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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

Harcourts Tawa Club Champs **October 29th – 30th**
Summer Fun **Begins November 2nd & 3rd**
Property Services Tawa Doubles **November 19th & 20th**
Tawa Squash Ham & Turkey **December 7th - 12th**

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,**

THE CLUB MEMBERS HAVE VOTED!!!

COURT 4 CONSTRUCTION TO START DECEMBER

A special general meeting held at the club on Thursday 30th September voted to allow the committee to spend up to \$450,000+gst, subject to funds being available, to complete court 4 with construction scheduled to begin in December. The completion date is April 2022. These scheduled dates will however be subject to receiving no more unexpected delays.

Prior to this SGM, the committee, at their monthly meeting in September, voted unanimously to award the contract to GG Builders (subject to the club’s approval above.) The key reasons for selecting GG Builders were their competitive pricing, their ability to project manage the build from start to finish, and the reputation they have built as a trusted supplier to the Club for over 15 years.

This reputation and has been created by, amongst other work carried out for the Club, the upgrade of our shower area, the renovation of our bar/lounge area, the re-roofing of the entire Club, and the construction of the shelter over the deck.

Already as part of the court 4 planning process, GG Builders have, on the clubs behalf, obtained architectural drawings, building consent, engineering reports, and fire reports.

These were all done at the cost price of the respective suppliers, things that needed to be done before we could commit to a contract. Further, there was no guarantee the job would proceed, or that GG Builders would be the successful tenderer.

Court 4 Funding Update.

Due to delays in funding decisions by a number of organisations, due mainly to COVID 19, our funding hasn’t yet been 100% secured but we have enough capital raised and available to complete the project to the stage that the new addition is fully closed in and secure. By the start date in December we should be aware of the total funds we have successfully applied for enabling us to commit to the inside work to also be completed. If at this stage we are still short we have time on our side to approach other funding avenues that have been earmarked should they be needed.

Thank you Transpower – provider of \$24,000!

TRANSPOWER Transpower have a trust accessible for organisations who live within 5km of the national grid. As you probably notice, high tension lines cascade down the hill behind Arohata prison and transgress the motorway from Countdown to Granada North business park qualifying Tawa Squash to be able to apply which we duly did. We are so fortunate - they have provided us with \$24,000 inc GST.

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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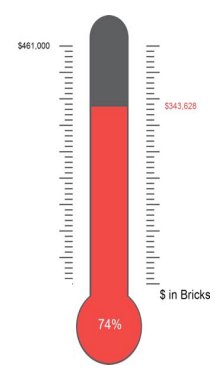
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The timing was perfect for this grant as we have subsequently been advised by Transpower they had been doing quite a bit of work in our area lately (which appears to ensure more of the available grant money will be allocated to this area at this time.) Further to that, Transpower’s web site advises that as from November this year the maximum single payout from this trust will be set \$15,000 indicating that the timing of our application was perfect – sheer luck.

The eagerly awaited NZ Masters Tournament was sadly cancelled due to restrictions imposed by COVID 19. Unfortunately next year's tournament has already been allocated to an alternative region so we won't have an opportunity to host this again for some years.

Harcourts Tawa Squash Club Champs postponed AGAIN – now October 27th – 30th

Open to all members new and old, graded and ungraded

The second AND FINAL postponement of the Club Champs has been agreed to and will be followed by the annual prizegiving awards with a sit down meal immediately after the final games (dinner from 6pm Saturday 30th.) All Tawa Squash Club members are invited to enter, even those not graded. It is a fun event with no grading points on offer (unless by mutual agreement before each match.) To enter the club champs you can go to iSquash, reply to this email, or add your name to the list on the notice board downstairs at the club. Entries now close Friday 22nd October.



REMEMBER YOU CAN EARN \$500 for the club. HARCOURTS TAWA is now providing the club \$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.

Summer Fun Series – starts 3rd & 4th Nov - for Tawa members of all levels

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.



Home Services Tawa Squash Doubles November 19th and 20th

Our newest regular tournament, kindly sponsored by Aaron Havill of Home Services, is now an integral part of our annual schedule of events. With 3 divisions, Open, Mixed and Social, there is something for everyone. Each division has its own trophy (pictured) plus there are cash prizes. This is a fun event with a costume theme and prizes for best dressed. This will culminate with a Saturday night party in the club lounge. Entries can be made via iSquash.



Note: It is recommended you wear eyewear while playing doubles. Loan glasses are available at the club.

