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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

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

STOP PRESS – COVID-19

That ghastly virus is back in the community and we will make the necessary adjustments. Contact tracing has been reintroduced – please use the app (linked to our booking system) or sign in at the front door.

Hi contact areas have been sanitised.

Wash your hands and practice social distancing where practical.

Recommendations on face masks on court or while socialising are still to be determined.

Wellington Junior Open at Tawa – Aug 20-23

Planning is progressing nicely with cut off on August 15th. It is likely we will include a social division for those new to squash but not yet on the grading list.

We are still looking for helpers to assist with

- Tournament Control,
- Kitchen,
- Photography,
- Possible Mini Bus Driving,
- Possible accommodation (billets - Fri 21st and Sat 22nd),
- Refereeing (for finals Sat evening or Sunday),
- Sponsorship (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

A-Z Flooring Tawa Open Sept 17th – 20th

The A-Z Flooring Tawa Open was postponed from May due to the pandemic and has been reinstated by Squash Wellington next month. The support we get for this tournament has been exceptional over the last few years and we see this year as being no different. Entries are now open on iSquash, on our notice board or by email to info@tawasquash.co.nz Again, a huge thanks to Nicola and Malcolm from A-Z Flooring for their financial support, especially after the hit COVID-19 of which their business was not spared. If you have any flooring requirements don't hesitate to contact Malcolm on 027 500 1478 and see what he can offer - a great way to say "thanks for your support."

Junior Club Night success

With the help of Matt Green last Friday 24th July we ran a successful Junior Club Night with approximately 8 in the small nix class (5-8 year olds) and approx. 15 in the older junior group. Structure was key with all kids getting fun skill games and group coaching within the time they were on court. This is the first step to us rebuilding the juniors back to the halcyon days of the early 2000's when we had up to 60 kids along on a Friday.

Remember, you can help by...

- Encourage youngsters to come along – friends, family, neighbours, school contacts.

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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

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- 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

Superchamps Success

For the first time in many years we had no divisional winners at the regional superchamps events spread around Wellington. This was a somewhat disappointing outcome although many of the 6 teams performed with distinction.

The B Grade men coming first equal but then being eliminated on countback.

The B Grade women, finished 3rd out of 5 teams in a really tight competition (the top three teams were all within 100 points of each other!) It was great to see such a strong B Grade draw, just a shame results didn't all go our way.

The C grade women won two matches but unfortunately lost 2 close matches – with an ounce of luck they could have taken out the spoils. Head and shoulders winners of fun and fashion though!

The D grade Men playing to their seeding of 5th with Ben Phillips at #1 unbeaten throughout the event

The D Grade women only had five players available so all five played all four games – a huge ask. They ended up 3rd but scored an A+ for effort.

The E Grade women after being 2-2 in the final finally succumbed losing the final match 3-1 to end up runner up.

Great Success at Mana Open

Tawa dominated the recent Mana Open with Debbie Dunbar winning the Women's Open Division, Matt Green the Men's Open, Oli Dunbar Div 1 mens and Liam McGrath the Div 2 mens. Well done to you all.

Debbie Dunbar to A1

Congratulations. With 20 wins and only 2 losses (only one to a woman) since October last year Debbie has made it to A1. A fantastic effort Debbie – congratulations from us all.

Congratulations Hannah, Liam and Oli

Tawa has the most juniors of all clubs in this year's Wellington Junior Elite Squad – three. Congratulations to Hannah and Oli Dunbar and Liam McGrath. Let's hope you all go on to make the junior rep team to represent Wellington at the NZ Championships in Christchurch from 01-06 October.

Zoe Yoga at Tawa Squash - Friday mornings

Zoe Hawkins, a well known Tawa-ite and helper to many people and causes, has lost her Yoga venue and has asked if Tawa Squash Club would be available. After three weeks it has been deemed very suitable and she has had 8-10 people each time. If Yoga is on your “want to do” list, the sessions run from 9:30am-10:30am each Friday during the school term in the main upstairs lounge. The fee is \$10 and you are encouraged to bring your own “Yoga Mat” although Zoe has spares. For more info you can email zoehawkins01@hotmail.com Tawa Squash will pay the first week's fee for club members but you will need to tell Zoe you are a member here.

Share your squash experiences with the club!

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Facebook and Instagram are a great way for Tawa Squash Club to share things with our members. Whether it's a good result at a tournament or interclub, a squash trip away, or you've been working hard and finally reached a new grade, we would love to be able to share it with the club. If you have anything you want to share or any suggestions of what you want to see more of on Facebook please email verry.ellen@gmail.com

Follow Tawa Squash Club <https://www.facebook.com/tawasquash/> <https://www.instagram.com/tawasquashclub/>

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Thank you for your support and please share with your friends and family!



