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Welcome to the September Newsletter

The year ahead

Special points of interest:

- *The year ahead - COVID update*
- *Tennis Seniors Auckland*
- *Future Dates*
- *Gate Pa Kiwifruit Coast Seniors Tournament*
- *Waimairi Seniors Tournament*
- *Peter Hampton Award*
- *Taranaki Seniors*

As we look at what has been going on over recent months it is hard to contemplate what this year has brought to our country, communities and the world .

Our lives have certainly been disrupted on so many levels and we now live in a time of relative uncertainty that creates challenges when contemplating the future.

For Seniors tennis, we were unfortunate because our peak playing period was starting right at the beginning of lockdown.

Our National Teams Event was one of the first casualties of COVID-19 with the organizing of the event well underway with Tennis Seniors Hawkes Bay as hosts, who coped well with the cancellation of the event.

They had worked so hard with the preparations but responded to the

unprecedented conditions that descended upon us. Our sincere appreciation to them for accepting this challenge in 2022.

Throughout the country, many of the clubs tournaments that were planned were cancelled or postponed but what has been gratifying is that no club or player was left in doubt about how they could play tennis or access facilities. Communication from Tennis NZ has been excellent and continues to keep us up to date as we work through the various levels.

Read on in the newsletter - it is heartening to see that many clubs have got underway with their competitions and activities. We will stay positive and hope this will continue.



Covid-19

Alert Level 2 guidelines

Here's a reminder regarding restrictions and guidelines at Alert Level 2 around the country—Key points

- Gatherings limited to 100 people
- **Auckland** social gatherings can have a maximum of 10 - funerals and Tangihanga 50
- Sign-in using MOH Covid-19 tracer at all times
- Physical distancing - keep 2 metres
- Covid-19 safety plan required by club/venues
- Protect against infection - maintain personal hygiene
- Face Masks - on all Public Transport



Head to the **TENNIS NZ WEBSITE** for updates and full Alert Level guidelines.

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Tennis Seniors Auckland Representative Matches

This year Tennis Seniors Auckland's policy has been to try and get as many players as possible to play in their representative matches. Over 70 of their members participated in at least one of the fixtures. Below we feature some of the action shots from matches against Lower Northland and Northland Seniors which were played at the Mission Bay Tennis Club. Lower Northland won 44-28 and Northland 42-30 in what was described as some very exciting and competitive matches.





ITF World Teams & Individuals Future Dates

ITF Seniors World Teams Event,

Bota Raton, Palm Beach, Florida
2021

Individuals Championships
2021



ITF Super Seniors World Teams Event

Mallorca, Spain
2021

Individual Championships
2021



ITF Young Seniors World Teams Event

Umag, Croatia
2021

Individual Championships
2021



The ITF Seniors World Championships and Individuals that were to have been held this year in 2020 will now all take place at the same venues in 2021 - Dates are yet to be confirmed.

2021 National Individual Championships



Nelson Veterans Tennis Club

will host the

2021 Pascoes Tennis Seniors National
Individual Championships

Dates

30 January to 3 February

Venues

Hope, Richmond, Nelson Lawn & Stoke
Tennis Clubs

2021 National Teams Event



Tennis Seniors North Harbour

will host the

2021 Pascoes Tennis Seniors National
Teams Event

Dates

2 - 4 April

Venues

Albany Tennis Park, Forrest Hill Tennis
Centre & other Club courts

Gate Pa Kiwifruit Coast Seniors Tournament

This year's tournament was held over the weekend of 22-23 August in perfect tennis playing conditions. Sadly our Auckland tennis friends were not able to join us because of level 2 Covid and required some hasty rearranging of entries and draws.

However 146 players entered ensuring that all draws were full over the two days. Saturdays doubles were held at two venues, Gate Pa Tennis Club and Otumoetai Tennis Club. This enabled the requirements of contact tracing, numbers, separate prizegivings and social distancing were followed. As a result of level 2, the customary players dinner on the Saturday night at Gate Pa was not held which was disappointing to all but understandable.

Division 1 final coming down to a tiebreak. The large spectator crowd was enthralled with the hitting and many remarked that it was one of the best seniors matches seen in Western Bay tennis. The players - Sean Martin & Philip Meyer defeated Mark Ratana & James Wilce.

Sundays mixed doubles at Gate Pa was also fully subscribed and the Division 1 mixed was one of the strongest mixed fields assembled. The players - Sean Martin & Debbie Garea defeated Mark Ratana & Susan Bailey.

Gate Pa would like to thank all those who entered to make the tournament once again a highlight of the seniors tennis calendar.

Results

Men's doubles S1 winners

Men's doubles S2 winners

Men's doubles S3 winners

Women's doubles S1 winners

Women's doubles S2 winners

Women's doubles S3 winners

Mixed doubles S1 winners

Mixed doubles S2 winners

Mixed doubles S3 winners

Mixed doubles S4 winners

Sean Martin/Philip Meyer d Mark Ratana/James Wilce

Dave Hawkes/Steven Temple d John Beck/Steve Brennan

Fred Kleve/Peter Trass d Roger Reid/Ken Richards

Karen Cranston/Delwyn Guilford d Sussa Bailey/Lyndy Underwood

Colleen Wassung/Sylvia Wilmshurst d Marcia Warren/L Yermolayeva

Erica Eddowes/Chantal Thomas d Maxine Samson/Jane Swanton

Sean Martin/Debbie Garea d Mark Ratana/Sussa Bailey

Roger Calquhoun/Sue Jamieson d Bruce Macphail/Toni Craig

Meto Snegirev/Sylvia Wilmshurst d Gordon Tietjens/Lynnaire Pohatu

Mike Ross/Kay Wynn d Andrew Dallas/Sharon Parker

Some of the activities on court and during the weekend



Waimairi Seniors Tennis Tournament

This years event was hosted over the weekend of July 4-5th at Z Energy Wilding Park

90 plus players participated in the event which was the 8th annual seniors tournament providing the seniors tennis community with a fantastic opportunity to come together with new and old friends in a tournament that will be held regardless of the weather.



Results

Men's doubles A winners	J Main/J Nowley d S Baird/B Williams
Men's doubles B winners	J Callaghan/G Summers d N Molina/R Pangilinan
Men's doubles 60+ winners	N Pattinson/G Statter d D Meredith/M Morrison
Women's doubles A winners	R Gardiner/J Higginson d J Marston/K Noble
Women's doubles B winners	G Cain/A Holden d H Stanton/H Yamamoto
Mixed doubles A winners	S Baird/L Dick d R Patterson/J Marston
Mixed doubles blue winners	A Harding/C Bray d Z Luv/K Luv
Mixed doubles 120+ winners	G Statter/E Middlewood d J Dunbier/V Weil
Mixed doubles red winners	G Carnoutsos/E Jung d A Wilson/M Wilson

Peter Hampton (left) has received Tennis Canterbury's "Player of the Year" award for 2019-2020.

Peter is a very accomplished Tennis NZ Seniors player winning many awards throughout his career. In 2019 he won two gold medals at the International Tennis Federation Seniors World Individual Championships which were held in Portugal winning the 60+ Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles events - an outstanding achievement.

Peter has also won 36 TNZS National titles between 2004 and 2020 and many others competing in Australia's Seniors Championships.

We congratulate Peter on his latest award from Tennis Canterbury.



Tennis Canterbury



Taranaki Seniors



Taranaki Seniors won their representative match against Thames Valley 24-12 which was held in New Plymouth on June 20th.

David Werder (Thames Valley) handing over the trophy to Buzz Campbell (Taranaki).



It's not about
how you win.
It's about how
well you're able
to come back
when you're down.