

2010 TENNIS CENTRAL JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wellington ended up defending their title at the second Trans Tasman Tennis – Tennis Central Junior Team Championships which was held on 24-25th April at the Renouf Tennis Centre.

In this event each of the Tennis Central teams are split into two pools depending on their Top Dog seeding and complete a pool round robin before playing off for their final position on the Sunday afternoon. NB: Wellington submitted two teams to make a total of 8.

The event format is slightly different to most other fixtures that the region's players are involved in, in the fact that each team, comprising of a core 8 players across the 10-16 age group bracket, are required to play a Hopman Cup style format which incorporates both singles and mixed doubles.

This year over half of the 16 ties were decided either by countback (5 ties) or by a 7/5 result (4 ties) which made for a thrilling weekend, especially for **Manawatu** and **Wanganui** who were involved in 3 of these countbacks each.

For the final position playoffs, **Wellington One** proved too strong for **Hutt Valley** winning the overall title, **Wellington Two** played **Wanganui** for 3rd position and won on a countback, **Manawatu** also defeated **Kapi Mana** on a countback to determine the 5th and 6th positions while **Wairarapa** narrowly lost to **Taranaki**, 7 matches to 5, for the remaining position playoff.

Off the court, at the conclusion of play on Saturday, the teams also attended a players evening where they were given an opportunity to ask Clint Packer, Tennis Central RPC Coach, any tennis related question they wished and where the region's successes for the 2009/10 season were celebrated.

Final Placings

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| 1. Wellington One | 5. Manawatu |
| 2. Hutt Valley | 6. Kapi Mana |
| 3. Wellington Two | 7. Taranaki |
| 4. Wanganui | 8. Wairarapa |

Wellington Winning Team Members: Luke Piercey, Olly Sadler, Liam Wilby, Joshua Snowdon-Poole, Rangi Aukino, Bridget Liddell, Ella Welch, Sophie Ensor, Marc and Philippa Tolley (Team Managers) and Peter Papas (Coach).

Please see the following link for full event results:

<http://www.tennis.org.nz/InterclubCompetitionGradesList.asp?cnID=808>