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Coming Up at Tawa Squash

June

Topaz II Tawa and Wellinto Masters **June 13th – 16th (Sunday Finish)**
Ladies Skill Session **Thurs June 20th**

July

Superchamps **July 26th – 28th**

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, Free members**

Senior (Adults) Club Night **Mondays 7pm – 9pm No Charge**

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Normally:
Mon 5pm - 9pm
Tue 5pm - 10pm*
Wed 5pm - 10pm*
Thu 5pm - 10pm
Fri 5pm - 8pm
Weekends As required

Pro Shop Hours

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Mon 5pm - 9pm
Tue 5pm - 10pm*
Wed 5pm - 10pm*
Thu 5pm - 10pm
Fri 5pm - 8pm
Weekends By appointment
During Tournaments

A-Z Flooring Tawa Open

A brilliantly run tournament with 112 entries accepted which is normally more than a three-court complex can comfortably accommodate. However, tournament director Chris Sinclair ensured through prudent game time allocation and effective tournament control that the tournament ran to time. The kitchen did a roaring trade – over \$800 turnover compared with around \$300 - \$350 in recent years. Much of this was achieved with Louise Sinclair at the helm on Saturday for the best part of 8 busy hours, the result of an uncharacteristic shortage of volunteers on the day.

A highlight of the tournament was that there were 41 women in the draw, an increase of more than 1/3 from last year indicating that women's squash is in growth mode in Wellington and particularly at Tawa.

Congratulations to Evan Williams and Debs Dunbar for winning the men's and women's titles respectively.



Topaz II Tawa and Wellington Masters June 13th – 16th

Over 35 years of age? Our famous Masters tournament is coming up in June and this year's theme is "Best of British". A live band Saturday night will cap off what is expected to be another thoroughly successful event. The camaraderie of the masters squash fraternity is second to none and an enjoyable weekend is virtually guaranteed. There will be continuous food available throughout the weekend, courtesy of our generous and helpful members - we will be asking for help as the time nears. All draws will be no more than eight and players will play no more than one game a day – an unwritten rule for Masters tournaments.



Sport Wellington Club of the Year Finalist AGAIN!

After last year being adjudged the Wellington Sports Club of the Year, Tawa Squash Club has again been selected as a finalist in the prestigious Sport Wellington annual awards.



Tawa Squash experienced another outstanding year which included the installation of a digital scoring system with monitors on each court, a modernised entrance, a significant increase in women participants, a regional superchamps winning team (D Grade Men), the winning junior interclub squad, and a year of over-subscribed tournaments. One of the smallest clubs by number of courts, Tawa remained the biggest club in the Wellington region last year by member numbers.

The awards evening will no doubt be another one of glitz and glamour recognising outstanding achievement in sport by Wellingtonians. It is sponsored by the Wellington Hospitality Group (whose stable includes The Borough, sponsors of Tawa Squash's Mums 'N Bubs programme.) Tawa Squash will be booking at least one table of 10. If anyone is interested in attending the price

per ticket is \$130 which includes dinner, drinks and entertainment or \$150 if you want transport between the event and Tawa Squash Club which, based on last year's event, will be good value for money.

Superchamps

It's that time of year again – the grading list as at 14th June will determine what Superchamps team you can play for – B,C,D,E or F grade.

This is a great competitive and intense event with our E Grade men's team looking for a regional three-peat. If they pull it off, they will represent Wellington at the E Grade nationals hosted here at Tawa in September.

To show interest in participating, sign up on the notice board downstairs at the club. It is likely the seven top seeded players from each grade, men's and women's divisions, will be selected if available.

Booking System

Great news – Adam from Hello Club advises they are working on a solution to allow people to book courts from the touch screen.

Also, payment options have recently been added to the system through an application called "Stripe." It is now possible to pay for visitors' fees and Pay to Play credit on line. You can find this option on the finance tab when you log in.

Welcome back Ellen

Ellen Verry, a 3 time Tawa Squash Women's Club Champion (whilst still a junior!) is back and has upgraded her previous membership from Junior to Senior. Ellen recently graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in the United States, where she was studying and playing squash for the past four years. Ellen decided to study in the US as it allowed her to play squash at a high level while pursuing her degree. Over the past four years she was playing and training in a team of 14 women and most weekends throughout the season they would travel to other universities in North East America. There was strong competition and a couple of times this year she had the opportunity to play women as high as 50 in the world. Playing college squash has been a great experience for Ellen and she advises she could never have done it without the support of the great people at Tawa Squash Club. Her thanks goes to everyone at Tawa Squash and the wider squash community who have helped and supported her over the years.



Do you have information the club may enjoy?

If you have some tit bits or news that may be of interest to some, or all, of our club members please forward through to info@tawasquash.co.nz. All items will be considered although some may need to be edited to fit with the tone of the newsletter. This could be results, grading changes, funny happenings, or personal (baby, engagement etc.) Photos or other graphics are also welcome.

Thanks a Million

To all volunteers who helped with the A-Z Flooring Tawa Open tournament – long hours of planning and manning go into a successful tournament and the Open was no different. To all the volunteers a huge thanks, in particular to **Evan Williams** and **Chris Sinclair** for their significant contributions and **Louise Sinclair** for her marathon effort in the kitchen Saturday (and Sunday morning.)

Welcome to our Latest New Member

Rebekah Ward-Johnston – sister of life member Nicola, Rebekah has re-joined after realising she missed the club environment.

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