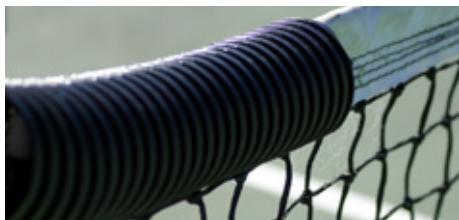


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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR MARAETAI TENNIS CLUB

INTERCLUB

We have two teams entered in the interclub competition for 2012 – Boys under 12yrs and Boys under 14yrs. Both are Saturday morning teams and start the first Saturday in February. We will be contacting team members soon after Xmas to get uniforms sorted and with details of the draw. It is fantastic to see our younger players embracing competitive tennis which provides them the opportunity to improve their tennis and to challenge themselves against a range of other abilities.

SOCIAL EVENTS

We have a number of social events planned for the new year including a social hit with Clevedon Tennis Club, a Quiz Night and a Battle of the Bridge fun day tournament. We will advise you of the dates and details via email as soon as we have dates confirmed.

FUNDING UPDATE

Each year the Maraetai Tennis Club applies for funding from various authorities to supplement the income we collect in club fees. This money goes towards the cost of ongoing maintenance of our facilities, the services we provide such as coaching and other associated costs like tennis balls, power, insurance etc. This year we have been successful in acquiring funding towards the following items...

- Iceblocks from Bathroom Direct
- Replacement court sweepers from Cuesports
- Tennis balls from The Lion Foundation
- Coin-operated court lights from NZCT
- Coaching from Pub Charly
- Printing from Snap Printing East Tamaki
- Replacement tea urn from The Southern Trust

DECEMBER 2011

THE SEASON WRAP

Welcome to the December edition of the newsletter. There's plenty of news to share with you so pop the kettle on and enjoy...

We trust you have all been enjoying your tennis and making the most of the sunny opportunities to get out on the courts and have a hit. It has been fantastic to see how well attended the coaching sessions have been while Tuesday club play has seen steady numbers join in the action. Particularly pleasing is the increased numbers in juniors enjoying their tennis. Don't forget to use the clubrooms before and after organised sessions to grab some refreshments and relax - that's what they are there for.

Saturday tennis has not been so well supported this season so please share your thoughts on what Maraetai Tennis can offer in terms of increasing your opportunities to get out on the courts for organised play.

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you enjoying your tennis in 2012, working off all that Christmas cheer. Cheers!

MARINA ERAKOVIC SWINGS BY FOR A VISIT

New Zealand's No.1 ranked female tennis player, Marina Erakovic, popped by Maraetai Tennis Club on November 3rd for a visit to meet our members, to sign autographs and to have a few hits with some of our younger players (see photo at top of page). This was a very special occasion for our club and the kids were absolutely thrilled to hit a few balls with Marina.

She was interested in the club's history, taking a tour of the clubrooms, paying special interest to our honours board and she commented on the fantastic setting we have. Marina started playing tennis at the age of 6 at a club very similar to ours, so there's hope for us all yet!

We hope those who were present enjoyed the opportunity to meet the New Zealand Tennis No.1. A huge thank you to Marina for taking the time to visit us, for taking such an interest in our club and for being so fantastic with the kids. We wish Marina all the best for the upcoming ASB Classic in January.



FACEBOOK

We now have a facebook page! Just go to **facebook.com**, search for Maraetai Tennis Club - 'Like' and you will receive updates on national and local club activities, social events, hot tips etc. Please let us know what you would like to see on the site.

COMPETITION WINNERS

The Spot the Spider competition in our last newsletter was won by the Louw family. They won a tube of Wilson tennis balls for their efforts. Well done. We also ran a Spot the Ball competition during November which was won by Brooklyn Baker. Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to everyone who participated.

COURTS UPDATE

As previously communicated, our courts are in a poor condition as evidenced by cracking and ponding, and after investigating all the options to improve the playing surface we have resolved to resurface the back two courts in astroturf during Feb/March. This requires the base to be levelled out and then a 16mm astroturf pile will be laid. The two affected courts will be out of action for a week while the repairs are undertaken and our intention is to resurface the front courts in astroturf once further funding becomes available. It is an expensive exercise, but one that will provide the club with a quality playing surface for many years to come. Very exciting news indeed!

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NOTE: COACHING DATES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The last day for coaching in 2011 is on **Thursday 15th December** and we will kick off again in the New Year on **Thursday 2nd February**. Note these dates in your diary.



Venus Williams (USA) is coming to the ASB Classic while David Ferrer (Spain) is defending his crown at the Heineken Open



ASB CLASSIC & HEINEKEN OPEN

Tennis Auckland plays host to two major international tennis tournaments each year at the ASB Tennis Centre in Parnell. The ASB Classic Women's International and the Heineken Open Men's International take place in January, prior to the Australian Open each year showcasing a fortnight of truly international tennis.

2012 ASB Classic – Monday 2nd January to Saturday 7th January, 2011

2012 Heineken Open – Monday 9th January to Saturday 14th January, 2011

Tickets are available via Ticketek at <http://premier.ticketek.co.nz> or by phoning **0800 842 538**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see some of the best players in the world compete in our own backyard so it would be worthwhile getting in early to secure your seats for the tournament. Former world No.1 and seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams features in the ASB Classic while last year's Heineken Open champion and current world No.5 David Ferrer of Spain returns to defend his title.

KIDS DAY... We sent out an email in October asking which kids from our club were interested in attending *Kids Day* at the Heineken Open on Monday 9th January. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids aged between 9-13yrs to meet the tournament players, gather autographs, participate in one hour of activities with the players and stay on to watch the day's matches. We have 3 juniors who have registered their interest so there is still one ticket left. If you would like to participate in this event, let us know pronto at maraetai.tennis@gmail.com – you will be chaperoned to the event by one of the parents.



Merry Christmas