

WAIHI BEACH TENNIS CLUB

Xmas Edition - Waihi Beach Tennis Club Newsletter

Club Website:

The majority of club members have found the new website more functional and easy to use. If you experience any issues or just want better knowledge on how it works, contact Kevin McLoughlin mcleongkiva@gmail.com

Please see - <https://clubspark.kiwi/WaihiBeachTennisClub> if you haven't had a look around yet.

Holiday / Tourist Season:

The annual influx of visitors to Waihi Beach, Bowentown & Athenree is about to start. These people are very welcome to use our facility, with casual court hire costs clearly signposted on the court surrounds and honesty boxes set up for their convenience.

If you see someone looking in or visiting, that looks like they may need some assistance, step up & help them in the normal Waihi Beach way.

New Gate System:

As previously mentioned, we will soon move to an online booking and entry system, accessed via our website. We plan to have these operational some time in February'23, so access through our existing gate system will continue until that time.

What will the changes be?

1. All of the gates on the west side of all sets of courts will be padlocked closed
2. All gates closer to the club will be accessed via the court booking system and the courts are accessible via the online booking system
3. Courts 1 & 2 will have a key pad that only members can access (visitors cannot) – meaning courts 3, 4, 5 & 6 are the only courts that visitors will be able to book online/use. These courts at the top will still be available to all club members.
4. All courts (including club members) will need to be booked online to play outside of organised club activities like Midweek and Team tennis
5. You can still play without booking on courts 1 & 2 – however if someone does book and they come along and wish to play – those that have booked will have priority
6. The online booking system integrates with a payment system. This will remove the need for someone like Yvonne Wicks/Mary O'Connell/Robert Bailey collecting money from the voluntary donation boxes. For everyone's information we generally collect in the vicinity of \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 in donations per annum. The committee believes that conservatively we collect at best 50% of what people should pay, so we anticipate a considerable improvement in monies generated via this new technology. We'll keep you posted.

Thanks to committee member Paul Weaver for all of his work on this new technology.

Club Tennis: Mid-Week and Team Tennis:

The Xmas Yankee Tournament on Tuesday 6th December was very social and a lot of fun with some dressing up in Christmas themed costumes. We had 4 courts in use.

Thanks to our helpers Mary, Vicki & Sue Laurence in the Kitchen & on the BBQ, we enjoyed a sausage sizzle & cuppa after completion of 3 competition rounds.

Winners – Kerry O’Dwyer & Robert Bailey or who out 1st & 2nd places.

2 spot prizes for a La Vie en Rose voucher went to Jan Bradshaw & Phil Laurence.

Too many chocolates given out for double faults and not so many for Aces, except for Tony Delaney who managed Aces every round.

Thanks everyone for joining in & making it a fun morning.

(Written by Michelle Lunny)

Team Tennis Finals Night has been played. Everyone enjoyed this weekly club night which will recommence in the New Year. Our thanks to Adam Knight & Karl Rogers for their organisation of these club nights.

Core Tennis Coaching:

Please contact Sven or Afke at Core Tennis if you want adult or junior tennis coaching. The link to Core Tennis is <https://www.ctcnz.com/>

Fast 4 Tournament

Unfortunately we were forced to postpone this event due to the weather. Special Guest – Michael Venus was waiting in the wings, but unfortunately it just didn’t happen.

We will communicate the new date once this has been decided.

Tournaments:

We have our two big summer tournaments coming up – these are our big junior fundraisers – so member support with food and volunteering time would be appreciated. Please urgently contact Vicki McGeachie by email vlmcgeachie@gmail.com if you can donate food or your time on the following dates.

- The LJ Hooker Waihi Beach Tennis Club – Open Tournament will be held on **Tuesday, 3rd January 2023**. To enter, go to <https://tnz.tournamentsoftware.com/.../BOBB7040-7ED8-475D...>
- The LJ Hooker Waihi Beach Tennis Club – Masters Tournament will be held **Saturday, 14th January 2023**. To enter go to <https://tnz.tournamentsoftware.com/.../4c13c313-bc65-45ba...>

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