Tawa Squash Ham & Turkey Tournament – December 7th – 12th (Tuesday – Sunday)

Our most popular tournament, and one that runs for 6 days, is coming up in 8 weeks. Already on iSquash, and with 115 entries, this looks destined to again be a sell out as only 35 more places are available. This is open for everyone irrespective of being graded or a member of a squash club. It is played as a round robin in a division of 4 players with every player winning a prize for their Xmas table – a ham, a turkey, a meat pack or a chicken. This is a fun way to end the year and is not to be missed. Enter via iSquash, by return email or on the notice boards at the club.

Good Luck Evan

Evan Williams is set to defend his New Zealand Champion Title at Hutt City Squash Centre over the same weekend as the postponed club champs are on (29-31 October). Winning last year in Auckland to become the New Zealand Men's Champion was the biggest win of Evan's career and hopefully the lockdown levels in Waikato and Auckland will be low enough to allow this year's NZ Championships to continue. Next year Evan will be off to his second Commonwealth Games in Birmingham as part of the New Zealand team.



Shirts Coming...



We have placed an order for shirts which will arrive in the near future. The material is different to the previous batch and is more in line with what we have previously had. We have ordered women's V neck tees (pictured), mens round neck tees, and men's polo neck. The prices will be \$45. Existing stock, including ladies singlets, will also sell for the same price even though the cost price was almost \$70.

SPRING INTO TAWA CANCELLED

Another COVID victim, Spring Into Tawa, the local street fair to have been held on October 30th, has sadly been cancelled. This has historically been a great little fundraiser for Tawa Squash with the juniors profiting by over \$600 at each of their stalls over the last few years.

CONGRATULATIONS

Newly Weds – Dee Kim and Adam Blanken have tied the knot last month. Congratulations – can't wait for the delayed stag party at Tawa Squash!!!

New Baby – Crystal and Evan Chun – congratulations on the birth of your daughter Cayleigh Chun.

Thanks a Million Chris

Long time member and “hobbyist woodworker/cabinetmaker” Chris Sinclair was approached to see if he could make a wine glass holder to sit on top of the bar chiller. A positive response from Chris resulted in this piece of craftsmanship. It is a fantastic outcome, holds plenty of glasses, especially champagne flutes which are unstable in the fridge and too high to store in trays in the shelves. And a key benefit – we will never lose a glass over the back of the chiller again!

The metal slides for the glasses were purchased from a club supplier and combined with the rest, made out of beautiful native timber and with non slip rubber strips underneath, adds a touch of class to the bar area. Thanks again to Chris – and he didn't want any payment for it - a couple of heavily subsidised products from the fridge below the glass holder will have to find their way to him instead!



Help Needed – Junior Coordinator

This year we have unfortunately not had a volunteer junior co-ordinator so the role has generally been carried out by the club manager. Luckily, Matt Green has agreed to help coach the kids on Mondays and Fridays in a commercial arrangement and the momentum he has built is extremely heartening. However we still need a volunteer to come forward and work with Matt and the club manager to ensure the gains we have made aren't lost. The main role is staying in touch with the junior members and their care givers to keep them informed of upcoming activities. There is also an opportunity to add the co-ordinators own flavour to create some mini tournaments or other squash activities as they see fit. There is strong support from the club and from Matt and it's a role that could be able to be shared depending on the amount of interest we get. Please respond to this newsletter info@tawasquash.co.nz if you are interested or would like more information.

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.

Welcome to our Latest New Members

Apurv Kumar – has been down a few times casually hitting sometimes with Viraj Mahadik and is enjoying it so much he has decided to join.

Bernice Niemand – has decided that to see more of hubby Hugo she would need to join up. This clever girl has got Hugo to change his membership to “couple” so her subs don't come out of housekeeping allowance!

Bradley Bowe – he was told that for either of his folks to become junior co-ordinator they would be best to have a child enrolled as a member – good boy Bradley!

Willie Loh and Jean Singam – Willie has been hitting casually with Bobby Cao and Ron Wong and has taken the plunge into full membership bringing his partner Jean on board too.

Yvette , Kendre and Yvanri Booyesen – wife, son and daughter of relatively new member Brian. Great to see another family membership enhancing our reputation as a family club.

Kevin Wolstenholme – pressure was mounting on Kevin to re-join after a few years off. Many of his mates have joined back up including the Stansfield boys.

Max Wynne-Jones – has also rejoined and hitting with Justin Applegate and a few others from his junior days.

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

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