

ELMWOOD TENNIS NEWS

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Hi everyone,

Now that all of the kids are back at school we can officially welcome everyone back from their Christmas/New Year holidays as we all look forward to an enjoyable and successful back half of the season!

Junior interclub recommences this weekend, after what seems like an eternity with the Christmas break then followed by Waitangi weekend. I'm sure all the teams are raring to go; good luck to all the players and as usual a big thank you to those tireless performers, the parents. Thank you once again for all your support.

Senior Club Champs entries still open but close this Saturday, more on this later on in the newsletter.

Remember the "Sets in the City" promotion is on again throughout February. Each Thursday night starting at 6pm, the very best men and women players from all over NZ compete in a "King/Queen of the court" type competition. The winners progress to the following week playing for \$1000 weekly prize money. All matches played at Wilding Park, so get on down there and enjoy some great tennis – Bar open and food available.

Social tennis (organised) in full swing with most days are recording fantastic numbers. Organised play is available to members on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday nights, Friday mornings and Saturday afternoons. For more details contact Ashley at the club on 355 8377 or email me on elmwoodtc@xtra.co.nz

It looks like the lovely warm weather will continue so get out there and make the most of what is simply the best time of the year to play.

Thanks everyone

Ashley

What's going on?

- **Adult tennis coaching** – Sam's Group sessions are on Monday night 6.30 – 7.30pm cardio tennis, Tuesday night 6.30 – 7.30pm advanced mixed skills and drills, Wednesday and Thursday mornings ladies 9.30-10.30am and Saturday morning mixed 11.30 – 12.30pm 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 9.30am each Tuesday for a couple of hours. Please come and join us for a lovely morning's tennis followed by a cuppa and a biscuit or two.
- **Wednesday night tennis (mixed):** Wednesday night tennis is going very well with 3 or 4 courts used every week. The standard is 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 9.30am till 11.30am 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. –
- **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!!

- This Friday will see the recommencement of "family night" with the bar opening at 4.30pm until approximately 7.00pm for all those parents either watching their children play interclub, or for those that would just like to enjoy a drink and a little social time with the other members. Head barman, Gordy, will be present to ensure all of you are well hydrated and have a lovely evening.....and remember that safe transport options are available upon request!!!!
- Next Friday, the 19th February from 6.00pm, Elmwood Tennis will be hosting a Premier Grade "double header" with both the Men's and Women's teams scheduled to play Waimari. The bar will be open for

members and their guests, so come along and cheer “your” teams on in what promises to be a couple of thrilling encounters.

- For seniors or juniors who have ordered uniforms, they are in the office ready for collection. I do have a number of other sizes, yet committed to a new owner, available for purchase. If interested either email Ashley at the club or call on 355 8377
- As mentioned earlier, Senior Club Champs entries close on Saturday so please get your entry in ASAP. We have had a very good response so far but would like a few more, especially in the Open grades. Remember that strict rules apply this year so we’ll be attempting to have all grades completed by the end of April, please factor this in when entering.
- Finally, a small reminder to all members who use the leaf rakes to replace them after use on the hooks provided on court 6 near the gate to court 3.....oh, and please take your tennis ball can ring pull lids with you after opening, bins are located at the entrance to the facility!!

Thanks everyone