



...from our CLUB CAPTAINS

Rob & Robin May 2016

PRESIDENT: Bruce Carlsson
TREASURER: David Theyers

VICE PRESIDENT: Murray Billington
SECRETARY: Bev Billington

CLUB CAPTAINS: Rob & Robin Denton
COMMITTEE: Don Matheson, Alastair Pearce, Bryn Williams.

VICE CLUB CAPTAIN: Lew Hood

Opening Day

11 April



We opened our **Winter season** on **April 11** with the weather being much kinder to us than last year. We had a record attendance of 27 people, and a mini tournament was run by Bruce and Rob with a great afternoon's tennis. After each game players were asked to roll a dice and whatever came up was added to their score. Some were lucky almost every time and others not so lucky. Our **winners** for the afternoon were **Keiko Pogoni** and **Ewald Thaller**.



Memorial Day - \$135 for Hospice

Another good attendance day with **\$135** being raised for **Hospice**.

Diana ran another mini tournament and the day resulted in **David Theyers** and **Gloria Wilmot** coming out on top. **Kevin Hood** and **Moira Regan** were runners up. It is so nice to be able to remember our past members and great to see so many attend the afternoon.



TNZS National Teams Event

in Hamilton at Easter



Lower North entered 3 teams this year, one in the Men's 70+ and one Men's and one Women's in the 65+ age groups.

Our **70+ Mens team** of **David Theyers, Murray Billington, Don Matheson, Al Pearce** and **Peter Dibley** once again came out the **winner**.

This is a remarkable achievement for a team who have managed to win the event for the past 3 years.

Both our other teams of

65+ Women- **Joyce Pyle, Gloria Wilmot, Margaret Marr** and **Sue Chittenden**

65+ Men- **Neville Stevenson, Rick Notley, Bryn Williams** and **Barry Newton** from Whangarei came third in their age group.



LNSTC V Orewa 26 April

Our first fixture of the winter season was played on Tuesday April 26th against **Orewa** at Warkworth. Unfortunately both clubs struggled to find players who could play during the week, so the tie was played with 8 players per side. Our thanks go to Lew Hood for his hard work and perseverance in organising the day and making it a success.

The result was a **win** to Lower North by **14** matches to **10**. Once again our ladies won more doubles than the men but our men stepped up to prove our mixed pairings stronger than Orewas.

It is good to see Orewa back again after being unable to field a team last year.

Condolences to Margaret Marr

Our sincere condolences go to **Margaret Marr** who has lost her husband **Robin** to cancer. She has been a wonderful support to him over his time of sickness and our thoughts are with her at this time.

Paul White-a member of the ILTC

Our congratulations go to **Paul White** who has been invited to join the elite **NZ International Lawn Tennis Club** as an honorary member. This is a club formed for people who have contributed to International tennis. Paul along with Penny Smith reached the quarterfinals of the Mixed Doubles in the 55+ age group at last year's ITF World Championships in France.

Warkworth Open Seniors Tournament

This will be held on the weekend of **21--22nd May** at Warkworth and Snells Beach clubs. Closing date for entries is **Monday May 16th**. This will be a great weekend's tennis so find your partner, get practising and join us for lots of fun.

A Celebrity in our Club



We feel very honoured to have Gerry Brown as a member of our club. He was spotted at the Anzac Parade with a very impressive row of medals.

WOW!!! Just look at all those medals!!

Medals left to right, (the highest award on the left) are:

1. Air Force Cross, awarded by the Queen in Queen's Birthday awards in 1970
2. NZ Operational Service Medal, those with active service Warlike.
3. United Kingdom General Service Medal Malaya, Warlike.
4. Vietnam Medal Warlike
5. NZ General service Medal Vietnam.
6. NZ Defence Medal.
7. Pingat Jasa Malaysia Warlike.

Raffle Donations: As usual there will be a raffle and we need donations for it. If you are able to donate please **drop your contributions to Connie and Tom Julyan at 66 Percy St, Ph 4250277**, or give them to another committee member.

Working Bee Reminder - 14 May

In preparation for the tournament we will be holding a **Working Bee on Saturday 14th May at 9.00am**. Please come and lend a hand for an hour or so to make our club look spotless for our tournament.

Remember many hands make light work.

.....Robin and Rob Denton