



ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16 SEASON

On behalf of the BBTC committee we are pleased to present the 2015/16 annual report. The President's Report has been superseded by our new Annual Report; this is to meet Auckland City Council requirements, as stated in our new lease agreement.

Tennis Activities

Our tennis results have again been very successful, we had a total of 10 senior interclub teams (this is a club record), 5 single teams and 5 president teams, 4 of these teams were in promotion/relegation grades. It is hard to get teams into these grades so it is important that we hold these positions. The outstanding achievement was our ladies Caro Bowl Reserve team, winning the grade and being promoted to Caro Bowl. Well done ladies, a great result. The last time we were in Caro Bowl was 2004. We have accepted the promotion to Caro Bowl and are currently looking into sponsorship and what is required for the upcoming season. All President Teams fared well with Ferrier Cup and Presidents A finishing in the top 4, and two other Presidents teams finishing second and third. As for the men's singles, both teams in the open grade finished second by just one point. With all these teams, and great results over the year, BBTC was awarded Senior Interclub Club of the Year at the recent Auckland Tennis awards. On top of all this, once again we won the Fisher Cup and Cucksey Shield. To field 24 players over two weekends (due to rain delays) and win both grades is a notable achievement.

Junior Interclub was again strongly supported with 13 team's pre-Christmas, of which 7 teams won. Post-Christmas we had 14 teams, of which two were in the Junior Caro Bowl grade. Great results again with 4 teams winning their grade and 3 coming second by 1 point. The Junior Girls Caro Bowl team finished second, a great achievement. The Charman cup was won for the 6th year in a row (this is a new record, it was previously held by Howick with 5). This year's win means Buckland's Beach has had 11 wins from the last 12 years. Well done to coaches and players.

Our juniors have also made some notable individual achievements. Three players were selected to attend the NZ Masters in Christchurch; James Sim and Ana Tamanika both finished in the top 3 and were selected to represent NZ in Australia at their national teams event. James, Ana and Tina all represented Auckland at the NZ's team event and were part of the winning teams. Of late, BBTC has been recognized for having the most attendees at Tennis Auckland junior tournaments, with approximately 15 of our juniors regularly attending holiday tournaments.

Of these, Jessica Li, Thomas and Jack Chapman, Liza Mari and Christina Beer, Olivia Brown, and Lev Gorb have all placed well, along with James, Ana and Tina.

Our Saturday afternoon club day over winter has proved to be a success with regular high numbers attending. The Sunday afternoon club day over summer was not as successful and this will be reviewed. Wednesday nights is a concern with numbers down, mainly due to members arranging their own games on other nights.

Health and Safety

The new health and safety legislation took effect on the 4th April; this new law has made companies and organizations more accountable for onsite injuries. Both fines and prison sentences have increased considerably. The BBTC committee is not personally liable as volunteers are exempt, however BBTC itself could be prosecuted. To ensure we are meeting the new legislative requirements we have attended meetings from both Auckland Tennis and Counties Manukau Sport.

BBTC now has in place an Accident Register, Hazard Register, Hazard Identification, trained first aiders, electrical appliance testing, procedure for reporting accidents to Worksafe and current first aid kits. We will continue to review and document any health and safety issues at committee level.

To ensure all aspects of health and safety are maintained, a designated person on the committee has been appointed as our health and safety administrator. Thanks to Rachel for taking this role on.

Even though it wasn't a legislative requirement, BBTC has purchased a defibrillator. Approximately a third of the cost was gifted and fundraised, so many thanks to those who made donations. Let's hope we never have to use it.

Club Operations

During the season BBTC has secured a 2 x 10 year lease with Auckland City Council, at a cost of \$1 per year. In order to meet the conditions of the lease, we are now required to submit Annual and Financial reports to the Council.

The Committee strives to maintain club facilities to a high standard. This season, the decks were, a new gate was installed and a new club sign will be erected above it. During the season we have tried to keep club expenditure to a minimum knowing that courts 4, 5 and 6 need replacing. These courts were temporarily repaired at a cost of \$3,866. The cost of replacing Courts 4, 5 and 6 will be approximately \$67,000. We have applied to Auckland City Council to cover \$35,000 of this cost; no word from council as yet. We intend to apply for further funding in the upcoming months to supplement the costs further. Unfortunately, it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure such funding from community charities especially when we have a very healthy bank balance and we live in a decile 10 community. However at this stage we are still looking at late December to replace the courts.

With the changing demographics in our area it is an ongoing challenge to maintain or grow our membership base. At the start of the season we tried various approaches to attract new senior members including discounted memberships. This resulted in an increase of 18 new senior members, who we hope will re-join as full members in the upcoming season. We had a reduction of 32 juniors from the previous year, the majority of which were in the 8 and over category.

A brief financial overview of the 2015/16 season: The total income for the year was **\$88,781**. This was down **\$5,187** on the previous year. The main reasons for this decrease were a drop in junior income (\$5,485) and an Infinity Foundation grant for \$3500 that was declined. Total expenditure less Depreciation was **\$77,977**. This was up **\$5742** on the previous year. The main increases over and above last year were; deck waterproofing and front gate \$3896, advertising \$1,436, court repairs \$3,866 and balls \$3,373 (approximately \$1,800 was carried over from 2014/15). This left an operating surplus of **\$10,804**, after depreciation this will be a loss of **\$6,854**.

Trying to increase revenue is very difficult with a stagnant membership base, along with community charities that are reluctant to fund decile 10 areas. We as a committee have reviewed and compared our subscriptions against our neighbouring clubs. Considering our subscriptions have increased at minimal amounts over the past 4 years, we feel the new subscriptions that are proposed are a fair increase. Going forward; to ensure BBTC maintains a solid balance sheet, club expenditure needs to be reviewed and kept to a minimum.

I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work over the last year, I would also like to remind all members that this club is run by volunteers, who donate a lot of their time to ensure this club runs smoothly, this ensures all of you can enjoy your tennis at a club with great facilities. A special mention to Julia, our hard working coach both on and off the court. Julia has a great passion for tennis as well as BBTC. A lot of the club's tennis success comes from her drive and passion. Amanda also requires recognition for her contribution as the ladies mid-week convenor, junior assistant coach, social co-ordinator as well as communication to members. A special thanks to Lisa our club secretary; it has been a busy year with the new council lease, additional funding applications, health and safety meetings, Manukau Counties sport action plan and filling in for Joan while she was away. To our treasurer of the past 32 years, thanks Joan for all your work and assistance over the last year. Once again thanks to all the committee for the work that has been carried out.

We have three members on the committee standing down this year, Linda, Steve and Alan thank you for the work and contributions you have made over the past years. An acknowledgement of your service will be made later in the meeting.

With these three members standing down we do require new committee members, please give it serious thought if and how you could assist, you don't necessarily need to go on the committee, any assistance would be appreciated.

On behalf of the committee thanks for attending the AGM, I'm sure you are all looking forward to the 2016/17 season, which happens to be the club's 90th year.

Brett Clarke
President
2015/16 season