



KIA ORA!

As we come to the end of another great tennis season, just a quick note to say thanks to everyone for making it such a fun and enjoyable one. It's been awesome to see so many of you out on court and part of the club vibe.

We're not done yet though — Sunday club play will keep going at 9:00am for now. With winter interclub coming up (played in the mornings), we'll switch our Sunday sessions back to 2:00pm at some point in June. We'll keep you posted as soon as that change happens.

Prize giving is coming up soon too, and it should be a really fun one with lots of awards to hand out — a great chance to recognise all the great players across the club.

Enjoy reading the rest of the newsletter, and I hope to see lots of you on Saturday, 9th of May for Prizegiving.

-Doris



David S, Roy, Bill & Gus, some of Winstone Park's longest serving members after a doubles game before Roy's knee surgery. We wish you a speedy recover Roy.

PRIZEGIVING

Prize-Giving is coming up on Saturday, 9 May from 4:00pm – 6:00pm. The bar opens at 4:00pm, with the ceremony starting at 4:30pm.

Seniors are asked to bring a savoury plate to share afterward, and juniors a sweet plate.

All are welcome—come along and support the prize winners and those who have supported the club throughout the season.

WINSTONE PARK TENNIS CLUB

2025/26 PRIZE GIVING

SAT 9 MAY 2026 | 4 - 6 PM

Come along and celebrate our junior and senior prize winners and all the members who have supported the club throughout the season. All welcome!

The bar opens at 4:00 PM, the award ceremony begins at 4:30 PM.

Seniors please bring a savory plate to share, Junior families please bring a sweet plate to share.

WORKING BEE



We have scheduled a working bee after Club Play on Sunday 26 April, weather permitting. We know it's a long weekend, but if you're around, we'd really appreciate any help you can offer with light gardening, water blasting, a general tidy-up etc.



CLUB CHAMPS

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Club Championships!

Due to scheduling constraints, some matches were completed outside of finals day to ensure all events were fairly concluded.

We look forward to recognizing everyone at the prize giving on Saturday 9 May - Ben.

Winners and runners-up are listed below:

PROGRESSIVE HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Women's singles:

Winner: Tehani Amarasekera

Runner Up: Temaya Amarasekera

Men's singles:

Winner: Ben Williamson

Runner Up: Junaid Shaik

Women's Doubles:

Winners: Ingrid Hipkiss & Lisa Divett

Runners Up: Rebecca Russell & Te Kahuake Georgina Patangata

Men's doubles:

Winners: Stuart Schmidt & David Savage

Runners Up: Ben Williamson & Jai Sengupta

Mixed Doubles:

Winners: Tehani Amarasekera & David Savage

Runners Up: Ingrid Hipkiss & Jai Sengupta



Emiko, Georgina, Tehani and Temaya: Woman's doubles finalists.

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPS TOURNAMENT

Women's Singles:

Winner: Tehani Amarasekera

Runner up: Kandy Zea

Plate:

Winner: Temaya Amarasekera

Runner up: Abbie Ray

Men's Singles:

Winner: Ben Williamson

Runner up: Tinnapob (Mix) Srisawad

Plate:

Winner: Ben Russell

Runner up: D'Angelo Sanchez

Women's Doubles:

Winners: Tehani Amarasekera & Temaya Amarasekera

Runners Up: Te Kahuake Georgina Patangata & Emiko Fujimoto

Plate:

Winners: Ingrid Hipkiss & Lisa Divett

Runners Up: Kirstin Carlin & Sarah Uasike

Men's Doubles:

Winners: Ben Williamson & John Williamson

Runners Up: Ryan Drew & Guy Penny

Plate:

Winners: Andrew Mitchell & Jarvis Mitchell

Runners Up: Henri Stroh & Ben Russell

Mixed Doubles:

Winners: Tehani Amarasekera & Ben Williamson

Runners Up: Rebecca Russell & Ben Russell

Plate:

Winners: Saige Mitchell & Jarvis Mitchell

Runners Up: Abbie Ray & David Liao

JUNIORS

We have now wrapped up our Junior summer tennis season. Winter coaching is available and will be running through Term 2 & 3 on a term by term basis. Please contact our Head of Coaching, Gabriel Hernandez if you would like to join these classes either for just Term 2 or Term 3 or both via gabrielhernandeztennis@gmail.com

The Post Xmas Interclub competition is now complete. We've had a record of 7 teams representing WPTC. A special mention to our Beginner Girls 10U team as well as our Girls 12U team who are all playing Interclub for the first time! Congratulations to all of you and also a big congratulations to our returning teams who have all placed in their own grades.

- Boys 12U - Section 3 - WP1 team - 1st equal
- Boys 12U team - Section 4 - 2nd
- Girls 14U team - Section 2 - 2nd
- Boys 14U team - section 2 - 3rd

-Tehani

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Parents and caregivers should have received an email about the junior winter tournaments sent by our Head Coach, Gabriel.

