



Taieri Tennis Club Incorporated

Selwyn White Pavilion
10A Wickliffe Street, Mosgiel

“New Zealand’s oldest continuously operating Tennis Club”

The Presidents Report – AGM 2016

While the past year has seen some success, the reducing membership threatens the future of our club. As an example, the Junior, Learners, Beginners group fell by 32% from the 2015 membership level. Most concerning is that the number of Juniors alone has fallen 70% on the 2014 membership number.

The reasons for this fall in membership may be both external and societal, but they need to be recognized. Whether it be Pickleball, Cardio Tennis, Tennis Xpress or some other initiative, I suggest action to grow membership be the priority for the incoming committee.

My congratulations to Junior Singles Champions, Kayla Godkin – Under 15 Girls, Angus Faulks - Under 15 Boys, Arden McLennan – Under 17 Girls, James Kelly - Under 17 Boys. As in past years, Junior Tennis duties require greater input from committed parents to ensure our Juniors enjoy a well run Junior Club.

The Senior Club were delighted to report the Division 1 Mens Team won their Interclub final while the Division 2 Mens Team came second in their Interclub final.

Our Senior teams in the Tennis Otago Competition were also successful with the Mens Team, Taieri 1, winning Division 1 and Taieri 2, runners up in Division 2. The Taieri Womens Team was runner up.

There were many other successes, too many to record here, so my congratulations to all participants !

The Social Tennis group continues with good support and good fun, particularly on the Tuesday mornings. Tuesday mornings and Sunday afternoons are available through the year, you would be most welcome.

Our coaching resources were stretched initially through Trevor Upsher’s unavailability due to ill health. Valuable contributions by Lindsay Connor, Connor Morrison and Olivia Hammer assisted the Learner and Beginners initially. Professional coach, Matt McCutcheon, provided coaching for the Juniors. Later in the year we were pleased to welcome Trevor back into the coaching ranks as his health had improved.

The Presidents Cup was introduced to acknowledge an outstanding contribution by a club member. Our winner was Eliza Booth, a good role model for younger players. Eliza has played in numerous Regional and National Junior tournaments and is now selected at Senior level.

Our sponsors, The Lion Foundation, Bendigo Valley Sports and Charity Foundation, Sport Otago and the Otago Community Trust continued their great work in supporting us and tennis in our community .

Our kitchen renovation was extended beyond that initially planned, and still incomplete. I do apologize to club members for the condition of their clubrooms over this past year and thank you for your patience.

I thank the committee for their contribution over the year, particularly Carole Stewart as Secretary and the maintenance team of Steve Brensell, Colin Mackintosh, Lindsay Connor and Kelvin Brown. Kelvin also did sterling work as Treasurer, we are in good shape financially with a 7% increase in Equity. Thank you all.

John Wills
President