Committee Position Still Available

Duncan Smeaton has agreed to take over the role of Junior Co-ordinator (thanks Duncan). We still do have one role

available - Women's Co-ordinator. If you feel you would like to assist in this area, even in a "job sharing" capacity, or would like more information please respond to info@tawasquash.co.nz

New Defibrillator in place – plus Sponsor(s) Sought

We have purchased a replacement defibrillator positioned under the court light touch screen/switch board area. This is a brilliant modern lifesaver and are so easy to operate. You just Undo Zip, take out defibrillator, push start and it talks you through what to do.



The cost of the replacement was \$900+gst and has been paid for. Although we applied for funding from The Tawa Community Board, we were unsuccessful (it has got a lot tougher to get grants since the onset of COVID-19). As a consequence we are looking for a sponsor or sponsors to cover the cost and to assist with ongoing maintenance (it requires an annual check and a replacement battery every 5 years.) This sponsorship can be as a one off donation or as a monthly increase with your subscriptions by \$2 (= \$24 a year). If you would like to help please respond to info@tawasquash.co.nz

Obituary - Gerard Bone

After a 2 year battle with cancer, member Gerard Bone passed away on July. Gerard was a well-liked and loyal member of Tawa Squash for in excess of 12 years. Sadly he didn't renew his membership in February 2019 due to a "health challenge" but stated he hopes to be back in touch sometime in the future. Unfortunately his wish didn't materialise.



Gerard worked for the last 10 years with the Ministry of Health where he was well liked and respected at every level. Similarly, at Tawa Squash Gerard is remembered as a reliable, happy, unassuming club member who supported the club well in interclub and tournaments alike as a handy D grader. Unlike many squashies, there is no evidence that he ever questioned a referee's decision, let alone argued with it – a rare quality!

The club's thoughts are with his widow Daphne and family.

Club Kelburn to Close

Squash NZ recently announced that they are to close Club Kelburn in the next couple of months with demolition of the entire facility to be completed soon after. This facility has been an icon for squash, particularly those around the University and city centre. This is a huge disappointment as it has been obvious that when a squash court gets taken out of operation it seldom, if ever, gets replaced, especially in Wellington. Facilities to close in Wellington include Collegians Club (3 courts), Northern Club (2 courts), Wellington Hospital (2 excellent courts), Maidstone Club (3 courts), Porirua Squash and Sauna Centre (where Cobb and Co. now is), Mitchell Park and Fraser Park (combined 8 courts replaced by 6) and now Club Kelburn (12 courts, 4 of which have recently operated as gyms.)

New Zealand cricketing great John Reid was very much a squash trail-blazer in 1963 when he opened what eventually became Club Kelburn. The John Reid Squash Centre was hugely influential in making squash a popular sport in New Zealand; soon becoming the focal point of the emerging sport in Wellington, creating a demand that resulted in the building of a number of private clubs - before him the sport barely existed in the city. More history can be viewed at <http://www.clubk.co.nz/club-history/>

Tawa Masters So Close

Tawa Squash was represented by two teams to Dunedin to participate in the A D Long Cup competition to determine the best Club Masters Team in the country and both teams performed admirably. The top team of Matt Green, Nick Mita, Debbie Dunbar and Aaron Havill made it to the final, won two games 3-0 and lost 2 games 3-0 meaning the winner was decided on points countback and North Shore, runners up the last 2 years, came out on top by 9 points. The second team of Geordie Grieve, Steve Loader, Richie Hoare, John Wolyncewicz (pronounced John!) and Brendan White played to their seeding of 6th (out of 16 teams) with a win and two losses. Both teams won an unexpected prize with Monday being fogged in and all players thereby winning an extra day away from home.



Welcome to our Latest New Member

Evelyn Inkster – who has been at club night for the last 5 or 6 weeks and has decided to take the plunge.

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

Recent Work Done Around The Club

Bruce McGrath has been at it again – stripping the wallpaper from the Northern end of the gallery plus painting the skirting. We are now waiting for a decision on replacement wallpaper so Bruce can have a crack at covering up his good work. And what's more, it looks like he has mown the lawns again!

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 20 th Aug	Club has broom, cloths & hose.	
Clean Doors/Windows to deck	Before 20 th Aug	Club has window spray & cloths	
Bank Weedeating below lounge/deck	Before 20 th Aug	Weedeater, rake	
Gardening by deck	Before 20 th Aug	Weed, spray	
Clean heat pumps filters	Before 20 th Aug	Vacuum, wipe	

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

Story Time

Send in your best stories

You can tell an election is coming up!

And a referendum!



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