

# ELMWOOD TENNIS NEWS

## SEPTEMBER EDITION

Hello everyone,

The new season is in full swing with attendances at our organised play at near record highs!! Most days have been very well supported with improved numbers on Tuesdays, Wednesday nights and Friday mornings. Saturday afternoon as always is an absolute standout with the last four Saturdays recording 63, 48, 49 and 52 players logged in to play. We may need to build new courts – quite seriously!

Wonderful attendances are only possible if we have good conditions, and we certainly have been on the receiving end of lovely warm weather. Court utilisation outside of the organised sessions is also very high, with our members taking advantage of the pleasant evenings and extended daylight hours.

Most junior interclub coaching will be on Monday and Tuesday evenings with a few teams only, on the other days. Wednesday nights is busy as we have our Wednesday night social, **so please be aware that this club organised session has court priority**. If you are in the senior interclub teams please try and organise any team practises for Thursday afternoons or evenings, as this day has the least court pressure.

As with the increasing participation levels it also seems we have attracted a significant number of new senior members, you may have notice numerous new faces during the week and on a Saturday afternoon. May we offer a big welcome to all new members, I am sure you will love being an important part of the mighty Elmwood Tennis!

Finally, congratulations to Emma and Abby Mason who have once again achieved outstanding recent success. Emma won the 14's NZ National Indoor doubles title and Abby had a breakthrough win with the ITF doubles title held in Auckland last week. Emma played with Charli Beyers from Otago and Abby with Jade Otway from Marlborough – well done girls a great effort – once again!

Thanks everyone

## What's going on?

- **Adult tennis coaching** – Sam's Group sessions are on Tuesday night 6.30 – 7.30 mixed skills and drills, Wednesday and Thursday mornings ladies 9.30-10.30 and Saturday morning mixed 11.30 – 12.30 for skills and drills. Private lessons are also available upon request, please call Sam on 022 367 7905 to arrange.
- **Tuesday morning tennis:** Starting at 10.00am each Tuesday during the colder months. Please come and join us for a lovely mornings tennis followed by a cuppa and we can now share a biscuit or two.
- **Wednesday night tennis (mixed):** Wednesday night tennis is going very well with 3 courts used every week. It is hoped that with daylight saving soon to commence we will see more players attending. The standard is pretty good and competitive games are guaranteed so come along and join in on the fun on Wednesday night. For further information text Gill 0273722908.
- **Wednesday morning men's:** If you are interested in playing Wednesday morning men's tennis from 10.00am till 12.00pm please call me at the club for the details. This is NOT a drop in event and organised by others, so please call if interested.
- **Wednesday midweek ladies interclub.** If interested in playing in this each Wednesday morning 9.30 till approx. 12 o'clock please contact Erin 0274739173 or call the Elmwood office 3558377. This is played every week either at Elmwood or at other clubs in Christchurch – it's fun and a great way to meet players from other clubs.
- **Friday morning men's tennis** - If you would like 2 hours of organised play, a light lunch with raffles and prizes all for \$12, I suggest you put your name down for Friday morning men's tennis. Play is from 10.00am – 12.00pm. This is a "book in" event so please call Richard Ibbitt on 351 9442 or 022 659 3909 for further information or to register

## *The last word!!*

- **Singles Box League.** Mid-August saw the start of our new initiative - the singles box league. Sixteen players have entered to play and each week play someone in their "box". Scores are recorded and at the end of the seven rounds the top two players will be promoted to the next level. To date there have been some very good games. The first series will end October 4th. If you would like to be added into this event **text Gill on 0273722908** to ensure you are included. We have 3 women already playing and taking on the men but it is hoped that there will be a league just for women. Give it a go as it's great for you tennis.
- Senior interclub teams have been selected and submitted to Tennis Canterbury for entry in this season's competition. I will forward all teams their player lists and details for the upcoming season. Play is scheduled to start on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, there was some talk of starting the week after, and if this eventuates I will contact all participants.
- Subscriptions are now due. Please contact Ashley if you wish to discuss your membership. There are payment options, such as payment over equal monthly instalments available by arrangement. Please contact Ashley on 355 8377 for further details
- Senior club champs have been completed. A long drawn out affair this year as we have had to operate in rather difficult conditions as you're all aware. Congratulations to the following winners and additionally all participants.
  - Men's Open Singles - Elliott Darling
  - Women's Open Singles – Abby Mason
  - Men's Open Doubles – Elliott Darling and Lawrence Darling
  - Women's Open Doubles – Abby and Emma Mason
  - Mixed Open Doubles – Rhett and Emma Mason
  - Men's B Singles – Allan Harding
  - Men's B Doubles – Greg White and Jeff Bennett
  - Women's B Doubles – Gill Cain and Yoshi Takojima
  - Women's 60's + Doubles – Cathy Maasch and Gill Cain

Thanks everyone and we'll see you all on court!!

