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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Tawa Masters **June 10th – 13th**

Every Month

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



Court 4 funding

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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Court 4 Progress

We are making great progress with funding for the 4th court with \$57,700 now pledged by former and current members. The Porirua Club has donated \$2,000 towards the construction of court 4. Had they not been spending hundreds of thousands on their own earthquake strengthening we may well have received more but never the less we are still delighted with their support. To show our appreciation Tawa Squash is happy to pay half the price of any new Porirua Club membership taken this year by a Tawa Squash Club member. Details of the club can be found at <https://www.poriruaclub.co.nz/> and membership inquiries can be directed to operations@poriruaclub.co.nz.

Current Status:

Club Member Pledges: \$57,700

Consolidated funds: \$115,000

HMCT \$25,987

(Hutt Mana Charitable Trust)

Porirua Club: \$ 2,300

Total: \$200,987



If you would like to contribute but haven't yet got around to it please contact us on info@tawasquash.co.nz to discuss how you would like to help.

A-Z Flooring Tawa Open – another memorable tournament

Club Captain Aaron finally settled on accepting 120 for the Tawa Open and with 40 volunteers helping, mainly for Tournament Control, we pretty much stuck to time through the whole event. Fortunately we could start Wednesday as there was no interclub that week. For the record, Evan Williams and Debbie Dunbar, the defending champions, both won their respective top divisions again. Congratulations to all the winners. Special thanks to Malcolm and Nicola from A-Z Flooring yet again. Their continuing loyalty and generosity allow us the opportunity to continue to excel. Feel free to contact Malcolm on 027 500 1478 for any floor covering requirements you may have, or even just to say thanks for the support.

Totalflow and North City Motors Tawa Masters June 10th – 13th

112 entries so far with another week and a bit to go. Our optimum number for a master's tournament is 96 but by making all games scoring to 11 (which is how the National Masters will be run) we may be able to add a few more.

WANTED – VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MASTERS: As usual we require help with Tournament Control and Bar over the event. Please respond to info@tawasquash.co.nz if you are able to help.

WANTED – FOOD CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE MASTERS

We also require a "Food Co-ordinator" as we are again providing complimentary food for players and spectators. There is no cooking required, just co-ordinating with food donors when and where to deliver their contributions.

FOOD WANTED – our chance to shine again

One area we shine in year after year is the brilliant array of complimentary food the club members provide for our players and guests at The Masters and this year will be no different. To maintain our reputation we again ask for help from our members to donate a dish (or two!) to the cause. Whatever your speciality is it will be appreciated. This may

range from homemade bread to a casserole, pizza to quiche, scones to muffins, soups to salads, cakes to biscuits, chillies to pastas, savouries to snacks.....the list is endless. If you can help please respond to info@tawasquash.co.nz and advise what you are happy to provide.

MASTERS PARTY SATURDAY 12TH JUNE FROM 7PM

As usual, we are having an organised shin dig during the masters tournament. This includes entertainment – Shaun Grant, a long time band member and solo entertainer will be strumming his magic. There is no entry charge and food will be available – meat, salad and rolls.



Plus plus plus \$1,000.00 of Squash gear to be won All tournament entrants present at the Saturday night party are in the draw for one of three prizes – a racket/bag/shoe combo (value \$500), a racket shoe combo (value \$300) and a racket (value \$200.) Winners must be present at the draw at 9pm. Names will be drawn until we have 3 winners. Those not playing in the Masters can enter the draw with a \$10 donation to the club.

Thump Sport Tawa June \$20 Special.

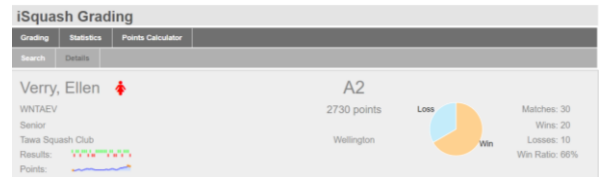
Buy two squash balls and a grip for \$20 (normally \$24)

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



Congratulations Ellen

Ellen has hit A Grade – a great feat from a former club junior who has played only for the Tawa Club except when she did her squash scholarship in the US. Keep up the good work Ellen.



Super Champs 2021

The cut off date is June 10th for grading for superchamps. Once that's done teams will be finalised and training begun in earnest. Some teams are already preparing while others are still waiting to see who's eligible.

If you are keen respond to this email or put you name on the Superchamps list downstairs at the club. Get your "same grade" buddies together for another tilt at the most popular of all the regional competitions.

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

Matt Green's New Junior Coaching Programme off to a flying start

Matt has a group of 18 kids for the first term of the new Tawa Junior programme. Split into 2 groups, the youngest lot start at 4:20 with games and exercises to improve motor skills including balance, coordination and anticipation. The older children start at 5pm with more squash specific skills being ingrained.



There is still room if you know anyone who may like to participate and can be accommodated for the remainder of this term (5 more weeks) on a pro rata's basis or starting next term at \$90 for the whole term.

Please respond to info@tawasquash.co.nz to secure your child's spot. There can be no harm teaching kids to play "The Healthiest Sport in the World!"

Complementing this programme is a growing group coming to Junior Club night on Friday evenings, especially in the younger 5-8 year range.

Well done Darrin!

How about this email for a rap about the scoring system Darrin has integrated with the court 2 live recordings!!!

Hi Darrin.....Watched a few games yesterday and I would like to pass on my thoughts re the scoring system. Pretty simple really...It's Brilliant. I presume you set it up and I must say it's up there with the big international systems.



Welcome to our Latest New Member

Peter Milsom - a former member who has signed back up after a couple of casual hits alone. After the body stood up these rigours he has decided the leagues are the next step.

Bruce Prothero – after an operation on his back(!!!) and hip(!!!) Bruce has had a couple of light hits and now wants to commit more to the sport he loves. He also misses the vibe at the club. Fingers crossed the fused spine and popped hip remain intact.

Rosemary Mair – an A2 (from ex Tawa member Ross Smith's club in the Hawkes Bay), Rosemary has come down to Wellington but may not play too much squash. She is in the White Ferns and is in town to improve her cricket while staying with Amelia Kerr. Hopefully we will see them both around from time to time having a hit.

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

Want to learn to coach?

Squash NZ have some great coaching resources available for those wanting to learn how to coach. These can be found at <https://www.squashnz.co.nz/coach/resources.cfm> and <https://www.squashnz.co.nz/coach/index.cfm>

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