

### Competition Tennis

Interclub for seniors gets under way Saturday 26th September and Elmwood tennis has 6 teams entered which is fantastic.

Your club has men's and ladies' teams in senior, division one and division two grades.

Keep an eye on the Press for results.

The senior teams in current playing order are:

Senior Men	Senior Women
Remi Feneon	Robyn Hunt
Logan Mackenzie	Tuscany Hamel
Barrett Franks	Felicity Oxnevad
Simon Mooney	Louise Oxnevad
Andrew Cochran	Judy Phillips
Brendon Furness	Annabel Ellis
	Rachel Ellis
Division 1 Men	Division 1 Women
Kenta Naka	Grace Johnston
David Averill	Yumiko Yoshikawa
Ashley Forbes	Vivienne Wright
Marty Searle	Lauren Tyler-Harwood
Michael Averill	Cathy Maasch
Andrew Bramwell	Paige Allen
	Gill Cain
Division 2 Men	Division 2 Women
Phil Wright	Kerry Lancaster
Michael Milligan	Sue Cowles
Amnat Threppasit	Lucy Dickie
Dennis Frost	Glenda Hutchinson
Bertrand Pierret	Sandra Frost
David Wium	Samantha Giles
	Sue Lancaster

### Junior Interclub

In addition Elmwood have entered 40, yes **40** junior teams in the Canterbury Interclub competition. A tremendous work load for Michael Milligan, the club's junior administrator, and Terry Mooney, the club coach, and his merry band of assistants.

There are 425 teams entered overall so tennis is alive and well in Canterbury...

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### From the office ...

Spring is here and daylight saving has started and your tennis club is up and running.

The balcony was opened by the Mayor of Christchurch amongst the usual fanfare (or was it pipes and drums) and opening day for members was a great success. Special guest Sophie Westenra sang the national anthem.

A big thank you to the ladies who prepared the afternoon tea and to everyone else who contributed to such a fun day.

Membership of ETC has grown rapidly and this means that the courts are in high demand. You will see that we have installed a new booking board and I would encourage you to call me to arrange a playing time.

If you don't then don't be surprised if you just turn up to play and all courts are in use. Also it is timely to ask you again to be courteous when parking your car in the area. Make sure that you park your car in such a way as to maximise the space available for others.

The upstairs area has been smartened up and please be aware that on Saturdays **wet or fine** you are most welcome to come along and enjoy sometime social time on the balcony or inside playing pool if it is wet.

As mentioned elsewhere interclub has started with ETC fielding 6 strong teams. We were pleased that Canterbury Tennis supported our submission to enter a senior ladies team.

The end of September also means that you need to have paid your subscription to Elmwood Tennis Club. If you haven't... then this will be our last communication to you.

For those who are leaving us, thank you for being part of ETC and we hope that you have enjoyed being a member of the Club.



## Thanks to a sponsor



Elmwood Tennis Club welcomes a new sponsor in THE **LITTLE BIG TREE COMPANY**.

Jill and Chris Goom very generously replanted the area under the balcony. So when you are not playing tennis you are probably in the garden.

Please make yourself known to the Gooms, as ETC members, when you are purchasing your new plants. Click [here for their website...](#)

## Saturday afternoon play

As the days warm up Saturday afternoon play for Senior members becomes very popular.

Upwards of 50 players enjoy social mixed doubles and so it is timely to remind you of the format.

Play commences at 1 pm so you are welcome to warm up prior to start time. Remember that junior interclub does not conclude until 12:30.

The Manager organises play during the afternoon using a computer selection system called court jostler. The reasoning behind the program is to give players 6 games of doubles, three mixed and three ordinary, two games above ability, two the same and two playing against players of lesser ability.

Just remember that when you are playing against players better than you that they are of course having a weaker game.

You also need to acknowledge that if you choose not to play a full afternoon you are not letting yourself have the full afternoon experience.

To explain this further, if you arrive to play at 2.30 pm you may get 2 or 3 matches played by 4.30 pm.

It is unfair to expect those matches to be the ones against better opposition.

Grading of players has been reviewed by the club captain David Giles and the manager.

Any discussion regarding Saturday afternoon play should be directed to them.

## New faces

The Club extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Jo and Mark McPhail and family	Felicity and Tom Studholme and family
Jan and Jeff Bennett	Rick Halifax
Michelle and Rod Quin and family	Merv and Kaye Johnston and family
Bertrand Pierret	Scott Austin
Shane McStay	Jo Parker
Andrew and Maree Rodwell	

## Coming events

4-9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Canterbury junior spring open
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Summer business house competition commences
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Junior interclub and mid week ladies competition commences
13-15 <sup>th</sup> November	Canterbury Primary and Intermediate schools championships
13-Dec-09	Advanced notice: ETC Christmas party at "No4 Bar and Restaurant", 4 pm to 6 pm.

## Final word

Tennis has transformed since the 1970s:

	Then	Now
<b>Racquets</b>	23 cm wide, 369 – 397 g	25 cm and 227 - 340 g
<b>Strings</b>	strands of cow gut	synthetic monofilaments
<b>Players</b>	thin, lean, usually under 1.83 m tall (6 ft)	Muscle-bound, often taller than 1.83 m
<b>Courts</b>	Mostly slick grass or clay	slower grass, artificial and clay