



## KILBIRNIE TENNIS CLUB OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2013

### Drop in Coaching & Competition

This year Capital Coaching are running drop-in drills sessions on Wednesdays 6-7pm for \$20. Come along if you feel you need to work on your shots (that'll be all of us then!) First session will be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The first person to email [kilbirnietennis@gmail.com](mailto:kilbirnietennis@gmail.com) with the words "gimmeafreelesson" in the title will get their first session free!

### Subs are now due!

Contact **Gary McKernan** if you need help paying!

[Gary.mckernan@gmail.com](mailto:Gary.mckernan@gmail.com)

### Website Update

You may have noticed that our website stopped working during September. The free host, Wellington Community Net, stopped hosting without warning and we have had to source another provider. The good news is that the new web address is much snappier:

[www.kilbirnietennis.net.nz](http://www.kilbirnietennis.net.nz)

Thanks to **Gary McKernan** and **David McCrone** for keeping us online.

### Winter Fun Doubles

Well done to the winners of winter fun doubles – Team Lance:

**Lance McEldowney, Richard Xu** and **Jo Draper** who were narrow winners over Team Stephen in the final.

### Welcome to our New Members!

We hope you'll enjoy using our wonderful courts. Please, tell all your friends about us and come along to club days to meet current members. All standards are welcome.

**Interclub Teams** are in and the first matches kick off on the 19<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to the captains for volunteering to look after your teams. There may still be opportunities to join a team if you are late to the party, so contact **Stephen Hunter** on [shunter1978@hotmail.com](mailto:shunter1978@hotmail.com) if you are keen. You will need to pay the \$50 interclub supplement in addition to your \$170 base fee to play weekend interclub.

BEST OF LUCK to all of our teams, but most of all, please enjoy yourselves!

### Club Shirts are on sale for \$30.

Please support your club and wear a shirt for interclub.

We are currently in the process of ordering a new batch so there will soon be lots of size choice.

Contact **Ian Macfarlane** [ian.macfarlane@clear.net.nz](mailto:ian.macfarlane@clear.net.nz) if you would like to buy a shirt and look the part in your interclub games.

Can you tell who our handsome shirt model is?



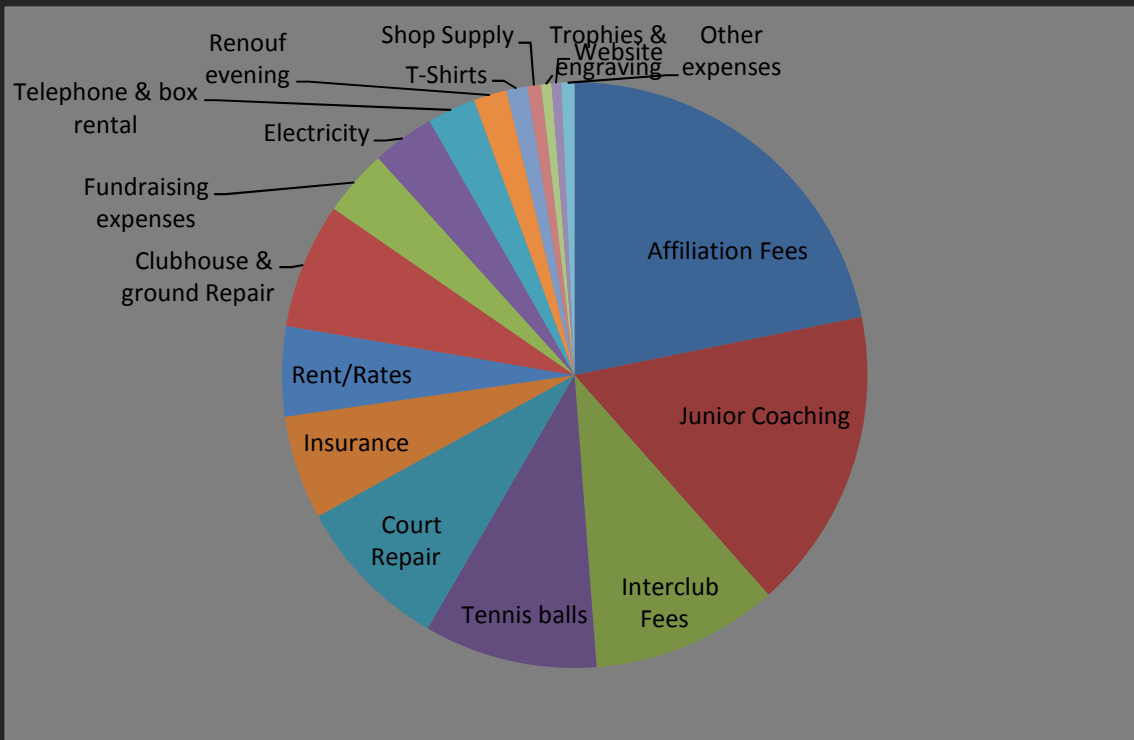
Guess Who?



