

KTC MidWeek Newsletter

March 2015



Our Summer International Visitors

Every summer for the past 3 years we have had a boost to our numbers for 2-3 months. The reason? Parents come to enjoy the NZ summer with their NZ based children, including playing tennis at KTC MidWeek. Jack and Ping Xu from China come to join Richard, and Toshia and Yoko Suzuki from Japan come to catch up with Mayu. Tony Young from the UK also has a summer holiday visiting children and grandchildren in Seatoun, and tennis at KTC MidWeek is a must for his stay. We always love to see them and always enjoy playing tennis with them – they're all very good! And we're always sorry to see them go as they head back to their northern spring and summer. Sayonara, Zai Jian, and Haere Ra! See you next year.

(Photo: Richard, Ping and Jack Xu; Tony Young; Yoko, Mayu and Toshia Suzuki; all set for a game of tennis)



Our Diana

Key to the success and operation of the MidWeek Club is Diana Spice. She has been running the MidWeek club for several years now. It is her dedication that has made it such a success. Diana is there from 9.15am every tennis morning and keeps regular players informed if there's a transfer day. Diana runs a system that keeps things moving and ensures players change partners and opposition quickly and efficiently. That is, if people listen and let her know whether they're coming or going! It's a great operation that makes for a great tennis morning. Thanks Diana. You're an inspiration to us all. Diana has been playing tennis all of her 82 years and is still hitting a mean backhand! Among other wily shots! We look forward to the next 20 years!

(Photo: Diana issues instructions)

Doing his bit for KTC

Ever wondered who has been keeping the driveway clean and tidy? Making a great welcome to the club for both members and visitors. Barry Campbell is the man behind the clear driveway and the tidied garden. He sweeps the ever-arriving leaves and clips the foliage back to make sure we present a tidy entrance. Many thanks Barry. Doesn't mean that no-one else needs to help out. Barry gets busy sometimes too – if it needs doing don't wait for "someone else"/Barry to do it. Barry responded to a call in an earlier newsletter asking members to contribute more to the club. What could you do to help around the club?

(Photo: Barry gets to work)



MidWeek Interclub

The Swingers and Slammers teams continue to play in the Friday morning "Mixed" MidWeek interclub with mixed fortunes. Win some, lose some. Swingers near the top of the table.

We've had two Women's teams in the Monday Women's Interclub this season, both of which have done well. The Grade 3 team came top of the table pre Xmas and were promoted to Grade 2/3 for post Xmas – very mixed results there. Opposition has been more cunning and wily than us!



(Grade 3 team: Catherine Carter, Moyra Pearce, Josie Bullock, Karin Lilley (abs Diana Maunder))

The Grade 4 team has done very well, particularly in the post Xmas run, with all wins under their belt. Well done! More to come.



(Grade 4 team: Janice Davies, Maria Soteros, Diana Spice, Jenny Everett-Wells (abs Sandi Jeffs))

KTC MidWeek Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30 pm (transferred to Weds and Fri if rain interrupts).

We operate all year round and only stop if public holidays fall on those days. Very rare!

Sometimes in Winter the days can be perfect tennis weather. Sunny, cool and no wind!

Most of the year we have 2 to 3 courts running but in summer, when extra players join us, we often have all 5 courts going. A few days, we've even had some people sitting out, resting, and waiting for the changeover.



We probably have a regular set of 12-20 players playing at the MidWeek sessions. A good mix of men and women, young and not so young, big hitters and clever experts. Senior members of the club are always welcome and from time to time different members have been able to join us for a session or two. Do you need to use up some TOIL or some AL? Take a day off and come and play the morning at tennis. Shift work or flexible hours? Get some life balance and fit in a tennis session with us.



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