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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Tawa Women's Open **Mar 5th to 7th**
Totalflow Tawa B & Below Tournament **Mar 19th to 22nd**
Golf at Shandon Golf Club **Sun Mar 29th (reserve date Apr 5th)**
Tawa V Mana Ma Hribar Shield **Sun Mar 1st at Khandallah**
Tawa-Mana Memorial Trophy **Sun Mar 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,**
Senior (Adults) Club Night **Mondays 7pm – 9pm No Charge**

Lifestyle Sports Tawa Woman's Open (supported by Briscoes)

Our third successive Tawa Woman's Open already has the most entries of all those before it and there is still a week to go before the official cut off. It is likely we will cut numbers off at 70 to enable us to finish as advertised on Saturday.

This is another unique Tawa hosted tournament with prizes via pick of the table starting with the top division winner and working down to the consolation plate of the bottom division – the opposite order of our normal tournaments. It is the only "Women's Only" club tournament in the Wellington region.

Louise Sinclair is doing a fantastic job mobilising resources for the required rosters but is still a bit thin in the kitchen. If you can spare a couple of hours (or more) satisfying the hunger of the players on Thur 5th (evening), Fri 6th (evening) Sat 7th (during the day) please advise on contact Louise on louise.sinclair@xtra.co.nz

Ma Hribar Shield – come to Khandallah to support the team this Sunday 1st

We are challenging Khandallah for the Ma Hribar Shield on March 1st at Khandallah. The Tawa team selected to play is: Ellen Verry (B Woman), Grant Slape and Debs Dunbar (B Men), Paige Goodall (C Woman), Bayley Legget and Liam McGrath (C Men), Nicola Ward-Thomas (D Woman), Simon Hogg and Jeremy Thomas (D Men) and Wayne Kelman and Paul McKelvey (E Men). Supporters will be most welcome with the Khandallah bar open and afternoon tea provided by the hosts. The more support the greater the vibe.

Totalflow Tawa B Grade and Below Tournament

This event begins March 19th and will go through to Sunday 22nd. 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>

Brilliant Membership Offer Closing This Week

The brilliant summer offer at Tawa Squash ends at the end of February. \$40 for a 40 day summer membership with unlimited court time and includes a \$20 key tag (which will be required back if the membership isn't continued after 40 days). A great way to see if someone enjoys the sport that we all love. Pass on the message to your friends and acquaintances – it is a seriously good offer.

Committee Positions Still Available

Although we have significant new blood on this years' committee, we still have a couple of unfulfilled roles – Junior Convenor (Scott Farmer has kindly offered to baby sit this role until March) and Women's Co-ordinator. If you feel you would like to assist in either area, even in a "job sharing" capacity, or would like more information please respond to this email.

Autumn Interclub

Autumn interclub begins in a fortnight. All teams have been selected and captains will be in touch shortly. We have submitted 5 Women's teams and 7 Men's teams - a fantastic response to this event.

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Bar Hours

Normally:

Mon 5pm - 9pm

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

Four Different Ways of Paying Visitors Fees

There are now 4 options of paying visitors fees. When you select “visitor” with your key tag, you will have a \$10 debit registered against your key. If you have credit on your key it will automatically reconcile and send you a confirmation.

You can also add credit to your key tag after you have played a visitor. To do this you will need to go to “Account” on your profile on the booking system.

Alternatively you can pay to our bank account as a direct credit, pay cash in the visitors fee box, or pay at the bar (including eftpos.) In these 3 options a manual transfer to your key tag credit will be done by the administrator.

If you are a pay to play member you will need to have a minimum of \$20 (80 minutes) of credit left as it will take 40 minutes for you and 40 minutes for your visitor off your balance. Pay to Play credit must be available on your keytag before your game.

Golf

The second Tawa Golf event was held at the Manor Park Golf Club on Sunday 16th Feb. The course was in great condition with significant roll and superb greens but the tricky swirling wind appeared to coerce the balls into areas difficult to play from! As a consequence there were no rounds of note with all six players clocking up their centuries. However Stevie Dennis, after starting with a 9, 5, and 9 then proceeded to hit a bogie, two pars and a birdie over the next 4 holes to get his game on track. However it was a purple patch not to be repeated. Another standout cameo was Gordie Hunters marathon effort – a 12 on one hole with only one shot out of bounds. With green fees at only \$20 that proved excellent value on a cost per shot ratio!