If you didn't see the email or have any questions, please get in touch with Gabriel.
gabrielhernandeztennis@gmail.com

SENIOR INTERCLUB

Winter Interclub 2026 is coming soon We're currently just awaiting confirmation of dates and competition details from Tennis Auckland.

The competition usually runs through June and July, with matches played every Sunday morning from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

We'll soon be looking for player interest from regular players and reserves across the Singles, Doubles, and Mixed grades. (everyone is welcome)

An email with full details will be sent out soon.

-Stu



Junior Boys Club Champs Finalists: Brody, Isaac, Matthew & Niall



Junior Girls Club Champs Finalists: Lela, Chloe, Mali & Saige



Intermediate Girls singles finalists: Temaya and Elliot

THE BAR

BEER OF THE MONTH

Emerson's Pilsner

A pale lager with a crisp, refreshing taste and a hint of Nelson hops — ideal for summer.

Emerson's Brewery was founded in 1992 by Richard Emerson after he returned home to Dunedin from the UK and discovered the lack of decent beer options in New Zealand. Despite being born deaf, he went on to build one of the country's most respected craft breweries.



The term Pilsner originates from the Czech city of Plzeň. In German it becomes Pilsen, the place where this style of beer was first brewed.

If you're ever in Dunedin, the Emerson's Brewery is a great spot for lunch or dinner, paired with a few of their beers. They also offer an excellent brewery tour.

- Stu

Follow us on Facebook!



LET US KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS

If you have anything you'd like to discuss with the committee, we invite members to join the first part of our monthly committee meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 May at 7:30 pm.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is piling up! If you are missing any items—especially junior parents and caregivers—please come and look through the pile next Tuesday from 5:30 pm. Any unclaimed items will be taken to a second-hand shop in mid-May.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A WPTC CAP?



Price: \$25 each | One size fits all

If you are interested, please leave your name and email address on the form in the clubrooms or message us at info@winstoneparktennis.co.nz

Please note that we require 21 orders of each colour for the order to go ahead.

Once we have received enough expressions of interest, we will be in contact with the next steps.



Club Champs in action

MEMBER PROFILE

TEHANI AMARASEKERA

Tehani is our amazing Junior Convenor and a talented tennis player in her own right. If you are a parent of a junior player and thinking about taking up tennis she is one to talk to! -Kirstin



How old were you when you started playing tennis?

Hmm I don't really remember exactly. I dabbled in a lot of backyard sport trying to keep up with my two older brothers as kid and tennis was one we picked up along the way too, playing at the local courts back in the day. I always wanted to play tennis more and join a club but that only happened as an adult.

How long have you been a member of Winstone Park Tennis Club?

Almost 4 years. I finally joined a tennis club (this one!) as a mum of a Junior in 2022. A group of us mums decided after enjoying many a Friday drink watching our kids play that we wanted to get out on the court And well, I've not looked back since!

Do you have a favourite memory of your time as a WPTC member?

I've gained some life long friends from my journey here so far and have many amazing memories - all linked to the combo of tennis and laughter with awesome people!

A very special memory is playing the Club Champs women's doubles last year with my daughter Temaya in her first ever tournament. We went on to play again this year too and were lucky enough to even share the win together.

What is your role on the WPTC committee?

I am in the role of Junior Convenor

How many hours do you play tennis a week?

Ufff.. this could be a trap! Hahah I sneak in many hours a week if I can. For me other exercise is for the body but tennis, that's for the soul.

Does anyone in your family play tennis?

My grandfather played a lot -and he would always give me tips on their annual visits here from Sri Lanka whilst I was young.

These days my daughter Temaya is playing and hubby Madushin has joined the club too! Once I get Jayden my eldest out on court, my work will be done

Do you have a favourite tennis shot?

Hehe yup a forehand shot from anywhere - and I particularly love that shot when it doesn't fly right out the court, hit the net, OR almost hit someone

If you could play a match anywhere in the world (including NZ), where would it be?

Well me personally - none of the famous places. I would say either somewhere on the South Coast of Sri Lanka where I can play and then hit the beach straight after OR ... right here at Winstone Park on a summer's evening whilst the sun sets. We have the most amazing sunset views from the court and over the years it's never lost its beauty for me. To be able to be playing tennis whilst enjoying the sunset - love it!

Do you have a favourite Tennis Achievement?

My favourite tennis achievement - finally joining a club and just jumping into some competitive play and gaining experience. Better late than never

What's your favourite post-game drink?

Haha, time is usually an issue so post game it's cold water from my bottle on the drive to get back home! (Not to be underestimated though) But when the timing is right, nothing beats a post game coffee and a good chat!

AND on a hot summer's arvo - IF time permits, then it has to be a cold Little Creatures beer.

