

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**  
**For the year ending 30 September 2010**

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Introduction

1.1 Hi and welcome to my report for the year ended September 2010. Welcome to all of our new members who have joined us over the past 12 months and I hope you are enjoying both the sporting and social activities that the BBRC has to offer. Our club is a vital part of the wider community on the North Shore and as such we as club members represent the BBRC whether we are playing at home or other venues. It is pleasing to note that in the past 12 months we have received only positive comments about how the BBRC members behave at representative fixtures and interclub. Congratulations to all and please ensure that the highest standards are maintained as its how we behave that is long remembered after the game.

Once again we can report a large number of interclub teams in both squash and tennis this year. Our club continues to provide a value for money environment for all members of the family. The Executive has a constant battle to ensure our facilities are kept up to a modern and safe standard. I can however ensure you that within the constraints of prudent financial accountability the courts (both tennis and squash) and our building, are our number one priorities. I look forward to seeing you around the club soon or at the AGM.

1.2 The Club as always has priorities for the immediate future. We are in the process of finally replacing the upper and lower deck on the tennis pavilion and in the next few months this will be completed with glass balustrading and new furniture. Our main ongoing priority is the surface replacement of the last 2 tennis courts and grant applications are constantly being applied for.

Membership

2.1 Our membership fluctuates throughout the year but currently sits at around 660 members.

Club Manager

3.1 Fleur performs a wide variety of tasks for our club as essentially we are a business running accounts with over 660 clients who of course are never demanding! This year Fleur has been able to further improve systems and procedures so that she has been able to slightly reduce her hours. This of course means a saving to the club but in turn reduces the open office hours. We regret the slight inconvenience this may cause but it is for the greater good of the club that we ensure our \$ are spent wisely. Thanks Fleur for another year where you have tirelessly worked to ensure all members can enjoy their club.

### Grant applications

- 4.1 The opportunities continue to be a challenge however we are getting small grants for coaching, balls etc accepted. We are still spending the Council grant for upgrades to the tennis viewing area decks. We also need to replace the last 2 tennis courts and applications will continue to be applied for.

### Fundraising

- 5.1 The auction was our primary fund raising event this year however this will be noted in next years financial accounts. I would like to thank everyone who attended, provided goods, their time or bid on items. We had a great night and everyone who attended had a ball. Thanks again to Coxy for your auctioneering talent and to Fleur in ensuring the night was a success. We will likely repeat the auction night every 2 years.
- 5.2 As a club we rely heavily on our volunteers and all too often the organisation and effort to put on ANY event falls on a dedicated few. For the benefit of all club members we ask that you please participate in events when you can, donate your time or just help out where you can. The more we can do within the membership base the less we have to raise the subs to all.

### Sponsorship

- 6.1 The Club is grateful to the following:  
Albany Orthodontists, David Storey Motors Ltd, Party Hire and North Harbour Scaffolding.

### Bar and Kitchen

- 7.1 Lounge hire has been steady this year and continues to provide us with a steady stream of revenue through hire of the facility and bar takings.
- 7.2 The Bar Buddy system continues to work very effectively and provides a great service to the Club a big thank you to all our bar buddies. A special thanks also to Matt and Natasha who have joined Stuart behind the bar this year.
- 7.3 Details of bar turnover and profits can be found in the treasurer's report.

### Mortgage reduction

- 8.1 We are pleased to report that the mortgage has been paid off in full and the monies that were being paid to this are now being directed into a savings account. Details are covered in the Treasurer's Report.

### Coaching and the Pro-Shop

- 9.1 Gavin, Sue, and the various helpers (Rhiaan, Chloe etc) provide excellent coaching services for the junior members during the tennis season. Please take advantage of their coaching skills plus the wide range of products that Gavin and Sue carry in the Pro-Shop. Retail is perpetually tough, if they don't have what you want just ask.
- 9.2 Manu Yam has also provided some great squash coaching and fitness programmes this year and we are delighted to have someone of his calibre working at our Club.

### Website, newsletters and publicity

- 10.1 On-line booking system and web site is working well and this will continue to be our main source of booking both squash and tennis courts.

- 10.2 Communication through e-mail is our main source of communication so please make sure you notify Fleur of any changes to your contact details or better still update them yourself on the web site.

#### Squash report by Allister Zimmerman (Vice President - Squash)

- 11.1 Well what a busy year 2010 was, we started our very popular club business house competition in January, this is a fun competition where any member of the club can play in, it's a great way to get in shape for the season ahead, its friendly but competitive.

The year progressed quickly, we held two tournaments, Masters and a B grade, along with a one day women's fun event, we played host to a super-champs division, and maintain our participation in the squash interclub competition with 7 men's and 3 ladies teams, with one of the ladies teams winning their division.

Junior squash once again showed growth, our Friday night junior club night was well attended, thanks to our fantastic club coach Manu Yam for his efforts in making this night an enjoyable one for the juniors, who at times we struggled to get off the courts once their sessions were over, but it exciting to see the eager participation of our club kids.

The JETS competition was also well sought after, we welcomed 7 new players, which off set the lose of some of our talented players progressing to gradates, we had 20 juniors playing every Sunday, travelling to different clubs around the North Shore, play started at 9am, so a big thanks to the parents who gave up their Sunday lye in.

We also started a program supported by Squash Auckland called the "School Club Link" whereby a representative from Squash Auckland approached every school with in our North Shore zone and promoted the game and our club. This was a great success, we played host for the first time to schools who had not in the past courted squash as a sport, Coatesville to name one sent 20 or so kids, the majority had not played squash before, they revelled in the programme that was run, and we gained 5 new members from this school alone, so it is a programme that we will continue to run in 2011, one we believe will see all schools in our district take up the call to play Squash.

