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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Regional Superchamps (not at Tawa) **Jul 24th – 26th**
 Wellington Junior Open at Tawa **Aug 20th – 23rd**
 A-Z Flooring Tawa Open **Sep 17th – 20th**
 Harcourts Tawa Club Champs **Oct 8th – 10th**
 Tawa Doubles **Nov 20th – 21st**
 Tawa Ham & Turkey **Dec 8th – 13th**

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**

Wellington Junior Open at Tawa – Aug 20-23

Squash Wellington asked Tawa some time ago if we would host the Wellington Junior Open this year, a request we were only too happy to accept. This will showcase a range of juniors from those just happy to have fun with their mates right through to A Grade players, both boys and girls.

As with all tournaments that we host we are determined to make this a success and also to make it memorable for all who participate. We are extremely fortunate to have Steve Dunbar agree to take the lead and be the Tournament Director. Steve’s skillset in event management is significant and will help guarantee success.

However a tournament can’t be run by one person alone so, as is the norm, we require assistance in many areas including:

- Tournament Control,
- Kitchen,
- Photographer(s),
- Possible Mini Bus Drivers,
- Possible accommodation (billets - Fri 18th and Sat 18th),
- Referees (for finals Sat evening or Sunday),
- Sponsors (so far we have Thump Sport and Squash Wn both providing \$300 value and Coca Cola who are providing some gifts.)

If you can help in any way possible, please respond to... info@tawasquash.co.nz

Junior Refocus ...and Junior Club Night restarts Friday July 24th

It was decided at the last committee meeting that we should look at boosting the junior offering and create, over time, the best junior programme in Wellington. This refresh begins on Friday 24th from 5pm – 7pm with our first Junior Club night since before lock down. We are determined to jazz up the evening and encourage more numbers. If you are in a position to support this initiative there are a number of ways you can help...

- Encourage youngsters to come along – friends, family, neighbours, school contacts.
- Encourage them to bring a friend, especially the girls.
- Help man the bar for soft drinks (or other drinks for parents!)
- Help man the kitchen – chips, american hot dogs, toasted sandwiches
- Help run some fun drills on court (training provided)
- Greet and sign kids in on their arrival
- Have a hit with our “senior” juniors (from 6:30pm – 7pm)
- Or just come and support the bar!

The more helpers we get the lower the workload for everyone and the more chance we have of success. We are a club that thrives on member support so we look forward to a positive response.

If you are happy to help occasionally or regularly email... info@tawasquash.co.nz

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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

Club Night Change to Friday? Survey Coming

The management committee discussed the merits of moving senior club night back to Fridays as it was a few shorts years ago. The main advantages that were discussed were:

- To encourage club nights to be more social
- To help build a wider social gathering on Friday nights (including non squash players) maximising the use of our bar and lounge facilities
- To blend in with Junior Club night for half an hour to allow top juniors the chance to hit against seniors
- To free Monday up for more casual squash games for members and promote regular activities like business house, fun squash events, and group coaching sessions.

Keep an eye out for the survey that will be emailed to you and send back your thoughts.

Thanks Richie and Totalflow

Richie Hoare has replaced the two cisterns and seats of the upstairs toilets which were both showing wear and tear. At this stage I haven't seen an invoice even though I have requested one! Thanks Richie, you are true legend even if you don't believe it yourself! Feel free to thank Richie with your business should you have any plumbing requirements – 027 243 7049.

Let us know next time you use his service and your next refreshment is on us!

Winter Interclub and Superchamps

Winter interclub is underway with 5 Women's teams and 7 Men's teams - a fantastic response to this event.

Additionally, District Superchamps teams are training hard for the end of this month. We have a full complement of women's teams (B,C,D & E grade) although only two men's teams (B and D Grade.)

Our support for squash in Wellington remains high with the most equal teams of any club in interclub and superchamps - not bad for a three court complex!

Good luck to all those playing.

Latest Leagues and Ladder are out

After a long break over lockdown, new leagues and an updated ladder are out and on the noticeboard. If you have missed out and want to be on either/both respond to info@tawasquash.co.nz

Oli Dunbar excels in Hamilton

In his first year in the under 15 division Oli Dunbar, from 6th seed, made the final at the North Island Junior Age Grade Tournament earlier this month. After beating a B grader (in straight games) in the build up, Oli couldn't quite close the final out after clawing his way back from 2-0 down to draw even only to fall short in the decider 11-6.

A great effort Oli and it's only a matter of time before some bigger names will topple.

Committee Positions Still Available

We still have a couple of unfulfilled roles – Junior Convenor 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 info@tawasquash.co.nz

GG Builders Tawa Masters

In order to let other clubs become involved, Squash Wellington changed the host club of the Wellington Masters from Tawa for the first time in 9 years such was the great job we were doing with it. However, it mattered little as we had arguably our most successful master's tournament yet, particularly from a social aspect. This was driven by sponsors Kim and Geordie who were instrumental in securing many out of towners AND sponsoring the tournament, band and prized trip to the Marlborough Sounds won this year by Chris Dudley from Kaikoura.

We accepted 96 entries (the most we can cater for on three courts) and had only two late pull outs (which is unheard of - it's normally 4 or 5 times more than that.) No doubt the "cabin fever" suffered through COVID-19 had players chomping at the bit to play.

As has become customary for our Masters tournament, Tawa Club Members provided food for the weekend that kept everyone well fed. Louise Sinclair co-ordinated this brilliantly. Between those providing food and other tournament helpers we had over 50 volunteers who contributed – a massive effort and one that is acknowledged nationally to the envy of many clubs. If you were one of those helpers, thankyou and very well done.

