



...from our **CLUB CAPTAINS**

Rob & Robin JULY 2018

PRESIDENT: Murry Billington

VICE PRESIDENT: Bruce Carlsson

CLUB CAPTAINS: Rob & Robin Denton

TREASURER: David Theyers

SECRETARY: Bev Billington

COMMITTEE: Lew Hood, Don Matheson, Alastair Pearce, Bryn Williams, Rick Notley.

V Whangarei - Thurs June 28th

Yet again another rainy day for a rep game, so the matches were played to time as Alice Ottley (the Whangarei organiser) said on our arrival she was worried about further rain due early afternoon. Our players would have rather not played on the hard courts, but as it was an 8 plus 8 fixture Alice wanted to use the hard courts each round, so in the first round two games were forced to play on the very wet hard courts.

After the first round of eight games we were behind by 3 matches to 5, but we reversed the results in the second round by 6 ½ to 1 ½ to lead during the rolling lunch by 9 ½ to 6 ½. The lunch again was of the highest standard with enough food for twice the number of players.

As the courts dried out we seemed to get better and won the mixed 6 matches to 2 to make the overall result a win to Lower Northland by 15 ½ to 8 ½.

Further rain did arrive after we finished so in hindsight Alice's decision at 9.30am proved to be the correct one even though not ideal playing on the wet hard courts early on.

A very enjoyable time was had by all and we look forward to the fixture again next year.

V Racqueteers - Sun July 1st

This year was our first year of playing against Racqueteers in Auckland.

Once again we went to Mission Bay which is a very pleasant club to play at with a day of fine weather which was a nice change. Rain was forecast later in the day so it was decided to play through without a break for lunch which was the right decision as the rain started as we finished.

10/10 was all we could field and Racqueteers provided us with one of their players to make up our team.



Grant decided to make the overall result on points and after the first round of doubles Lower North was slightly up, but this didn't last long as Racqueteers won the majority of the matches.

However, some of the games were very close even though the final result was a win to Racqueteers by about 60 points.

A wonderful rolling lunch added to a fun day and some great tennis as usual.



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Wimbledon at Warkworth Day

Our Wimbledon Day was a great success with 17 people coming to enjoy a fun day. Everyone was asked to wear white and this looked great and a glass of bubbles greeted them on arrival.



Ice cream and a strawberry was offered in keeping with Wimbledon tradition and a nice afternoon tea.



Bjorn Borg



Rafa Nadal



Sharapova

Each player became a champion for the day-we heard the shrieking of Sharapova, and Leonie couldn't quite match the shape of Serena-even with loads of padding front and back!!

Rob produced a quiz on Wimbledon which proved extremely hard but challenging.

A wonderful day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Serena Williams

.....from our Club Captains

Congratulations on 60th Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to Connie and Tom on celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. That is an amazing achievement and we wish you many more happy years together.

Bye, Bye Bruce -thanks a lot.



We are sorry to see Bruce and Jill Carlsson leaving Warkworth to live in Kerikeri. Many thanks go to Bruce for all his hard work during his time here and we wish him well in his new venture.

Club Days

Our club days have not been well attended due to unsettled weather. However our last two have seen an improvement in attendance.

Double or Quits:

Gloria ran a successful double or quits afternoon with a wonderful selection of slices for afternoon tea afterwards.

V Counties Sun July 15th

With a wet day forecast for this tie and with real trouble finding players to travel all the way to Pukekohe Pat and Don decided to not take the risk and cancel the day.

On talking amongst us we decided that we wouldn't use our saver day as our Club doubles are scheduled for the following Saturday and finding players was proving too difficult with sickness and people overseas escaping our cold and wet winter. Also with Parnell only 1 week later we thought it better to concentrate our efforts in getting a full team for this tie.

For the first year Robbie Blair who is driving for the Mahurangi Express has offered to drive us down by bus to Parnell which will be a lot of fun.

Club Mixed Doubles

This saw only two entries but because of sickness this has still to be played.

See you on the courts.

Rob & Robin

AUGUST's Activities

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| 4 Sat | Club Day | Hamish Sheild | 1pm |
| 5 Sun | V Thames at WW Murray Billington | | 10am |
| 11 Sat | Club Day | Bev Billington | 1pm |
| 18 Sat | Club Day | Sue Drinnan | 1pm |
| 19 Sun | v Northland at WW David Theyers | | 9.30am |
| 25 Sat | 12 Noon AGM | 12.30 Lunch | 1pm Tennis |

