

# **Tennis Masters Auckland Newsletter April 2024**

*Welcome to the new season everyone*

*Let's begin with two important reminders:-*

- 1. COMPLETE "The Survey" if you're interested in being considered to be included in a team to play against one of the neighbouring Associations.*
- 2. Membership Renewal will be coming very shortly. We're going to ask you to confirm your details this year so we know we have everything up to date. We know that for some members our information is incomplete. So please complete and return the form link we send when you pay your sub.*

## *What have we been doing?*

*Tennis Masters Auckland hosted the Tennis New Zealand Masters National Championships over Anniversary weekend. There were over 290 entrants in 5 year age divisions playing Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. A special thanks to Wes Elder for his many hours of work in making the Event a success as well as the many others who contributed.*

*Also a big thank you to Kohimarama, Mission Bay, Remuera, Royal Oak and Parnell Tennis Clubs for letting us use their courts, for opening their bars, and to their members who provided a morning and afternoon tea and a lunch service.*

*We were very fortunate to receive grants from the New Zealand Community Trust and the Trillian Trust. Their support ensured the financial success of the Event.*

*We had a good representation of Tennis Masters Auckland members playing in the National Championships a number of whom took home medals.*

*The Tennis New Zealand Masters National Championships next year will be hosted by Nelson from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025.*

*The Easter Tennis Teams Event was held in Christchurch this year.*

*Tennis Masters Auckland had four Teams competing in their respective age groups. They all came home with medals. Ladies 50+, Men 45+, & Men 55+ all came home with Gold and the Men 50+ with Silver. With those*

results Tennis Masters Auckland won the John Mickell Trophy for the most successful Association.

The Easter Tennis Teams Event will be held in Tauranga next year from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025. It's never too early to be thinking of spending next Easter playing tennis in Tauranga. You need 5 or 6 players in a team. Players can play down in a lower age group. If you're interested talk to one of the Committee members. You don't need to be a world beater to play in this Event.

### *What's happening next?*

Now it is time to turn our hand to the coming season with, Opening Day, Social Play at Merton Road, various home and away Fixtures against our neighbouring Associations, the AGM, and the annual Tennis Masters Auckland tournament at Labour Weekend.

### *Dates for your Diaries*

#### ➤ *Opening Day 5th May - Mission Bay Tennis Club - 12.30 start*

There will be a fun tournament, prizes, afternoon tea and of course the bar will be open. This is a good opportunity to meet other members or even to bring along prospective new members.

#### ➤ *Social Play - Merton Road - 1.00pm-4.00pm (note the extended time)*

18<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> August

Being able to play tennis wet or fine has proven to be a real winner for Tennis Masters Auckland, so much so that we have extended the playing period by an extra hour this year. Social play will be held every second Saturday commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Players of all levels of ability and age have taken advantage of this opportunity to get a good level of tennis during the winter months. There is no charge and we even provide tea, coffee and biscuits!

#### ➤ *Fixtures Against Neighbouring Associations*

Waikato - 26<sup>th</sup> May at Cockle Bay

Lower Northland - 9<sup>th</sup> June at Mission Bay

Counties - 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Pukekohe

North Harbour - 7<sup>th</sup> July at Parnell

South Auckland - 21<sup>st</sup> July at South Auckland

Northland - 4<sup>th</sup> August at Northland

Even if you're not selected for a team, members are encouraged to come along and enjoy the tennis and support your fellow Auckland members. Better still make sure you've completed the Survey and have expressed an interest in playing in one or more of the Fixtures. By way of grading the contests against Waikato, North Harbour, South Auckland and Northland tend to involve more, higher graded players. The contests against Lower Northland and Counties (and the earlier held Hibiscus Coast contest) tend to involve more, lower graded players.

In March 2024 we played our annual fixture against Hibiscus Coast at Nicholson Park. This is our only midweek fixture and is very much a social event. The support from members was disappointing and we struggled to field a team. Hibiscus Coast won the fixture.

### **Labour Weekend Tournament**

This is your "home" Tennis Masters tournament. We cater for a range of playing abilities. We play Men's & Ladies Doubles on Saturday and Mixed Doubles on Sunday. The past couple of years have had an "open" grade and a 60+ section. More details will follow closer to the time.

### **Singles Play**

One of our members (and ex Committee Member) Krish Shekaran is organising Singles Play for players over 30 years of age. Contact Krish (Mobile: 021-1607910) if you would like some singles matches with other Tennis Masters players.

### **Website**

Don't forget to keep an eye on Tennis Masters Auckland's website from time to time.

<https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisMastersAuckland>