

Tennis Seniors Auckland News

- October 2018 - including the Labour Weekend Tournament -

Hi everyone, here's a brief summary of Tennis Seniors Auckland's activities over the last couple of months, including our recently completed "Farmers" Labour Weekend Tournament. Photos in the newsletter were taken during the Labour Weekend Tournament, which was once again held at Remuera Rackets Club.



Murray, lines up another first volley



Jody looks for the put-away!

Annual General Meeting

We held our AGM at Nicholson Park on August 25, which was followed by some social play on the newly resurfaced courts. The AGM elected the following people as the new Board for Tennis Seniors Auckland: Grant Waller (president), Allan Wilkins (vice-president), Julie Blow (secretary), Bruce Giles (treasurer), and board members Sita Brosig, Janice Calvert, Megan Cole, Lissa Oliver, Rob Robertson and Feleti Sofele. We have already had our first meeting, and have begun work in earnest on coming events, particularly the Nationals in January 2019.



Chris serves



Pete is airborne on the return...



and so is Trudie on the serve



The "Farmers" Labour Weekend Tournament

Our annual Labour Weekend Tournament was once again held at Remuera Rackets Club, and we were once again lucky enough to get some great sponsorship from Farmers for the tournament, who kindly supplied \$50 vouchers for each player in the winning team in each of the various grades. Our very own Vikram Nagpal also provided a couple of premium pillows from Slumberzone as additional prizes. This year's tournament once again attracted strong entries, with exactly 100 players entered in seven different grades across the two days of play, and players travelling from as far as Taranaki, Gisborne and Northland. It was particularly encouraging to have six teams entered in our women's 60+ grade this year, but somewhat disappointing that there were insufficient entries to run a corresponding men's 60+ grade. The winners and runners-up from each grade are listed below, and the "action" shots shown in this newsletter were all taken during the two days' play.



Great elevation from Mike on the smash



Another winning volley from Paula's racket

Mens A grade

Winners: Shannon Paki & Steve Buckmaster, finalists: Tim Shepherd & Feleti Sofele

Womens A grade

Winners: Craigie McCulloch & Paula Stubbing, joint runners-up: Maria Morrison & Katie Potter, and Jane Geldard & Karlene Magill

Mens B grade

Winners: Gene Armstrong & Rob Robertson, finalists: Lance Hicks and Karl Hicks

Womens B grade

Winners: Yoshie Mair & Momoko Caughey, finalists: Suzie Strachan and Jody Boulgaris

Womens 60+ grade

Winners: Penny Smith & Sandy Tritt, finalists: Bev Evans & Gloria Wilmot

Mixed A grade

Winners: Janine Thirlwall & Feleti Sofele, finalists: Sandy Tritt & Mike Barry

Mixed B grade

Winners: Suzie Strachan & Rob Robertson, finalists: Sita Brosig & Grant Waller



Wonderful stretch from Jane



Prize sponsor Vikram lines up a forehand



Mens A finalists: Tim, Feleti, Shannon & Steve



Womens B finalists: Momoko, Yoshie, Suzie & Jody

Nationals - January 26-30, 2019

It is definitely time to start thinking about entering the Nationals next year. For the first time in recent history, the Tennis New Zealand Seniors Nationals tournament is going to be held in Auckland from 26-30 January 2019, with Tennis Seniors Auckland helping to run the tournament. The tournament will be held across five of our local clubs: Remuera, Parnell, Mission Bay, Kohimarama and St Heliers. It would be great if we could get a large contingent of us entering our home tournament, so if you think you might be interested, it's time to get onto the practice court! The Nationals is held in 5-year age bands, with 35-40 being the youngest grade, and 75+ usually being the oldest. Singles, doubles and mixed doubles draws are held for each of the grades.



Paula, Cragie and Suzie enjoy the tennis



John and Mike enjoy a beverage!



A typically aggressive return from Gilles



Jen gets low for a forehand return



Rob and Kate both joined Tennis Seniors at the tournament - welcome guys!



Relaxing after a hard match, JP and Jen on the left, and Robyn and Peter on the right.



Katie had a busy weekend, both on and off the court!



Penny lines up a smash



Our patron Ashley Wilson on the mic



"Yours!"



Great to have Lance and Karl Hicks down from Northland



Trudie cuts off another volley



Dawn and Aileen at Tournament Control



Susan, Yolanda, Trudie and Melanie



Shannon gets low on the volley

As a closing note, and perhaps merely confirming something many of us already knew, recent research from Denmark shows that playing tennis can extend your life expectancy by nearly 10 years, better than any other sport studied!

If you appear in any of the photos and would like a copy of the full-size file, please contact me at grant.waller@xtra.co.nz. Let's do it all again next year!

Grant Waller, President