

MID-CANTERBURY TENNIS SENIORS

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

2018-19 has proved to be a very busy year for the seniors section, with some of our members playing quite a lot of tennis. While playing numbers have remained static, we have welcomed a small group of new members to help fill the ranks of the representative teams which hopefully has made it easier for our team selectors Jane Brosnahan and Peter Leonard.

With this in mind we played our usual games in the Canterbury Country Competition, and while enjoying some very close results, we only won one, lost three and one rained out. The final round of this competition was again hosted by Mid-Canterbury with all teams playing, and followed by a B.B.Q. We played Ellesmere Blue for the Dalzell Trophy and again lost, -maybe next year will be our year.?

On the bright side we retained the the Lindsay Weller Memorial Trophy by winning the home and away fixtures against South-Canterbury.

On the individual front, several members have played in Canterbury Country Rep Teams in their annual fixtures and also both the Queens Birthday 40+ Tournament in Dunedin and the New Zealand Age Group Teams Championships held this year in Christchurch. Several members were in winning teams and came home with Gold, Silver or Bronze Medals. Congratulations to those involved.

Undoubtedly the highlight of our year, was the running of our first Tarbotton Contractors Mid-Canterbury Seniors Tournament played over the weekend of 30-31 March 2019.

This proved to be a very successful weekend both in playing numbers and proved to be very rewarding financially due to the support of our sponsors and the hard work of our committee. Jane Brosnahan deserving of special mention in the time and effort she put in to canvass the town for sponsorship and prizes.

Financially the club has had a very good year mainly due to the success of the Seniors Tournament and this coupled with a healthy bank balance, we are moving to change our subscription structure by making it free to be a member of Seniors but we will charge a set fee for balls and court hire every time a person plays in one of our representative teams. Hopefully this will take away the doubling up of subscriptions one has to pay and encourage more people playing Seniors Tennis.

Finally, can I place on record our very best wishes and ongoing support to Andre Van Rooyen. I am deeply saddened that he has had to resign because of ill health. We have lost a super coach of outstanding ability, and his commitment to the players and especially the children he coached was absolutely outstanding. We hope to see you back on the court in the summer for a hit on the grass courts at Allenton Andre.

We also hope to see a lot more other players out there for a hit when the summer sun shines on us again.

Thank you to all of my committee for your help during the year, it is greatly appreciated.

Dennis Taylor
(President)

