



CLUB FORUM SUMMARY NOTES

Tennis Central Region Inc. (TCRI) Club Forum

Date and Time: Tuesday 6 November 2018, 6pm

Venue: Renouf Tennis Centre, Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn, Wellington

Attendees: Mel Jansen (TCR), Florent Perret (TCR), Janice Laurenson (Ngatitooa), Laurie Laurenson (Ngatitooa), Linda Bain (Salamanca), Peter McArthur (Kilbirnie), Peter Browne (KUTC),

1. Action Points from Previous Forum

- a. **Love Tennis.** Communications added to Love Tennis website.
- b. **Use of ClubSpark at Renouf Tennis Centre.**
 - TCR very happy with ClubSpark at Renouf.
 - No major problems or crashes.
 - ProShop staff very happy as phone bookings reduced significantly.
 - 299 registered users so far.
 - Club Code field doesn't work – to investigate
 - Booking Levy Contra courts – investigate for clubs
 - Not many coaches signed up yet. Other regions have better signups
 - Note that ClubSpark gate lock system has been successfully piloted in Nelson. TNZ has selected 4-5 other clubs to be in a Stage 2 Pilot.
- c. **ClubSpark Webinar and Workshops.**
 - Stage 1 Webinar presented by TNZ scheduled for 6:30pm Tuesday 13th November
 - Stage 2 workshop to be scheduled in 2019 (Date scheduled for 3 March 2019)

2. Update from Tennis Central

- a. **MYOB Essentials.** A special offer is available for clubs to use MYOB. Cost is \$10+GST per month – a discount of over 70% for life of agreement. Attached.
- b. **Love Tennis Winner.**

Fielding Tennis Club won the award for the largest membership growth over the Love Tennis weekend. FTC gained 60 new members, growing by 57%. Manawatu Tennis Club was close behind with a 51 new members and 30% growth. Success of both clubs was attributed to having great coaches and a road show for schools. 455 new members (since updated to 499) signed up in the Central region over the Love Tennis weekend. Attached.
- c. **The Sport New Zealand Active NZ Participation Survey.**

The 2017 survey results are now available at <https://sportnz.org.nz/managing-sport/search-for-a-resource/research/active-nz-survey-2017>. This is a useful resource for club strategic planning.
- d. **Tennis New Zealand ASB Classic National Coach Conference – 8 Jan 2019.**

All coaches have been invited to attend the National Conference. The conference will combine professional development, networking, and a chance to watch tennis with like-minded coaches at the ASB Classic. Clubs are asked to encourage their coaches to attend. Date of conference has been tied in with the Auckland ASB Classic to encourage attendance.
- e. **Club and Coach Calendar.**

This is now available on the Tennis Central website under Clubs; Club/Coach Calendar 2018/19. (Also attached). Junior prize-giving to be added.

- f. **Maxim Financial Wellington Open.**
Starts 19 December. Watch incredible tennis from top NZ players and enjoy great food. Tickets will not be free this year – now \$6 per person online or \$10 at door (kids <12 free). Tables available at \$650 per table or \$81 per head.
- g. **Tennis Hot Shots Regional Tennis Tournament.**
Next Hot Shots tournament scheduled for 9 December. Previous Hot Shots tournament on 31 October was very successful with many kids dressed up in Halloween costumes.
- h. **WCC Funding.**
- Congratulations given to Linda Bain, Tim Shanahan, and David Patterson for successful negotiations with WCC to secure grant of \$1m over five years.
 - TCR have to match every dollar granted by WCC.
 - \$335 from the Infrastructure Reserve (from Club Levies and TCR contribution). Remainder to be sought from grants and TCR reserves.
 - The \$2m expenditure is being prioritised. Work expected to start by April 2019.
 - WCC regards the Renouf as a key Wellington sports asset.
 - Communications to clubs will be sent out early 2019.
- i. **Coach/Club best practice models.**
Although coaches were invited to attend this discussion none were present. The group noted that more open discussions re needed between coaches and club management to ensure best practice for both parties. Clubs had common difficulties including communications, reporting and court access. Individual contracts varied amongst clubs. TNZ has established a Coaching Advisory Group. Among the outputs from this group will be a template coaching contract for clubs.
- j. **Vetting of Club Coaches.** TCR is now an Approved Vetting Agency. Guidelines for which will be followed under Tennis New Zealand's recent policy document. Coaches who are registered for National Programmes will already have undertaken a check. It is intended that Tennis Central will offer clubs and Associations this service. Process and cost yet to be determined.

3. New Items from Clubs

None received

4. Other items of discussion

- a. **Premier interclub cancellation rule.**
Currently teams have to wait until 3pm for final decision to cancel tie. Janice Laurenson proposed that cancellation time be changed to 1pm. Janice to email Premier Match Committee with proposal.

5. Next Club Forum. Tuesday 26 February 2019.

Action Points:

1. Club Spark – Investigate 'Club Code' box when signing up as member and the use of ClubSpark by clubs for contra levy bookings.
2. Schedule ClubSpark Club Workshop (**now scheduled for Sunday 3 March**)
3. Junior Prizegiving date added to Club Calender update
4. Process and cost to be determined by TCR for Police Vetting
5. Review of Premier Interclub cancellation rule by Premier Committee