

## PRESIDENTS AGM REPORT 2020

GOOD AFTERNOON, and welcome to our Club AGM 2020. I would like to acknowledge our special life members here today – Betty Fyers, JaneTye, and John Dowling, ... and also special acknowledgement of our Club Patron, Janet Hepi, who isn't here today but has continued her support to Juniors at the club for so many years.

Thank you all for attending on this wintery day .

At last year's AGM we announced we would like to hold the AGM earlier in May this year in the hope of enticing as many members and visitors to the club and enjoy some warmer happier weather. But we all know why that wasn't able to happen. It has to be mentioned but I don't want to dwell on the recent Covid 19 events. I do however wish to make special acknowledgement of the Committee, our Club Coach Gabriel and club members who were active in performing the duties that were required to firstly, close down the club and then reopen under Level 2 restrictions. Particularly Laura, thank you for your streamlined management of the ongoing situation.

We all know the commitment it has taken by everyone to not let this virus take hold in our communities and I do hope that if anyone of our club members are in need of support, we share that information so we can show our support to members and families where necessary.

Now to some highlights and achievements over the past year.

What an exciting Caro Bowl Season. Well done to the fabulous young ladies who fought hard in the short season to come together at the end and win. Kelly Southward, Kelly Drew, NayNay Homkum, Vivian Yang and Emma Myaura. Of course, we make special mention again of Liz Lombard. Liz what a trouper to come in at the last minute so the team didn't have to default a doubles match.

We have a Sunnyhills Team Shirt we would like to present you in recognition of your brave effort on the night. Big thanks also to Gabriel of course, keeping the girls together and focused and Aaron for his organization of flights and transportation. And of course to all the helpers who made the food train happen. Fabulous team effort.

Quiz Night... what can I say it was an outstanding turnout of members and friends all dressed up in their finest western gear to make the night a success. Special thanks to Christian and Eric. What would we do without you? It was wonderful to see and we hope to replicate again this year. With the generous donation of all the liquid refreshments from the Bostock's, together with the fantastic array of auction items donated by club members, we made a profit of \$5,420. This is the only major fundraising event for the Club.

You may recall we reviewed the coaching services last year. We ended our contract with Kiwi Tennis and Gabriel has made a seamless transition to becoming the Club Coach directly. Thanks Gabriel for your continued enthusiasm and commitment to coaching services at the club. We look forward to continuing on to a great future of junior and senior tennis achievements. In saying thanks to Gabriel it would be remiss not to mention the enormous amount of work that Amanda Pritchard and Michelle Johnson put in, to make the junior coaching programme such a success. Your hard work coordinating, planning and communicating the junior programme is greatly appreciated by juniors and parents and we cannot thank you enough for your time given to the club.

The 2020 senior summer interclub season, of course, came to an abrupt end in March. The results were varied for all teams with the Pressies team coming in a very close second to Karaka. Best luck for next season.

Of course, Cucksey Shield was cancelled this year. It seems to have been a year on and year off situation over the past few years. So we hope to be in a strong position to compete for the Shield next year and maybe even the Fisher Cup too!

Many Junior and Senior fixtures had to be cancelled this year including club champs for the various divisions. The Junior Singles Club Champs being the only ones played. Congratulations to Alex Jessiman, Chen Sun and Alex Johnson as winners of their divisions, and also congratulations to the runners up in their divisions: Marcus Abbot, Blake Pritchard and Freddy Feng. We will still make special presentations and have a prize giving at one of our social functions to be arranged in October or November - possibly at the Marbles tournament.

Thanks to Gill and Bruce for looking after our seniors. Aaron will continue to look after the interclub controller role but Gill has decided to stand down as Ladies Club Captain. Who would like to put their hand up for this wonderful role and work alongside the very capable Bruce Waite? .....

As we all know, Laura leads a great Midweek Ladies troupe. Midweek ladies still manage to get good numbers to Wednesday mornings, particularly when the fun events and amazing catering is going on, champagne brunch, private courts tournament, soup day and the infamous Christmas party. Well done to Laura and the midweek ladies for being a steady network at the Club.

We had hoped to be involved in the Love Tennis initiative from Tennis New Zealand this year as part of our Open Day for the 2020 /2021 season. Tennis NZ haven't set a date for this yet so we will run with our usual open day at the club in August. Hopefully participating in the Love Tennis initiative later in the year.

The current times will be tough financially for many. We as a Committee will make all efforts to ensure the efficient running of the club. Funding and grants will be scarce over the next year and so we will need to focus on other ways to maintain enough income for the club to continue on successfully. However, Laura was able to secure a one off grant from Sport NZ fund of \$1,000 to support the club. David will be able to give you more details of the financial situation as it stands.

David, thank you for your continued wisdom and financial management of our Club. We really appreciate the time and effort you have put in over the past few years and hope that you will remain looking after this important role for many more to come.

Please give a hearty thanks to the whole Committee for their continued commitment and giving their time so willingly to manage our club. ...

Enough from me. Best wishes for the winter and I look forward to seeing you all as the warmer months roll around. Thank you for having me as your Club President. Over to you, David.