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Important Dates

11 March

Indoor Doubles Entries Open

13 March

Junior & Senior Interclub Debrief

Winter Interclub Entries Open

29 March - 1 April

Easter Weekend

8 April

Term 2 Evening Indoor & Indoor
Singles Entries Open

16 April

Indoor Doubles Entries Close
Midweek Ladies Interclub Debrief

17 April

Winter Interclub Entries Close

25 April

ANZAC Day

26 - 29 April

2013 National Teams Event (12U,
14U & 16U)

30 April

Term 2 Evening Indoor & Indoor
Singles Entries Open

5 May

Winter Interclub Begins

Welcome to the March edition of the Tennis Auckland Deuce e-news. We continue to encourage you to send this out to your club members.

Tennis Auckland appreciates your feedback and if you have any club items that you would like us to include in future editions please send them to us at [Tennis Auckland](#) for consideration. Enjoy reading our latest tennis news!

"From The CEO's Desk".....

After a wonderful two weeks of international tennis in January it is extremely gratifying to see the weather still playing its part and allowing us to make the most of the sport we all love. Long may this summer last and the chance to play tennis anywhere, anyhow, anytime.

I recently attended a Sport NZ Roadshow where Peter Miskimmin (CEO Sport NZ) gave those working in sport an overview of the past year and the focus of Sport NZ strategies moving forward. He touched on some recent research that should be of interest to us all in tennis as it affects our future players and therefore the health of our sport (and clubs) in the future. Recently Sport NZ surveyed 17,000 young people aged 5-18 about sport. Some of the findings confirm what we already know - kids like sports that build foundational skills, 'mucking around' is important to kids when playing sport, participation in sports drops off in teenage years and there is a lower participation rate for girls across all age groups. What was more pertinent to our sport, and is a challenge

6 May

Indoor Doubles Begins

9 May

Midweek Ladies Prizegiving (TBC)

13 May

Indoor Evening Begins

16 May

Indoor Singles Begins

Senior Interclub Prizegiving

[2013 Tennis Auckland Calendar](#)

Tennis Auckland website goes live

Early in January [Tennis Auckland](#) launched their new website. This should be your first stop for all information regarding competitions, news, draws and results. We hope to keep updating it on a regular basis, for this we would love any news or photos from the clubs to be included. Please send any information for consideration to nyree@tennisauckland.co.nz



To keep up with the new website we have revamped our Facebook page as well. Check it out and "Like" the page, share it

to all clubs and those working in tennis, is that tennis is *not* one of the top ten sports that kids play at least once a week BUT it is a top ten sport that they want to do more of and want to try. This was across all age groups. We need to challenge ourselves as to why they aren't doing this and what we can do, at all levels, to get greater participation. We have school programmes, we have club activities and we have other skills programmes but this doesn't seem to be enough or is not widespread enough. Great food for thought as we come to the end of this season and clubs look to plan for the next year.

If you want to read more about the survey go

to <http://www.sportnz.org.nz/en-nz/young-people/SPARC-Young-Peoples-Survey-2011/>



IT'S A WRAP!

What a great introduction to the tournament scene in Auckland.

This year we were blessed with great weather but the real

highlight was the true collaboration amongst everyone involved in delivering the tournaments and the positive feedback we got from some many sources. This quote from one of our major sponsors really sums up the overall feedback from the tournaments -

"These tournaments would be the best that I have been to in the past 15 years" - Brian Blake, Managing Director DB Breweries. The players, again, loved their time in Auckland and it was a Tournament Director's dream to see our two top seeds take the title in their respective tournaments. The officials from the tour had no complaints and, more importantly, we didn't receive any major breach notices or fines. The crowds enjoyed the easier flow around the site, the Fan Zone improvements, back-court seating and the new on-court scoring systems and our sponsors, both new and existing, enjoyed the exposure the tournaments gave them. With over 100 new volunteers you would expect more problems than usual but the team was incredible in their professionalism, friendliness and overall desire to make a difference. We had several new Tournament Team Leaders who were all a pleasure to work with and made coming to work every day a joy. Thank you to everyone who was part of the event delivery team. We look forward to even bigger and better tournaments at the end of this year.

MARINA wins Memphis WTA Title

Marina Erakovic won her first WTA Tour



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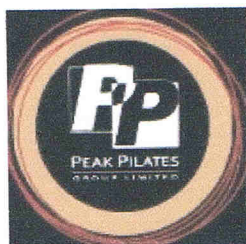


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singles title in Memphis when she beat
Sabine Lisicki from Germany in the final.
Marina progressed to the final for the
second straight year and took revenge for
previous losses to Sofia Arvidsson and
Jamie Hampton on the way through the draw. Marina's win is the
first time a New Zealand woman has won a tour title since Belinda
Cordwell in 1989. Congratulations Marina for your history making
success.



[Read the full story](#)

2012 TNZ Awards

Congratulations to the following Tennis Auckland winners at the
Tennis New Zealand Awards in December 2012.

Life Membership Award: **Brett Steven**

Administration Award: **Peter Jenkins**

National Teams Event - Overall Regional Winner:

Tennis Auckland

Official of the Year: **Dimitar Trifunovski**

TCNZ Most Professional Professional: **Kevin Wright**

High Performance Coach of the Year: **James Greenhalgh**

Junior Male Player of the Year: **Cameron Norrie**

Male Player of the Year: **Rubin Statham**

Female Player of the Year: **Marina Erakovic**

[For the full List Click Here](#)

Auckland Junior results at National Events

The 12u, 14u, 16u and 18u Nationals Junior Championships were
played over December and January. Congratulations to all
Aucklanders who had notable results (see below). A special
mention goes to Kelly Drew who captured both the Singles and the
Doubles titles in the 16u event. We look forward to watching
these players develop in the future and wish them all the very
best for the rest of the season.