The next scheduled game is at Shandon on Sunday March 29th

Tawa-Mana Memorial Shield

After the sudden death of David Olsen last year, members of the Tawa and Mana Squash clubs colluded to come up with a way to remember all those who have played for both clubs and who are no longer with us. The result was a new trophy, The Tawa-Mana Memorial Shield, which will be played for annually between the two clubs with each team numbering no more than 20 players. Once interested parties have expressed an interest to play the two clubs will then create a schedule pairing players together of relatively even abilities - the target is within 100 grading points.

Tawa is hosting the first event on Sunday 15th March from 1pm. All members are welcome to express their interest to play by responding to info@tawasquash.co.nz or by putting their names on the club downstairs noticeboard entry sheet. Grading points will be at stake and all games will be to 11. This year’s event will acknowledge David and players will be asked to wear something orange, David’s overwhelming favourite colour (you may recall his bright fleece top, painted hub caps, and Alaskan Hat.) David’s widow, Jenny, will be playing for Mana and will present the trophy for the first time, but hopefully not to her team!

Combined “Racketlon” Holiday Programme a success

As noted last newsletter, Tawa Squash has joined forces with Tawa Tennis and Wellington North Badminton to create a joint holiday programme. The initiative has received incredibly positive feedback from both kids and their parents. All three clubs were rapt with the response and enthusiasm and look set for round two of Racketlon in the April holidays.



Welcome to our Latest New Members

Tama Solomon and Ryan Huang – two acquaintances who have been active at club night and at out summer fun event late last year.

Gabrielle Small and Martyn Smith – friends who signed up to our summer special.

Jamiel Allie and Imraan Vallie – also friends who signed up to our summer special.

Stuart Trounson – an acquaintance of Simon Hogg who has rekindled an interest in squash.

Jethro Cocjin – a junior who has joined both the club and the Tawa-Mana Tornadoes programme.

Ivan Torres Reyes – a sign up from our summer special.

David Logez – partner of Luisa Zigliani who has been quite active in the club as a non member

Jared Brown – partner of member Bibs Brown.

Daiji Kataoka – a casual who enjoys bring the family down to play squash, table tennis and pool.

Jo Leahy – wife of member Matt Leahy and keen as mustard to play in any competition available.

Christine Rukuwai, partner Brad Watts and sons James and Joel – Christine has come down from Taranaki and has set up camp in Tawa. She has been a huge asset to any club she has been part of so we will look forward to more of the same.

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

Recent Work Done Around The Club

Our property gurus, Des Bloomfield and Chris Appleby, spent over half a day here to tick off a few maintenance tasks including relocation of the kitchen fly zapper (away from the food prep area), fixing of the header tanks that have leaked for months down the kitchen window, installing a bypass switch for the lounge light dimmer, wiring of the court scoring IPAD's power switch to the bar area, and maintenance work on the trestle and table tennis tables. We are still looking at a keen gardener to maintain the garden off the deck. If anyone is interested in helping, including sourcing plants and possibly garden art, please respond to the club manager. We have budget for this. Other routine maintenance items due to be done are listed below. If any members feel they have the right skill and the motivation to complete any of these tasks at a time convenient with themselves please respond to the club manager or email info@tawasquash.co.nz

This current outstanding tasks are (**note the lawns are ready for mowing again!**):

What	When	Equipment required	Completed
Lawn Mowing	Before 5 th Mar	Lawnmower. Rake for cabbage tree leaves.	
Clean Deck and deck chairs	Before 5 th Mar	Club has broom, cloths & hose.	
Clean Doors/Windows to deck	Before 5 th Mar	Club has window spray & cloths	
Bank Weedeating below lounge/deck	Before 5 th Mar	Weedeater, rake	

NOTE: If any member feels a task needs adding to this list please advise.

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