**JPTC President’s Report 2016-2017**

*To the Members of JPTC*

Another great season has passed and our club has had some great successes.

First off I’d like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors Four Winds & Lion Foundation because without their help it would not be possible for us to deliver such high quality programmes and to allow us to keep our subs so affordable.

Being a Breakaway School Holiday provider also helps us raise funds for our club and this season we completed 5 weeks. The Breakaway programmes are funded by the ministry of social development through Counties Manukau Sport designed to keep the youth in our community active and fit. I would like to thank the coaches and especially our co ordinator Noreen Cao and the team of volunteers who provide lovely lunches each day and keep everything running smoothly.

Hotshots Tennis in local schools is exposing more kids in our community to Tennis so our junior coaching programme is busier than ever and I’d like to thank our Junior Convenor Noreen, our administrator Peggy and our coaching support team. This past season we ran junior coaching every term and completed an adult coaching class. We also have an active presence in local school sports expos and community sports events like ‘The have a go days’ held at Mountford park.

Our tournament players are all doing very well. Teinaki William and Ela Vakaukamea were selected for the Nationals teams event Jan this year and both won medals. Teinaki did her first overseas trip to a tournament in Noumea and had great results. Boston Danford has been a very exciting prospect and he has won a number of 10U events during the school holidays. Ben Honey and Braydon McKenzie were selected to do demo matches at this year’s ASB Classic tournament. We do encourage our competitive players to compete in tournaments and off season satellites to keep their tennis up.

This season we entered 7 Senior Interclub Teams. Congratulations to our 2 twilight teams captained by Teina William and Peggy Temu who won their sections. As always our junior teams did exceptional with 7 of our 10 teams winning their sections. That is an outstanding result and is why we have been awarded Tennis Auckland Junior Interclub Club of the year 2 years running. We are so proud of all our competitive juniors.

We hosted a Queens Birthday tournament with Papakura and Bridge Park clubs. Tournament day had beautiful weather with Bridge Park winning on the day but we had great games..

Apologies that our club champs were so late this year, we were really lucky the weather was mild to get them done as the World Masters ended up being when we would normally play them. The masters had to complete 1300 matches in 10 days so I had very long days as a referee and needed to push our club champs back. We appreciate those of you that were able to make them though and to those winners, well done and to those that came close, come back and try harder next year.

Lastly I’d like to finish up by thanking all our parents who transport kids for us to get to their games and all the volunteers who give up a lot of their time for the club. A special mention to Giovanni Cao who does all the lawns and maintenance for us. Giovanni won the Manurewa Volunteer of the Year and was also a finalist in the Volunteer category at the Counties Manukau Sport Excellance awards Nov last year.

A personal achievement for me this season was being selected as a lines judge in the mens final at the Australian Open. It was a privilege to see one of my heroes Roger Federer win his first grand slam in a long time.

Lastly, I would like to wish our past members that will depart all the best and welcome all our new members. To the Committee thank you all for your commitment, effort and dedication this past season.

Job WELL DONE, and good luck for the new season. This upcoming 2017/18 season is a special one as we will celebrate our 85th year in October. We have planned a family celebration for that day. Please see our website for details.

Thanks

Chris Temu

JPTC President