

ASB ACE ANNUAL REPORT AUGUST 2016

The ASB Ace Squad has had another successful year under the coaching of Chris Anderson. At the start of the 2015/16 season, we held our annual Sponsors BBQ on a Friday night, which was our hitting squad night. This was a most enjoyable evening. Chris continued coaching in Term 1 for which we were most grateful, after handing in her resignation. On behalf of the Ace committee's 'past and present', players and parents involved in the programme, I would like to thank Chris Anderson, who has been with this programme from the start and what an incredible ride it's been. The success of this programme is shown, simply in the results achieved by our players, and this comes from the respect that the children and wider community had for her.

The Ace committee decided that Term 2, we would have no coaching, and this would enable the committee to concentrate on finding and renewing sponsors for the programme, and enable the Board to secure a new Coach.

We have had many players travel and compete in different tournaments all over New Zealand. Canterbury Tennis continues to carefully watch our players with some selected to travel to Christchurch for additional coaching. We have sadly lost a few members to Boarding School, however positively, this opens places for new members to be captured and developed.

As a committee we have farewelled during the year Melita Tawatao and Michael Copeland and welcomed Tim Parsons and Kersha Veix alongside our existing members of Lisa Hill-Scott, Michelle Adams, Sharon McKenzie, Cynthia Christie and Annette Talbot.

I would like to thank my committee members for their hard work with trying to find sponsors this year as we had many declines. We welcome back ASB Bank as our major sponsor, and thank Regular Rubbish Removals for continuing their support as a minor sponsor. We have also three new minor sponsors, Brophy Knight Ltd, Subway Ashburton and Sustainable Water. These Sponsors are all for a three year term. We have farewelled and would like to acknowledge Wilson Bulk Transport and Cairnbrae Seed Cleaning for their support.

The Ace Committee looks forward to working with Andre in delivering the Ace programme in the 2016/17 season and further developing our programme.

Annette Talbot