



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2014/15 SEASON

I am pleased to report to members on the activities, results and position of BBTC for the 2014/15 season.

It has been another successful year for the club, with the highlight being the repeat of last year's **Junior Club of the Year** award for overall results in Tennis Auckland's interclub competition. Seniors too have advanced with our First Grade Ladies winning the pennant and gaining promotion to Caro Bowl Reserve for next season. Open Presidents 2 were also grade winners under the passionate leadership of Brett Pakenham, while Open Mens 2 came in a close second in their grade. We entered 9 senior interclub teams in the Summer competition from Ferrier Cup level down, demonstrating the health of the Club from a playing perspective. The strength of our Junior section is evidenced by 16 teams in pre-Christmas Interclub and 18 post-Christmas, with 6 and 7 winning teams respectively and a number of seconds as well. Congratulations to all these teams, young and old, you have done the Club proud.

On an individual level, we have had a number of noteworthy results. Our very popular and roguish Men's Club Champion Brent Chapman won the National Doubles Championship for the 40+ age group, and was runner-up in the Singles. Well done Brent. A number of our juniors are doing exceptionally well working their way up the rankings. James Sim and Tina LI are currently No.1 in their respective Under 12 national points events, while Jack Chapman has had a clean sweep in Under 8s tournaments this year. Olivia Brown is also tracking well in the Under 8s finishing runner-up in her first tournament.

For the 11th year out of the last 12, BBTC Juniors carried off the Charman Trophy competed for by all the East Auckland clubs, with the seniors again cracking the Fisher Cup / Cucksley Shield double. These are only some of the successes ! Fantastic results all round in which every member can take pride.

Once again I must acknowledge the huge part that our Coach Julia Sim plays in all of these successes at the Club. Not many understand just how much Julia does, year on year, to make BBTC the envy of many clubs. Her passion for the game is infectious and she passes this on to all of us. Despite all the successes, she is continually thinking of new ways to keep the club vibrant and advancing. Julia – thank you on behalf of the members and the outgoing 2014/15 committee. Julia is not the only person to acknowledge. Amanda Chapman has done a sterling job as Mid-week Ladies Convenor, assistant Junior Coach and co-ordinator of events and communications. Joan Kelly, after 31 years as Treasurer, what can anyone say other than Phenomenal! From my personal perspective as President, I have always been able to rely on Joan, knowing that the financial management of the club is safe and secure. Her advice and counsel have been invaluable. I'd also like to recognise

the special efforts of Lisa James who was rather coerced into taking on the Secretary's role this season. Without any previous experience on the Committee, she has fulfilled her special responsibilities with aplomb - our meeting minutes have moved up to a new standard! To all other members of the Committee - Thank you. Everyone has worked together harmoniously, taking on whatever tasks have been assigned.

And now down to the numbers. Subscription income for 2014/15 was marginally up on last season, with the increase in the subscription rate offsetting the fall in numbers – a reduction of 25 in the Under 8s the biggest change. Maintaining membership numbers is an on-going challenge for all clubs with changing demographics a key factor for BBTC. The current committee has tabled some ideas for promoting the club ahead of enrolments for the 2015/16 season, and this should be a priority for the first meeting of the year.

Total Income for the year, including a contribution of \$4,446 from social and other activities, \$9,000 from Community Charities and \$9,164 bank interest earned, was **\$92,948**. Total Expenses, nett of Capital Improvements and Depreciation, were **\$72,441**, giving us an operating surplus of **\$20,507**. After allowing for Depreciation, this is effectively a breakeven result.. But as has been the case in recent seasons, it shows that we are dependent on support from Community charities and on our Interest income to operate in the black.

As you will see from the Financial Statements, coaching is the single biggest outlay for the Club, accounting for 35% of our operating expenses. While this is up by more than 20% on 2013/14, it is your Committee's firm view that this investment has been fundamental to the success of BBTC, both in the Juniors and in attracting people to the Club.

During the season, the Clubhouse was painted and we replaced the net posts on Court 6. The baselines on Court 4 have also been repaired to extend the life of the back courts for another season. The thinking of the outgoing committee is that these 3 courts should be replaced over December –January 2017/18. As the cost of this replacement will be in the vicinity of \$60,000, it is recommended that we seek support from ASB or other agencies rather than fully funding the upgrade out of Capital reserves. This project will be a major consideration for the 2015/16 Committee.

With a solid Balance Sheet, BBTC is in an excellent position, and it has been my privilege to have been involved in the administration of the Club over the last 10 years, 6 of which have been as President. It is now time to hand over the reins and I am not standing for re-election in any official capacity. Before signing off, I wish to endorse the nomination of Brett Clarke for the position of President in the upcoming Election of Officers – he has the energy and experience to do a fine job.

Finally, what I have received back from the Club in friendship and enjoyment far exceeds any efforts made. I hope I have made some difference. I couldn't have done the job without the support of my wife Janine – she has kept me to task and made sure I did the right thing for the benefit of the Club. We both look forward to many more years of involvement as long as the knees and lungs are up to it.

Very best wishes to you all

Gerard Fletcher
President
2014/15 season