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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Tawa Club Champs **September 16th – 18th**
NZ Masters **October 15th – 20th** (Co hosting with Mana Squash)

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

Our Farthest Contribution Yet

All the way from the USA – 5 times former club champion Mark Smith has pledged a generous donation towards court 4. Mark was the club champ from 1978-1981 and again in 1985. Mark advises that he's very appreciative of all of the effort that we are putting into this and believes it will be great for the club and for Tawa as a whole. Mark has been based in the US for most of the last 40 years, but says he was very active with Tawa squash prior to that in the Stu Davenport era, including being in the Tawa B grade team that won the national champs. He also played for the New Zealand under 23 team. Mark looks forward to seeing the finished product on one of his trips back to New Zealand to visit family.

Current Status:	
Club Member Pledges:	\$ 99,325
Consolidated funds:	\$ 115,000
HMCT (Hutt Mana Charitable Trust)	\$ 25,987
Porirua Club:	\$ 2,300
Trust House	\$ 49,243
Total	\$291,855

The last month has seen a bit of a lull with funding organisations, as will be July, with August a critical month for four organisations we are applying to.

However the amount of funding pledged by members is closing in on \$100,000 – a monumental response and much higher than expected.

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.

Squash Club Champs Sept 16th – 18th

Our Club Champs, sponsored for the umpteenth time by our generous sponsor, Harcourts Tawa, is set down for September 16th – 18th and will conclude with our annual awards over a sit down meal in the Club lounge. The junior club champs will be on the same weekend. The C Grade ladies will be catering and proceeds from the meal will go to their trip to Alexandra to fly the Wellington flag at the national C Grade Superchamps.

EARN \$500 for the club....Harcourts have renegotiated their sponsorship agreement with Tawa Squash and have agreed to double their contribution to the club (from \$250 to \$500) for any property they sell on behalf of a club member who nominates Tawa Squash as the recipient. If you have any real estate requirements at all contact Mike 027 442 3640 or Steve on 027 442 0808. And if you sell your property through them, Tawa Squash will get \$500.00.

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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NZ Masters at Tawa Oct 15th – 17th

In under 3 months we will be hosting, with Mana Squash, the NZ Masters Individual Championships and the NZ Masters Teams Event.

This is likely to be the biggest event we have ever held and the individuals will be fought out in age groups – 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-69, 60-64, 65-69, 70+ for women, 70-74 for men and 75+ for men. SO the exciting news is...you don't get those 35 year old "juniors" whipping you in public!!!

Entry is \$45, you must be available from midday on Friday 15th October, and prizegiving will be held at the Porirua Club on Sunday 17th with a sit down meal (both Mana and Tawa would be too small.)

The tournament is on iSquash now for you to enter and a poster will go up on the notice board shortly.

This will be followed on Mon 18th and Tue 19th October with the interdistrict teams event – representative teams from up to 11 districts with 1 man and 1 woman in each age division up to the 60+ division.

We will require volunteers for the event including: Shuttle Drivers, Tournament Control, Bar, Liaison people and more so if you are in a position to assist please respond to this email.

Congratulations Oli

Oli Dunbar won the North Island Junior Under 15 division recently in New Plymouth going the whole tournament without dropping a set and he wasn't even the top seed. The improvement in Oli's play is becoming very apparent, a result of the hard work he is putting in.



Spring Interclub

Spring interclub begins August 24th (men's) and August 25th (women's). The sign up sheet is on the noticeboard now. Teams need to be in by August 9th so close off is Friday 6th. NOTE: There is no spring Masters Interclub.

Super Champs 2021 – C Grade Women Welly Champions and off to Alexandra

Well done – a brilliant effort by our C grade ladies who won the regionals on countback and are off down south flying to Queenstown and then mini bussing to Alexandra. Usually the club would request funding through one of many grant sources but our new court initiative has 6 funding applications approved or pending reducing the chance of success during the same funding rounds to cover travel and accommodation. As a consequence the C Grade ladies will be frantically fundraising and would love your support. A list of their events that you may wish to attend will be forthcoming.

Hello Club can allow your phone number to be available to other members?

If you want others to be able to call you for a hit you may wish to make your phone number available to them. To do this, on the Hello Club booking system under Profile, select Member Details, then Directory, and then tick whatever information you would like to make available. This reduces the need to have a phone list on the notice board and also protects your privacy should you decide.

Club Night

Club night was changed from Monday to Friday a few months ago but hasn't really taken off, probably due to lack of promotion and structure. Some changes are being made and you will be kept up to date with the first week (Friday 30th July) having one court dedicated to E grade players and beginners. All members and prospective members are welcome to share the other courts but there will be specific activities on one court for E graders.

Tawa Squash at Spring Into Tawa

Over the last few years we have had a BBQ set up at the Spring Into Tawa festival, this year held on Sat 30th October. A BBQ has been supplied by Scott & Nikki Farmer and sausages in bread, bacon butties and steak sandwiches have earned around \$600 for junior activities. Now Scott and Nikki have taken a "back seat" at Tawa Squash (after years of sterling service I may add) and we are looking for someone to take on board the set up and pack up of this initiative. We have half a dozen volunteers to man the BBQ but at this stage no-one to set it up. We also have had the use of Harcourts marquee to shelter from the elements on the off chance it's not a typical windless, sunny Wellington spring day! Any proceeds can go towards a Tawa Squash cause decided by whoever organises it (subject to the committee's approval.)

Thump Sport Tawa August Special.

Technifibre Carboflex 125S only.....\$195!

Elsewhere over \$300.00! Thump Sport have negotiated well to land this racket at such a great price. It is designed for the expert player but is now priced for most players. It is balanced as head heavy and at 125 grams it is easy to hit hard even with a short swing. Try out the demo from the pro shop and see for yourself.



Heal Quickly Deon

Deon Van Rensburg had the misfortune to snap a tendon in his arm playing squash late in June and will be out for 6 months. The tendon has been operated on and we are waiting with baited breath for a 100% recovery.

Eyewear – squash balls fit perfectly into your eye socket!

Why is it compulsory in NZ for juniors to wear eyewear in tournaments and not seniors? Is it because seniors are deemed to be able to make mature decisions?

Internationally, even ‘A’ grade players have to wear eyewear when playing doubles tournaments but club players of a lower level don’t have to!



The main reasons players choose not to wear eyewear are:

they restrict vision...(really?)

they fog up...(use anti fog spray or wear them slightly down the bridge of your nose)

they are uncomfortable...(and an eye hit by a ball or racket is more comfortable?)

GUARANTEE: It takes less time getting used to wearing protective eyewear than getting used to living with a damaged or missing eye!

A long term Tawa Squash Club member recently stated

“Eye surgery in both my eyes many years ago brought home the importance of protecting my eyes. This resulted in my starting to wear protective eyewear on court. Whilst initially, using it felt uncomfortable and took some getting used to, it soon resulted in my getting so used to it that if I forgot to put them on, it felt as if something was missing.”

Eyewear is available through Thump Sports for \$49 a pair.

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>

Welcome to our Latest New Members

Anneliese Van Straaten and Angela Wolstenholme – two former members deciding to have a “gentle” hit with each other occasionally in the weekend. Great to have them both back but not likely for competitive play.

Jurgens and Reinique du Plessis – a young married couple both studying wo former members deciding to have a “gentle” hit with each other occasionally in the weekend. Great to have them both back but not likely for competitive play.

Tony Coburn and brother James Cockburn – rugby playing brothers who have qualified as firemen and are now back based in Wellington have rejoined for the rugby “off season” to maintain fitness and have some fun.

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

Thanks to our Sponsors

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