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Bar Hours

Normally:
Mon 5pm - 9pm
Tue 5pm - 10pm*
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Thu 5pm - 10pm
Fri 5pm - 8pm
Weekends As required

Pro Shop Hours

Normally:
Mon 5pm - 9pm
Tue 5pm - 10pm*
Wed 5pm - 10pm*
Thu 5pm - 10pm
Fri 5pm - 8pm
Weekends By appointment
During Tournaments
*During competitions



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Coming Up at Tawa Squash March

Tawa Women's Open **March 7th - 9th**

Bohemian Rhapsody "Drive in Movie" Fundraiser **Sat March 16th**

Junior Head Series **Sunday 17th March**

Totalflow Tawa B Grade and Below **March 21-24 for all graded players below "A" Grade.**

Ladies Skill Session Thursday **March 28th 6:20pm-7:40pm**

Every Month

Junior Club Night 5pm – 7pm Fridays in School Term, \$5 non members, Free members
(Not on Mar 8th or 22nd due to tournaments)

Small Nix (5-8 year olds) 5pm – 5:30pm Fridays in School Term, No Charge
(Not on Mar 8th or 22nd due to tournaments)

Mums N Bubs Thursdays from 9:30am – 11am \$5 non members, Free members

Senior (Adults) Club Night Mondays 7pm – 9pm

Note from the Treasurer - Serious Allegations directed at Tawa Squash

The club has recently been made aware that there is a member of the community who, in the past couple of months and under the guise of an anonymous email account, has penned an email to various trusts that the club applies for funding from, accusing Tawa Squash Club of misappropriating received funds.

The committee wish to be clear that it categorically denies these allegations which defame our club manager, the committee, and affiliated contractors to the club. These allegations are without merit and/or substance.

I am taking the unusual step to announce this in the newsletter because the committee take such allegations very seriously, and would like our membership to be alert to this issue and to have confidence that the club is run in a fully compliant manner.

To date we have taken the following steps in order to address these baseless allegations:

- I have personally reviewed all funding applications and accountability reports for funding received in the past 18 months. Our club manager has maintained thorough paperwork that demonstrates the club's compliance with the conditions of the funding, documents accountability, and completely disproves the allegations made;
- The club's accounts were reviewed late last year by an independent accountant, in which their report confirmed our accounting practices are sound;
- I have emailed all of the trusts that have provided funding, explaining this, and offering any assistance to ensure their ongoing confidence in our club; and
- We have contacted the Police to seek advice on any legal redress available to the club in light of the defamatory nature of the allegations.

Since these defamatory emails were circulated, the club has been successful in a new funding application for the upgrade of our court lighting. It is reassuring to know that our funders have indicated ongoing confidence in the club and are treating these anonymous emails as being without merit. If you have any

questions regarding this please don't hesitate to contact me.

Tawa squash club is a wonderful, family based club with strong values. We see this in our members, in our committee and we believe we have provided a sound basis on which our funders can continue to hold this view as well.

Nick Hogg
Treasurer

Tawa Women's Open

The second ever Tawa Women's Open will be held from Thursday 7th – Sat 9th March. Entries close Friday 1st March. If you would like to enter, act now and/or if you can help with bar, tournament control or kitchen duties please contact Fran Lints at fran.lints@gmail.com

Totalflow Tawa B and Below

This event begins March 21st and will go through to Sunday 24th. This tournament is traditionally sold out so an early entry will maximise your chance of getting into the draw. You can enter on the notice board at the club or via iSquash <https://www.squash.org.nz/sit/homepage>

Downstairs area renovations

The area adjacent to courts 1 & 2 is in the process of being renovated. This will include a new touch screen (purchased from generous funding from Trust House) for court light activation, new bench seats where the old shelf/drawers were, and much more room. This is hoped to be completed before the Tawa Women's Open on Thursday but if not, then the following week.

Successful Grant

NZCT have again supported Tawa Squash and have committed \$4,000.00 to help us in our quest to have LED lights on all three courts. These will likely be installed over the next 6 weeks hopefully with minimal inconvenience to members. Not only will we have international standard lighting, we will save \$100+ a month in power bills and won't have to change fluorescent tubes and starters every 2 years. The life expectancy of the lights is over 25 years!

Tawa Squash Fundraiser - Bohemian Rhapsody Drive in Movie

Tawa Squash is raising funds for club expansions with this must see movie at the Outlet City car park on **Saturday 16th March**. There is no recollection of any movie ever being shown publicly in Tawa so by attending you could well be a part of history. If successful, drive in movies in Tawa could become a regular occurrence. You can book at <http://www.firefly.nz/movie/tawa-squash-club-fundraiser-bohemian-rhapsody/>

Women's Skills Evening

The Tawa Women's Group is hosting their third skills session **on Thursday March 28th** from 6:20 – 7:40 pm. This session is an opportunity for women to meet some of the other women members at Tawa Squash, and you are especially welcome if you are a new member. Come squash ready.

