



Northcote Tennis Club

Club Captains Report 2024

With the summer of '24 ending, sunny days on the courts wound down with much season-end excitement.

The club champs have become bigger than Ben Hur and if you weren't rounded up to play in one of the many tournament categories, you'll likely find yourself playing next season. The resurgence of the club champs under the stewardship of Grant Borrie and Andrew Spence has become a highlight in itself. We are grateful for the enthusiasm, time, and wit that saw this season's matches highly anticipated and enjoyed by many club members. Thank you very much to Grant and Andrew.

Other regular season events included the Howick Challenge and a new one to the calendar, the Parnell Challenge. While we came off second best in the Howick event, we took out the Parnell event. These were both fun and challenging at the same time.

The Milford Challenge, which was added to the calendar in 2023, has been delayed until later this year due to scheduling difficulties.

And our very own Battle of the Burbs will be held in spring.

Wilson Chelsea Cup

This is the premier interclub competition of the season and Northcote was again able to field a women's and men's team. Many clubs struggle to put together competitive teams, particularly in the women's division, so we're determined to continue supporting this top-level competition.

This year the women's side was captained and managed by Laura Isbey, who did an amazing job, and we thank her for her time and effort. She was supported by a great team of girls who gave it their all, making it to the semi-final.

The men's team was valiantly captained and managed by Aden Borlase-Mills who ably navigated a mix of injuries, players who left the country unexpectedly, and weather to get through the competition. The guys played exceptional tennis but didn't match their semi-final finish of last season.

Thank you very much to those who came along and supported the matches, the wonderful people who provided food for spectators and players, and Lululemon Takapuna for donating the tops for both teams.

Interclub

We entered 32 teams this 2023/24 season (one up from last season) across Men's & Ladies Singles, Men's & Ladies Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

Congratulations to the following teams that won their grades.

- Men's Doubles (MD6). Playing in Grade 6.
 - Shaun Dowling, Spencer Day, Robin Walsh, Joseph White & Chris McSwiney

- Mixed Doubles (MX7). Playing in Grade 6.
 - Trish Collis, Nicky Bell, Marian Koerselman, Sharlene Bergin, Samantha Bergin, Caroline Gregory, Chris Bergin, Blair McMichael, Jonathan Whittaker, Steve White, Spencer Day.

Other grade success:

- Men's Singles 1 - 3rd
- Men's Singles 3 - 2nd
- Men's Singles 5 - 3rd
- Ladies Singles 3 - 3rd
- Men's Doubles 1 - 2nd
- Mixed Doubles 4 - 3rd
- Mixed Doubles 5 - 2nd
- Mixed Doubles 8 - 3rd

Club Champs Winners

Women's Singles Open

Laura Isbey

Women's Singles World Championship

Rebecca Oakley

Women's Doubles Open

Laura Isbey/Taylor Brow

Women's Doubles World Championship

Claire McIlwraith/Rebecca Oakley

Men's Singles Open

Jacob Warren

Men's Singles Championship

Ryan Lewis

Men's Singles World Championship

Marvin Chu

Men's Doubles Open

Aden Borlase-Mills/Ben Archbold

Men's Doubles Championship

Josh Khin/Darryl Sujjati

Men's Doubles World Championship

Charlie Buchanan/James Graham

Mixed Doubles Open

Laura Isbey/Andrew Ramsay

Mixed Doubles World Championship

Clair Connor/Phil McSweeney

Club Captains

Dean Farquhar, Leigh Elliott