

Wellington Tennis Club

2013/14 Season Presidents Report

The 2013/2014 season for the Wellington Tennis Club was a successful one overall.

Premier Interclub -

A successful season for our 3 Premier grade teams-

The Premier 1 Women's team competed in the Grand Final- and the Katrina Mahaere Cup winning it against Thorndon -4-2, so congratulations to them! Our Premier Men's 1 team played for the Anthony Adams Cup for Post-Christmas supremacy, and performed creditably gaining 4th place. Well done both teams. Our combined Men's Premier 3 Kilbirnie -Wellington team was most successful, gaining a place in Premier 2 for the 2014/15 season, along with the club's Premier 2 team; We now have 2 Premier 2 teams- a plus for the base of competitive tennis players wanting to aspire to the Premier 1 team.

We also had a women's post Christmas Premier 4 team, under the captaincy of **Rebecca Stubbs**, and if some results had been a little different they would have been competing in Premier tennis this coming season. Their last few results were excellent- 6-0 wins, so well done to the team.

Thank you to **David Patterson** and **Reilly Logue** for your captaincy duties. The woman's team is looking strong again for the new season, and although our Men's team is young, they have enormous potential to do really well also.

Slazenger Interclub –and Junior Interclub

We entered a significant number of teams for interclub and the results overall were steady, with most teams being in the top five of their respective grade.

Pre Christmas success-Well done to **Glen Cameron's** team that won the Pre-Christmas Men's 3 Grade competition title. The other team having success was the Men's 7th grade top 4 team that secured 2nd place.

Post Christmas winners were the Women's 2nd Grade team under the captaincy of **Stephanie Coulman**.

2nd Place success was gained by **Michael Graham's** 2nd Grade team, and the Men's 6th grade team that came 2nd –by 1 point, with **Dan Price** at the helm.

Thank you to all team captains for your tireless efforts in putting a team out on the court for each match. A testament to your efforts is the fact that the committee did NOT receive any negative feedback regarding the behaviour of teams or players over the season. Well done.

We again entered junior teams in the Wellington Interclub competition.

Thanks to the players and also for the managerial duties by parents. The boys C1 team was promoted to B1- well done to them.

Frampton Winter Interclub-

Congratulations to **Geoff Beasley's** team – The C Grade team won their grade. **Ben Leggett's** A grade team was runner up, and the other two teams playing in the competition performed creditably.

Club Championship-2013/2014

Congratulations to all winners- Especially **John Vogel** and **Sade Atkinson** as the Men's and Women' singles champions for the 2013/2014 season.

Reilly Logue and **Sade Atkinson** took out the Women's doubles, and the Men's doubles champions were **Yuong Ha** and **Rod Moon**. It was great to see the healthy competition amongst our club members. Thank -you to all those who took part. I might add that the women's singles final was one of exceptional quality, and those who saw it were mightily impressed with the standard.

Veterans/Masters Doubles Champions

Congratulations to **Michael Graham** and **Sjoerd Koster** who took out the **Bryan Lang Cup** for the veterans doubles, and to **Adam Shelton** and **Paul Abbott**, the club's **Masters champions**.

Overall Assessment -Interclub and Club Champs - A VERY SUCCESSFUL SEASON, except for the conclusion of the club championships- Due mainly to the delay in finishing matches. The wet weather was a major factor here.

Many thanks to **Ben Leggett –our club captain**, (and all other 'helpers'/team captains), for the successful way the 'competitive' side of our club went over the season. It's always a sign of a healthy club when these areas are well supported.

Club Administration

To a dedicated committee thanks to you all- you continue to make wise decisions and work tirelessly for the benefit of the club, and the club members who make up our sporting organisation.

The roof and building refurbishment work has started.

The electronic booking system has continued to be an outstanding success- Thank-you to **Adam Shelton** and **Stephanie Coulman** who regularly keep it upgraded. My observation is that it is the best-kept club site in the Wellington area.

Stephanie, on behalf of our committee I thank you sincerely for all your wonderful secretarial work. You are stepping back with some of your duties; however, you will still have some involvement with the committee.

I would also like to pay tribute to **Paul Rountree** our treasurer. Paul does an outstanding job, and keeps the club's finances in a healthy state. Thank you Paul.

Thank you to **Nick Tully** who pursued the \$30 000.00 grants from various trusts. The purpose was to assist with the building refurbishment costs.

Appreciation must go to **Andrew Walmsley**, our resident coach, who organised the junior and senior coaching most successfully, as well as the junior interclub teams and junior club championships over the season. Best wishes go to Andy as he has resigned his post to seek adventures overseas.

In March 2014 we welcomed **Marcel Glover** who has taken over as head coach. All the best Marcel; we wish you well as part of the 'Wellington Club'

Other people to thank for their continued assistance are the club 'gardeners' and our club cleaners, who have kept the clubhouse and grounds tidy.

Sunday club afternoon tennis continued to be a great success and Wednesday evening club night numbers attending were consistently high again this past season. Thanks to committee members, and other club members who assisted in being on duty- especially with accommodating matches for the large numbers attending club days.

We would like more committee-'team' members to help serve the general membership, and to play a part in the future of our progressive club. Please give this consideration, as your ideas and support would be most welcome.

To all of you, enjoy the new season, and I hope to see all of you at the courts for Sunday club day and during the week practicing for the up-coming interclub season.

Remember, we cater for everyone in our club and whatever your tennis ability and interest is you are always welcome at the Wellington Tennis Club.

Assistance from **organisations /individuals helping our club** has been significant again and has meant the continued benefits for all members - (In the areas of ball subsidies and prizes/vouchers).

-The principal sponsors/supporters to mention for the 2013/2014-season were-

- Kilbirnie Sports
- Thump Sport
- Bayleys Real Estate

Thank you,

Mark Leggett (President Elect – 2013 / 2014)