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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



World Champions....

The ITF Super Seniors World Championships have recently completed played at the Ali Bey Club Manavgat, Antalya, Turkey. The Team Championships were played first from 10 – 16 October followed by the Individual Championships from 16 - 22 October. Over 480 players from 31 countries competed in 11 age categories from 60-and-over to 85-and-over. In 1993, due to the tournament's increasing popularity, the ITF took the decision to divide it into two separate events, Seniors for the younger players and Super-Seniors for the older players.

Two teams from Tennis New Zealand Seniors competed in these Championships. The Men's team consisting of Dave Hawkes (Captain), Bruce Cocking, Colin Hunt, Jim Jackson competed in the Britannia Cup, Men's 65 age group. The Women's team of Jean Stevens (Captain), Elaine Stephan, Jean Murray, Beth Webster competed in the Queens Cup, Women's 75 age group. The Women's team did well in making it into the 4th to 6th play off with France & Netherlands, losing to France but beating the Netherlands to come 5th. The Men's team played in the 19th to 20th playoff against Ireland, beating Ireland to come 19th.

In the Individual Championships two from our Women's team competed in the Women's 80's Singles & Doubles, Elaine Stephan & Jean Murray. In the 80's Singles 32 player draw, eighth seed Elaine Stephan knocked out second seed Ruth Illingworth 3-6 7-6(9) 6-2 in the quarterfinals and thrashed third seed and current world number one in Women's 80+ Erzsebet Szentirmay (HUN) 6-1 6-1 in the semi-finals on route to the final.

In the final, top seed and defending champion Rosemarie Asch from Canada faced Elaine Stephan. Asch started the day as one of a handful of players in with a chance of collecting a clean sweep of titles, victory in the team championships and in singles and doubles this week. Asch found it hard to break down her Kiwi opponent and fought hard to gain her advantage, however the defending champion went on to win 7-5 6-2 against Stephan.

After a short break for lunch the players then returned to the court with their respective doubles partners for the women's 80 doubles final. En route to the final the Kiwi pair, Stephan & Murray, had a great run beating top seeds Ruth Illingworth and Cynthia Smith (GBR) 6-1 6-2 and third seeds Doris Lutz and Louise Russ (USA) 6-0 6-1 along the way. In the final Asch and Huguette Fontaine (CAN), her partner from the Doris Hart Cup last week got off to a fast start against Stephan and Murray but the Kiwi's soon began to fight back. The clean sweep was not to be for Asch as the New Zealand pair won a third set tie break to win the title. The score was 3-6 6-2 7-6(2)



Elaine Stephan (NZ) and Rosemarie Asch (Can)

Congratulations to Elaine & Jean, a fantastic achievement!

Elaine, Runner Up in the Women's 80's Singles.

Elaine & Jean winning the Women's 80's Doubles to become World Champions!

2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday 25 - Sunday 29 January 2012 Tauranga

The **2012 Tennis New Zealand National Championships** are being held in Tauranga 25 - 29 January hosted by Tennis Seniors WBOP. The entry form below is available on the Tennis New Zealand Seniors website www.tennisnz.com/seniors

Welcome to the Western Bay of Plenty
SOCIAL FUNCTIONS



TUESDAY 24th JANUARY 7.00pm
Official Opening & Meet & Greet
at Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club,
Tauranga Domain, Cameron Rd, Tauranga: **No Charge**

WEDNESDAY 25th JANUARY approx 6.30pm
Buffet Dinner & Tennis NZ Seniors AGM
at Otumoetai Tennis Club,
Windsor Rd Tauranga: **\$15.00 pp**
Dinner followed by TNZS AGM at 8pm

THURSDAY 26th JANUARY approx 6.30pm
BBQ
at Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club,
Tauranga Domain, Cameron Rd, Tauranga: **\$15.00 pp**

FRIDAY 27th JANUARY
Left free for you to try out one of the many local Cafes,
Restaurants & Bars in Tauranga & Mt Maunganui

SATURDAY 28th JANUARY approx 7.00pm
Dine & Dance, Live Band
at Kiwi 360,
35 Young Rd Rangiora, Te Puke: **\$35.00 pp**

*To assist with catering, payment for social functions
must be paid with entry fee*



**2012
TENNIS NEW ZEALAND
SENIORS
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

ITF CATEGORY 3 CLOSED EVENT



TAURANGA
Host: **Tennis Seniors WBOP**

Wednesday 25 - Sunday 29 January
Headquarters: Tauranga Lawn Tennis Club - Astrograss
Tauranga Domain, Cameron Rd, Tauranga Ph 578 8563
Other Venues: Otumoetai Tennis Club - Astrograss & PlexiCushion
Gate Pa Tennis Club - Astrograss

**ENTRIES CLOSE:
WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY 2012**
(late entries will not be accepted)
Entry form with fees to Tournament Secretary:
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Ph: 07 578 9236, Fax: 07 578 9284
email: tnzseniors@xtra.co.nz

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2012 NATIONAL EASTER TEAMS EVENT

6 - 8 April 2012

hosted by
HUTT VALLEY & KAPI MANA VTC's

Friday night: Meet & Greet
Sunday night: Awards Dinner & Dance

- Teams consist of a minimum of 4 players
- Maximum of 3 doubles matches per day
- Players must be financial members of a Seniors Club
- Players must be over 35 years of age (played in 5 year age groups)
- Teams represent their District/Club (Auckland, Canterbury etc)
- Play will be over 3 days starting on the Friday
- Multiple venues will be used



Entry Forms will be sent out to Clubs shortly

2012 ITF Senior World Team Championships

Tennis Seniors NZ will be represented by 3 teams taking part in the ITF Seniors World Team Championships being held on 6 February - 11 February 2012, followed by the World Individual Championships on 12 February - 19th February in San Diego, California.

