Blair Hantz who won all 3 of their matches. Runners-up were Adam Horan (Wanaka) and Ian Dahlberg (Nelson). The men's division 5 final was won 9-4 by top seeds John Lovelock











#### WINSTANLEY SHIELD

The Winstanley Shield is one of the three senior tennis fixtures played annually. Former Nelson College pupil, David Winstanley, introduced the shield in the early 1980's as a challenge to competitive players in the top of the South Island.

A triangular fixture played between Nelson, Marlborough and the West Coast, the key feature of the competition is that it consists of only two or three men and two or three women from each region, making this a more achievable challenge to the smaller associations.

The West Coast managed to take the win this year with the benefit of young legs in their team.

Congratulations to the West Coast for their first ever win since the competition began and thanks to Marlborough for putting a great fight and finally congratulations to our very own Stanley Vercoe who played for the west coast in this occasion.

The Nelson line-up was: Steve Daykin, Peter McMillan, Denise Marshall, Kate Prebble & Annette Bormolini.



#### **CAMERON CUP**

The Cameron Cup has been a season finale for our top players in our region and has been since 1965. There are three events, men's, women's and mixed doubles. This year we only had the Men's and Mixed, unfortunately the women's one did not go ahead as only Nelson Lawn tennis club was the only club who was able to put an A grade women's team.

The playoffs for the men's was held at Nelson Lawn Tennis Club and the mixed was held at Hope Tennis Club.

The finals was played at Richmond Tennis Club, well played to all teams involved and congratulations to the winners!

Men's Winners: Tahunanui (Oscar Symonds, James Hunt, Connor Edmonds & Dan Lynch)

Mixed Winners: Hope (Ruth Seeman, Suzanne Spencer, Todd McAuley & Zak Lyttle)

Huge thanks to Scott Cameron for once again supporting this competition.







#### SAVE THE DATE!

The interclub season is almost finished for most grades and it's time to save the date.....our interclub prizegiving will be on 27th April. More details will follow, please make sure you follow us on Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date with what's happening in our region.



### **CLUB SUPPORT**

Tennis NZ's 'Support your Club' webinar series is underway. This series has been built on the feedback we received from you as regions and associations along with feedback from clubs during last years series. 2023 Content:



- 12th April, Growing Club Revenue Streams.
- 3rd May, Developing a Facilities Maintenance Plan.

Dates to come for the following topics

- May ClubSpark, how can this help our club?
- June ClubSpark, innovative membership packages to suit all players
- July Funding opportunities, what's available in my region?
- Aug Incorporated Societies Act 2022 (this webinar may be moved to an earlier

date TBC)

Aug - ClubSpark, Book a Court and gate access options

Sept - Player retention post an open day, putting a plan in place

Register using the this link: <u>Growing Club Revenue Streams. 7pm, Wed 12th April.</u> (google.com)

### **LOVE TENNIS**

Planning for Love Tennis 2023 is underway and with an earlier start we hope this will allow you to better prepare in the lead up to the big event.

2023 nationwide date - Sunday 10 September 2023, 11-4pm

Love Tennis has proved to be one of the most valuable events on club calendars nationally. Allowing clubs to reach into their local communities, encouraging diversity, increased membership, volunteer engagement and club growth.

Tennis is a three-way collaboration between clubs, Regions and Associations, and Tennis NZ. This helps deliver this amazing programme to grow tennis.





### **SPONSORS**



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All existing Target Saver Account holders are included in the draw. Every \$100 in your account equals one chance to win. Please read the full terms and conditions on our website.

The draw will be conducted under Police supervision 22 May 2023. Results of the draw will be announced on 25 May 2023.



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