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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Harcourts Tawa Club Champs September 17th – 21st
E Grade Nationals at Tawa September 25th – 28th
Tawa Doubles October 11th – 12th
Travel Hub Tawa Squash Business House October 8th/9th to 29th/30th
Tawa Summer Fun November 5th/6th – December 3rd/4th

Every Month

Junior Club Night 5pm – 7pm Fridays in School Term, \$5 non members, Free members
Small Nix (5-8 year olds) 5pm – 5:30pm Fridays in School Term, No Charge
Mums N Bubs Thursdays from 9:30am – 11am \$5 non members, Free members
Senior (Adults) Club Night Mondays 7pm – 9pm No Charge

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Normally:
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Tue 5pm - 10pm*
Wed 5pm - 10pm*
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

SUPERCHAMPS C Grade Women are Wellington Champions

The C Grade Women's Superchamps team are taking their show on the road and heading to Invercargill after winning the District Superchamps late last month. After 5 hard fought matches the team emerged as the only unbeaten squad in a round robin style tournament of six teams. It was excellent to see such a great team spirit evident across the weekend's matches as well as a real pride to be representing Tawa at the competition. The fundraising now begins – there are no \$49 fares to the deep south!

The other superchamps teams didn't fare quite so well with the E Grade Men beaten 3-2 in the final, while the B and C Grade men playing to their seedings.

The E Grade Men, top seeds in their tournament, were pipped at the post by Mana losing the first three games 3-2 and then winning the last two 3-1, 3-0. Unfortunately, although Tawa won more games (12-10) it was too little too late. Not is all lost though as they have been provided a wild card entry to the Nationals hosted at Tawa on account of an odd number of teams entered (9). Being the local hosts runner up we have been invited by Squash NZ to participate.

The C Grade Men and B Grade Men sadly lost all three of their games thereby playing to their seedings.

C Grade Ladies Quiz Night Fundraiser – save the date Sat Sept 7th



The C grade women's team needs to raise the best part of \$9,000 to represent Wellington at the Nationals in Invercargill and ask you to "save the date". The evening starts at 7, the bar will be open from 6, cost is \$20pp (incl. Nibbles) and teams of a max. 8 people. Anyone wanting to enter a team can email Fran on fran.lints@gmail.com They will also be doing a batons up (\$20 per ticket) and more information on that (as well as a quiz night poster) will be coming soon!

However, if you want to get in quick on the Batons Up please email Fran to reserve a number.



Finally, the girls are also on the hunt for willing sponsors to donate goods for a few raffles so if you know of anyone who fits the bill and may be willing please let Fran know!



Winter Interclub Results

Tawa Men had one of their worst winter interclub results on record Mens 1 (div 2) : last (should we say 6th?), Mens 2 (div 4) : last, Mens 3 (div 6) : Third, Mens 5 (div 7) : Third and Mens 4 (div 7) : Last. Guess who won't be getting interclub Club of the year?

Meanwhile the Women had a much more successful time with Womens 1 (div 2) : Second, Womens 2 (div 3) : First, Womens 4 (div 4) : Third and Womens 3 (sixers) : First.

Congratulations to the winning teams:

- Women's 2 comprising Anna Du Plessis, Fran Lints, Duhee Kim, Esther Parkin, Mariu Coffey, Erica Bradshaw, Mary-Ellen Wakefield and Honor Greyling and
- Women's 3 team Keri Gunn, Paige Sinclair, Sallie Lane, Jo Grace, Lisa McGrath, Mary-Ellen Wakefield and Averalle Paenga.

Black Knight Tawa Junior Open

The Tawa Junior Open was resurrected and returned to our courts at the start of August generously sponsored by Black Knight and Thump Sport. 38 juniors all played three games each over two days and all participants appeared to enjoy the additional event that was provided for them. We are the only club in Wellington that has held our own "junior open" this year and it was superbly run by Nikki Farmer and her team with Nikki being here for the whole duration of the tournament. The winners were both from the Mana Squash Club, Brian Stevens (boys) and Maiden-Lee Coe (girls.) A lucky draw for a Black Knight Quicksilver racket was won at prizegiving by Hannah Du Toit of Thorndon.



E Grade Superchamps Nationals at Tawa – Huge Event

From Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th September Tawa Squash Club will be the busiest we have ever seen it. 16 teams (almost 120 people) will converge and competition matches will likely be played from 1pm – 11pm Wednesday, 9am – 11pm Thursday and Friday and 8am – 6:30 pm Saturday followed by prizegiving and a celebration party.

