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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Tawa Doubles **October 11th – 12th**
Tawa Junior Club Champs **November 1st/2nd**
Tawa Summer Fun **October 29th and 30th – December 3rd and 4th**
Tawa Ham & Turkey Tournament **December 10th – 15th**

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

E Grade Superchamps Nationals at Tawa – Brilliant Success

A fantastically run event led by Chris and Louise Sinclair has people from around the country talking again about what great hosts and organisers our club has. Over 40 club volunteers helped with tournament control, kitchen, bar, transport, and team liaison.

For the record Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis and Squash Club took out the Men's division and Hawke's Bay Squash Rackets Club (the home club to ex Tawa Squash personality Ross Smith) took out the Women's title.

The vibe, particularly during the finals, was fantastic with one of the most exciting matches being Tawa V Mana for 5th and 6th place. With the tie at 2 all and Stevie Dennis down 2 nil in the deciding match a loss looked inevitable, but Steve fought back to level the game score at 2 all only to be pipped in the final game 15-13. The noise was extreme and the excitement as good as you can get in a squash match.

Liam McGrath was unbeaten playing at number 1 – a great effort considering he was playing number 5 in the regionals, that's how much his grading has improved in the last couple of months.

Mana Squash allowed us to use two of their courts for three days, an absolute godsend as without their help we couldn't have hosted the 16 teams that participated due to lack of court capacity.

C Grade Superchamps Nationals at Invercargill – so close yet so far

The C Grade ladies had a great time in Invercargill challenging for the C Grade National Title. After starting the first day off with a 3-2 win, the second day didn't quite go according to plan and the team lost both games 3-2 in tightly contested battles. The team finished strongly with 5-0 and 4-1 wins to finish in fifth place. Overall a successful trip that with an ounce of luck could have been even better. Much credit is attributed to the travelling coach Debs Dunbar for her efforts, to Margaret Harlen-Reynolds for her coaching at home, to the wonderful sponsors – and to all the club members who made the trip possible. The team is already gearing up for next year!



James Kerr Entertainer at Tawa Squash Saturday 19th October

As many of you will be aware, Nick Mita is off to Cairo to attend a world coaching conference. Most of the expense is being met by Nick so he is holding a fundraiser to help his cause. He has James Kerr here at the club entertaining on Sat 19th October at 7pm. Many will remember his past visits which were excellent value and great entertainment. The bar opens at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start and entry is \$20 including nibbles. Please contact Nick on 021526224 or email mitasquash@gmail.com to secure your ticket.



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

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

Harcourts Tawa Club Champs – another successful event

The annual club champs was again a resounding success with 60 entries followed by a sit down dinner, an entertaining guest speaker in Jason Pine, and the witnessing of the All Blacks intense opening world cup game against South Africa. For the record, the trophy winners were:

Men's Champion	Duncan Smeaton	Women's Champion	Debbie Dunbar
Men's B Division	Cam Dean	Women's B Division	Nyah Mar
Men's C Division	Liam McGrath	Women's C Division	Mary-Ellen Wakefield
Men's D Division	Evan Chun	Women's D Division	Susan Chisnall
Men's E Division	Steven Dennis		



Debbie Dunbar, Steve Loader,
and Duncan Smeaton

There were also acknowledgements for those who made representative teams, and interclub winning teams as well as the final three trophies:

Lenette Inglis memorial Trophy for Most Improved Woman	Paige Sinclair
Mike Grant Cup Most Improved Man	Liam McGrath
Cowan Cup – most valuable club member outside of the committee (a father/son team – the first time a junior has ever been a winner or part winner of this award)	Flynn and Scott Farmer

Tawa Junior Open

Out top juniors will be slugging it out in a couple of weeks for the Tawa age group cups. The poster is downstairs with the signup sheet or juniors can enter on iSquash.

Ladies E Grade and Below Series

A second series is currently being run by Squash Wellington for all the ladies (18yrs +) who are E grade or below. 4 one day tournaments are held with the final one held at Tawa.

Games already played were at Red Star (Sept 15) and Upper Hutt (Sept 29) while remaining events are to be held at Wainuiomata this Sunday (Oct 13) and Tawa next Sunday (Oct 20)

Tournament entry is via iSquash. For more more details check the poster at the club or our website.

Rep teams Congratulations

Well done to Debbie Dunbar, in the Wellington Rep team to play in the national champs in Christchurch.

