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**Bar and Pro Shop Hours**

Normally:

- Mon 5pm - 8pm
- Tue 5pm - 10pm
- Wed 5pm - 10pm
- Thu 5pm - 10pm
- Fri 5pm - 8pm
- Wends As required or by appointment.

**Coming Up at Tawa Squash**

Tawa Doubles **Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 Summer Fun Series **Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Mad Butcher Ham & Turkey Tournament **Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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 Fridays 7pm – 9pm No Charge**  
**Zoe Yoga (Adults) Fridays 9:30am – 10:30am \$10**  
**(1st week free for Tawa Squash Club Members)**

**Summer Fun Series – starts 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - for Tawa members of all levels**

**ALMOST FULL. BE QUICK.**

**2 TUESDAY PLACES AND 9 WEDNESDAY PLACES LEFT AS AT 20/10/20**

Our extremely successful summer fun series will kick off in early November and will last 5 weeks. Six teams of 5 players will compete on a Tuesday or a Wednesday over 5 weeks with each team made up of players from competitive through to novices and each week every player will play someone of a similar ability to themselves. This has proven to be a great club bonding event with players of all levels socialising with and supporting each other.



You can choose between playing on Tuesday or on Wednesday from 7pm – 9:40pm with Wednesday being a little more social and Tuesday having more higher graded players.

**Tawa Doubles supported by Home Services**

The second official Tawa Doubles Tournament is scheduled for November 20/21 with three divisions – Open, Mixed Open (Male/Female) and Social (typically for D grade and below including C grade women.)

Aaron Havill, through his business Home Services, has kindly offered to sponsor this event and a social evening will follow prize giving on Saturday evening.

Eyewear is **HIGHLY** recommended and loan glasses are available at Tawa Squash. Interestingly, it is compulsory for juniors to wear eyewear in all junior competitions yet adults typically feel immune from eye injuries.



**Tawa Ham & Turkey Tournament**

It's almost that time again when Santa comes and dishes out prizes for all entrants of the Tawa Squash speciality Ham and Turkey Tournament. This has now been going 15 years and we usually accept well over 100 entries. All players are welcome to enter through iSquash, on our notice board downstairs, or by return email to this newsletter. The format is round robin with 4 players in each division all of a similar ability playing 1 x 25 min game! Due to the popularity it is likely we will start Tuesday and run through to Sunday. Don't miss it!

**Harcourts Tawa Club Champs – another successful event**

The annual club champs was again a resounding success with 48 entries followed by a sit down dinner, prize giving and a fun evening enjoying the company of club mates.

For the record, the trophy winners were:

- Men's Champion Matt Green Women's Champion Debbie Dunbar
- Men's B Division Richie Hoare Women's B Division Anna Du Plessis
- Men's C Division Jeremy Thomas Women's C Division Jennifer Petersen
- Men's D Division Conrad Wildig



**USEFUL CONTACTS**

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

Lenette Inglis Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Woman: Kannie Rajan

Mike Grant Cup Most Improved Man: Liam McGrath (2<sup>nd</sup> year running!)

Cowan Cup – most valuable club member outside of the committee Isabel Bekker

### Downstairs Water Chiller

The water chiller beside the ladies changing room door has been provided to allow people to fill their water bottles with chilled filtered water. It is not appropriate to directly drink water out of the spout, especially since COVID-19 has highlighted the importance of good hygiene. A water bubbler will be installed shortly for those wanting to drink directly.

### Bar Staff Wanted – payment offered

We are getting more inquiries for private functions at Tawa Squash, particularly on Saturday nights (currently 5 between now and Xmas.) These need staff to provide service for the evening and with this volume of activity it is unrealistic to rely on volunteers to keep performing these tasks. As a consequence we are building up a database of people happy to work a few hours for remuneration. If you are interested please respond to [info@tawasquash.co.nz](mailto:info@tawasquash.co.nz) to arrange a chat. The current dates required are Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Oct, Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, Sat Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, Sat Dec 5<sup>th</sup> and Sat Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. And a bonus......if you are busy at the club working you won't be out on the town spending – essentially double time!!!

### Club Night is proving to be a boon

Thanks mainly to the hard work of Craig Nicol, the change of club night to Friday night is proving to be very popular both socially and in a squash sense. Craig has been busy co-ordinating different levels of players to ensure they have an enjoyable experience and the success he is having augers well for the club being able to market itself to new prospective members with more confidence knowing they will probably have a great first involvement with the club. To check out what's happening pop up to the club from 6:30 on a Friday.

### Tawa Squash at Spring Into Tawa

Huge thanks go out to the volunteers who manned the Tawa Squash BBQ at Spring Into Tawa. 5 hours of hard slog saw a surplus of around \$550 which will be used to help stimulate our junior programme, something that is being led by coach Matt Green, and is building nicely. Scott and Nikki Farmer (and kids) organised and set up the BBQ, Marquee (courtesy Harcourts) and food, then spent the day in the “cook room” as well as dismantling at the end. This was a brilliant effort backed up by club helpers during the day - Deon Van Rensburg, Anna Du Plessis, Cushla Devenish-Meares, Monica Parr, Clare McMahon and Jeremy Thomas. The club, and in particular the junior contingent, is indebted to you all.

### Mita Squash Summer Fitness

This popular programme is back with squash based exercise sure to get you in better squash shape to take on 2021. This runs on Saturday mornings from 10:20 – 11:40 from 7th November till the end of March (excluding 4 weeks from Xmas.) More details are on the coaching notice board downstairs at the club.

### Share your squash experiences 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](mailto:verry.ellen@gmail.com)

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

### Welcome to our Latest New Members

**Bobby Cao** – contacted the club about a casual membership and opted for a full one and has now convinced his friend **Ron Wong** to join also.

**Jaume Benson-Guiu and Abby Watson** – a couple from Newlands who are keen to play casually and have started off with a couples membership.

**Lydia Jawandi** – from Mums N Bubs and thoroughly enjoying the company and the game so much she has joined up as a full member.

**Steve Barnett** – a friend and regular palying partner of member June Brunken.

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

### Thanks to our Sponsors

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