**LIGHTHOUSE CINEMA PRESIDENTS TENNIS Round 2, Sunday 12th February, 2017**

Threatening rain stayed away sufficiently to allow a full turnout at Mitchell Park, plus one “away” game at the Lower Hutt Club Courts, for Round 2 of Presidents Grade on Sunday 12th February. The Division 1 match between Wainuiomata 1 (Antz Rivett) and Avalon (Jeff Guppy) was held over to accommodate the annual Family Day Trophy at the Wainuiomata Club.

Results for Round 2:

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| **Division 1** |  |  | |  | |  | |
| Pinehaven 1  (Margaret Young) | 6 | beat | | Maungaraki 1  (Audrey Daly) | | 0 | |
| Upper Hutt 1  (Lauren Riley) | 4 | beat | | Petone 1  (Kathryn Young) | | 2 | |
| Lower Hutt 1  (Jacky Albert) | 4 | beat | | Lower Hutt 2  (Alex Bridger) | | 2 | |
| Wainuiomata 1  (Antz Rivett) | \* |  | | Avalon  (Jeff Guppy) | |  | |
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| \*Postponed  **Division 2** |  | |  | |  | |  | |
| Maungaraki 2  (Souradeep Gupta) | 5 | | beat | | Lower Hutt 3  (Owen Norriss) | | 1 | |
| Wainuiomata 2  (Geoff Inglis) | 5 | | beat | | Maungaraki 3  (Jim Buysman-Bakkum) | | 1 | |
| Upper Hutt 2  (Estelle Marshall) | 5 | | beat | | Pinehaven 2  (Terry Poynter) | | 1 | |
| Petone 2  (Carol Eckersley) | 6 | | beat | | Lower Hutt 4  (Dick Werry) | | 0 | |
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Phil O’Connor had a tough introduction to Presidents Grade, losing his 3 sets 1-9, 1-9, 3-9, but don’t be discouraged Phil, they didn’t tell you, you were playing the top team. Your team mates in the Maungaraki 1 team didn’t do much better going down 6-0 to the top team Pinehaven 1. A team that has yet to lose a single set in the two rounds so far.

Upper Hutt 1, fell ow contenders for the Division 1 title, come 12th March, were made to work slightly harder by Petone 1, winning 4-2. Upper Hutt were bolstered by the return of Simon Osborne covering for the injured Murray Wright. Wendy Osborne hoping to spend an easier season in Division 2, was called into the Division 1 side. She performed creditably to help secure the win.

David Chin was called up at short notice for the losers, Petone 1, to fill in for the indisposed Warren Nelson. We wish Warren Nelson an early return to good health. A tad rusty at times, David nevertheless contributed with one win, which could be important in the play-offs to come.

Lower Hutt 1 (Jacky Albert) retained bragging rights by beating the Lower Hutt 2 side (Alex Bridger) 4-2. A creditable performance by the number 2 side not long promoted from second division. One critical win 9-8 by the No 1 team’s Barry Bishop and Kim Da Silva prevented a 3-3 result and the necessity of a countback of games won or lost.

Round 3 **next Sunday, 19th January,** sees the final qualifying round. Barring accidents, the top four and bottom four sides of Division 1 already appear to have sorted themselves out.

**Division 1 Section A Championship**

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| Pinehaven 1 | 16 points |
| Wainuiomata 1 | 7\* points |
| Maungaraki 1 | 1 point |
| Avalon | 0\* Points |

* One game in hand worth 8 points.

**Division 1 Section B Championship**

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| Upper Hutt 1 | 12 points |
| Lower Hutt 1 | 12 points |
| Petone 1 | 4 points |
| Lower Hutt 2 | 4 points |

Should the above position remain unchanged after Round 3, **next Sunday 19th,** Pinehaven 1 will play Lower Hutt 1 and Wainui 1 will play Upper Hutt 1 followed a week later by Pinehaven 1 vs Upper Hutt 1 and Wainui 1 vs Lower Hutt 1 etc. etc.

The terror of Presidents Grade over ten years ago, Terry Connolly returned to terrorise his opponents once again. This time in the Upper Hutt club colours. Held to an 8-9 loss with the help of his Partner, Terry Poynter, Pinehaven’s 2 Lloyd Kelly was knocked back 9-0, 9-1 in his two mixed doubles sets. A wicked ‘lefties’ serve and numerous drop shots into the wind proved uncomfortable to Connolly’s opponents. Vicky Wurtzer proved she would be a welcome addition to the Upper Hutt team in the weeks to come.

In another Division 2 match, Lower Hutt 4 (Kathy Brabin) will be looking forward to relative sanctuary of the bottom four play-offs after the completion of Round 3 matches next weekend. We welcomed Ray Heenan for his second consecutive match in Presidents Grade. This time for the Lower Hutt 4 side. Lower Hutt 4 (Kathy Brabin) lost 6-0 to Division 2 contenders Petone 2 (Carol Eckersley).

Maungaraki 3 (Paul Olsthoorn) had high hopes of toppling Wainui 2 (Brendan McAuley) after winning their Mens Doubles 9-5. The Wainui team featured one or two or more ring-ins in the form of Noel Edwards, Aaron Korpela and Janine Frost. Edwards in particular played strongly and could easily fit into a Division 1 side after a strong start by both their men and women, Maungaraki 3 faded to lose 1-5.

In the final Division 2 match, the score-board reflected an easy win, 5-1 by Maungaraki 2 (Mike Berridge) over Lower Hutt 3 (Owen Norriss). The match itself featured a couple of very close 9-8 results. Veteran Ian Andrews’ dominance at net proved the difference for Maungaraki, assisted materially by Irene Wong’s dogged returns.

The top four contenders in Division 2 are not quite so clear cut as in Division 1 except for the top individual teams in each section. That is Wainuiomata 2 and the super impressive Upper Hutt 2 side.

**Division 2 Section A Championship**

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| Wainuiomata 2 | 12 points |
| Maungaraki 2 | 9 points |
| Maungaraki 3 | 7 points |
| Lower Hutt 3 | 4 Points |
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**Division 2 Section B Championship**

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| Upper Hutt 2 | 15 points |
| Petone 2 | 10 points |
| Pinehaven 2 | 7 points |
| Lower Hutt 4 | 0 Points |
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**A couple of Reminders:**

1. We play again this coming Sunday, **19th February.**
2. Don’t forget our **GALA** on **Sunday 19th March.** Similar to a standard Vets Tournament, Mens & Ladies Doubles only. No Mixed Doubles., Enter with a partner of your choice.

**For HV Tennis Association**

Paddy Wells, Dick Werry, Carol Eckersley, Paul Olsthoorn, Estelle Marshall.