



ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17 SEASON

On behalf of the BBTC committee I'm pleased to present the 2016/17 annual report.

Tennis Activities

BBTC on court results have again been very successful. We had a total of 15 senior interclub teams, the highlight of the season was the Birthcare Caro Bowl women's team, and they had a solid season for their first year at this level. It was also pleasing to see all home games well supported by our members. First Grade Men and First Grade Women both won their grades and have been promoted to Caro Bowl Reserves, well done to both teams. Open Men's One also won their grade and have been promoted to second grade men. Midweek ladies were Championship 1 winners. Ferrier Cup and the president grade teams all finished mid table. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in retaining the Fisher Cup and Cucksey Shield; I'm sure we will bounce back next year.

Once again our juniors had a strong and successful year; we had 14 junior team's pre-xmas and 16 junior team's post-xmas. All of the teams performed well with most finishing in the top 3. The highlight of the season was having teams in both the boys and girls' Junior Caro Bowl, both teams played great tennis with the boys team winning this prestigious competition. The strength of our juniors was once again shown by winning the Charman Cup for the seventh year in a row (12 out of the last 13 years). A few juniors do need recognition for their hard work and achievements; Ana Tamanika, Jim Sim, Christina and Lize Mari Beer, Olivia Brown, Tom and Jack Chapman and Hana Rose all had strong seasons. The junior coaching programme run by Julia caters for beginner's right through to elite players. The quality of coaching our juniors receive is of a very high standard. This was reflected earlier in the year when Julia received the Coach of the Year at the Counties Manukau / Howick Local Board Sports Awards.

We continue to offer programmes outside the usual tennis, to encourage participation from the local community as well as our members. This season we ran school holiday programmes, Cardio Tennis, and beginner coaching courses.

On a social note the club had its 90th year celebration; this was a very successful occasion with a lot of past members turning up to reminisce with old team mates. Our end of year Pot Luck Dinner was a big night with a record number of attendees. New trophies were purchased for club champs and have been named after long serving club members. These trophies were handed out on the night by these deserved members. It is good to see our members enjoying themselves after interclub matches, as being social off the court is just as important as playing.

Health and Safety

At last year's AGM I mentioned the new health and safety legislation had come into effect on the 4th April 2016; this new law has made companies and organizations more accountable for onsite injuries. As a committee we have put procedures into place to ensure we meet the new legislation. All health and safety issues are reviewed and actioned at committee meetings.

The cantilever deck was raised as a concern, we have had the deck inspected by an engineer for structural soundness; unfortunately it has not been built to specification and does require remedial work. This will be completed by the start of the new season.

The defibrillator has now been purchased and is located in the entranceway. Let's hope it never gets used.

Club Operations

As a committee we have tried to keep expenditure to a minimum without being ridiculous. To keep BBTC facilities at our current high standard, we require a large amount of expenditure in the near future. We have forecasted what this expenditure will be; please refer to a CAPEX we have prepared.

A brief financial overview of the 2016/17 season: The total income for the year was **\$107,622**. This is an increase of **\$6,419** on the previous year. Total operating expenses less Depreciation was **\$80,225**. This is an increase of **\$4,427** on the previous year. The nonrecurring expenses; defibrillator \$3,100, website upgrade \$2,300, Scaffolding \$1,100 and trophies \$1,000. This left an operating surplus of **\$11,151** for the 2016/17 season.

We would like to acknowledge the support of both Pub Charity and Lion Foundation for their funding support over the season with grants of \$2500 for tennis balls and \$3000 for coaching respectively.

As always it is an ongoing challenge to grow our membership base. We currently have approximately 420 members; of this 54% are juniors. As usual we held two open days this season and this year we have had a steady influx of new members since Christmas, with approximately 45 new members joining over this period. This is a healthy sign for the club and we ask our current members to be welcoming and to encourage these new members. Last season we increased our subscriptions by a reasonable amount, for the upcoming season we are recommending no increase in subscriptions for the 2017/18 season.

Update on the court lights and surface replacement of courts 4, 5 & 6. Parts of the current lights have corroded and are no longer manufactured. After investigating various options it was decided to install new LED lights. This was an unexpected expense this year but necessary. The lights are ordered and will be installed in August, the total cost will be \$37,988 + GST. We have applied for funding from two organizations for a total of \$30,000. Courts 4, 5 and 6 have been booked in for the 8th January the total cost will be \$68,070 + GST. We will be applying for funding from both Howick Local Board and charitable trusts.

There is no guarantee on funding; the \$230,000 that we currently have in the bank does restrict us on receiving funding, being located in a decile 10 area we are often not the priority group for funding. As an initiative for the upcoming season we are looking at getting sponsorship deals to try and increase revenue, these may be of interest to our members with their own businesses.

I would like to thank all committee members for the work you have done over the past year, there has been a huge amount of work done behind the scenes to ensure all our members enjoy themselves both on and off the court. We are a small committee of 10 so the workload is high at times. I would also like to thank the volunteers, who assist the committee and donate their time to ensure both tennis and social events run smoothly. I would personally like to thank Joan our Treasurer of the past 33 years, thanks Joan for all your work and assistance. Also a thanks to Amanda who has taken over from Linda Brown as Club Captain, Amanda is also the ladies Mid-week Convenor (standing down this year) and assistant coach. Julia, thank you for all your work over the past year both on and off the court, Julia has a real passion for tennis and BBTC, we as a club are fortunate to have a coach so dedicated. Lisa, our Club Secretary has done an outstanding job with funding applications, meeting minutes, attending council and tennis meetings and much more. Thanks to Rach for taking on the Health and Safety role, Mario for bringing our systems into the 21st century, Pak for taking on the Interclub Controller role, Sue for her support at social events and Jason for organising the website update.

All committee members are standing again so on behalf of club members and myself thank you for your commitment. Having a settled committee ensures future planning and governance of BBTC will be constant and stable.

As mentioned we are a small committee so please give it serious thought if you could assist BBTC, you don't necessarily need to go on the committee, any assistance would be appreciated.

I'm sure you are all looking forward to the 2017/18 season; it will be another big year for the club with a high standard of play coming from our interclub teams. On behalf of the committee thanks for attending the AGM.

Brett Clarke
President
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