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Thu 5pm - 10pm
Fri 5pm - 8pm
Weekends As required

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

*During interclub activity



SPONSORS CORNER

Harcourts Tawa has again agreed to sponsor our club champs. They also provide other sponsorship through house sales. If you list your house with Harcourts and nominate Tawa Squash as your preferred organisation for funding, when your house sells (and Harcourts WILL sell it) they donate \$250.00 to Tawa Squash. Call Mike or Steve on 04 232 4171 for any house rental or purchase inquiries in Tawa.



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Good Luck to the E Grade Men defend a Superchamps title

Tawa entered 6 teams in the Wellington Regional Superchamps Competition and while many Tawa teams performed fantastically, including C Grade Women and D Grade Women both coming 2nd, the standout team was again the E Grade Men's. As this newsletter is being created the team is now in Christchurch to defend their National title won in 2017. They have just won their first match 4-1. Note we have never successfully defended a national Superchamps title – no pressure guys! Keep up to date on the Tawa Squash facebook page.



Women 18 yrs + Wellington 800 and below tournament

The series final of the first ever "Head Sponsored Women's 800 Points and Below" tournament is on at Mitchell Park on Sunday 7th October. This is a "New Women into Squash" event and coerces our new ladies into competitive play without the pressure of a normal tournament with much higher graded players. Entry: \$5.00 per Tournament Games Start at 10.am. Matches PAR 15, best of 3 sets If you are interested register by logging into iSquash or contact Ann Smith ann.smith@ex4consulting.co.nz

Two New Club Champions

For the second year in a row, we have two new club champions (both pictured). Rebecca Barnett took out



the women's final in 3 sets, and Grant Slape won the men's title in 4 sets. The tournament was another enjoyable club champs capped off with an inspiring presentation by Amelia Kerr, Tawa's young cricket sensation, and a brilliant meal courtesy of the E Grade Men's Superchamps team who provided and delivered the two course meal as a fundraiser. Harcourts Tawa again proved to be a fantastic sponsor of the event while Thumps Sports generously donated a new racket which was presented to Amelia with a 12 month Tawa Squash Club membership.



The cup winners were:

Women's Open	Rebecca Barnett	Men's Open	Grant Slape	Men's D Div	Greg Phillips
Womens B Div	Paige Goodall	Men's B Div	Bayley Leggett	Men's E Div	Ryan Wilson
Womens C Div	Dee Kim	Men's C Div	Cam Goodall	Men's F Div	Andrew Martin

Hannah Dunbar took the Lenette Inglis Memorial Cup as the most improved woman (for the second consecutive year), while Bayley Leggett won the most improved men's cup with a nation high improvement of 1430 points going from E2 to C1. Deservedly, Louise Sinclair took out the coveted Cowan Cup for the most valuable club member outside the committee – a testament to her passionate contribution to the club.

Tawa Squash Challenge Ladder

The committee is investigating the introduction of a squash ladder and we would love your feedback. This ladder will enable you to play others of a similar level with the ability to challenge players up to three places ahead of you. Those up to three places below can also challenge you. If you are interested in being part of this please put your name on the entry sheet below the poster on the notice board downstairs at the club.

Thanks a Million..... Anna Du Plessis – Anna has responded to an expression of interest for a minute taker at our monthly committee meetings and has agreed to begin the process at our next meeting. For many this is a thankless task but never-the-less an extremely important one that can help make a committee run more smoothly. Anna has provided this service in previous positions and will be a welcome addition to the administration of the club.

HELP WANTED – at Junior Club Night

Our junior programme is arguably the best in Wellington but it could always be a bit better. Currently Nikki and Scott Farmer do an outstanding job co-ordinating all things junior but to take the pressure off them we could do with more help supervising the kids on a Friday night. There is no requirement to coach, just to help conduct Friday evenings. This may include helping in the bar and/or kitchen, signing visitors in, arranging the kids into relatively even groups, and maybe even introducing your own initiatives or flavour if you so desire. And if you would like to be trained to provide some basic coaching we are happy to get you upskilled with some of the coaching modules available. Contact the club manager peter@tawasquash.co.nz if you would like to help.

Debbie Dunbar National Champion

Earlier this month Debbie won the 40-44 year old women's division of the National masters tournament at the Devoy Centre in Tauranga. Congratulations Debs from all the members Margaret Harlen also attended and played in both the teams and individual events winning her division (but not a national title) and then backing up with the club champs last weekend played 9 games in 10 days! Not bad seeing Marg is over 50.

Spring into Tawa - Sat Oct 27th

On October 27th the Main Road in Tawa will be blocked off for most of the day from the library to Sussex Street while the annual Spring into Tawa carnival is run. Tawa Squash is having a presence this year with the juniors running a "big" BBQ with sausages, bacon butties and other goodies. If you would like to contribute an hour or so of your time please respond to peter@tawasquash.co.nz. All proceeds will go to Junior development.

HELP WANTED x 2

1. Archiving our History

We have over 50 years of history including many photos on the gallery wall. To preserve these for future generations we would love someone who is interested in this type of work to come forward and volunteer. The first job would be to arrange the scanning of our photos with the intention of a permanent digital display (we have skilled scanners available to assist). Contact the club manager peter@tawasquash.co.nz if this is you.

2. Communications Co-ordinator

On the committee we have different people performing different tasks including publishing this newsletter, maintaining the website and facebook and running surveys. If there is a member keen on communications who would be prepared to collect information from groups and individuals and co-ordinate its distribution please advise. This isn't necessarily a committee role but it would suit someone who is interested in multimedia communication. This could also include Club marketing. Contact the club manager peter@tawasquash.co.nz if you want more information on what's entailed.

Welcome to our latest new members

Angela Jones and partner Jeremy Thomas – had a hit at Solway Park are remembered how much fun squash can be. 3 kiddies in the wings just waiting for a hit too!

Marie Samson – Involved in this year's Nga Hau E Wha tournament so has joined to get into form.

Stephanie Vivian – coerced to play and join by good friend and member Renee Waihi.

Wolnir Roche – new pay to play member until he moves closer to Tawa while working at Granada North.

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

What's on

**Junior Club Nights Fridays (last of the term this week) 5pm - 7pm, Members free, non members \$5.
Small nix 5-8 yr olds 5pm-5:30pm FREE**

Monday Senior Club Nights Mondays 7:00 – 9:00pm, free

"The Borough" sponsored Mums n' Bubs Thursdays (9:30am) \$5, full members free – on through holidays

Head 800 Series (Women only) Mitchell Park (Series Final) – Sun Oct 7



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