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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Farewell Nick Mita April 16th
Tawa Open May 6th – May 9th
Easter April 2nd – 5th No club senior or junior club night

Every Month

Junior Club Night 5pm – 7pm Fridays in School Term, \$5, Free members
Small Nix (5-8 year olds) 5pm – 5:30pm Fridays in School Term, No Charge
Senior (Adults) Club Night Fridays during school term 7pm – 9pm No Charge
Mums N Bubs Thursdays from 9:30am – 11am \$5 non members,



Court 4 funding

Court 4 under action

Plans are now with Wellington City Council for building consent. Our fingers are crossed that this will be successful with a minimum of delays. In the meantime a sub committee has been established to raise the money required – Craig Nicol, John Wolyncewicz and Peter Bowers. A monthly update will be provided. Currently we believe we can use up to \$100,000 of consolidated funds which are sitting relatively idle, mainly in investment accounts with interest rates below 0.5%. By using this will still leave sufficient funds to maintain day to day operations.

One Year Ago

This time last year our club was closed due to Covid 19 meaning no squash and no “live” social interaction. Fortunately as a club we came through it all relatively unscathed with the key being the support of the members – over 98% were happy to continue paying their subscriptions through the closure even though they weren’t getting any court time. For that the club thanks expresses it’s sincere gratitude. As the effects of Covid may still not be fully realised by all club members, please be aware we still have access to \$800 pledged by club members to assist should any other Tawa Squash Club members have to cancel or postpone their membership due to the financial impact the virus may have on them. Any use of this fund remains confidential unless both the donors and recipients agree to their information being shared.

Thump Sport Tawa April Special – balls just \$7

That’s right, a 12 1/2% price drop due to negotiation with the distributor And better still, a box of 12 for just \$60! That’s just \$5 a ball – single dot, double dot and blue dot.

Keep an eye out for other specials as they come up during the year.



Super Champs 2021

It’s time to start thinking about Super Champs again. This year they are being held 23rd-25th July and the grading cut off date is June 10th. The host clubs are:

- E Grade at Red Star
- D Grade at Island Bay
- C Grade at Hutt City Squash
- B Grade at Thorndon

Get your “same grade” buddies together for another tilt at the most popular of all the regional competitions. Grading cut off is June 10th. The winning regional club teams will represent Wellington around the country in September.

- B Grade - SquashCity; Invercargill,
- C Grade - Alexandra Squash Club; Otago,
- D Grade - Manurewa Squash Club; Auckland and
- E Grade - Surf City Squash Club; Eastern (Gisborne).

Bar and Pro Shop Hours

Normally:

- Mon 5pm - 8pm
- Tue 5pm - 10pm
- Wed 5pm - 10pm
- Thu 5pm - 10pm
- Fri 5pm - 8pm

Weekends As required or by appointment.

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Nick Mita is leaving....

Arguably the best squash coach in the country, Nick is off to Christchurch in early May where he will continue coaching squash around the South Island.

The club is hosting a farewell to Nick on Friday 16th April from 6:30pm. Happy hour bar pricing will be available from 6:30pm – 7:30pm- and nibbles will be provided.

Masters of Master's Series

Squash Wellington has introduced an innovative new series to determine the Champion Master's Man and Woman – not necessarily the best player but the best contributor to Master's tournaments including points for participating and points for winning. There are 6 qualifying tournaments at Masterton (double points for attending), Wainuiomata, Tawa, Khandallah, Kapiti and Wellington (Mana). All players have a chance of winning with the key being participation. Details are on the notice board and will be on the Squash wellington website in due course.



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

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Thanks to peter Highsted for his contribution on Lynn Fenwick.

New Till

Many of you will be aware we have a new point of sales solution. This computer based system will make bar service much more convenient and accurate. Purchased items will be in graphic form rather than words, reporting is automatic, and all sales can be rung up without leaving notes – this includes Thump Sport, Food, Subscriptions, Tournament entry and others. On the customer side will be their itemised order plus the eftpos machine which no longer needs to have amounts entered into it – it is transferred straight from the till.



Lynn Fenwick passes

A former member, John Lynn (Lynn) Fenwick, died suddenly at his home in Tawa on 11 January 2021. Lynn was 86. Lynn's wife Daphne, their daughters Janine and Nicky and their son Peter were also members, from 1974 to the mid 1980s. The club extends their deepest sympathies to the Fenwick family.

Trish Gavin hangs up her racket after 20+ years

All good things come to an end and Trish has decided to hang up her knee brace and racket after a long relationship with Tawa Squash. Always happy to help at working bees, fill up the draw at summer fun and other club events, and stay for a few drinks at many of our functions, Trish has been a loyal Tawa Squash Club member for over 20 years. The club extends their best wishes to Trish and thanks her for her service and friendship.



Welcome to our Latest New Members

Charlotte Milne a junior who has loved junior club nights so much she has joined

Tony Kellett partner of Helen Rialton and their three kids **Hannah, Joshua and Matthew**

Michael Loghmani and William Devane who work together and now play together! Even at midnight these two handy squashes can be seen slugging it out with eachother.

Sophia Korban-Solomon daughter of Alex Korban and who comes to junior club night each week as well as playing in the weekends with her dad.

Vincent Bakker a Tawa College student who had previously played at Mana, has now finished softball for the year and is looking at taking up a winter sport

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

PROPERTY

Thanks a Million (again!) – Bruce McGrath

Bruce is an absolute legend at Tawa Squash. Again he has found a problem – a window sill in the ladies toilets (facing north) that has been rotting from the weather. Bruce has scraped the rotten timber out, bogged it with a filler, and undercoated and painted the surrounds so it is as nothing was ever wrong. This was a small thing to some, but never the less important maintenance that reduces the risk of more major work later.

Thanks also to Cheryl Nicholson During the Tawa B and Below our microwave oven decided to stop working making life tough for food preparation. Cheryl kindly drove to her work, picked up their one for us to use for the rest of the weekend and delivered it to the club. Brilliant stuff Cheryl, it got us right out of a pickle. Consequently the club has purchased a new Samsung Microwave for \$258.00 with a 10 year warranty!! If anyone would like to sponsor this

purchase we are happy to have your personal or business details attached to the side of the appliance facing the bar area while the microwave is still in that location.

From the Property Committee

The property committee has completed the re lining of all three courts – I hope you have noticed! Other jobs completed include front door bug mesh installed in entrance way, mains Power supply installation for the court cameras, and door locks fitted to women’s toilets.

A working bee is to be held in May to complete some routine cleaning and minor jobs.

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