



The 2018 Scarbro Caro Bowl premier interclub competition kicks off this Friday night October 26th at various club venues across the Auckland region. Many of New Zealand's top players have been listed to play so we are guaranteed some exciting tennis as clubs go head to head over the coming weeks.

The eight Men's teams have been split into two pools of four and there is likely to be some very competitive contests in the round robin matches leading into the play-off phase. Two-time defending champions Next Gen will face some tough competition this year particularly from the Karaka team who look very strong on paper with a couple of well ranked Aussie players forming the backbone of the side. Blockhouse Bay is also a force to be reckoned with and they will be spearheaded by emerging pro Ajeet Rai. Eden Epsom make a welcome return to Scarbro Caro Bowl competition after gaining promotion to the top league for the first time in many years. The remaining teams are Cockle Bay, Royal Oak, Parnell and Remuera and they will all be fighting hard to win through to the semi-final stage.

The Women's competition features seven teams and they will all play each other over the next few weeks in a round robin format. The two top teams will advance straight through to a final showdown at the end of November. Defending champions Parnell may very well be the team to beat but will face some stern competition from the other teams this year. Royal Oak and Sunnyhills will work hard to reclaim the title they have both won in recent years while newer sides like Campbell Park and Bucklands Beach will be trying to improve on last season's performances. Rounding out the competition are Kohimarama and Pompallier and both these teams have been strong performers in recent times.

The draw for the opening weekend is:

Men - Friday 26 October 6pm

Next Gen v Cockle Bay at Next Gen

Parnell v Remuera at Parnell

Blockhouse Bay v Eden Epsom at Blockhouse Bay

Men - Sunday 28 October at 2pm

Karaka v Royal Oak at Karaka

Women- Friday 26 October 6pm

Pompallier v Kohimarama at Pompallier

Bucklands Beach v Royal Oak at Bucklands Beach

Sunday 28 October

Sunnyhills v Parnell at Sunnyhills

Campbell Park has a bye

Full draws and venues are available in the Scarbro Caro Bowl section on the Tennis Auckland website www.tennisauckland.co.nz We encourage all tennis fans to come along, support their clubs, watch some great tennis and enjoy host club hospitality.