Diana and Moyra sharing a joke

## Where does my money go?

If you were wondering where your subs go, here's a handy pie chart of our planned annual budget. Money is always tight at KTC and recently rates, insurance and affiliation fees have all increased significantly. Plus, we have member loans to pay back. We are constantly fundraising and seeking grants where we can and of course, the committee works for free to help keep subs down! The best way for us to bring in money is to recruit new members – you can help with this – bring your friends along to the next club day.



Women's Team  
2012/13

(Diana Ford, Nikki Hansen, Jo Draper, Sarah Wilson)

demonstrating the classic team pose.

Can your team do better?

We'd love to see some new team photos in the clubhouse.



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On Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> 8 dedicated club members (+ one interloper!) did a stocktake at Bunnings to raise funds for the club. Thanks to **Angela Kesson, Catherine Carter, David McCrone, Diana Maunder, Graham Alderton, Diana Spice, Lance McEldowney & Jo Draper** for giving up their valuable time. Also thanks to Chris Barnett for his donation in lieu of time. Yes, those are individual nuts and bolts being counted!



### Focus on a past Member

Former club member Quentin Rew (and Marcia's son) recently raced at the World Athletic Champs in Moscow. Marcia was in Moscow to cheer him on and watch him take more than 5 minutes off his PB with a time of 3 hrs 50 mins and be placed 17th in the Men's 50km race walk.

After spending time in Moscow, they travelled to St Petersburg where they spent a few days marvelling at the sights before heading in to the wilderness of the Arctic Circle in the far north of Norway. Here they went fishing, gathered wild mushrooms in the forest, didn't manage to see elk, camped on a beach, walked to a glacier and generally enjoyed the amazing skies, scenery and history of the area.

They worked their way back down into northern Sweden for more unique experiences before arriving in Stockholm where Marcia headed back to NZ and Quentin to England.



Quentin and Marcia revelling in Red Square

### Veterans Tennis Championships – Norfolk Islands

The Veterans Tennis Championships is a popular event hosted by the Norfolk Island Cheryl Tennis Club, where visiting tennis players can participate in a great event and spoil themselves with a holiday on Norfolk Island. The event runs from the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2014, with a variety of tennis and social events. Non-players, family and friends are all welcome, with discounts for groups.

For more information please see <http://www.travelcentre.nf/tennis.htm> or contact Maria Massey at The Travel Centre on +67 23 22502 or email [maria@travelcentre.nk.net](mailto:maria@travelcentre.nk.net)

### Casual Play

As you may know, the club operates a \$5 per person per hour honesty box system for non-members. Whilst we are happy for members to bring guests for games on our courts, we do request a payment of \$5 for each guest. The honesty box income is very useful income for the club and therefore we have decided not to lock off the top courts for the time being. Please don't be offended if you are asked by a club member to pay your \$5 per person per hour, and don't forget to challenge anyone you don't know who's on court.

### Mid Week Tennis

If you are available during the days, why not pop along to the active midweek group, 9.15 onwards Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

## Fundraising

**Michelle McKibbin** is tirelessly organising our fundraising. We always have boxes of chocolate to sell at workplaces, just contact [mckibbin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mckibbin@xtra.co.nz) if you think there are some gannets at your work who would appreciate them.



Thanks to Wellington City Council and **Catherine Carter** for helping to organise vegetation clearance on the Crawford Road frontage which has made us much more visible. Thanks also to all those helpers who have helped to keep the clubhouse in tip top condition.

The depressing thing about tennis is that no matter how good I get, I'll never be as good as a wall.

Mitch Hedberg

## Next Open Day & Plant Sale

Please come along to our annual Open Day (yes, it's different to *Opening Day* ;-)) on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2-5pm. This is when we put in a big push to get new members along. A colleague knew of KTC but said "That's the little club on Crawford Road, isn't it?" People just don't know about our five fantastic courts –all they see are the two at the front. So spread the word and get people along.

We will be having a **BBQ (gold coin donation)**, **Capital Coaching will be running free drills** and of course there will be lots of tennis. We will also be having a **fundraising plant sale** at the Open Day. Start making cuttings now, and bring along any unwanted but good quality plants for sale.

