



Wanaka Tennis Inc Annual Report 2022-2023

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report for the period 1st July 2022-14th October 2023.

The tennis club has had a very good year and continues to operate very strongly in terms of participation, membership and projects. The introduction of Clubspark and Bookacourt two years ago have been very successful and have made it very easy for people to sign up to a wide range of different subscriptions and also for members and non-members alike to book courts.

Social Tennis

Social tennis continues to be our strength in the club and sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday continue to attract many players, both local and visitors. The numbers turning up to social tennis have increased and all sessions are very popular. Thanks to all our helpers on these days who make sure these sessions run well - Dave Buckingham, Steve May, Charlie James, Norie Haines, Lillian Cruickshank, Richard Anderson, Teresa Tooley, Mike Bylsma. Our Wednesday night teams' event played during the summer months has become very popular with the competition oversubscribed this year. Thanks to Jan Grant for her very efficient organisation. With the change to a more casual dinner arrangement it has become more popular.

Tuesday men's tennis has continued through winter and also some social women's tennis. Thanks to Floyd Lyttle, Nic Konlecher and Teresa Tooley. It has been great to have non-committee members helping out to ensure we offer all these extra sessions.

Club Coaching

Coaching at the club is very strong and many players both junior and senior take advantage of our wonderful coaches. Amanda Trail's coaching sessions have increased and she is seen on the courts coaching seniors and juniors in all sorts of weather and even on dark cold nights. Perry and Kirstie Crockett continue to run Aspiring Tennis Academy and are involved in coaching our juniors, along with Amanda Trail.

Juniors

Junior Tennis is well supported as is seen by the number of players in the after school sessions during the week. We are seeing some really good traction with junior coaching and follow through to representation in the regional teams.

Training camps for Southern Lakes juniors have been held in Wanaka. The Southern Lakes Closed Junior competition was to be held two weeks ago but was cancelled due to rain. The Wanaka juniors played in the afternoon to give them some competition. In November 2022 the Southern Lakes Junior Team got 3rd in U10s and 2nd in the U12s and 1st place in the U14s.

In February 2023 Southern Lakes was overall 4th in the U10s, 2nd in the U12s and 1st in the U14s. (This is the regional competition playing against Southland, South Canterbury, and Otago).

For the upcoming teams competition this November and February 2024 we have some great new Wanaka juniors coming through the ranks giving us an impressive 15 Wanaka kids out of a possible 24 in the Southern Lakes team.

Eight Wanaka players will be playing (or reserving) for the Primary Schools competition in November (out of 14 places).

We congratulate Laia Mactaggart (U14) who has been selected to go to Nationals representing Tennis Southern this December. There are 7 players in total from Southern Lakes going to Nationals, the other 6 from Queenstown.

Wanaka players who have represented Southern Lakes are Poppy Jackson, Finn Mactaggart, Holly Radford, Caio Crockett, Laia Mactaggart, Alexi Sheehan, Kaitlyn Tooley, Georgia Beale, Ben Jurczyluk, Mathew Jurczyluk, Elodie Simon, Brodie Radford and Sebastian Lester.

Super Seniors Tournament

This tournament has gone ahead in 2022 and 2023. The Southern Lakes team got 2nd in 2022 and only lost by one set on a count back. This year we had a very keen team as always and got 3rd. We lost to the winners Canterbury 9-7 and drew with the 2nd placed team but lost on a count back. It was very competitive tennis and enjoyed by all. Southern Lakes ran the tournament this year and thanks must go to team members and Geoff Hatten in particular for all his work on tournament administration.

The team consisted of 3 players from Queenstown and 16 players from Wanaka. Team members were Karen Mitchell, Felicity Oxnevad, Teresa Chapman (from Queenstown) and Adam Horan, Graham Beale, Jules Mumford, Nigel Buckingham, Chris Raynes, James Docking, Matt Kenealy, George Heymell, Geoff Hatten, Carolyn Oakley-Brown, Liza Crotty, Jeanette Hatten, Daphne Ledgerwood, Louise Kane and Victoria Heymell.