Congratulations Ollie and Nick

Ollie Dunbar has made the NZ team for the 2019 Executive Travel Trans Tasman Test matches vs Australia on April 11/12. He will be playing in the under 13 divisions and will play the Aussie number 1 and 2.

Nick Mita has been chosen by Squash NZ to coach the boys for those test matches.

Nick is also 2019 and 2020 NZ Elite Junior Boys Coach, a 2 year campaign heading to the world champs in Malaysia in July and to the world champs on the Gold Coast in 2020.

Well done to you both.

Tawa Men Taranaki Doubles Champions

Richie Hoare and Nick Mita paired up to win the Taranaki Doubles event at Kawarua Park in mid February. With 50 teams entered, they won the final 3/2 with Richie advising he was the three and Nick was the two! Aaron Havill also played, pairing up with Samantha Douglas from Hutt City Squash and had the dubious distinction of being up 10 – 1 and matchball in the third set and then losing in five. That's incredibly hard to do even if you tried.

Coaching Workshop in the Youth and Club Space

A Squash NZ Coaching Workshop is being held on March 30-31 Palmerston North targeting development in the youth and club space. If you want more information, or would like to register, go to https://squashnz.formstack.com/forms/regional_coaching_workshop The club may be happy to subsidise your registration.

Competition Etiquette

A reminder that it is an "unwritten" rule that after a competition match (tournament, interclub, summer fun etc) the winner is expected to buy the loser the first drink at the bar.

In addition to that, a culture we are trying to create at Tawa is for the loser to buy a "Slottoe Number" which, if won, sees the \$50 prize shared between the two players. In the recent past (from the Summer Fun series), Anna and Conrad have shared the prize, as have Alison and Cheryl.

How does Slottoe work? You put a \$2 coin into a spare slot in the Slottoe board (opposite the bar) and write your name on the corresponding line of the co-located sheet. If the number you pick is also the bonus number on the following Saturday night's NZ lotto you will win the \$50 prize. Easy! So you have 1 chance in 40 of winning \$50.00

Latest Slottoe winners

02/02/19	Bonus no. 14	Alison McCabe & Cheryl Nicholson	09/02/19	Bonus no. 09	Mike Slape
16/02/19	Bonus no. 03	Aaron Havill	23/02/19	Bonus no. 34	Conrad & Anna

Change to Peak Time on Fridays

Due to relatively low patronage on Fridays from 5pm-9pm, and the fact that Junior Club Night is on from 5pm – 7pm during the school term, it has been deemed appropriate to make this an off peak time. There are now no peak times on a Friday.

Reminder - Practice Function on Court Light System

A reminder that Practice is not to be used when two or more players are on court. It is reserved solely for lone training. If you don't have a second key to use when you are on court with another, please use the Visitor option and add a note to the visitor fee box.

Change to Block Booking permissions

Although our club booking rules advise no block booking is allowed (<http://tawasquash.weebly.com/court-booking-rules.html>), we have turned a blind eye to courts being block booked without permission in off peak times as it has never been deemed a problem. With increased usage we are now instructing the booking system to allow only 2 consecutive courts to be booked during off peak play. If a court is free after this time there is nothing stopping members continuing. However if the courts are all booked after this time it is obvious the demand supports this action.

Thanks a Million

To a host of people.

Margie Peterson who mowed the club lawns in January without being asked and without saying anything. It took 2 weeks to uncover who it was. Margie is a true legend of the club.

Anna Du Plessis who helped clean the club while we were looking for a new cleaner specialising in "toilet cleaning!"

Richard Creasy, Chris Appleby and Scott Farmer for volunteering to strip the lining downstairs in preparation for rewiring, jibbing, and installing the new touch screen solution for the court lights and booking system.

Lueni Taufa for entertaining two first time female squashes at last Monday nights club night. As we were having a committee meeting at the same time we had no-one available to induct the new girls and when asked if she'd mind helping, Leuni, new to squash herself, had no hesitation in hopping on court with them. Such was the impression she left, both girls want to sign up. Thanks and very well done.

Simon Hogg, Brendan White and Nick Hogg for patching walls on courts one and two. A lick of paint in the near future will have them looking even better.

Darrin Leggett and Prea Devi for tidying up the back garden and filling the trailer with green waste.

Welcome to our Latest New Members

Eveni Sofai – Eveni has raw potential with a strong forehand and he is keen to chase down every shot.

Jessica Broadley – ex Mums N Bubs wanting to keep up her fitness complementing her regular jogging.

Keri Gunn – ex Mums N Bubs and club member making a return after extending the family.

Lueni Taufa – new to squash but keen to learn and play and would love to gain the confidence to be part of the World Masters Squash in Japan next year.

Nigel Fraser & Maree Cordell – couple keen to get and keep fit together through squash.

Nick Brandon – partner of member Laura Featherstone. Nick has been playing in the leagues as a casual and has now migrated to Pay to Play.

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