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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Due to COVID-19 the club is closed until further notice

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Thanks for your support and commitment

A huge thank you goes out to the many members who have kept their subs going to help us through the next few weeks where Club income largely disappears but bills keep being incurred.

To those who have taken a financial hit to the extent they have deemed it necessary to cancel many discretionary subscriptions including squash, you have the support and understanding of your fellow members. May this situation be very temporary and be followed with a hasty rebound.

Once we reach the flip side there will be a concerted effort to keep our members together as the fun, exercise and camaraderie that squash at Tawa brings will help provide both physical and psychological stimulus once we are allowed back on court.

In the meantime all of those Squash niggles will have had ample time to heal so the "new norm" should begin injury free, albeit connected to a slightly older body!

Whats Happening at the Club

As legislated, the Club is "closed". It has been "security" checked a couple of times and valuables made even more secure including top shelf drinks and cash. Signs have also been put up advising no cash or other valuables are on site.

Due to current community circumstances residential burglaries will almost cease due to families staying home but there is an expectation that the number of commercial break-ins will increase as desperation sets in with some undesirable elements of society.

The government wage subsidy has been successfully applied for and Tawa Squash has had a significant contribution made towards the role of Club Manager, at least in the short term, taking much of the burden away from the club. This allows administration work to continue and

breathing space to plan how to best operate after Covid-19 has been given the flick, whatever that may look like.

Tit Bits

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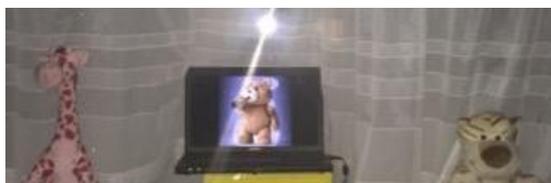
Without sales Thump Sports, a great ally of Tawa Squash, will flounder. They are currently soldiering on, mainly on account of feeling a moral obligation to support a couple of staff members who have mortgages. Thump will have a huge challenge getting sales back to pre Covid levels particularly in the short and medium term. In the meantime we are doing our best to support them.

We have asked Thump to cancel their monthly rental with Tawa Squash (although they are welcome to maintain their presence) and we have paid all dues from shop sales in full.

Teddy Bear Hunt

Kiwis have united to show Covin-19 who's really the boss! Although Teddy Bears aren't likely to succumb to the virus, they provide hope that you can't scare a bear and therefore you can't scare those who love them either.

A couple of club members have made an effort – 35 Findlay Street has a 20 slide powerpoint teddy bear show from their front window (viewable from late afternoon) while 4 Duncan Street has completely blocked their view from their kitchen window with soft toys (mainly won from machines at fish and chip shops and supermarkets!) Look at this! ... <https://maps.bearhunt.co.nz/findbears/index.html>



Word on the street is that this phenomenon is being superseded by Easter Eggs - draw/create your own and put it in full view of passing walkers, cyclists and joggers.

Humour and entertainment

Do you have a theory of why people originally binged on toilet paper? Maybe they still do? I'm sure food was/is more important if stocks run out. Hell, if I ran out of food, I'd rather a roll from Subway than a roll from my bathroom!

The best theory for the rush on loo paper I've heard so far is from Bruce, ex Tawa Squash Club member (as was his wife Jacqui), and now in charge of merchandising at Moore Wilsons. Bruce explained while I was getting cleaning supplies: "The reason people are so keen on stockpiling loo paper is because every time someone sneezes, 50 people p**p themselves!"

Send your best stories...

And finally, hats off to those on the front line. Even though additional precautions are taken it must be a nervous time not knowing if they have been infected while keeping the majority of the population supplied with essential services.

And no matter what your political persuasion is, aren't you proud of the way Jacinda and her close support people are fronting up. And if their daily performances don't ring your bells, watch how Donald Trump operates in the US - thank goodness we are in Aotearoa!

Send me any tit bits or interesting or humorous items and if suitable I'll share with your fellow club members. Today, one of our members who will remain nameless, mainly because his surname will go off the edge of the page, sent me this very entertaining clip that I'm sure you will enjoy.... <https://www.youtube.com/embed/n6mbW-jMtrY?rel=0>

Stay safe, stay at home (can you believe an MP drove 2km to a bike trail and rode one of the trails!?!), and look forward to regrouping at the Club when this beast of a bug finally gets stomped on (or SQUASHED!)

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