

Salamanca Tennis Club Newsletter

September 2009

News From Salamanca Tennis Club...

2009/10 Season
Issue 1



New format:

- The newsletter has a new format we hope you like it!

Dates for the diary:

Sunday 27 September

- 4.30 pm — Club BBQ

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The 09/10 Season is underway!

Opening Day

The summer tennis season at Salamanca kicked-off on Saturday 5 September. There was a great turn-out and the club is excited to welcome a number of new members!

New members can join anytime during the season so if you know anyone looking for a club, please bring them along.

Interclub

There's been a lot of interest in interclub this season. Once again we'll have three teams in the regional competition - Women's Prem 2, Women's Prem 3 team and Men's Prem 3. The members of the Slazenger men's fourth grade team are all keen again this year and with lots of eager new members, we have been

able to enter two new men's teams. We'll let you know the final make-up of teams in the next newsletter.

Club Days

Every Saturday and Sunday from 1.30 pm.

Games are made up by a committee member and everyone gets the opportunity to play lots of tennis. Club Days are a fun way to get to know the club and improve/perfect your game.

BBQ

Sunday 27th September at 4.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to come down and enjoy the chance to discuss the finer points of the game over a relaxed BYO drink.

A reminder will be circulated closer to the time.

09/10 Committee

Patron: Des Grant, **President:** James Dalmer, **Vice Presidents:** Keitha Booth, Barbara Grant, Jo Johnson, Marie Malcolm, **Club Captain:** Andrew Fraser, **Vice Club Captain:** Morwen Thomas, **Secretary:** Susann Liebich, **Treasurer:** Treacey Lucas, **Committee:** Steve Burrige, Angela Drake, Tony Fenwick, Toby Hunter, Cheryl McDonald, Cat Williams

Many thanks to Tony Fenwick, who stood down from the presidency this year after four seasons in the role. He's worked tirelessly for the club in that time. Thanks also to Barbara Cribb, Margaret Radford, Guy Reynolds, Jenny Shearer and Gordon Smith, who have resigned from the committee after many seasons. They have all made wonderful contributions to the club.

AGM—Club Finances

Good news! Given the club's strong financial position, it was agreed at the AGM to reduce membership fees – see next page for details.

It was also agreed that, to improve cash-flow management and aid transparency, we should aim to:

- Set annual subscriptions to cover day to day expenses; and
- Maintain a cash balance of around \$30,000 to manage

capital payments as the occur

For many years, subscriptions have included a 'building levy'.

This levy has now been separated out of the Annual Subscription and will be separately identified in renewal notices etc as the 'property levy'.

The Club's current cash balance of \$38,000 is above the \$30,000 level, so the levy was lowered from \$15 to \$5.

Cash balances might be reduced to around the \$30,000 in future

when capital expenditures are needed— none are expected this year.

Of course, adjustments to subscriptions may be made from time to time to reflect changes in expenses, and increases in the levy may also be made.

These arrangements don't apply to Junior members. Subs remain the same for Juniors (\$55) but they aren't asked to pay levies.



This is now officially the longest set in a final in history, and don't forget we've been going since 1877."

TV Commentator during the epic Federer v Roddick Wimbledon final

- it was long but not that long!



Subs and Membership

Subs for the 09/10 season have been set.

They are:

- Ordinary Member - \$135.00
- Mid-week Member - \$100.00
- Junior Member - \$55.00
- Student/Means-tested Beneficiary - \$85
- Joining Fee - \$25

Renewal Notices

Your renewal notice for the next season have been sent – please note the internet banking/direct-credit payment option. If you choose to pay this way, please make sure you quote your surname and email any changes to your contact details to secretary@salamanca-tennis.org

Prompt payment discount: There is a \$10 discount for prompt payment for adults and \$5 for juniors for payment made by **1 October**.

Guests and Shoes

Guests are welcome to visit the club, particularly if deciding whether they want to join or not. Guests may use the courts when accompanied by a member, and it's the member's responsibility the \$5 per person, per visit fee is paid – via the envelope and slot-in-the-door system. Guests may play on up to three occasions per season.

Also a friendly reminder to make sure you (and guests) wear non-marking shoes when playing at the club.

Club Coaching

Our club coach, Laurence Henderson, has been offered a position at TennisLife, close to his family on the North Shore in Auckland and has decided to take it.

Laurence wanted to pass on his thanks to the Salamanca membership and looks forward to staying in touch.

He's got some great ideas

around web-based coaching and resources, so watch this space!

There was lots of interest in coaching, so we will explore establishing a similar club-coaching arrangement with a new coach.

Coaching Tip—the Grip

This easy to follow video talks you through what your grip means for your game:

<http://www.youtube.com/fuzzyyellowballs#play/uploads/155/Hr2f8dmiwpU>

Tennis on the Web

<http://www.tennisnz.com/front/front.aspx?ID=464>

Tennis New Zealand's site is an excellent resource for anyone who is interested in the game. Via the site you can sign-up for Passing Shots – the TNZ e-newsletter, and keep up with all the local, national and international tennis comps.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmhvKafCYsk>

Federer's forehand – want to see exactly how he does it? Check out this great slow-mo footage of the world #1.

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1870373,00.html>

Nadal's New Spin— an article from Time magazine on Rafa's influence on the game, plus some of the science and secrets of his unorthodox technique.