Although the managing of the matches is quite structured and needs little input the bar will need manning and the kitchen will be busy. If you are able to help out during this time please respond to info@tawasquash.co.nz and advise if you are able to help.

Do you know a good DJ?

With almost 120 players competing here at the E Grade Superchamp Finals Tawa Squash will put on a function at the end of the tournament and are considering getting a DJ in to run the evening. Do any members know of a good DJ who may be able to perform? Obviously one at a good hourly rate would be ideal. Respond to info@tawasquash.co.nz if you know of one.



Harcourts Tawa Club Champs Sept 19th-21st – all members welcome to play

 Our final tournament of the season is almost upon us – the Harcourts Club Champs. All members, competitive or social, are welcome to play. Historically games are not played for grading points but this year, if two players specify before they play that they both want to play for points, we will allow it. There is one prize per division - a cup that will be engraved with the winner's name. The poster is up on the notice board to enter or you can go directly to iSquash.

As has been the case for at least the last 5 years, the finals will be completed at around 6pm on Saturday immediately followed by our annual prize giving, a sit down meal, and a guest speaker. This year we are privileged to have Jason Pine (pictured) as our speaker. Jason is the morning host on Radio Sport, he MC's many events (including the last 2 Wellington Sportsperson of the Year awards), and he is a former Tawa Squash Club Junior Club Champion. Jason loves his sport and has a superb manner with a microphone in front of him. This promises to be a great half hour of after dinner entertainment.



The C Grade ladies will be preparing and serving dinner as a fundraiser to their trip to Invercargill.

October Business House with New Sponsor – Travel Hub in Tawa

Cameron Dellow from the Travel Hub has generously agreed to sponsor a business house squash competition at Tawa Squash in October. Travel Hub has professional travel experts ready to provide excellent and tailor made travel experiences for all types of travel and offer airfares, tours, hotel and car bookings plus much more. For expert travel advice pop in to 214 Main Road, Tawa, call 04 233 9000 or email cameron@thetravelhub.co.nz Make sure you let them know you are from Tawa Squash.

Architect or draughtsperson needed to draw building plans for our fourth court

After presenting a professional and substantial report to Wellington City Council, the appropriate council sub committee has unanimously agreed to allow us to have additional "reserve" land next to court 3 to build an additional court. The next step in our mission to build an additional court is to obtain resource consent, following by building consent. Although Geordie Grieve has provided concept plans we now require a qualified person, an architect or similar, to draw the building plans. If any member of the club is suitably qualified and would like to assist here, or if you know of anyone who may, please contact info@tawasquash.co.nz with details.

Thanks a Million

Malcolm Thomas – after human error by someone who should know better, the ladies changing room's carpet got a soaking to the extent the carpet was deemed useless. Malcolm stopped on his way home from work from Newtown to Titahi Bay, extracted the carpet in question, took it back to work in Newtown to dry it out, realised the next day it was not worth it, and arranged the laying of replacement carpet for the whole of the ladies changing rooms. All this within 48 hours! And just in time before the start of the Tawa Junior Open. UNBELIEVABLE. And now he's saying it was a favour he'd like to do for the club. Much appreciated Malcolm and hopefully the members don't expect this type of service because there is absolutely no way you could operate like that full time.

Welcome to our Latest New Member

Hayden Stansfield – a previous Junior club champ (2009) who has returned to Tawa after buying a house with brother Matt and keen on getting back to the level he was.

Obituary - David Olsen



As most of you are probably aware, David passed away suddenly at home on July 26th from a suspected heart attack at the age of 58. He was a member at Tawa Squash for 9 years and was a regular at all our tournaments and interclub. Wife Jenny was also a member for a similar length of time and the only reason they left Tawa Squash was because of a move to Pukerua Bay making the Mana Squash Club a much more logical club to belong to. An acknowledgement and gift has been sent to Jenny on behalf of all the members. Jenny has asked for her gratitude to be extended to you all for all the support she has received, particularly for Mike Wynne-Jones, Dave's twice weekly playing buddy, who addressed the audience with a fitting and very well presented tribute and the 24 members from the club who attended Dave's funeral. Most of this contingent, together with a group from Mana Squash, created a guard of honour with squash rackets raised as David was carried to the hearse. This action was, according to Jenny, commented on with admiration by many guests.

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