And how about this for feedback from Michelle from Kawaroa Park in New Plymouth

"I've just had the absolute pleasure playing for the first time in a Tawa Squash Tournament. This is the most hospitable and friendly club I've ever played at & the food was incredible. Huge thank you to Tawa Squash who ensured the weekend was full of fun, smoothly run & everyone well fed."

Matt Green and Debbie Dunbar kept the Men's and Women's championship trophies in Tawa. The list of winners is:

		GG Builders Tawa Masters - Prizewinners 2020			
DIV	WINNER	RUNNER UP	SPECIAL PLATE	PLATE	CONSO PLATE
MO	MATT GREEN	SAM ATKINS	JOHN MCKESSAR	GARY AUKETT	DAMON WINTER
M1	AARON HAVILL	JONATHON EARNSHAW	MURRAY DAHM	RICHARD CHRISTENSEN	MARTIN KRAFT
M2	ROB CLAY	HOWARD SMITH	NICK HOGG	MIKE DONALD	TERRY HESSION
M3	HAYDEN LLOYD	CAM GOODALL	ANTHONY BOWE	REX MAR	CHRIS SINCLAIR
M4	SHOAIB AHMED	GEORDIE GRIEVE	PETER GOOCH	WERNER POHL	PAUL STANYON
M5	STEPHEN CORBETT	GEORDIE FISHER	EAMON KELLY	TOM KANE	MATT LEAHY
M6	CHRIS APPLEBY	STEVE DENNIS	JAMIE PRENTICE	RICHARD CREASEY	MATEY GALLOWAY
M7	CONRAD WILDIG	STU COOKSON	WAYNE KELMAN	JIMMY GANNON	SEAN MAHONEY
WO	DEBBIE DUNBAR	JEANNE YELLS	NIKKI GIBBS	MICHELLE HABIB	RHONDA CHRISTENSEN
W1	MEGAN WAKEFIELD	ASTRID HEINE	MEALANIE CAMPBELL	CLAIRE COLEMAN	KAREN DRAVITSKI
W2	MARIU COFFEY	PENNY TAIT	JULIE GEANGE	ANNA DU PLESSIS	HEATHER MCLEAN
W3	INDIANA HOTERINI	LISA MCGRATH	TAYNA FULCHER	LISA BRANTON	SHANTI SPENDIFF

Vic University interested in Ham & Turkey tournament in December

You know you have a unique offer when you get inquiries 4 months out. Dana Windsor, who used to grace our courts at tournaments as a junior, is encouraging the Vic Uni Squash Club members to participate in our Ham & Turkey tournament in December. To help the students afford entry she is running a raffle for a new Technifibre Squash racket and 3 squash balls. There are 100 tickets at \$5 each so if you feel the urge to help these "poor" students, experience one of the most novel squash events on the circuit free to email... vicsquashclub@gmail.com with name, contact no., email address and number of tickets required.

New Cleaner - we have a New Wonder Man

Bruce McGrath, father of Liam and hubby of Lisa, has agreed to take on the cleaning duties here at Tawa Squash. Already he has made a huge impression, not only cleaning but also doing miscellaneous handyman jobs which have included fixing/covering four holes in walls, hanging a new curtain in the pro shop, creating a frame to hang a portable honours board on, and even mowing the lawns! Bruce is a handyman by trade, and is also a football referee and active with Predator Free Tawa (amongst other interests.) Bruce is a passionate man with a heart of gold with a fantastic attitude to life. These traits demand your respect and assistance so I urge you to work with him, minimise the mess you leave behind, and acknowledge the terrific work he is doing should you get a chance.



Welcome to our Latest New Members

- Abby Wotten** – ex Hutt City now living in Churton Park who has added some starch to our B Grade stocks.
 - Taylor Jones** – another B grader who has joined up while training at the Police College but alas will likely move up north once she graduates.
 - Graham Jones** – got sick of just driving past the club so he stopped and joined – smart move.
 - John and Yvonne Deney** – daughter and son in law of Honor Greyling – great stuff Honor.
 - Kristina Appleby** – ex Mitchell Park interested to see if she still has what it takes to be competitive on court.
 - Mahdi Hussainmiya** – hired by Des Nicholson at Orthopro and keen to re engage with squash.
 - Nicky Reis and Carena Oosterbaan** – friends who came to club night last Monday and loved it enough to want to join.
 - Shounese Allie** – wife of Jamiel who has responded in the best possible way to Jamiel's encouragement.
- Welcome to Tawa squash – may you all be made to feel welcome and valued by our other members.**

Recent Work Done Around The Club

As explained in the cleaners article, Bruce McGrath performed jobs over and above his responsibility by plastering a hole in the upstairs toilets, covering a hole adjacent to court 3 door, covered a couple of holes in the kitchen and pro shop, mowed the lawns and hung a new curtain to block off the pro shop when we have private functions.

Meanwhile Richie Hoare has replaced cisterns and seats in upstairs toilets and two fabric couches have been replaced by two leatherette ones in the lounge.

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 contact our property team of Chris Appleby or Des Bloomfield or email info@tawasquash.co.nz

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

What	When	Equipment required	Completed
Clean Deck and deck chairs	Before 1 st Aug	Club has broom, cloths & hose.	
Clean Doors/Windows to deck	Before 1 st Aug	Club has window spray & cloths	
Bank Weedeating below lounge/deck	Before 1 st Aug	Weedeater, rake	
Gardening by deck	Before 1 st Aug	Weed, spray	
Clean heat pumps filters	Before 1 st Aug	Vacuum, wipe	

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

Story Time

Send in your best stories



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