

North Shore Ladies Day Tennis Association

President's Annual Report

It is my pleasure to report on the Midweek Ladies 2021-2022 tennis season.

Well what a sad and confusing start to this season. We were really disappointed that Silverdale, Torbay and Marlborough Park were unable to field teams and do hope they will be able to do so in the future along with Helensville. We have missed them all. All draws and court allocations were completed by Su and myself and then sadly we were once again hit with all the restrictions that Covid-19 imposed on all New Zealanders and our society in general. Zoom meetings became the 'norm' for the Executive but our prime objective was to keep you updated as we sought to get back on to the courts and start our competitive tennis. Special thanks to Margot who kept you all informed as and when there was anything to report and decisions were made. So 2021 came and went and fortunately most of us remained healthy albeit without our tennis. Finally we were able to commence interclub in February 2022 and am sure you, like me, were happy to start tennis for the season! Socialising (which is a most enjoyable part of our tennis day) was restricted but at least we were able to sit down, outside, to reflect on our morning's play.

For the half season of 2022 the interclub Grade winners were:-

Premier:	Belmont Park
A1:	Campbells Bay 1
A2:	Dairy Flat
A3:	Lake Pupuke
B1:	Warkworth
B2:	Northcote
B3:	Northcote
C1:	Lake Pupuke 1
C2:	Northcote 1

As has been mentioned in previous communications, we will not automatically be promoting or relegating any interclub team this season. If you have a team that you feel should be promoted please use your entry forms to promote their cause as all requests are considered on their merits and if gaps in the grade allow.

The shield for the Team gaining the Highest Aggregate points over the interclub season was won by Lake Pupuke C1-1 and Lake Pupuke was also the Club which won the shield for gaining the highest aggregate points overall with two of their teams winning their grades and one coming in 4th. Well done Lake Pupuke – a very successful half season for you all.

Sadly all Graded Tournaments were cancelled.

We will be having our Interclub Grade Winners Prizegiving and the presentation of the Muriel Barton Cups at the conclusion of our Annual General Meeting today. Congratulations to all winners and to all players for their participation over the shortened season. At this time it will be my pleasure to present the President's Cup. All your Executive have worked tirelessly this season to at least get some tennis underway. However Su Vincent has again really worked extremely hard and it is my pleasure to present the Cup to her. Photos of all these grade winning teams will appear on the website shortly.

We were pleased to be able to hold the Muriel Barton Tournament in May. With numbers down this year, mainly due to the uncertainty of Covid restrictions, we didn't divide the age groups and held just one tournament with 16 prize winners. This was a great success. The weather played its part with turning on beautiful sunshine and made our tennis day seem very normal. To Rachelle Smith (Northcote) and Rob Voss (Manly Park) our winners and Lavinia Sorenson (Whangaparaoa) and Karen Yarnton (Ngataringa), the runners up, our congratulations. Special thanks also to the Lake Pupuke ladies who provided us with an excellent selection of delicious food to enjoy on the day.

A full list of Muriel Barton Tournaments winners and runners up, including photographs, are shown on the northshoreladiestennis.co.nz website.

Once again we must thank Tennis Northern for the use of the Forrest Hill pavilion and courts for some interclub matches, Delegates meetings and the Muriel Barton Tournament and are grateful for the use of the Albany Tennis Centre for our AGM. We also say special thanks to Sarah who willingly helps with any queries we have with the Match Points system and gradings. Following Prizegiving this morning we look forward to partaking of the Brazilian Café's morning tea and once again thank Patricia.

As you know we have a very strong and hardworking Executive Committee. To Margot, Su, Ann, Raewyn, Sandie and Leanne again I say thank you for your support, commitment, hard work and for all you have done to ensure the smooth running of the Association over the season. We have had a number of challenges along the way but hope you, like me, can look back and say you have enjoyed your time serving on the committee. We also thank Susan Leaming and Jillian Cavan who, as B and C Recorders, do a great job and support Su so willingly.

After serving as your President for the past four years it is now time to hand over this leadership role. It has been my pleasure to serve you and work with this incredible group of ladies. Our Association is in good heart and we look forward to the 2022-23 season with the same enthusiasm as other years. We sincerely hope the new season doesn't bring too many interruptions through problems outside our control. Thank you to all Delegates for your critical role in communication between the Association and all our ladies, especially those who are new to interclub. It is a role you may take lightly but we, as your Executive, find it essential to the smooth running of the Association. Friendships both on and off the courts and after 63 years of competitive tennis our activities through the North Shore Ladies Day Tennis Association continue to thrive. Thank you all for your support over the years and best wishes for your continued support to our new President as the Association continues to flourish.

Denise Gott – President
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