

Junior Members Battle For Titles

Last Saturday saw the future of Taupo tennis on display as the Club Junior Championship was held for the 2010/ 2011 season. Players competing in varying age groups from 8yrs and Under to 16yrs and Under played singles and doubles showcasing their skills and for some, experiencing competition for the first time.

In the 8 & Unders we had the grasshoppers of the tennis coaching playing and Mum's and Dad's were impressed by the improvement made during the tennis season. Titan and Daisy Porteous paired up to be a brother sister combo, and Andrew and Samantha Stretton made their mark on the scene as ones to watch in the future.

It was great to see 7yr old Boaz Mellor, who dominated in his age group, join his practice partner, John Clayton, in taking out the 10yrs and under doubles against brothers Archie and Josh McDougall.

Nathan Brake also played some amazing tennis and was only stopped in his final by Corey Price.

Corey featured in the match of the day, a 14 & Under Doubles, where he was joined by Thomas Johnston and they played Liam Brake and George Clayton. This was a nail biter as the match momentum swung to and fro and needed a third set tie-break to separate the two teams. Liam had earlier taken out the singles title and the older pairing showed their maturity under pressure to give him a 2nd title.

Frosine Henderson was the big improver of the girls and enjoyed mixing it with the boys showing that girls can play as well.

A huge thank you to Moira Peters and Andy Mellor for running the event, they were encouraged by parents who joined in by umpiring and nurturing the young ones as they learnt how to win and lose. Also to the sponsors Sport Shop, Fisher Decorators and Babolat, for providing the support necessary to run such an event.