



KIA ORA!

It's been great to see the club so active lately, with plenty happening both on and off the court. Thanks to everyone who's been getting involved — whether playing, supporting teams, or simply coming down to enjoy the club atmosphere.

Club Play & BBQ Updates

We've had a fantastic turnout for Sunday morning social play — it's great to see the courts busy and such a good mix of members taking part. During Club Champs, social play has shifted to 2:00 pm, but we'll return to our usual 9:00 am start from Sunday 29 March. We'd love to see even more faces along, so please join in if you can.

Interclub Wrapping-Up

Interclub has almost wrapped up for the season, and Winstone Park is doing really well overall. A big thank you and well done to everyone who represented the club - your commitment and team spirit were great to see. It's also encouraging to see more members keen to play club and interclub tennis going forward, which bodes really well for future seasons.

WPTC BBQ – First Tuesday of the Month

A reminder that the legendary WPTC BBQ continues on the first Tuesday of every month. The tradition remains:

- Bring your own meat to cook
- Enjoy it alongside other club members
- Grab a drink and have a chat

If there's enough interest, we're also happy to put on some sausages for members.

Even if you don't feel like BBQing, you're very welcome to come along just for a drink and a catch-up. Juniors and parents are welcome too, and the bar can be opened from 5:30 pm.

Hope to see plenty of you around the club!

-Doris

SAVE THE DATE

PRIZE-GIVING 2026

Prize-Giving is coming up on Saturday, 9 May! Mark the date in your calendars! Keep an eye out for more information, coming soon.

MEMBERSHIP

It's awesome to see the courts so busy at the moment! Just a few reminders and points to keep things running smoothly for everyone:

- When a non-member plays with a club member, a \$10 casual playing fee applies. Payment can be made into the club bank account, which is listed on the new sign at the entrance.
- We've had some feedback that the courts can get quite busy on certain days, with members occasionally waiting for a turn. If you're on court and notice others waiting, please keep an eye on how long you've been playing and consider rotating off to give others a chance.
- While not strictly enforced, members generally take priority on the courts. During busy periods, it would be appreciated if play with non-members is kept to a minimum so members have a fair opportunity to play.

If wait times continue to be an issue, we may look at introducing a whiteboard system to help manage court use. There is a court schedule toward the end of this newsletter, so members can get an idea of the regular court bookings.

CLUB PLAY ROSTER

We are looking to create a roster of members who can help with running the board during Club Play on Tuesdays and Sundays. If we have two people on the board each session, they can alternate between putting the games together and playing. Please get in touch if you're keen to help.



CLUB CHAMPS



A big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Club Championships! We had 42 entrants, with a strong mix of familiar faces and new members competing across the event. There were a number of closely contested matches throughout, and a lot of well-earned victories.

Luckily for the players (and supporters) we have had a really good run with the weather so far and, aside from some blustery periods during the mixed competition, the event has been able to run smoothly across the weekends.

Thank you to those who have made the effort to complete matches outside of the originally scheduled times. I really appreciate the help to get those played!

Our finalists this year are:

Singles:

- Women's: Tehani vs Kandy
- Men's: Ben W vs Mix
- Women's Plate: Temaya vs Abbie
- Men's Plate: D'Angelo vs Ben R

Doubles

- Women's: Georgina & Emiko vs Tehani & Temaya
- Men's: Ryan & Guy P vs Ben W & John W
- Women's Plate: Kirstin & Sarah vs Ingrid & Lisa
- Men's Plate: Ben R & Henri vs TBC

Mixed Doubles

- Tehani & Ben W vs Rebecca & Ben R
- Plate: Saige & Jarvis vs Abbie & David L

Cheers,
Ben

THANKS BEN

Thanks to Ben for doing such a great job organising the Club Champs! It has been an awesome few weeks, with more fun to come.

– Kirstin

SENIOR INTERCLUB

Interclub is heading into the final few rounds of the season, with most teams having only one or two matches left to play. The Mixed President 4 team has already wrapped up their summer campaign.

The Mixed President 4 team of Doris, Rebecca, and the "old guys" Barry and Stuart have finished in an impressive second place, behind the unbeaten Manurewa side. They closed out their season with a strong 4–0 win over Titirangi at Titirangi. A well-earned break now follows, especially with all four players having taken the court in every match this year

A few weeks ago, two of the Men's Open teams were also out at Manurewa. The Men's B team played under the roof against another unbeaten side, going down 5–1, while the D Team took to Manurewa's new artificial grass courts.

A special mention goes to super-sub-Ross Stanley, who picked up wins in both his matches for the D team and now sits at five wins from six for the season.