Men's 40 -45 Team

Adam King
Jason Kane
Matthew Sunderland

Men's 50 - 55 team

Grant Williams
David Mustard
Pierre Chemaly

Women's 50 - 55 team

Lynette Duncan
Pauline Hanson
Penelope Smith

Tennis New Zealand Seniors Ranking List

A ranking list of Seniors players by age group has been added to the TNZ Seniors website. The rankings are based on limited available information as at 31 August 2011 and these will be updated when relevant results permit.

Check out these on the website www.tennis.com/seniors look under Popular Links 'TNZS Age Group Rankings' or follow this link:
<http://www.tennisnz.com/Seniors/Article.aspx?ID=7650>



TENNIS SENIORS NZ AGM

will be held on

Wednesday 25th January 8pm at Otumoetai Tennis Club Tauranga

Forms for nomination to the National Management Committee, Remits to the AGM, Nominations for National Selectors, Club Delegates to the AGM are being sent out to Clubs.

Currently the Management Committee has a vacancy for a member and is looking for someone with financial experience, if this is you or you know of someone, please consider for nomination at the AGM.

CALLING ALL EX-PAT PLAYERS



If you are a New Zealander living overseas or know any players currently living overseas we would like to hear from you.

We would like to invite you to join Tennis New Zealand Seniors and as a member you will be eligible to play in our National Championships and can also apply for selection for ITF World Team Events.

This would assist us, if you live in countries near world events, in making up more teams. Players living in New Zealand would still get priority for selection if they competed in the National Champs and are of similar standard or ranking points.

There will be a section on our website where players can sign in and register as a member.

'When I was 40, my doctor advised me that a man in his 40s shouldn't play tennis. I heeded his advice carefully and could hardly wait until I reached 50 to start again.'

Hugo L. Black



REMINDERS

IPIN

Reminder to all players entering in ITF Events in 2012 must have an IPIN

- * From 1st November 2011 a fee of US\$20.00 is payable
- * From 1st November 2012, registration for IPIN membership for the 2013 season will pay US\$30.00.
- * For any player competing in only one ITF Seniors Circuit tournament in 2012, either in singles or doubles /mixed doubles, their IPIN membership will be free in 2013

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS : Only players who have a valid IPIN membership will receive ranking points. The tournament is however open to 'non IPIN players' but no ranking points will be awarded.

APPLICATION FOR SELECTION SUPER SENIORS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Due dates for receipt of applications are (application forms available on Tennis NZ Seniors website):

- **ITF Super-Seniors – Croatia – 10 January 2011**

The ITF Super-Seniors World Championships will take place in Umag, Croatia. The dates for the ITF Super-Seniors World Team Championships will be 10 September - 15th September 2012, followed by the World Individual Championships on 16 September - 23 September 2012.

CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Clubs are encouraged to enter their tournament results on to Configure Rankings, the National Grading system. For more information contact the National Administrator.

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME DECEMBER/JANUARY 2012

DECEMBER

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|----------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| 3 - 4 | Masterton TC | Dixon St MASTERTON | A | Marie Millar 329 Queen St MASTERTON | millaz@xtra.co.nz Ph: 021 232 6567 |
| 28-30 | South Island Veterans Tennis Teams Festival | SCFTC TIMARU | P | David Jory | davidjory@yahoo.com Ph (03) 942 1106 |
| JANUARY | | | | | |
| 6 - 8 | Tennis Seniors WBOP | Tauranga Lawn TC TAURANGA | A | Susan Clarke 11 Pokapu Place Tauranga | sueadam@realkiwi.co.nz Ph (07) 578 9236 |
| 21-22 | Manawatu VTC | Manawatu VTC Fitzherbert St PALMERSTON NORTH | A | David Busst | davetails@slingshot.co.nz Ph: (06) 354 4278 |
| 27 - 28 | Hagley Park TC | Hagley Park TC CHRISTCHURCH | G | Rose Lau David Corlett | Ph (03) 351 1114 Ph (03) 332 9742 |

25 -29 JANUARY

2012 National Championships TAURANGA - Entries Close 4 January 2012

News Wanted....

If anyone has any news, photos, articles on players, clubs etc that could go on our website and also on the Tennis NZ Passing Shots newsletter each week, please forward to me at tnzseniors@xtra.co.nz

Feedback is also welcome on any issue regarding Seniors tennis.