



# POMPALLIER LAWN TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021



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## Presidents Report

The past year was another challenging one for Pompallier Lawn Tennis Club (PLTC) due to prolonged COVID-19 lockdown periods. Despite these challenges the club remained well supported, and a significant amount of tennis was able to be played due to the outstanding efforts of our management team and committee.

We were very well represented at inter-club competitions and had excellent participation and club spirit at social tennis events. Balancing the demands of interclub players, social players, and coaching is a constant challenge, so we thank you for your ongoing support and understanding in this regard.

Geoff Hollands, our fantastic maintenance and facilities manager, sadly passed away in March. Geoff did a fabulous job of maintaining the club over a decade and was a much-loved personality of PLTC. He was a treasured family man and friend to many. We miss him dearly and wish his family all the best.

After four years at Pompallier, Christelle Favan resigned as club manager midway through the year. We sincerely thank Christelle for all the hard work she did for the club. As well as keeping the club running behind the scenes, she was generous with committing time to the many social events the club held as well as competing for PLTC.

We welcomed our new management team of Nikki Tairi (Club Manager) and Esme Sutton (Club Administrator). Nikki and Esme have hit the ground running and are already delivering excellent results, including navigating the club through the latest lockdown.

We welcomed Lavie Tennis as the new coaching team at PLTC in April 2021. Lavie Tennis has an incredible team of professional coaches that cater to players of all ages and abilities, led by Head Coach Josh Crozier. The committee is very pleased with this appointment and encourages you to contact Lavie Tennis if you would like coaching for yourself or your child.

Nathan MacDonald resigned as President in August 2021 after almost three years in the role. Nathan is an outstanding club man and has devoted a significant amount of his personal time and energy to PLTC. Most of Nathan's work was behind the scenes to keep the club moving forward. Notable achievements under Nathan's leadership include winning the club of the year award, appointing a new coaching team, appointing a new management team, upgrading the bathrooms, and securing the funding required to replace the lights (which will hopefully be in place by Christmas). The committee sincerely thanks Nathan for his outstanding contribution to the PLTC.

Committee member Shane Vuletich replaced Nathan MacDonald as Club President in August 2021.

### Committee Members

#### Officers

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| President     | Shane Vuletich (previously Vice President)/Nathan MacDonald |
| Club Captains | Michael Keenan/Julie Green                                  |
| Secretary     | Rhys McDonald   |
| Treasurer     | Karl Bennetts/Krystle Brough                                |





### General Committee

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Communications/Social       | Joanna Bates   |
| Senior Interclub Controller | Karl Stol      |
| Sponsorship Manager         | Dave White     |
| Legal                       | Josie McNaught |

### Ex Officio Committee

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Club Manager | Nikki Tairi and Esme Sutton (previously Christelle Favan) |
| Club Coach   | Josh Crozier and Sebastian Lavie                          |

### **Your Committee**

Thank you to the committee for your efforts and contributions throughout the year. It is often a thankless task; however, the club is fortunate to have a capable and passionate committee.

Craig Squire stepped down from his role as Vice President in December 2020. Craig contributed significantly to the club over a long period. Amongst his multiple roles, Craig did a fantastic job as junior interclub controller. We thank Craig for his efforts and continued support of the club from outside the committee.

Our senior interclub controller Karl Stol was again exceptional. In addition, we welcome Nikki Tairi into the junior interclub controller role.

Thank you to our treasurers Krystle Brough and Karl Bennetts. Their work in transitioning the club to Xero has been significant. Unfortunately, both Krystle and Karl will be moving on after the AGM and we would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank them for their efforts and contribution to PLTC.

Thank you to Dave White for his work in the sponsorship space - it is excellent to see sponsorship of the courts being fully allocated.

Thank you to Rhys McDonald for his excellent work as Secretary – a difficult role that he makes look easy.

Thank you to Jo Bates for all her efforts this year around communication, sustainability, and social events.

Thank you to Club Captain and Life Member Michael Keenan for his ongoing efforts behind the scenes. He is a pillar of the club and an absolutely outstanding person.

And thank you to former President Josie McNaught for joining the committee in mid-2021 and providing us with her legal skills.

We would like to acknowledge the fantastic work of Julie Green at PLTC. Julie holds a significant amount of responsibility at the club, including bar management and our club building compliance. Julie has also managed the Caro Women's team for a considerable period but will be stepping away from that particular role this season. Thank you Julie for everything you have done, and continue to do for our club.



## Facilities

An upgrade of the bathrooms was completed towards the end of 2020 and both the committee and members were pleased with the outcome, particularly given the level of expenditure.

Following successful negotiations with both supplier and installer, the committee decided to approve the expenditure for new court lighting. Unfortunately, given current supply-chain issues, there have been some delivery delays. The lights will be installed as soon as they are available, and hopefully before Christmas.

Grant funding continues to be challenging to secure for several reasons. The focus of the grant application has now returned to the turf replacement on courts 3-5. Michael Keenan continues his sterling work in managing these applications, with support from Esme Sutton.

## Our Sponsors

As highlighted in last year's report, the valuable contribution of our sponsors remains a crucial factor in the financial health of the club. Bollinger and Negociants have a long-established history with PLTC, and we value the support they provide and our long-term relationship with them.

We have a great team of sponsors, including Humphrey's Landscaping, Ray White Wynyard Quarter, Izzard Design, SPQR and Kada.

We are incredibly fortunate to have them on board and encourage members to support these businesses.

## Closing

The 2020/2021 season was another challenging yet successful year at the PLTC. As a committee, we continue to work hard on making the club a special place for its members. We are committed to providing a positive club environment and catering for members of all ages and abilities. Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to a fantastic summer of tennis.

