

Hi Everyone,

I was contemplating whether the Tuesday morning after a big, long (probably expensive) Easter weekend in which you are dragging yourself, zombielike, back into the workplace was the best time to hit you with an email demanding subscription fees. Turns out that it was. I remembered that a lot of you don't do any real work anyway so that helped.

Very well done to all those that have already paid and got it out of the way for another year. You have a gold star beside your name on our database. Whilst we certainly do appreciate you're paying the full balance outright, I can assure you that the club's lights will stay on if you wish to pay us by instalments. Simply divide the outstanding balance by 10 and then, in your own online banking system, set up a monthly payment to us for that amount for months April – Jan. If you can't be bothered messing around with online banking then I will happily take your payment at the bar by debit/credit card or good old fashioned cash.

As I renew your memberships (upon payment or first instalment), you will receive an email from the club which contains the details that we hold on our database. Can you take a moment to make sure that your details are correct? You can change the info yourself if required. The most common error will be date of birth (I was very generous to those that I didn't have any actual DOB's for).

Thanks for to all for your continued support of the club.
Let's see what we have got coming up for you.

In Tennis...



Open Doubles Tennis Tournament
Saturday 20th April 2024
A and B Grades for both men & women

Still only \$20 per player entry

Entries close Wednesday 17th April
Do it online – follow the QR code

Contact for entries:
Kristen Nash, 021 737 129, kristennash007@gmail.com
Grade allocation and design of division draws are subject to number of entries and tournament control's discretion



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Two weeks to go for the rescheduled Langley Twigg open doubles tournament. Entries in by Wednesday 17th please. If you want to play but don't have a partner then let Kristen know. She will try her best to help you out. We want to get

as many of our tennis playing membership involved as we can. \$20 per person entry fee. It's a just a competitive club day really with plenty cash prize incentives thanks to long time sponsor Langley Twigg.

We do have a full **Saturday tennis** programme this week:

8.30am – 10am, Junior Hotshots. For our future tennis stars.

10am – 11am, Tennis Accelerator. A great place for the beginner/novice player to develop their tennis skills. \$10 for club members/ \$15 for non-members

11am – 12pm, Cardio Tennis. A fast paced tennis workout for the more experienced tennis players. \$10 for club members/ \$15 for non-members

Club Day in its regular spot at **1.30pm**.

Club Coach Andrew Shand is looking at introducing a **Friday Nights Singles league**. This idea is to offer more singles playing opportunity to our members, especially those that enjoy playing competitively. It's still at conception stage but it would be great if we can gauge how many players would be interested and available to play on a Friday night from 5.30pm starting in early May. Let me know by return email or speak to Andrew directly so that we can put together a list of names that he can work with.

In Squash...

Congratulations to our winners from last weekend'ss **HBSRC Easter Open:**

Mens Div 1 winner **Logan Leith**, Mens Div 1 Consolation Plate **Shaun Thompson-Gray**,

Mens Div 2 Runner Up **Rob Leith**,

Mens Div 3 Runner Up **Caleb Alexander**,

Womens Div 1 Consolation Plate **Jade Leith**.

Club Day: Will be on this Saturday from 3.15pm. Any members/non members welcome. Come along and have a go. Racquets supplied.

Wednesday Intraclub League: Next Wednesday is the last in the series of rounds, hosted by Shaun Thompson-Gray (the Michalakis clan are on a squash tour to Melbourne). There will be one week's rest before finals night on Wednesday 24th April.

Interclub: Teams have now been entered – you should be contacted by your captain once draws etc. have been finalised in a week or so. Ladies Interclub is due to commence Tuesday 30 April with the Mixed competition starting day later on Wednesday 1 May.

MySquash: Don't forget if you are intending to play competition matches this year you must confirm your link sent be SquashNZ (check your spam folder). If not then email support@squashnz.co.nz and provide your Full name, DOB and current email address and they will re-send the link through. NOTE this only applies to players already holding a grade. If you are wanting to be graded in order to play competition then you must register with ISquash on www.squash.org.nz, and also with MySquash www.squashnz.co.nz . Please note you MUST be a financial member of a club in order to play competitions (Tournaments/Interclub)

Tournaments coming up: Enter on ISquash

19-21 April, Eastern Open Hastings (*Player Series event with DOUBLE POINTS*)

28th April, Eastern Junior 300 series at Waipukarau

In Petanque...

Club Champs Triples is this Saturday. There has been a change to the start time. It is now 9.30 for a 10am start. We will have a bye throughout the day. Bring your lunch (there won't necessarily be a scheduled lunch break so eat when you are hungry). Looks like the weather will hold. We want to keep to the timetable as a number of players are heading off to see Sir Tom Jones. Prizegiving will follow the finals.

Abbeyfield

QUIZ NIGHT

Fundraising for Abbeyfield House

We are fundraising to build an Abbeyfield house to accommodate older people in independent units operating like a flat, with a live-in housekeeper who will prepare lunch and dinner daily for residents to share in a communal dining room. The houses have shown they reduce loneliness, satisfy nutritional needs and offer security and warmth.

Abbeyfield homes show delayed entry to Rest homes by up to 3 years. The house is affordable with residents contributing Superannuation only. There are 14 Abbeyfield houses in NZ, ours will be the first in Hawkes Bay.



Whakatipu Abbeyfield House

Friday 12th April

6.45pm for 7 pm start

HAWKES BAY LAWN TENNIS CLUBROOMS

13 Higgins Street, Marewa, Napier

14 Team Tables of 6 x Team members
Only \$90 per Table (\$15 per person)

Bring lots of coins and as many "brainy" friends you can find.

There is a bar which will be open for drinks and we will have delicious nibble platters available for purchase.

Contact Mark Baylis 027 443 0062 to register or email
abbeyfieldhb@gmail.com



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What has happened to all our Quizzers, Boffins, Eggheads, Smart*** know it all's (of which I know this club has plenty). Are you doing this upcoming Trivia Night or not. Get those entries in now.

That's all for now,

Gary.