REGULAR COURT BOOKINGS

Monday	Compass Group: Courts 3-4 9:00 am – 11:00 am Private school use: Courts 4-5 11 am - 3 pm
Tuesday	Vets Group: ALL COURTS 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Club Play: ALL COURTS 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Wednesday	Private school use: Courts 4-5 9a m - 3 pm Adult Group Coaching: Courts 3 – 5 6:45 pm – 7:45 pm Private Coaching: Courts 4 – 5 7:45 pm – 8:45 pm
Thursday	Compass Group: Courts 3 – 4 9:00 am – 11:00 am Junior Coaching: Courts 1-3 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Private Coaching: Courts 1-2 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday	Junior Coaching: ALL COURTS 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday	Summer Interclub: ALL COURTS 8:00 am – 4:00 pm * Ends 28 Mar 2026 (Courts available outside this period)
Sunday	Summer Club Play (Dec–Apr) ALL COURTS 9:00 am – 11:00 am Winter Club Play (May–Aug) ALL COURTS 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Winter Interclub (May–Aug) ALL COURTS 10:00 am – 2:00 pm * Term 3–4 (Courts available outside this period)

IMPORTANT DATES:

WINSTONE PARK TENNIS CLUB PRIZEGIVING:

Saturday 9 May, 4pm-6pm

WORKING BEE:

Sunday 26 April 11am (after Club Play)

WINTER INTERCLUB STARTS:

June

LOVE TENNIS

Sunday 13th September, 10:00am – 2:00pm

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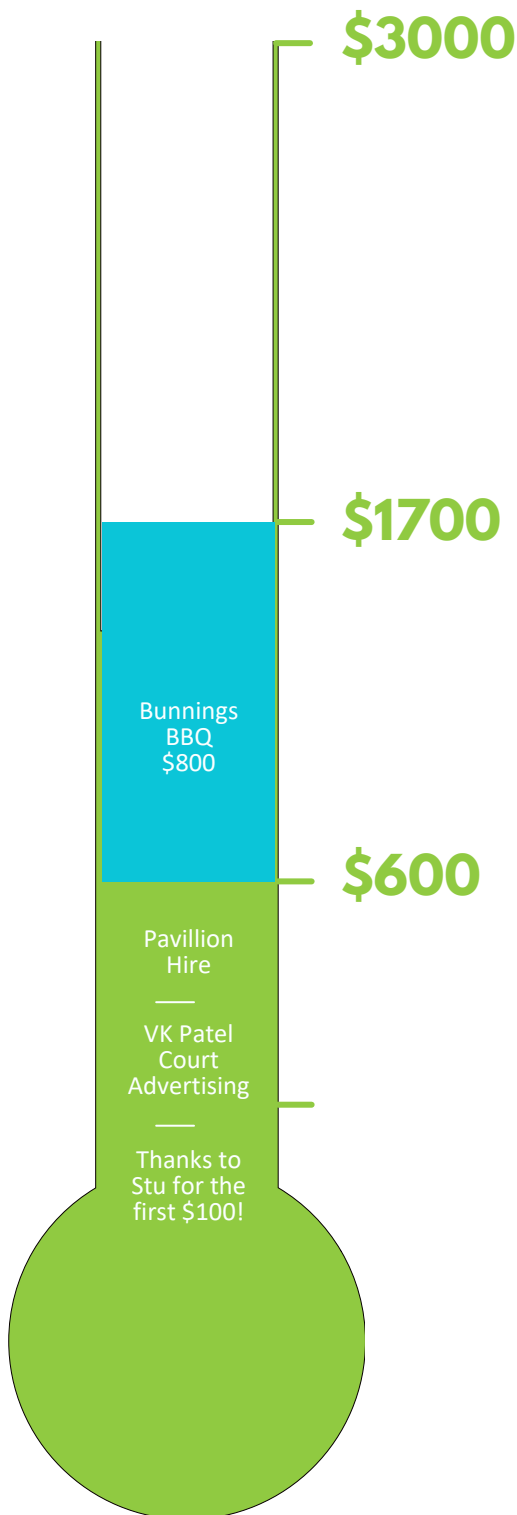
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WPTC OUTDOOR DRINKING FOUNTAIN FUNDRAISER



HELP US SECURE A NEW OUTDOOR WATER COOLER

Can you help WPTC reach the goal of **\$3000** for the purchase and installation of a **new cold water outdoor drinking fountain**?

Any donations over \$250 will get their name on a plaque!

We are also looking into funding and sponsorship options.



Donations can be made to 12-3033-0369510-00
Please use your name and drinking fountain as a reference.

CLUBROOMS FOR HIRE & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES



GOLD PACKAGE

- Includes **three** complimentary WPTC adult memberships, valid for one year (total value up to \$900).
- One advertising board installed on a WPTC fence (double-sided optional), maximum size 2440 × 1220 mm.
- Logo placement or a small advertisement in the WPTC newsletter for a period of one year.

\$2,000 PER ANNUM



SILVER PACKAGE

- One advertising board installed on a WPTC fence (double-sided optional), maximum size 1800 × 1220 mm.
- Logo placement or a small advertisement in the WPTC newsletter for a period of one year.

\$1200 PER ANNUM