# Interclub Report

## Senior Interclub – Karl Stol

### Summer Interclub 2020-2021

- 47% contest wins by Pompallier
- 1 of the 12 Pompallier teams (Open Women 3) won their grade; 2 other teams (2nd Grade Men, Super Men 1) finished in top 3
- 2nd Grade Men promoted to 1st Grade Men and Open Men 1 promoted to 2nd Grade Men for Summer 2021-2022 due to finishing near top and spaces being available



| Competition | Grade                   | Team Captain/Manager | Table rank |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Singles     | Caro Bowl Res Men       | Michael Keenan       | 7 of 13    |
| Singles     | Second Grade Men        | Andrew Walker        | 3 of 10    |
| Singles     | Open Men 1              | Nathan MacDonald     | 4 of 10    |
| Singles     | Open Men 2              | Carlo Domingo        | 7 of 10    |
| Singles     | Caro Bowl Women         | Julie Green          | 6 of 7     |
| Singles     | Open Women 1            | Tayla MacDonald      | 10 of 11   |
| Singles     | Open Women 3            | Marilyn Giroux       | 1 of 11    |
| Doubles     | Super Men 1             | Karl Stol            | 2= of 10   |
| Doubles     | Super Men 3             | Lawrence Herzog      | DISQ       |
| Mixed       | Ferrier Cup             | Dave Butler          | 7 of 9     |
| Mixed       | Open Presidents 3       | Josie McNaught       | 9 of 10    |
| Twilight    | Tuesday Men's Singles 1 | Bobby Svirtlih       | 4 of 7     |

### Winter Interclub 2021

- Four contests not played (due to be being rained out)
- 50% contest wins by Pompallier
- Two teams (Men's S2 and Women's S2-2) finished in the top 3 of their grade

| Competition | Grade        | Team Captain                | Place  |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Singles     | Men's S2     | Andrew Walker               | 3 of 8 |
| Singles     | Men's S3     | Bobby Svirtlih              | 4 of 7 |
| Singles     | Men's S5     | Shawn Cleaver               | 4 of 7 |
| Singles     | Women's S2-1 | Marilyn Giroux              | 4 of 6 |
| Singles     | Women's S2-2 | Sherryn MacDonald, Jo Bates | 3 of 6 |

### Junior Interclub – Nikki Tairi

In the 2020/2021 Junior Interclub Season (a Pre and Post-Xmas Competition) we had a total of 38 players, with seven teams. After an abandoned Post Christmas competition at the beginning of 2020 and an unpredictable year, it was wonderful to see our enthusiastic juniors return to court for competitive play.

All teams played well throughout the competition and finished the season placing strongly in the points table. A special mention for the Boys 14-Pompallier 1, and Girls 16-Pompallier 1 teams who placed 2nd in their respective sections during the Pre-Xmas Competition. The Post Xmas Competition saw the Boys 14 (a combined team of Pompallier 1 and 2) place 2nd in Section 1, while the Girls 16 Pompallier 2 team (a combined team of Pompallier 1 and 2) placed 1st in the Section.

As we prepare for the coming season 2021/2022, we predict an excellent turnout and a strong performance due in part to the new coaching team, Lavie Tennis. We look forward to working closely with Lavie in 2021/2022. They offer us the opportunity to identify talent and facilitate entry into interclub, a valuable tool to translate lessons learned to the competitive environment. Given their high level of skill, unique holistic approach to coaching and their



knowledge of the Junior tennis environment we can be assured that the Interclub programme at Pompallier will be strong and vibrant for many years to come.

Special thanks as always extended to those who acted as managers for various junior teams. Often these are parents that step up year after year and give of their time freely, always encouraging and supportive of their team members. They once again did a great job and we are very appreciative, we would not be able to participate without them.

The club would like to make a very special mention and thanks to long time Junior Interclub Controller, Craig Squire. Over the years Craig has volunteered his time and energy to support the managers, organise and coordinate teams with both the club and Tennis Auckland and has documented all he has learned on the way to enable an easy and successful transition to any incoming Controller. On behalf of the club and myself, the new Junior Interclub Controller, we offer our sincere thanks and gratitude.

## Coaching Report

Lavie Tennis is really proud to be providing coaching services at Pompallier Lawn Tennis Club. Through the winter we have got a strong team of professional coaches together and laid down important foundations for our coaching programs, and we are really excited to offer more events for both juniors and seniors in the summer months. As well as providing a range of tennis lesson services, we are aiming to grow the wider club community and culture through social tennis events, competitive tournaments, quiz nights, parent evenings etc. We look forward to getting the club humming over the summer and working with the committee and membership to find the best ways for the club to move forward.

## Events

The Club Championships were successfully completed without interruption this year, with some excellent tennis throughout the month of March culminating in a well-supported finals day.

Congratulations to all who participated and to the winners:

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Men's Singles               | Jamie Garbett                     |
| Consolation Men's Singles   | Ben Donaldson                     |
| Women's Singles             | Laura Isbey                       |
| Consolation Women's Singles | Isabelle Sheperd                  |
| Men's Doubles               | Nico Moreno and Padgett Johnson   |
| Consolation Men's Doubles   | Vane Trajkov and Andrew Bendemski |
| Women's Doubles             | Christelle Favan and Laura Isbey  |
| Open Mixed Doubles          | Jamie Garbett and Tayla MacDonald |
| Consolation Mixed Doubles   | John and Lily Kelly               |

The Annual Bollinger Tournament held by our Naming Rights Sponsor was an excellent day.

We look forward to bringing you more exciting events in the near future.