Meanwhile Debbie has also been selected for the Wellington Master's Women's team and Richie Hoare in the Men's.

Juniors on the National stage

Hannah Dunbar (girls) and Cam Dean (boys) were both selected in the Wellington Junior team for the individual and teams event played last week in Auckland. Hannah unfortunately pulled out through illness and was replaced by Natasha McMillan. Nick Mita was been assigned as the coach for the junior teams.

Natasha had a solid individual tournament and played a huge part in winning a set off of a national development squad player which proved to be helpful as Wellington beat higher seeded Canterbury by 1 set to finish ahead of their seeding. Cam too had a solid individual tournament, especially for a first timer, and played 2 rounds of the teams event and played well. He had to play the NZ Under 15 champion in one match and did us proud although losing. Both youngsters were great ambassadors for Tawa club. Both Wellington teams finished above their seeding, the Boys seeded 4th came 3rd and the Girls seeded 8th came 7th.

Oli Dunbar also played in the individuals and in his first year in U15s, in a 32 draw, held his seeding of 13 with some good tough matches along the way.

Know a draughtsman or architect who may like to help us?

Wellington City Council have approved our submission to use extra reserve land on the southern end of the club for a fourth court subject to successful resource and building consents. However before a building consent can be applied for plans need to be drawn up by a qualified person. We have been lucky enough to have concept plans drawn at no cost but these now need to be drawn up to the Councils requirements and this is to be prepared by a suitably qualified practitioner. 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.

October Business House postponed

Due to the intense workload of the "players committee" over the last month, plus the fact that part of this would be run in the school holidays, it was decided to postpone the planned business house competition until the new year.

Tawa Ham & Turkey Tournament Tues 10th – Sun 15th December

The longest running xmas tournament in the country is on again in December. Last year it was booked out in 2 weeks. It is a round robin format with four players in each division playing each other in ONE 25 minute game. Everyone wins a prize – 1st Ham, 2nd Turkey, 3rd Meat Pack, 4th Large Chook. It's novel, it's popular, and it's uniquely Tawa's. Keep an eye out for the E-Mail Invitation, the poster and signup sheet.

Summer Fun

It's back. A most popular event looked forward to by many. Six teams Tuesday and Six teams Wednesday playing 3 x 8 min games each, finished with a quiz. This competition starts on Tue 29th /Wed 30th and the entry sheet is on the notice board now. This is a great way to get to meet other club members at all levels of play and importantly will provide 6 good games against members of a similar level. This event is open to all club members – graded and non graded – and will be filled on a first in first served basis – late entries will be requested to be reserves.

TRAVEL HUB

Did you know.....

Using old, smooth balls can affect your game and your racket. Not only does a smooth ball skid the floor during a low hard drive making it much harder to retrieve, it is also harsher on your strings and transfers rubber from the ball to the strings which, in some cases, causes strings to stick together, have less flexibility and lead to earlier restringing. In elite matches and tournaments a rule of thumb is that a squash ball lasts 2-3 matches depending on the length of the matches. The professional players usually take a new ball for every match. As for the hobby players the squash balls last longer but a recommendation is no more than five matches or trainings should be had with the same ball. Otherwise the playing experience may be markedly reduced.



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The best way to assess if a squash ball should be replaced is to look at or feel the ball. When the rough surface has disappeared it is time to change the ball.

Thanks a Million

To all the volunteers who helped with the hosting of National E Grade Superchamps and in particular **Chris & Louise Sinclair** who both took 3 days off work to help run the tournament, **Deon Van Rensberg** who took two days off work to manage the tournament overflow at Mana Squash, and the brilliant work done by those behind the bar on Saturday night **Malcolm & Nicola (Ward)Thomas, Terry Henry and Honor Greyling** – the turnover on the bar was at least two times greater than at any other time in the last 20+ years. A brilliant effort all round and one that was of significant value to the club.

Welcome to our Latest New Members

Greg Feutz – a B grader from Ashburton who hasn't played for 4 years. He has buddied up with Richie for some easy games to ease his way back!

Hugo Niemand – a second son of Zelda Botes to have joined which has made Zelda reactivate her membership.

James Goodhue and Steve Flude – a couple of workmates taking up mid week membership and looking at playing in their lunchbreaks.

Kyall Partridge – came to club night earlier in the year and joined after settling into his new job.

Bibs Brown – from Mums N Bubs and loving squash.

Welcome to Tawa squash – may you be made to feel welcome and valued by our other members.

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