

President's Report 2018-19 Season

Mid Canterbury Tennis has again continued to grow, with participation numbers increasing in the junior programmes and interclub competition. It was great to see a record number of kids attending Open Day last year, which was a result of the good promotional work in the schools in August last year.

Junior Tennis is going from strength to strength and Peter Leonard and the Junior Committee can be very proud of the achievements over the past year, with success in the Wilding Challenge and our players holding their own against their Canterbury rivals. Congratulations to Jake Parsons and Riley Breen for their achievements this past year, and we look forward to following their progress this coming season, as well as our other promising juniors.

The Hot Shots and ACE Squad programmes have continued being successful, and I would like to thank all those involved including the committee members, sponsors and assistant coaches.

The Open Grade, Seniors, Twilight Tennis and Sunset Doubles continued to provide good competitive tennis for all grades and I would like to thank Tony Brosnahan, Dennis Taylor, Peter Yates and Murray Amyes for all their work, along with their committees and helpers.

Another successful defence of the Browning Shield for the 5th time is testament to the strength of our juniors and the system we now have in place for juniors to progress and compete at higher levels.

I would like to acknowledge the good relationship we have with Tennis Canterbury, and thank them for bringing Premier Interclub tennis down to Ashburton last November, and giving our juniors the opportunity to see top players competing on our courts as well as seeing a few of our local players competing at that level. The players obviously enjoyed the experience as we have been asked to host them again, twice this coming season.

It was good to see Mid Canterbury Tennis well represented at the Mid Canterbury Sports Awards evening in May, with three nominations for the Browning Shield Team, Tessa McCann and Jake Parsons. Peter Leonard was also a recipient of a volunteer award for his services over the years to Mid Canterbury Tennis.

I would like to thank the Trust for everything they do with the overall management of the tennis centre, and we look forward to potentially getting LED lighting installed on the courts in the future.

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

Lastly, on behalf of the Mid Canterbury Tennis community, I would like to thank Andre van Rooyen for his contribution to Mid Canterbury Tennis not only for the past year, but since he joined us in 2017. We look forward to seeing you around and hopefully on the tennis court sometime.

Neil McCann

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