12u Boys	Doubles	Winner	Liam Stoica (AKL)
12u Girls	Doubles	Winner	Caitlin Ward (AKL)
14u Girls	Singles	Runner-u	Lana Popovich (AKL)
14u Girls	Doubles	Winner	Chanistha Ampornachariya (AKL)
14u Girls	Doubles	Runner-up	Shaylee Syme (AKL)
16u Boys	Doubles	Winner	Rhett Purcell (AKL) & Niko Vulinovich (AKL)
16u Boys	Doubles	Runner-up	Jack Heslin (AKL) & Josh Walden (AKL)
16u Girls	Singles	Winner	Kelly Drew (AKL)
16u Girls	Doubles	Winner	Kelly Drew (AKL)
18u Boys	Doubles	Runner-up	Trent Smith (AKL) & Edward Stoica (AKL)



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Famous Quote...

"Tennis is a perfect combination of violent action taking place in an atmosphere of total tranquility" - Billie Jean King.

NZ ITF 18 & Under Summer Champs at STC

New Zealand's strongest junior tournament the New Zealand ITF 18 & Under Summer

Championships was played at the Scarbro Tennis Centre in the week beginning Monday 28th January. Players from 11 different countries made up the boys and girls singles draws with



just under half the field made up of New Zealanders and large Australian and Japanese contingents. Aucklander Cameron Norrie was able to make it two years in a row in the boys singles winning a close final off the back of his participation in the Australian Open Junior tournament. New Zealanders Kyle Butters and William Matheson (Auckland) lost a close match in the final of the doubles.

[For all results click here](#)

Maraetai Tennis Club Turns 50



Maraetai Tennis Club celebrated their 50th anniversary in style on Sunday 10th February at their club rooms with a day of laughs and sunshine, some amazing food, a treasure hunt and colouring

competition for the kids plus loads of fun for the whole family. It was fantastic to see so many past and present members join in the festivities and help celebrate the occasion.

[Check out the photos taken on the day here](#)

Grasshopper News



Grasshoppers at Kaurilands School in West Auckland

Following a successful four week Grasshopper Programme involving

299 students at the Kaurilands School the staff was treated to a professional development session conducted by Mark Lewis from Tennis Auckland. The afternoon was enjoyed by the forty five staff members who turned up for the session designed to instill the teachers with tennis knowledge and confidence to take back to their students. Many of the teachers dressed in tennis attire and thoroughly enjoyed the fun activities on the day. This programme was funded through Kiwispport via Sport Waitakere and according to the principal the tennis equipment left behind at the school is used frequently.

New Grasshopper Website

Check out the new Grasshoppers Tennis website. We hope that you enjoy the clean, modern look and feel and find all the information and resources very helpful. Children can register for the Grasshopper Club and receive a free welcome pack!



Getting to know us.....

Introducing Blockhouse Bay



Contact: Wayne Malloy

Where: 36 Rathlin Street, Blockhouse Bay

Website: <http://www.bhbtennis.co.nz/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bhbtennis>

Who are we: The Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club was formed 57 years ago and took up its current residence some 7 years later in 1963. Initially with 5 courts this was increased to 10 outdoor courts late in 1964. In 2001 a 5 court Indoor Tennis Facility was built. Now we have coaching programmes which see over 250 school aged children attending from Monday to Friday using our Indoor Facility, and a large number of adults attending cardio fitness sessions run throughout both the day and night, with between 850 & 900 people playing on our courts each week. We hold Indoor tournaments Midweek for Ladies throughout the

Winter on Mondays and Tuesdays, which are open to anyone, and we hold 5-6 Open Tournaments throughout the year, again open to players from any club. 10 floodlit courts is probably one of the larger number available at a club venue, but especially from afternoon till late at night it is not always enough. We now have one of the best tennis playing facilities of any club, with the use of 5 Indoor courts and 5 fully floodlit Outdoor courts, enabling us to be staffed and open to both members and visitors from early morning till late every day. One of the great bonuses at Blockhouse Bay Tennis Club is that you do not have to be a member to play tennis in any weather, as courts are available to the general public for casual hire.

Introducing Winstone Park



Contact: Judy Copas (Secretary - Phone 826 4188)

Where: 17 Akarana Avenue, Mt Roskill,

Website: <http://www.winstoneparktennis.co.nz/>

Who are we: Winstone Park Tennis Club is located in the heart of Mount Roskill. We used to be on the side of Mt Roskill but moved in 2005 to our new location at Harold Long Reserve (17 Akarana Avenue) to make way for State Highway 20. We have five all weather astro-grass, flood lit courts and proudly opened our new pavilion in July 2012, so we have excellent facilities both on and off the court. We have very well attended social club play sessions on Tuesday evening and Sunday afternoon where we run a board to ensure everyone gets a fair go. The Tuesday night BBQ on the first Tuesday of each month is an event that both playing and our social members don't want to miss. We also have a busy junior club that play on a Friday evening with coaching provided. The club participates in Tennis Auckland interclub at both a senior and junior level.

Read the latest [Winstone Park Newsletter](#)