

Hi Everyone,



Very well done to the organisers and administrators of the club Christmas party held here last Saturday afternoon. You'd have to say that the kids were thoroughly entertained for the duration. More so than I have ever seen at our Christmas parties before. If you want to see the kids working in teams, conferring with adult members and becoming knowledgeable about their club then send them on a club trivia hunt. Genius! Mind you, I'm not convinced that the older generations were much too help to them. A couple of the questions had many of us stumped. Lots of great photos taken from the day's activities which you can see on our Facebook page [link here](#)



Tell you what though, I'll be having a strong word with Santa's booking agent.

In Tennis...



If you believe that our Business House tennis competition is just a social exercise and carries no real significance as a tennis tournament then I'd like to see you explain it to the boys from BNZ. It's fair to say that they enjoyed last night's win over Bad Kids and they would go on to enjoy it for a good few hours after everybody else had gone home. Great to see a bit of team spirit around the place. Congratulations to (absent) team player/sponsor Jane Davison, player/captain Hamish Stewart, Allen Hokai, Shane Aitchison, Lee Wishnowsky and Warren McFarland.



Rench Builders are awarded the B Grade trophy for the 5th time and they will be competing for it again after Christmas having lost the A Grade play-off battle with Evolution Motors by 22 points to 14. That is a fairly good indication of the gulf in standard between the two divisions. Similarly, Wools of NZ never in any real trouble in their play-off against Langley Twigg.

Very many thanks to all that took part, in any form, this year especially competition administrators Antony Steiner, Carole Rowsell and the Guv'nor.



As you know, ANZ are our new Business House sponsors and we very much appreciate their interest in this fantastic

competition. Huge thanks to Carl McKenzie for providing us all the goodies for last night's prizegiving.



Our own Andrew Shand has made it to the mixed doubles final of this year's Wellington Open being played this Saturday 9th Dec. He and partner Olivia Addis of Havelock North Tennis Club came through their group stage undefeated on Tuesday. Just One more win will give them the title but they will have to do it front of some 600 spectators at the Renouf Tennis Centre on Saturday.

Due to the demands on our tennis coaches this week, there is a slight change to the **Saturday Tennis** lineup:

Tennis Hotshots, 8.30am – 10am.

Tennis Accelerator, 10am – 11am. For new and novice players looking for a safe space to develop those core tennis skills. \$10 per person. Non-members welcome.

NO Cardio Tennis this Saturday

Club Day, Saturday 1.30pm – 3.30pm. For all tennis members to come along and get involved in a series of 20 minute doubles matches.

Please note that the club is hosting the **Kennedy Park Junior Open tournament** happening next week Thur-Sun. Tennis Eastern have hired all courts for the 4 full days (members can play in the evening as courts free up) so there won't be any club organised play on those days.

The **HB Tennis Masters** will through a bit of an impromptu club day this Sunday to give members another chance to get together before Christmas. I am told that pizzas will be brought in at the end of play and of course the bar will be open from 3pm.



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Kennedy Park International Junior Open—Tier 3

14th to 17th December in Hawke's Bay

Hawke's Bay will once again host our December Tier 3 event as part of the Masters points race. There will be main draws in line with Tennis NZ grading requirements but we will also be running Silver graded events to encourage players of all abilities to be part of this great event.

The exciting news is that we have 47 Aussies making the trip this year, thus making it a truly international event.

Event Schedule

Age Group	Venue	Thu 14th	Fri 15th	Sat 16th	Sun 17th
10's	Greendale	08:30 to 17:00	08:30 to 15:00		
14's	Hawkes Bay Lawn	08:30 to 17:00	08:30 to 17:00		
15+	Greendale	08:30 to 17:00	08:30 to 17:00		
12's	Greendale			08:30 to 17:00	08:30 to 17:00
16's	Hawkes Bay Lawn			08:30 to 17:00	08:30 to 17:00

Costs
 1st event—\$30
 2nd event—\$25
 Extra events — \$20

Players are able to play in two age groups if they want to.




BBQ for all on Friday night \$5 per player.

Powhiri and Marae visit with Roast dinner and pavlova dessert on Wednesday 13th December to welcome our Australian Visitors, for any players & parents who want to go. Cost \$25 & if you would like to go please email Sarah and let her know before the 10th December.



Contact details

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In Squash...

Results just in from the **Junior Oceania Championships** are:

Caleb Alexander 3rd Place U13 boys

Olivia Michalakis 1st Place U11 girls,

Nikos Michalakis 6th place boys U11

Romeo Michalakis 7th place boys U11.

A fun day had by all who attended the **Squash Open Day** on Saturday. A BIG thank you to Holly Lomas, Samantha Stevens, Jules and Dino Michalakis as well as their helpers John Cornforth (coach) and Andrew Shand (tennis/bar). I think all the kids, big and small, enjoyed the bouncy castle!

Squash Club Day: on this Saturday from 3.15pm. Any members/non members welcome. Come along and have a go. Racquets supplied.

In Petanque...

Here is the link to the latest newsletter from Petanque NZ should anybody care to pursue it <https://mailchi.mp/9562a6d3474d/pnz-newsletter-july-17637811?e=f44aa43c3e>

JOHNNY MAXWELL MEMORIAL MELEE

H.B Lawn Tennis Petanque are hosting a one day doubles melee tournament in memory of Johnny Maxwell.

FORMAT

Drawn partners each round.
Doubles or triples depending on entry number.
5 rounds of timed games – 50mins + 1 end.

Lunch-time sausage
sizzle provided



- Date ?** Saturday January 27th
- Where ?** 13 Higgins St.
- When ?** 8.30 for 9.00 am start
- Cost ?** \$10 p p (paid on the day)

Text entries to Margaret on 021 168 0632
or enter name on club notice board.

That's all for now. See you at the bar,

Gary.