

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2020 -2021 SEASON

The past 2020/2021 season has been both interesting and challenging. It has seen the Club undertake the following:

1. Host its annual Wimbledon White fundraiser November 2020 – a fantastic evening - raising approximately \$20,000 for the Club;
2. Host the annual Fast-Four tennis tournament organised by Martin Colenbrander – which was a huge success;
3. Install a new concertina window system upstairs allowing open air viewing of the courts by members / visitors;
4. Replace old drinks fridge for the adults area with new double door fridge;
5. Install new lockers for use by members and visitors outside the bathrooms on the basement level of the club; and
6. Undertake much needed maintenance around the club including clearing the drains which run under the tennis courts.

We have also had to close the Club for a period of time, due to the Level 4 Covid lock down twice, in August–September 2020 and then again in February–March 2021.

OUR CLUB SPIRIT

The Club remains in very good heart and is a happy and friendly place to play tennis and socialise. This is largely due to efforts of the Management Committee – (each of which has their own area of activity to focus on), the Head Coach (and his coaching team) and other volunteers who positively contribute to Club activities through out the season.

The Club is also in a good financial position after undertaking a number of expensive capital projects.

As a result we are able to hold the membership fees for the 2021/2024 year at the same level as the **past 4 seasons**. This continues to make us one of the best value Clubs in the area.

OUR VISION

The Club is in its third year of its "5 year Vision". We have updated this Vision and this is available for members to read on the Website.

OUR HEAD COACH

With Martin Colenbrander, we are very fortunate to have one of Auckland's premier professional tennis coaches to head up our coaching team. Martin attracts junior, intermediate and senior players to the Club and provides a range of individual and group coaching sessions.

Martin is supported by Rob Reynolds – one of NZ's top tennis players, and an excellent tennis coach.

Martin also works behind the scenes on Club activities and has a genuine passion for the Club. His continued efforts in attracting and retaining sponsorship are invaluable.

Martin and his dedicated team of energetic volunteers continue to be the driving force behind the continued success of "Wimbledon White". Wimbledon White 2021 (scheduled for Saturday 13 November 2021) promises to be another great night.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

We are also very fortunate to have the support and assistance of a very dedicated, supportive and enthusiastic Management Committee – who work behind the scenes and who have a genuine passion to see the Club do well. **Thank you to all of the Committee members** for your great ideas and hard work during the year – it is very much appreciated.

In particular, the Committee members deserve special thanks as follows:

- **Andy Doole – Vice President** for his role as R&M co-ordinator, and for his outstanding work in attracting and retaining key sponsors.
- **Juliet Reynolds** for her huge efforts in applying for charitable grants to assist with capital projects during the year.
- **Celia Ryan** for her fantastic efforts managing the hiring of the Club to third parties.
- **Jeremy Skinner** as our Treasurer which is a key role.
- **Blair Peterken** who heads up our membership subcommittee whose drive has resulted in the increased number of new members.
- **Alexander Babukhin** for his consistent support of the Club both as a committee member and a sponsor for the past 9 years.

One committee member who deserves a special mention and thanks, is our **Club Administrator – Petrea Vela**. Petrea has taken on this multi faceted (and often thankless) role with grace and energy – significantly improving the communications interface between the Club and its members.

A further huge thanks to **Victoria Vela** who manages the Club's social media profile and activities on Instagram and facebook. This enables members and friends of the club to stay in touch with us and is extremely important in the current digital world.

OUR SPONSORS

I would like to extend my huge thanks to all our new and continuing sponsors, and other benefactors, for their continued support for our Club. Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated and I encourage all members to show their appreciation to our family of sponsors.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

The strength of our Club remains its members – and our membership is very healthy

The last year has seen a significant growth in the number of new members – which is great. Overall our membership numbers are up significantly on past years. Interestingly, our number of playing members has never been higher – with our courts being used on a regular basis - which is great to see.

The mens' and womens' tennis fit sessions continue to be popular – with a very high standard of play and a lot healthy banter.

CLUB FINANCES

The Finance's Report provides greater detail of our Club's financial position, which continues to be very healthy when compared to other comparable Clubs in the Auckland regional area. My thanks to Jeremy Skinner for all his efforts as Treasurer.

A snap shot is:

1. Bank account at end of FY 2020/2021 is \$14,000 – up from \$6,000 last year.
2. No Debt.
3. Healthy family of loyal sponsors.
4. Expenses under control.
5. Capital projects undertaken and more still in the pipeline.

OVERVIEW

The Club continues to strive despite a difficult climate. Our members are happy, the summer weather is approaching (hopefully), our Club house looks great and our dedicated coaching team is ready to go.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee, Head Coach, Club Members and our generous sponsors, for their support in making our Club experience a continuing success, and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021 /2022 season.

Geoff Hosking
President

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