Opening Day

The opening day tournament in 2022 was very enjoyable with Will Lamb and Liza Crotty winning the George Morris Memorial Trophy and the 2023 tournament will take place on 28th October before the AGM.

New Year Tournaments January 2023

The Open and Junior tournaments were very well supported this year, with a big increase in entries from the previous year. We had quite a few players coming from Auckland and a lot of the players were here for the first time. The Quartz Reef Senior 35+ attracted very good entries as always.

Our tournament controller, Nic Jenkins did a very efficient job in running the tournament. Following on from the previous year we only supplied drinks for the Open, but the junior parents with Alice MacTaggart at the helm ran the kitchen for the Junior Tournament which was very successful.

John Lyness ran the Quartz Reef tournament in the usual efficient way.

It was again helpful to have two of our qualified court supervisors/referees – Geoff Hatten and myself available over the tournament. Newly qualified Alice Mactaggart also helped out.

It was great this year that we were hardly needed as almost all behaviour was exemplary which is what we expect.

The standard was high this year in the Wanaka Open and in particular the men's competition was exceptional. Kai Milburn beat last year's winner Matavao Fanguna in the Men's Singles in a fantastic match. The women's singles was won by Ruby Young beating Amanda Bandrowski. The men's doubles were won by Matavao Fanguna and Thomas Hartono who beat Kai Milburn and Jonty Giesen. In the women's doubles Queenstown locals, and mother and daughter Felicity and Louise Oxnevad beat Ruby Young and Nishitha Maarka.

Southern Lakes Fundraising Tournament

This was held in conjunction with Queenstown Tennis Club for the second year running to raise funds for the Southern Lakes Tennis Association. It was well supported and the theme again was Wimbledon Whites. Players mostly dressed for the part and there was fierce competition for the men's and women's doubles honours. The buffet lunch put on by Karen Mitchell from Queenstown was outstanding. This event is now a special annual occasion.

Club Championships

The men's singles was won by new club member Nicolas Gauna and the women's singles was again won by Caroline Reid. The men's doubles was won by Greg Howard and Ben Fahy and the women's doubles by Margo Beattie and Carolyn Oakley-Brown. The mixed doubles were won by Carolyn Oakley-Brown and David Lawn.

This involved a lot of tennis from some players and in 2024 we will hold the singles on a different weekend to the doubles and mixed doubles.

Annual Quadrangular Tournament

It was fantastic to be able to run this tournament again for the over 50s. The teams from Southland, North Otago and South Canterbury always enjoy coming to Wanaka to play in this tournament. Wanaka lost the tournament this year by a very slender

margin and was beaten by North Otago. The tennis was very enjoyable and all players had a great time followed by a barbecue lunch and prizegiving on the Sunday. Breen Homes was our sponsor and donated caps and drink bottles as well as funding the tournament.

Club Improvements

A satisfactory resolution with Fulton Hogan has been reached within the last two weeks for the imperfections on courts 3 and 4.

Courts 6 and 7 were also resurfaced.

The front of the clubhouse has had its long overdue upgrade with new paths, bike racks and screening for rubbish bins. It looks great. Thanks to all those involved in this project.

Sponsorships

We are again grateful to our major sponsors Stonewood Homes, Craig's Investment Partners and Quartz Reef Wines for sponsoring our January Tournaments and Breen Construction Company for sponsoring our Quadrangular Tournament.

Other sponsors of our tournaments included Mediterranean Market, New World Wanaka and Wanaka Beerworks.

Membership Fees

Membership fees have been increased by around 7.5% for most types of membership to reflect the increased costs that the club is facing.

Thanks to the 2022-23 Committee

Thank you to all of the committee for their efforts in the past year. The committee has worked hard and all members contributed in various ways from administration to maintenance and in the general running of the club.

Adam Horan and Peter Millar are standing down this year from the committee. We thank them for all their work during their time on the committee. They are still valued members of our club who have offered their continuing help.

The committee wishes you all a great season of tennis.

Jeanette Hatten

President

October 24th, 2023