

Thames Tennis Club

Newsletter

April 2021

Goodbye summer and welcome to our autumn newsletter

It has been a busy couple of months with business house tennis, senior and junior tennis club champs and the start of the autumn tennis league.

Club Champs

Our tennis club champs were held on Sunday 28th March. A big thank you to Heff and Shannon for your organisation of this event prior to, and on the day. It was great to see members watching and supporting our players. Congratulations to all our finalists.

Results:

Men's singles winner: Shannon Paki

Ladies singles winner: Maree Jamieson

Men's doubles: Shannon Paki and Josh Cochran

Ladies doubles: Maree Jamieson and Karin Chambers

Combines: Finals yet to be played (Jon Ballantyne/Karin Chambers vs Shannon Paki/Tash Donnelly)

Over 65 Singles winner: Peter Simpson

Over 65 Mixed doubles: Brian Melville and George Thompson

THAMES JUNIORS

The Juniors had a great Summer Season, with many new members coming into the club.

The Junior Club Champs are completed with some hard fought finals, Prizegiving is this Friday 16th April at 5:30pm, All welcome!

Our Junior C Grade Interclub team that played in the Waikato Division 3 Competition finished the season with two victories over some much older teams. I look forward to seeing this team in action again next season.

Winter Coaching : Commences Fri May 8th and runs for 8 weeks in term 2 & 3.

Contact Shannon with any queries and/or interest.



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Business House

This has been a great 6 weeks of tennis with an excellent turn out of 12 teams. It was pleasing to see some new potential tennis members participating. We hope you all enjoyed this league. Congratulations to Viv's Misfits (Viv, Noel and Graeme) who were our overall winners.



Sad News

Margot Trask passed away after a short battle with cancer at the end of March. She served on the committee for 2 seasons and organised and ran Monday night tennis before her illness intervened. She was keen on her tennis and would often be seen with the ball machine on her own practising. Our condolences goes out to Margot's family and friends. Thank you Leisha who kept us informed and provided the lovely photo.



Tennis Leagues

MONDAY: If you are wanting a casual game of tennis on Monday night contact Peter Hudson on 027 3342426 or Sarah Christophers on 0226194413. Start time 6:pm.

TUESDAY AUTUMN LEAGUE: The Tuesday autumn league competition began on Tuesday 13th April. Once again great to see such a huge number of interested players, 26 in total. The league will be every Tuesday night and run for 10 weeks.

WEDNESDAY: Wednesday tennis is up and running please contact Tim for more details. Ph: 868 9188

THURSDAY: Fortnightly during the day. Contact Brian, Heff, Peter H or Graeme.

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Proposed merger between Thames Tennis Club and Thames Squash rackets club.

The tennis club and the squash club have had some initial discussions about the potential of a merger of the two clubs. The concept of joining the two clubs was first mooted many years ago but did not proceed. Both committees believe that the time is right to look at this opportunity closer. A working group has been formed to investigate. The group will present a proposal to the two committees over the next few months. A final recommendation will then be put to the members.

If you have any feedback or questions, please contact Jon Ballantyne, Peter Hudson, Shannon Paki or Mary Hamilton.

Floodlights

A friendly reminder that if you are only using one court please ensure only one bank of lights is turned on.

More Pics from Senior Club Champs



Catch Michael Venus in action in Waihi Beach this Sunday!

Michael Venus, a New Zealand Professional Tennis player currently ranked 15 in World Doubles (who has one of the biggest serves in the game), will be at Waihi Beach Tennis Club this Sunday 18th April playing in their Invitational FAST4 competition. Our Club Coach Shannon Paki will also be playing.

Games start at 9am, admission is FREE! Expect some great Tennis!

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