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SEASON OPENING 2008 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members (Senior, Junior and Families)

It is enrolment time again at the tennis club..... Although it has been such a wet and wild winter we do hope that you have managed to come and play some tennis over the last few months and that you won't be too rusty for the start of the season

Attached to this newsletter is your **SUBSCRIPTION FORM**. There are a couple of new initiatives to note:

- Firstly, you may choose to pay on line by Direct Credit. The number is Westpac Howick 03 0166 0231300 000. Please put your family name in "Particulars" section. You will not need to send in the form if you pay this way, however if you have a change in your details please email them to the club. Also please notify the club of your email address as it makes it easier to pass on information.
- Secondly, Tennis NZ have requested that an optional extra \$10 be added to your fees, which each club then passes on to TNZ for the SEED Foundation Initiative, as a donation to assist in the ongoing development of high level players. This is optional and you may choose to pay it by placing a tick in the box and adding it on to your subs, however you may choose not to pay it.
- Thirdly, if you are not rejoining the club please inform Joan Kelly on 534 8170 or by email bbtc@xtra.co.nz

KEY EXCHANGE

Please note key exchange will take place on the weekend of September 13th and 14th between 9 am – 11am. All paid up members may come along and change their key. If you are an existing member you do not need to pay for a key if you already have one. If you are not rejoining then you will receive \$10 reimbursement when you return your key.

SENIOR OPENING DAY

August 3rd – 9am. A fun morning of tennis, with tournament followed by sausage sizzle. ALL MEMBERS.... please come along and join us to launch the season off. This is a great time to meet the committee and also bring along prospective members. The Club Coaches will be available to give some tips, (they will take you out on court if there is a court available) they will also have some new season rackets to demo.

SENIOR WEEKEND SUMMER INTERCLUB

Find attached your interclub entry form and details. Please send it off to Linda Brown with all your details or alternatively enter on the notice board at the club. Interclub is due to start mid September, and entries must be in to Linda by August 8th.

JUNIOR ENROLMENT DAY Saturday August 9th - 1pm to 3 pm. Bring your rackets along for some fun on court while your parents enrol.

If you can not make it then please make your payment by post or internet and email the club that you will be re enrolling, so that we can keep tally of our numbers.

Coaching times and options can be seen on accompanying flyer.

Junior Opening Day – (the day we start coaching) will be Saturday September 6th.

MID WEEK LADIES OPENING DAY

Thursday August 28th 9am.

A fun tournament and delicious morning tea. New members very welcome, with an hour of free coaching from 9:15 for the new ladies or those who are a little rusty. The mid week section is the very proud winner of the Auckland Tennis Rae Reynolds Trophy for best mid week club!!!!

COACHING NEWS

Gorans contract with the club has come to an end. Fortunately, Dallas Siso and Julia Sim, who have been coaching and coordinating the junior section, are able and willing to take over the whole coaching role at the club. The coaching system will go back to how most members used to know itInstead of one coach doing the private tuition and the other doing club coaching, both coaches will be covering all aspects of our members needs.

I am sure there is no need to introduce Julia, however a bit about Dallas Siso..... Dallas followed his wife Barbara (a school teacher) to NZ 2 years ago from Zimbabwe. They have a 4 year old daughter Thandi and a new baby girl of 2 weeks. Dallas has coached tennis for 18 years and is currently in his second year at AUT doing a Sports Admin degree in the mornings. Dallas has held the position as Head Coach at the Bulawayo Dominican Convent, Provincial and National coaching roles in Zimbabwe where he trained and travelled with Rep teams, as well as held an administrative development role for Zimbabwe Tennis Assoc. He is a fully qualified Professional coach as well as having a Level 2 coaching qualification from the International Tennis Federation, whom he worked closely with in Southern Africa. Dallas is also a very competent player, having played representatively as a junior and had been a practise partner of Julia as teenagers. He now fronts for our Ferrier Cup team and is a worthy asset

They currently reside in Auck City but are moving out to BB in the near future.
Contact numbers; Dallas 948 2001 / 0211211004 Julia 537 4372/ 021505553

SOCIAL EVENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT – Saturday 30th August. 6:30 pm start. Tickets \$30 per person which includes a savoury/ sweet platter. Cash Bar.

This is a FUNDRAISING event to assist Belinda Bennet and Julia Sim in funding their trip to play for NZ at the World Championships 35 Age group in Turkey in October. It promises to be a fun evening, so get a table together or come on your own and we will put tables together call Sharon Orr on 533 8204 for your ticket. Don't miss out as tickets are selling fast.

DONATIONS PLEASE- we would really appreciate any items that members could donate towards the evening that we could auction off. It could be in the form of donating your expertise, your baking, or a material item. All contributions would be as appreciated as no funding is given to any of the players representing New Zealand at the World Champs, and we as a club would love to help Julia and Belinda in their efforts to raise funds. Please call Sharon about this if you can help. Thank you.

UPGRADING FACILITIES

Over the next year there will be lots of maintenance happening at the club with 3 new tennis courts due to be put in over December to replace Courts 1, 2, and 3.

Also the club house will be expanded to have a larger lounge upstairs with greater indoor / outdoor flow on to the upstairs deck and better viewing of all the courts. This will really keep BBTC ahead of all the other clubs with top class courts and club house facilities.

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS/QUERIES PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO US.

Also check out our great website at www.bbtc.co.nz

The Committee