Photo Credit: Andrew Mitchell



Club Champs 2026

JUNIORS

A big thank you to our Coaches - Ezequiel and Leo and Assistant Coaches, Caleb, Alex, Aaron as well as Temaya, Caitlin and Elliott, for their work alongside our wonderful junior families. This combo makes our Junior Coaching program a productive and enjoyable program for all! The club run Junior season will conclude Friday 27th March and Thursday 2nd April (Thurs group). Gabriel Hernandez (Head Coach for the club) will be running a winter coaching program led by Ezequiel. More details on this will be emailed to parents soon.

It's been a pleasure to meet all our new families and of-course to catch up again with our returning families. Have a lovely winter, hope you can still play some tennis and see you all again in Term 4!

Take care
Tehani

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPS

This year we had almost 40 of our Junior members participate in our Junior Club Champs! The age group ranged from 9-16years.

Due to a large group of entries being our newer 9-11 year olds, a smaller competition has also been running as well so we have 3 categories this year. 12U (12yrs and under); Junior cup (15yrs and under); and Intermediate Cup (16+ also open to younger players of similar level). A couple of semi finals are still yet to be played but finalists so far are:

Singles Finalists:

Junior Boys 12U - Niall vs Viyan
Junior Girls 12U - Dhanya vs Joey
Junior Cup Boys - Nial vs (TBC)
Junior Cup Girls - TBC
Intermediate Cup Boys - Pavan vs Stefan
Intermediate Cup Girls - Temaya vs Elliott

Doubles Finalists:

Junior Boys 12U - Nial & Matthew vs Cody & Zeno
Junior Girls 12U - Sia & Nellie vs Miravi & Omethmi
Junior Cup Boys - (TBC)
Junior Cup Girls - Mali & Saige vs Lela & Chloe
Intermediate Cup Boys - Isaac & Brody vs Pavan & Stefan

Intermediate Cup Girls - Temaya & Saige vs (TBC)

We look forward to having some of these finals played alongside our Adult (Senior) finals which will be taking place this Sunday 22nd from 9am.

JUNIOR INTERCLUB

We wrapped up the Pre Xmas season at the end of last year. WPTC had 6 teams entered, ranging from our 10U beginner girls team to our 18U boys team! It was great to see some juniors giving Interclub a go for the first time too! Following that momentum WPTC entered 7 teams in January this year, with each more new players for the Post Xmas junior interclub competition. The teams have a couple more games to go before this competition concludes Sat 28th Mar. We hope all players and families have enjoyed their Interclub experience.

Post Xmas comp results :

2nd - 16U girls (Grade 2)
2nd - 12U boys (Grade 4)
3rd - 14U girls
3rd - 18U boys

We look forward to the continued development of our Juniors and the next Interclub season which will take place in Term 4 this year. Keep an eye out for an email when those entries open (closer to that time).

THANKS TEHANI!



We would like to give Tehani a big thank you for her work with the juniors this year. You have done an amazing job. – Kirstin

MEMBER PROFILE

CLIFF BANCROFT

Cliff is one of our oldest members with strong ties to Mt Roskill, we are lucky to have him as our club patron.

Some early background?

From the age of 5 years (1950) we lived at 1350 Dominion Rd., about 100 meters from Winstone Park where the club was located and 2 doors from where the current motorway on-ramp south is now. At that time, our neighbour directly opposite Bert Valentine was the WPTC club president and we were invited as a family to annual club prizegiving and Xmas functions.

How old were you when you started playing tennis?

I was 8 years old when another neighbour Olga Dale who was club treasurer suggested to my parents that I join the Junior section. So off I went armed with a new "Sportsply" racket and a 10 shilling note for junior membership fee.

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

So that would have been the 1953/54 season. From then to the present I have missed only one summer season (1965/66) when I was drafted into National Military Service in the Army for 3 months training. As a Junior and Intermediate member, I played in Junior and Senior Interclub teams in 5th, 4th, and 3rd grade mixed teams and later Presidents grade fb, including the 1986/87 pennant winning presidents C grade Team

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

Given my 73 years membership, there have been several stand-out memories, including...

- Being mentored in both tennis, club administration, and life skills by some very special older members including Colleen and Murray Edmonds, Ian Shroff, Ron Thomson, Ray McKenzie, Colin Steven, Bob Caley, Jenny Glass
- A demolition working bee of the original 1930's clubhouse and construction of new clubrooms in 1976, then the construction of the new (present) clubrooms with our son as site manager.
- Becoming engaged and later married to Jennifer during my term as President.

Have you been on the WPTC committee?

- First time elected to the committee at age 19 – a one-year term during Bob Eades presidency.
- Elected as Vice President in 1970's then as President for 5 years in 1980's
- Elected as Patron 2024 - present

Did anyone in your family play tennis?

- No, my parents never played any sport

Do you have a favourite shot?

- Surprising an opponent with a hard second serve – (the first one is a sighter !!) Can't say that has worked in recent years.

Describe your tennis style in three words.

- Traditional pre-topspin style.

