

## **Open Grade Convenor Report 2015-16 AGM**

**Open Grade** competitions increased by 1 team in 2014/5 over the previous season, and numbers of reserves were also up. We hope this trend continues for the coming season, and results of Mid Canterbury Tennis's initial survey indicate that a big majority of respondents favour the status quo - that is Saturday afternoon play, teams of 4 players, male or female on ability, singles and doubles, playing 2 sets and a match tiebreak. Many thanks to those people who assisted with the smooth running of the comps.

**Gala Cup** entries were very encouraging, with 39 players in Singles/Doubles plus a reasonable number in the Mixed.

The standard is continuing to rise, which out is borne out by the **Browning Shield** team being able to defend the coveted Trophy, even away in Ellesmere in mid-season. Sunset Doubles is as popular as ever, with teams almost at capacity for Thursday nights. Murray Amyes keeps up his good work, but is open to suggestions on team formats and sections.

**Masters Mixed** showed a small increase in playing numbers, and we hope this also continues, as it will keep the competition viable. Many thanks to the ladies who were on the phone and kept the teams full!

**Twilight** - (Peter Yates??)

Mid Canterbury continues to have arguably the strongest and most successful Open Grade competitions in the South Island (outside major cities), so many thanks to all who have contributed to that success!

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