

NZTUA NEWS

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2009 NZTUA

Annual General Meeting Saturday 20th June 10am Wilding Park

Nominations forms are enclosed. NZTUA welcomes all officials who would like to attend. For those members attending, please take the time to complete the nominations and return them no later than 30th May 2009.

Upcoming events: Davis Cup NZL vs. Indonesia

Officials are invited to apply for the tie, to be played 10th – 12th July in Hamilton. Application forms are enclosed and must be received by **2nd June 2009**.

National Indoor 14's

Scarbro 15th July

National Indoor 16's

Albany 20th July

National Indoor 12's

Wilding Park 20th July

Australian Open 2010

Forms are now available online. Officials who have finals experience from the Auckland events are encouraged to apply.

Applications with NZTUA close **7th July 2009**.

Additional forms and updated information can be found online
Download from www.nztua.com

NZ Official in North America

After receiving her White Badge, New Zealand's very own Paula Windelev, has taken her officiating skills offshore. We are expecting regular updates on her progress and experiences, check out the first instalment below.

Apart from all the fun things (business class to San Francisco, Alcatraz, shopping, Disney World, NASA Space Centre, Floridian beaches etc) I have also been doing some exciting things tennis wise!!

This week there are 2 events being held in Boca Raton, Florida, an hour's drive North of Miami. The first is the USA main draw wildcard tournament into the French Open later this month! It is being held at the Boca West country club, which is an amazing 1400 acre facility with 20 something courts, plus golf course, fitness centre, spa etc and home to more than 8000 residents, including Sebastian Grosjean if you believe the rumours! They put on an amazing buffet lunch for us! They have green clay courts, and as I was calling lines, this is the first time I have ever seen, stepped onto and worked on clay. Dave and I played for an hour, the main differences being the sliding and slipping, and the clay in your socks! Umpiring wise, I am finding it hard to watch for marks with more practice I'll get used to it. I've also shared the court with John Isner, all 6 foot 9 of him!

I have also been over at the (Chris) Evert Tennis Academy about 5 miles down the road, another beautiful facility with over 20 hard-court and green clay courts and also home of the USTA Training Academy. The weather has been beautiful and warm night and day, in the early 80s, I'm not sure how that converts, they have brainwashed me already. *-Editors note(26C!)*

We are involved in the Junior Davis Cup and Fed Cup final round qualifying with countries from the USA, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic. As well as the main 16s competition, there is also a 14s competition. I chaired my first 2 matches on clay, and luckily they were 52 and 44mins! A good way to break myself into the clay!

As always, the local officials have been very friendly and good to work with, many remember and know Blaze, Brenda Perry and Stephen Noble and ask me about them!!

Paula gained her ITF Badge in November last year, worked through the last Futures events in Auckland and Wellington and has 2 Australian Opens under her belt. She is also a die-hard Hurricanes Fan.

Paula will be returning to New Zealand this summer, to lend her skills as an ITF White Badge Chair Umpire. NZTUA wish her all the best for the coming months.

2009 AGM

All officials are encouraged to attend the AGM, to be held at Scenic Circles Hotel Tennis Centre (Wilding Park) on the 20th June. The following people have been appointed to the board for 2010: Matthew Burrell, Rosemary Hargreaves, David Verrinder and Daria Korobanova, congratulation to those four for their appointments.

Nominations for voted board members must be received no later than 30th May 2009. Please see the enclosed forms for further information.

Thank you from NZTUA and TNZ

A huge thank you is extended to all the officials who worked the Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington events this year. From an officiating point of view all of the tournaments were a success and thanks must also be extended to the supervisors – David, John, Patrick, and Stephen.

This year saw more local umpires working, but we still relied heavily on our overseas officials. Thanks to Gerry, Emma, Abhi, Gabi, Milena, Jenny, Chungie, and of course Ande (crash) Hutch.

In true form, these events always contain a social element, in addition to all the hard work being done on court. Quiz nights in Albany and Hamilton were a great source of entertainment, as well as Paula's farewell at David Verrinder's Plimmerton palace.

These events act as a starting point for gaining valuable experience for upward advancement to the likes of Davis Cup and the Auckland events.

NZTUA and TNZ wish to thank all individuals who were involved in the smooth running of these events and look forward to working with you again.

Upcoming training and courses

NZTUA have a number of upcoming courses around the country. These offer a great opportunity for furthering your skills, or just flushing the cobwebs out to refresh your knowledge.

Line Umpiring & Rules of Tennis - training and basic knowledge for beginners

Canterbury 4th October 2009
New Plymouth Course dates - TBC

Referee's courses – become a Certified TNZ Referee

Southland/Otago 13th/14th June 2009
Auckland 13th/14th June 2009
Nelson 8th/9th August 2009

Regional Contacts & Events

See www.tennisnz.com for a full calendar of events

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NZTUA Course Schedule

Have you registered your interest in completing a course with NZTUA?

- Rules of Tennis
- Chair Umpiring
- Refereeing

Contact the Administrator for more information or check out the NZTUA website

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