Who's your favourite tennis player (past or present)?

- International - Roger Federer. WPTC – Colin Steven

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

- Wimbledon – not likely, but nice to dream.

Do you have a favourite Tennis Achievement?

- Making long-term personal friends within the club

What's your favourite post-game drink?

- Has to be a Speights 'Old Dark'



Can you spot Cliff, Jennifer and David Savage?

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Thank you to everyone who helped at the recent sausage sizzle. We made \$800, which puts us closer to our water cooler fundraising goal. We really appreciate everyone's support!.



DO YOU WANT 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 and we will be in touch.

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.

THE BAR

A new feature!

Stu's WPTC Drink of the Month!

LITTLE CREATURES

Little Creatures Brewery was started in 2000 in Hobart, Australia. The Hobart brewery site was originally a crocodile farm before it was converted into a brewery. Today, Little Creatures Pale Ale is also brewed in Melbourne and has a strong presence in New Zealand, notably at the very large and popular Hobsonville Point Brew House.

The brewery's name is inspired by the Talking Heads album titled "Little Creatures."

Catch a cold one now from The WPTC Bar.

"[Beer Advocate.com](https://www.beeradvocate.com)" Rating: 82%



SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to follow WPTC on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with what's happening at the club. If you're not already in the Club WhatsApp group, please reach out to someone on the committee and we'll add you. The WhatsApp group is where we share quick club updates.

WPTC Facebook Page



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 8 April at 7:30 pm.

REGULAR COURT BOOKINGS

Monday	Compass Group: Courts 3–4 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Tuesday	Vets Group: ALL COURTS 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Club Play: ALL COURTS 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Wednesday	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 4-5 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:

WPTC CLUB CHAMPS FINALS:

Sunday 22 March, from 9am

JUNIORS COACHING:

Friday sessions last day:

Friday 27 March

Thursday sessions Last Day:

Thursday 2 April

JUNIOR INTERCLUB: LAST GAME:

Saturday 28 March / Sunday 29 March

SENIOR INTERCLUB: LAST GAME:

Last official game Saturday 28 March

PRIZEGIVING

Saturday 9 May (Save the date, more details to come)

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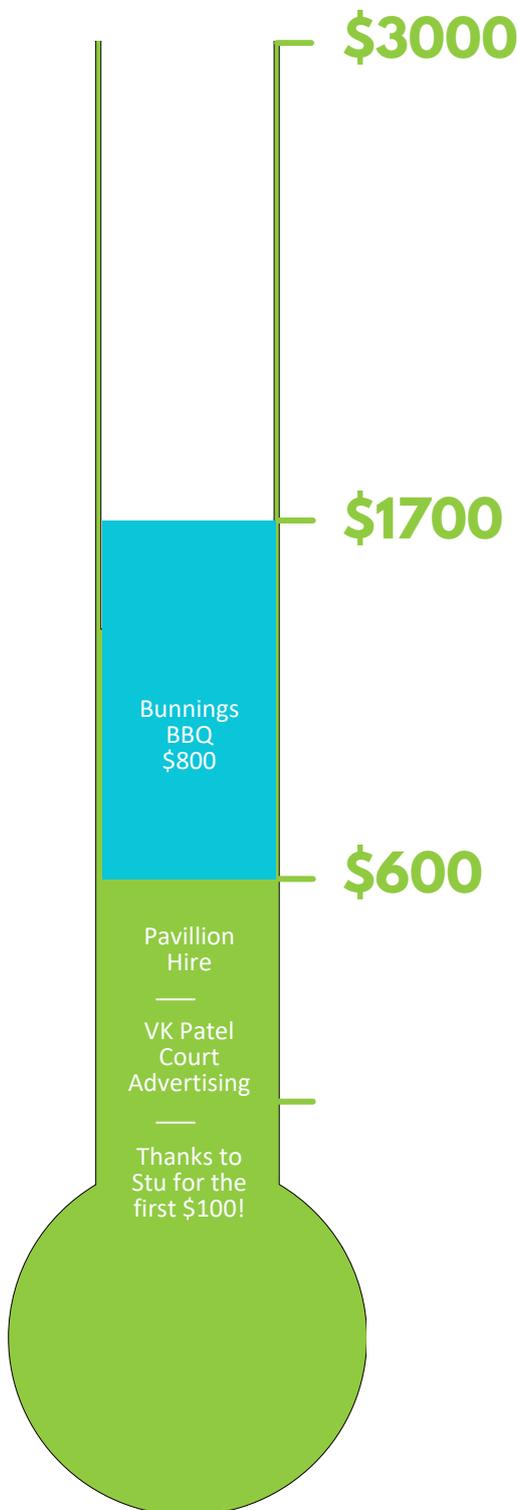
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WPTC OUTDOOR DRINKING FOUNTAIN FUNDRAISER



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

