

President's Report 2017-18 Season

Mid Canterbury Tennis has continued to grow, particularly at the grass roots level with the Hot Shots and ACE programmes. Interclub tennis is still popular as well as the Twilight Tennis and the ever popular Sunset Doubles where all 16 courts are typically full for two sessions each evening.

The Masters mixed and winter social tennis on Thursdays and Saturdays has continued to be popular, and there have been some suggestions that we consider a winter competition.

Several Mid Canterbury players have competed in Christchurch for Canterbury Country teams and clubs in the premier division, and these players have all come through our junior programmes. It is great to see the next generation of juniors coming through the ranks with a few players involved in the Canterbury Development Programme, and several players competing in tournaments around the region.

The successful defence of the Browning Shield for the 4th time is testament to the strength of our juniors and the system we now have in place for juniors progressing to compete at higher levels. This is the result of a lot of committed people working together, from Andre the coach, to the Junior and ACE squad committees, the Open Grade convenor and Canterbury Country.

I would like to acknowledge the good relationship we have with Tennis Canterbury, working with Adam Gard'ner and his team, and thank them for bringing Premier Interclub tennis to Ashburton last December, to give our juniors the opportunity to see top players competing on our courts and also see our four local players competing at that level. The players obviously enjoyed the experience and we are pleased to hear that it will be repeated this season.

Congratulations to Phil Crozier for being awarded the prestigious Robilliard Trophy at the Mid Canterbury Sports awards event in May. Tennis was also represented at the awards in two other categories so we were well represented.

I would like to thank the Trust for everything they do with the overall management of the tennis centre, particularly for the painting of the pavilion this past year and the installation of the new heat pumps.

Thanks to Andre for his hard work and efforts in growing tennis in Mid Canterbury and for always being willing to help wherever required.

Thanks also to Katherine for being an efficient, organised Administrator and supporting Andre, the Board and members of Mid Canterbury Tennis.

Lastly I would like to thank the members of the Junior committee, the ACE squad committee, Seniors committee as well as the Board for all their voluntary work in making Mid Canterbury the successful organisation that it is. Also thanks to Tony Brosnahan and Peter Leonard for representing Mid Canterbury on the Canterbury Country Committee.