

MID CANTERBURY JUNIOR TENNIS REPORT 2014-15

It is a privilege to present the Annual Junior Report for 2014-2015 season. After a shaky start at the beginning of the season, a tremendous Thank-You to all the volunteers who have helped make Junior Tennis possible this last season. Without your support we will not be able to continue, so once again we are asking for volunteers to come forward and fill the positions that need filling.

Junior Tennis had 29 teams playing in Junior Interclub

- B Grade - 8 teams, Junior A - 4 teams, Junior B - 6 teams and Junior C - 11 teams .

We also had 3 challenger teams playing in the Christchurch competition.

There was also 6 Juniors players playing in other Christchurch Senior Interclub competitions.

HotShots (formelly Mini tennis) was ever so popular again both pre and post Xmas.

Approx. 63 players in the ASB/ACE programme.

Numerous Junior's were playing in the A Reserve and A Grade teams for Mid Canterbury

TOURNAMENTS

The Ashburton Licensing Trust generously sponsored our Labour Week-end Tournament, with 115 entries this season. This event did clash with the Davis Cup Tie in Christchurch. Prizes this year were medals and vouchers which well received by players and parents.

The following tournaments were held throughout the season - The Primary/Intermediate Tournament, The Age Group Champs, The Secondary Schools Tournament and finally the Graded Tournament.

REPRESENTATIVE

Representatives fixtures with Malvern, Ellesmere, North Canterbury and South Canterbury were played in the spirit of tennis, the strength of the representative teams were reflected in the team results for the season.

Mid Canterbury had 13 named players selected for Canterbury Country v Canterbury fixture.

Mid Canterbury entered 3 Junior teams this season in the Canterbury Tennis Challenger Grade with 2 Boys and 1 Girls team. The Boys Mid Canterbury Flyers Challenger 2 team won there grade pre Xmas and moved to Challenger 1, while the Mid Canterbury Rascals Reserve grade came 2nd and moved up to Challenger 4. The Mid Canterbury Girls came 3rd pre Xmas.

Browning Shield was held in Ashburton early 2015 over a weekend with 7 Juniors playing from Mid Canterbury. All players enjoyed this experience

Several players were selected for the Canterbury National Teams event

Several players were selected for Canterbury Rep team held at Marlborough.

A number of Mid Canterbury Junior players entered the National 12's,14's & 16's events held in both the North Island and South Island

Mid Canterbury Juniors this year (after being asked for several years) attended the Queen's Birthday Teams Event 10's & 12's in Timaru. Performing incredible, coming Runner up to Canterbury in the 10's and the 12's receiving 3rd place. Through this experience I understand some players were to be asked into the Canterbury Development programme.

Mid Canterbury Juniors have 6 juniors attending weekly coaching in the Canterbury Development Squads travelling to Christchurch.

The Mid Canterbury Tennis nominations for the Junior Sports Award included the Mid Canterbury Browning Shield team which our juniors were part of.

The Wilding Challenge

The Wilding Challenge once again the Coach (Chris) was from Mid Canterbury who did an outstanding job and her team Canterbury Crushers came Runner-up to Canterbury in the 10's event.

COACHING

Behind our Junior's is our valuable Coach, Chris Anderson, results speak louder than words. Without her commitment to Mid Canterbury Junior Tennis where would it be. Her knowledge expertise and wisdom are reflected by the results that the juniors are attaining as they progress through the seasons.

The Tennis in Schools Programme seen all the schools in the Mid Canterbury participate this season with approximately 1600 children, 21 schools involved attending this programme.

JUNIOR ADMINISTRATOR

A huge Thank you to Katherine McDougall who is getting the administrative side of Junior Tennis down to a fine art with all those tasks .

ACE REPORT

The 2014-2015 year has been another successful one for the ACE programme, now in its sixth year. The initial goals/mission of the programme have been achieved and exceeded being

- Having players compete in Canterbury Team's competing at National Teams Tournament
- Having players compete in the 12,14,16 age group Nationals Tournament
- Having players selected in Canterbury Age Group Coaching squads
- Players participating in the 3 teams in the Canterbury Challenger grade,
- Players also participating in the Christchurch Senior Interclub
- Players participating in the QB Teams Event 10's & 12's

ACE squad members have also continued to enjoy success in a number of tournaments both locally and further afield in the South Island and also in the North Island

Going forward the ACE committee is thrilled to acknowledge the support of their sponsors for the

- ASB Bank (naming rights and principal sponsor)
- Regular Rubbish Removals
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Finally

To our Junior Rep to the Management Board (Michelle), Club Presidents, Secretary's, Coach Club delegates, Team managers, Players, Rep Ladder Convenors, Tournament helpers, Umpires, Junior and Ace committee members, Kitchen & Prize Giving organisers and to the many other volunteers a Huge Thank You. Without your support and commitment Junior Tennis would not be what it is today. We look forward to your continued support for the incoming season.

Many Thanks

Laurel Allan
Junior Convenor
Mid Canterbury Tennis 2014-2015