

## USEFUL CONTACTS

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### Bar Hours

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

### Pro Shop Hours

Mon	5pm - 9pm
Tue	5pm - 10pm*
Wed	5pm - 10pm*
Thu	5pm - 10pm
Fri	5pm - 8pm
Weekends	By appointment

During Tournaments

\*During interclub activity

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



Shaun has sourced and installed 3 new vandal proof sensor lights at the school next door to improve safety and security for club members and school associates alike. He has also installed a new, bright LED light outside the new front door.

Thanks Shaun, this is another improvement for our fantastic club.

If you have any electrical work to be done call Shaun on 027 442 8246.



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## New Life Member

At the AGM on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Nicola Ward-Thomes was popularly awarded a life membership for her years of dedicated service at Tawa Squash (which still continue). There were no fewer than 14 separate reasons why Nicola should receive this prestigious award, all of them compelling, the key ones being:

- Winner of the Cowan Cup 2006 & 2015 most significant contribution to Tawa Squash.
- 2009 & 2014 Darrin Slape Memorial for contribution to Jnr Squash in Wn
- A qualified coach – she has lent a hand coaching both adults and juniors for over 15 years.
- 2016 managed the successful C Grade Womens Superchamps team
- Ladies Club Captain 2010
- Junior Convenor 2007-2013

Nicola epitomises what we try to stand for at Tawa Squash and has been a key contributor to the shaping of our culture. Congratulations Nicola, you deserve this honour – and we as a club are all very proud of you.



## Last Club Night for the year

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec will see the last club night of the year. The following one will be on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Club night has attracted between 8 and 15 keen members each Monday who participate in a variety of activities from king of the court, quick fire one on one games, or threes.

## Pak 'N Save Ham & Turkey Tournament

Another successful tournament was held to cap off a very successful 2017. 113 players competed in divisions of four vying to win a ham, a turkey, a meat pack or a size 22 chicken. Approximately 20 club members were involved voluntarily to help run the event and performed outstandingly. Well done again Tawa for upholding our reputation of being an organised, friendly, welcoming club that people want to visit.

## New Sensor Lights Installed at St Francis Xavier School Car Park

Yay! They are in. Tawa Squash has had installed 3 sensor lights on the school buildings facing the car park which we are so fortunate to be allowed to use outside of the schools parking needs. These lights will make it much safer to walk to and from your car at night time, and will help keep the cars secure from opportunists who like to operate under the cover of darkness. Thanks to Shaun McMeekin for facilitating this installation. The school principal is delighted (no pun intended!) as I'm sure members who use the park will also be.

## New Front Door Installed

It's in!!! Our new front door has been installed and over the Xmas period we are planning on tidying up the whole entrance way. We have had a tiler preparing to lay new tiles but this process has experienced a couple of delays which are outside our control. Geordie Grieve has done an expert job with the door install and has also replaced broken cladding adjacent to the door.

## New Window Stays Installed

New security stays have been installed on the windows at the northern end of the lounge. The windows will now only open wide enough for ventilation and any danger of harm has been minimised, particularly for "couch climbing" toddlers who can easily force the window wide open. Alan Lavery (Khandallah Squash Club) kindly installed these and refused any payment, preferring a small bar tab be provided on his next visit. The hardest and longest part of the job for Alan was parking – he arrived at 3pm in time for the chaotic school pickup period. Thanks Alan for your very kind gesture.

## 24 hour Squash-a-thon THIS WEEK

The delightful Ann Smith has arranged a Squash-a-thon at Tawa Squash from 2pm Friday to 2pm Saturday – 24 hours of non stop squash. All proceeds are going to the local Women's Refuge to assist many not as fortunate as us. How can you help? A small donation, baking some goods to sell during the event, or donating food items or Christmas presents. Check out our facebook page for more details. You may even want to have a hit during the event and get some sponsorship. This will culminate in an exhibition match between Debbie Dunder (NZ no. 25) and Becky Barnett (NZ no. 8) between 1 and 2 pm Saturday. If you would like to take part, or to help, contact Ann on [ann.smith@ex4consulting.co.nz](mailto:ann.smith@ex4consulting.co.nz)

Thanks a Million to... Peter Gooch – When installing the new front door, the accompanying electric



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strike (key tag latch) wouldn't work meaning the door would remain open all night! Pete came by the club after he had finished work, got it working, re-ran some electronic cables, and tidied the final part of the job up – all within half an hour. Brilliant work Pete – you are a credit to yourself and also to your employer – Aotea Security. Thanks from us all.

### Car Parking by Redwood Village

If car parks are scarce at Tawa Squash, please refrain from parking on the berm outside the Redwood Village. Although perfectly legal to park on this council portion of the land, the Village has politely asked not to as they maintain this area on behalf of the council. There is ample parking, either in the School Carpark or on the Main Road – it may however mean that you will need to walk a few extra meters to the club – treat it as a gentle warm up!

### President's Corner

Hi Squashies,

We are nearly at the end of the year, one that has been very successful. Some great strides have been made on and off the court with a lot of exciting things in the pipeline for 2018.

I would like to thank each of you for your contribution in 2017, whether you are a social or competitive player you contribute to make this club the Best Squash Club in Wellington. I think we are well on the way of achieving our vision (To provide a fun and safe environment for our members, prospective members and our community to lead active healthy lives through squash). I would also like to thank the current committee for their excitement and openness to evolving as a club. Sometimes change can take us outside our comfort zone but it's been encouraging to see the group take on the challenge.

Watch this space for some communication scheduled to go out mid-late January for the roles on and off the committee that will be available for you to consider and apply for. We will also detail the election process to ensure it is fully transparent and understood.

Finally, good luck to all those participating in the Squash-a-thon starting Friday, a fantastic initiative to support an amazing organisation that supports the communities we work and live in. It has also been awesome to see the Wellington squash community come together with people from Mana, Thorndon, Island Bay, Mitchell Park, Upper Hutt and of course Tawa taking part. Please drop in and support the players if you can. Check out the event on our Facebook page for some of the head to heads not to be missed, plus the give-a-little page. A special thanks to Ann Smith for driving this and to those that are taking part in it.

Wishing you and your family safe and happy holidays.

Cheers, Bryan

### Welcome to our latest new members

**Ethan Ward** – a junior who has enjoyed junior club nights immensely and now wants to be a full member.  
**Carol Mills** – a previous member who has had a break to extend her family and has now joined them all up in a family membership - **hubby Dave and kids Valentino, Leonardo and Antonio.**

**'Welcome, and may our existing members make you feel that this is where you belong'**

### What's on

- \* **Final for 2017 Senior Club Night Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00pm, free**
- \* **Final for 2017 "The Borough" sponsored Mums n' Bubs Thurs from 9:30am \$5, full members free**
- \* **Squash-a-thon Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm**
- \* **Exhibition Squash Match Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 1-2pm Debbie Dunbar V Becky Barnett**
- \* **Upgraded entrance – door & tiles Ongoing**

### Thanks to our Sponsors

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