Our coaching commitment has really started to show in a lot of our young and emerging players, we are now seeing young keen players competing in the interclub competition, plus some moving into a graduate league. This year another new programme is being introduce, "Development Juniors", which involves high performance coaching, players are selected from 5 clubs and will train once a week with our club coach Manu Yam, two up and coming players from Browns Bay have already been selected, we will be keeping a close eye on their progress though 2011.

Also, some very exiting news, as stated we are very committed to providing quality coaching to our members, over the past year one of our promising players was provided extra coaching at the clubs cost, and we are very proud to announce that this player, Sion Wiggin has been selected to form part of the New Zealand development squad. He will join the best young players from around the country, they will be provided with the best coaching and facilities that are available in NZ, will compete in the tournaments NZ wide over the year, with the prospect of representing NZ overseas. This is a fantastic opportunity for Sion, and it is a great for BBRC, to have this talent come out of our club and representing us in his endeavours is recompense to the time and effort we put into our players, we wish him the best luck, and are looking forward to hearing of his successes.

Thanks to my committee for all their efforts during the year, Mark Gallagher, Suzanne Becroft, Andrew McKay, Rachael Dimoline, Andre Du Toit and Michael Kerschhoff, we all look forward to 2011.

#### Tennis report

- 11.2.1 Chelsea Cup. Each year it seems to become more difficult to form both a mens and ladies team. Some clubs seem to have a limitless budget and end up "buying" the trophy. Most clubs including our own realise that we can no longer put large sums of money towards this event as there is little return for sponsors. We will however continue to put our best possible teams

forward using where possible our club players and we will continue to be competitive. Thanks to Jono and Jenny Preston for all your work in getting teams out each week last season.

#### Tennis Report – by Jonathan Craven (Vice President - Tennis)

It has once again been a very busy year for tennis at Browns Bay. A new committee was formed and have hit the ground running even after a few teething problems and understanding our role within such a large club environment. This certainly set up some lively conversations. A considerable amount of time has been spent by the committee understanding people's needs and desires.

As always we have had a few members leave but that is likewise offset by the large number of new members joining us, we welcome all those to the club and look forward to seeing even more join as the year progresses

It's been great to see all the interclub teams take the court. We seem to continually be the club with the most senior teams competing which I think only reflects on the strength of the club and the members themselves.

I think I speak on behalf of everyone when I say we wait in excitement for the new deck and ballustrading to be completed so that we can show off our club to everybody.

A special thanks to a number of people, including Peter Weir for his continued organisation of Sunday afternoon Club Day without his help and commitment we wouldn't have the large numbers continually turning up each Sunday. To Thuten and his Thursday night Tennis which has become an institution to the Club and keeps the club 'a buzz' on a Thursday evening. To Peter Pye for his continuing behind the scenes maintenance that keeps all our nets up and functioning. Also Peter Black our Junior Tennis Convenor and of course the tennis committee for their hard work during the year, thanks also to our coach Gavin Hill and his helpers for their ongoing work with the juniors and intermediates. To the Midweek Ladies Convenor Lynda Murdoch and with her help, Jan Shearer, the organisation of Midweek Ladies Interclub, Ladies Day and their other events.

Mark Green our club president also spends many hours working on behalf of Tennis and Squash and this should also be recognized and acknowledged. Mark continues to go the extra mile to ensure the club runs as smoothly as possible. Fleur in and out of the office, thanks for keeping us all on track and ensuring that what we need is always taken care of, without you at the helm the club would not be what it is today. The new deck and balustrading would not have been possible without all the hard work and time you spent both during and outside work hours to ensure the large grant we received from the North Shore City Council.

Lastly thanks goes to our Tennis Club Captain Richard Tully, for all the hard work you have put in during the season.

#### The Club scene

12.1 As I mentioned earlier the clubs events, tournaments, fundraising activities are generally all organised by volunteers. Without your assistance our subs would be substantially higher.

12.2 I would mention particularly:

- Junior tennis committee of Peter Black and his team, the juniors are our life blood and it's great to see this membership area growing.
- Tony Peat for his unrelenting pursuit of a great set of accounts. Tony the Executive and club appreciate all the extra effort you have put in this year.
- Jono Craven, Richard Tully and the Tennis Committee and helpers for their management of our tennis needs, team selections and Club Championships;
- Allister Zimmerman, Mark Gallagher, Suzanne Becroft and the squash committee for handling all the squash requirements for the past year or so.

- Thuten Kesang for his enthusiastic direction of our Thursday evening tennis teams event, which attracts players from all over the North Shore and puts a spotlight on the Club in more ways than one. Peter Weir for his devotion and organisation of Sunday tennis. Peter Pye for his unseen work on the nets and courts allowing us to just turn up and play.
- Those who contribute as Interclub Team Captains, helpers at working bees, Committee members, selectors and Regional Delegates, Bar Buddies and fun generators. You are too many to mention, but we know who you are and value your support immensely.
- Those who organise Thursday Senior Squash Nights and the Summer team events on Tuesday evenings;
- Manu Yam for assisting with the junior squash nights and junior team selections.
- Our social tennis players who, by filling our courts all Sunday afternoon, promote our Club and its friendly atmosphere to passers by.

These contributions add significantly to our Club life and make our membership so enjoyable. Well done, everyone.

#### Conclusion

We would love to see new members on our various committees and over the next week or so you have the opportunity to help our club. It doesn't take that much time and you get to meet far more club members, please see Fleur or any existing committee members if you would like to help out. I look forward to another fun year both on and off the court.



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