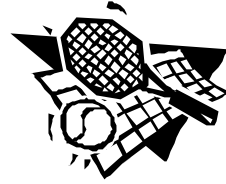


SALAMANCA NEWS



Salamanca Tennis Club Newsletter: November 2006

Handicap Tournament — 9/10 December

This year our Handicap Tournament will be held on the weekend of 9 and 10 December. This is the one weekend in the year where you can be matched up against the best in the club — and beat them! It's all done with mirrors No, actually it's maths. Players receive points before each game starts. In the case of top players, this is invariably negative points. *Lots* of negative points for really good players. Win or lose it's heaps of fun, and of course is open to everyone.

Enter online now at <http://www.salamanca-tennis.org/>. (click on the big button on the front page). Alternatively, use the forms in the Clubhouse, or contact Morwen Thomas or Andrew Fraser on 977 6619. No need to nominate a partner for the men's, women's or mixed doubles, as they are drawn from a hat, and the handicaps then assigned. Note that we try hard to get all the games completed over that weekend. We will notify you of the time of your first games, and will do our best to give you good information on timing of subsequent games. The charge for the tournament (to cover balls) is \$5 per event or \$10 for all 3.

XMAS PARTY! Your official invitation

DATE: Saturday 9 December, 7pm
VENUE: 47 Bombay Street, Ngaio (Linda Bain's place)
BRING: A gift under \$5 on the theme "something noisy"
A salad, something to drink, (we will provide the rest)
but, please, NO RED WINE
Partners and friends welcome

Twilight Tennis

Unwind after work on Wednesday evenings with a spot of Twilight Tennis. Very relaxing, Very therapeutic, very relaxed. From **6-8pm**, every Wednesday. Casual players welcome, \$5 per night.

Court resurfacing update

The courts will be closed for a minimum of two weeks for resurfacing sometime over the summer. The contractor can't confirm the dates yet, but we're talking to other clubs about joining them for club days (and possibly using their courts for interclub fixtures) over the resurfacing period. We're also hoping to get the perimeter fence repaired before the work starts. Will keep you posted.

Outstanding subscriptions

If you haven't paid your subscription for the 2006/07 season, it's now overdue. The subs are: Ordinary Member \$175.00; Mid-Week Member \$140.00; Junior Member \$65.00 Student/Means-tested Beneficiary \$125 (or 3 instalments of \$45 plus the \$10 levy)

New members always welcome

Encourage friends, family, colleagues and acquaintances to join. Bring them along to a club day (Saturdays and Sundays from 1.30pm), or to Twilight Tennis on a Wednesday evening.

Watch out for unwanted visitors

We really are Wellington's friendliest tennis club, but non-members (other than those accompanied by a member and who pay the \$5 visitor's fee) and **skateboarders** are not welcome. The latter have damaged the wooden seats, and risk damaging the court surfaces. They are a real problem at the moment. Keep an eye out for any unwanted visitors, and invite them to leave.

Grant application successful

Our application for a grant to pay for tennis balls was successful. Thanks to Morwen Thomas.

Coaching websites: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport2/hi/tennis/skills/default.stm>
<http://www.revolutionarytennis.com/> <http://www.freetenniscoach.com/>
<http://www.tennistips.net/>

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