

# NZTUA NEWS

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### 2009 Australian Open

Applications are now open for the 2009 Australian Open Grand Slam Tennis event. These can be downloaded from the Tennis NZ Website or by request from the NZTUA Administrator. To qualify for the Australian Open as a Line Umpire you would have had to have had experience at the New Zealand Tour Events and been active within your Local and National Association within the last 12 months. Applications must be received by the NZTUA Administrator no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008

### International ITF School

The selections committee for NZTUA are looking for candidates to be selected for the next ITF Level 2 School to be held in Australasia. The candidates would be looking to attain their ITF White badge in Chair Umpiring or Refereeing and be committed to progressing their International Tennis Officiating career. Successful applicants would receive partial funding from NZTUA to help them get to the school. All interested officials should apply to the NZTUA Administrator in the first instance

### 2008 Proposed Constitution

The proposed 2008 NZTUA constitution is available for download from the Tennis New Zealand Website, [www.tennisnz.com](http://www.tennisnz.com). You can request a hard copy of the Constitution by sending an email or letter to the Administrator of NZTUA whose contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

## US OPEN Beckons Kiwi Abroad

20 year old Matthew Laurie from Christchurch achieves another goal in his tennis umpiring career when he heads off to the US Tennis Open on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August. Matthew will be one of strong overseas contingent that attends Grand Slam events around the World.

Starting his Umpiring career with the 2004 World Team Cup Wheelchair Tennis event at the Scenic Circle Hotels Tennis Centre, Christchurch, Matthew enjoyed his time working amongst other experienced tennis officials and got an early taste for umpiring. Encouraged by local officials Matthew progressed through local events and advanced to the ASB Bank Classic & Heineken Open in 2005, and over the last 3 Heineken Open's has been part of the line crew for the Finals. For an official to be considered for overseas assignments and recommendations it is necessary for them to achieve at the highest level at home.

This year, 2008, Matthew joined the largest contingent NZTUA has sent to the Australian Open in 10 years. 8 other Umpires from around New Zealand travelled to Australia in January to be part of the Australian Open held at Melbourne Park.

Of his first Grand Slam experience Matthew said "My first year at the Australian Open was really memorable for me, so early in my Umpiring Career to be on court with some of tennis's biggest stars who you normally only see on TV. It was mind blowing to see how much Tennis impacts on society, with the so many people being involved in one event either, officiating, playing, organising or just coming along to watch."

For his future Matthew hopes to make it to the home of tennis, Wimbledon and progress in Chair Umpiring to travel even more. But right now he has a countdown to the 17<sup>th</sup> of August when he wings off to the Big Apple for a taste of Grand Slam Tennis American Style. He will be joined by Dimitar Trifunovski, also from New Zealand, in New York.

## Davis Cup – Oceania Group II Final – New Zealand vs China - New Plymouth

The Davis Cup by BNP Paribas tie between New Zealand and China will be held in Taranaki on 19-21 September this year. This important tie is the final of the Asia-Oceania Group II competition in the Davis Cup in 2008.

"It's appropriate that this important Davis Cup tie is to be hosted in New Plymouth, as Greymouth Petroleum - which has its major operations in and offshore Taranaki – is the principal sponsor of Peak Performance Tennis in New Zealand, which includes the Greymouth Petroleum NZ Davis Cup Team," says **Tennis NZ CEO, Steve Walker**.

The Davis Cup matches will be held in the 2,400 seat-capacity TSB Stadium. A roll-out tennis court surface will be installed 2 weeks in advance, to allow the New Zealand team time to practice on the indoor surface.

Applications for Line Umpires will be available from the Tennis NZ Website from June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

If you can work any of these events please contact your District Association at the details below or NZTUA:

### AUCKLAND

|                              |                     |            |       |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------|
| ITF 18/U NZ Indoor Champs    | Refs, Chairs, Lines | 7 -13 July | ATUA  |
| North Harbour Indoor Singles | Referees            | 10-13 July | ATUA  |
| National Indoors 16/U        | Referees            | 14-17 July | NZTUA |
| Auckland July Tournament     | Referees            | 14-18 July | ATUA  |

### WAIKATO

|                       |          |            |       |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|-------|
| WBOP Junior July Open | Referees | 6 -10 July | NZTUA |
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### WELLINGTON

|                             |          |                 |       |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| Manawatu Open               | Referee  | 5 - 7 July      | NZTUA |
| HV Junior Winter Tournament | Referees | 5 - 9 July      | WTUA  |
| Manawatu Junior Spring Open | Referee  | 29 Sept – 3 Oct |       |

### Nelson/Marlborough

|                             |         |            |       |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|-------|
| Nelson Junior Winter Open   | Referee | 2-3 July   | NZTUA |
| Nelson Junior Winter Open 2 | Referee | 16-17 July | NZTUA |

### CANTERBURY

|  |          |            |       |
|--|----------|------------|-------|
| National 14s Indoors                                       | Referees | 10-13 July | NZTUA |
| Canterbury Junior Winter Open                              | Referees | 14-18 July | CTUA  |
| Alpine Energy South Canterbury Junior Spring Open (Timaru) | Referees | 27-29 Sept | CTUA  |

### OTAGO

|                          |          |            |       |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|-------|
| South Island Indoors     | Referees | 7 - 8 July | NZTUA |
| South Island 16s Indoors | Referees | 13-15 July | NZTUA |

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## NZTUA AGM – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008

The 2008 NZTUA AGM is being held in Auckland at the Scarbro Tennis Centre, Merton Rd, from 1.00pm on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

Nominations have been received for the following positions

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|--------------------|--|
| President:         | Matthew Burrell  |
| Vice President:    | (to be nominated from the floor)                             |
| Treasurer:         | Rosemary Hargreaves  |
| Secretary:         | Rosemary Hargreaves  |
| Executive Members: | Aidan O'Rourke<br>(2 members to be nominated from the floor) |

### Special General Meeting

A Special General meeting has been called for 10.00am Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June to ratify the proposed Constitution. This meeting is also being held in the same premises as the later Annual General Meeting.

## 2008/09 Events Application Forms Online

Application forms for all events that NZTUA or its District Associations run will be available by email or directly downloaded from the Tennis NZ website. Look for the link on the Umpires section of this website and save it to your favourites menu. You will receive notification of these applications being released in the weekly catch up email being sent out by the Administrator.

### JUNE 2008

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### JULY 2008

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## NZTUA Course Schedule

Recently ATUA and CTUA ran rules of Tennis courses for new officials. This resulted in over 25 people joining the umpiring family. Courses are to be run in Wellington and Waikato before the end of this year. If you would like to see more courses in your area then please email the Administrator.

Upcoming courses for NZTUA

- July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Registered referees course
- August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Canterbury Chair Umpire course

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