



#### Hi Everyone,



I am sure that all of you that were entered into the competition will already know that the Langley Twigg open doubles tennis tournament has been postponed. The new proposed date is **Saturday 20th April**. Having studied the historic participation numbers charts and assessing all and any meteorological data available to them, our most highly revered Tennis Committee are confident that a strategic

shift of event into April will encourage more entries so get that penciled into your diary now (though, if you find that you already had something on that day, I probably wouldn't score it out just yet). I am assuming that all entries will be brought forward so if you were entered but can't play on the 20<sup>th</sup> April then let Kristen know by text 021737129 or email <a href="mailto:kristennash007@gmail.com">kristennash007@gmail.com</a>. Similarly, if you find that this new date now suits you then you should definitely get involved <a href="mailto:https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-entry-form.html">https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-entry-form.html</a>.

#### **Other Tennis Notices**

Very many thanks to the 10 pairs that competed in our Mixed Doubles competitions last weekend. It was great to see another club champs, involving a diverse range of tennis abilities, played out in the spirit of camaraderie that we very much strive to promote and encourage. Congratulations to our winners:

Open – India Apatu & Allen Hokai A Grade – Marcia Mabey & Jamie Thomsen B Grade - Angela Beamish-White & Connor Beamish-White

I do hear on the grapevine that Krissy is thinking about introducing a C Grade classification so that she and Tommy can get back in amongst the silverware next year. I am sure that there would have been photos taken at the prizegiving but I don't have them yet. I will post them on our website (if) when they land in my inbox

All rounds complete and scores verified for this term of Business House Tennis. Continuous Spouting top the A Grade table, for the first time, with a fantastic unbeaten run. Unbeaten until last night that is, going down 15-24 to Wools of NZ. Did they take their foot of the gas in an effort to protect their players ahead next week's final or were they just stunned by an outstanding Woolz performance? They didn't hang around last night to discuss it but they certainly do cruise into next week's title decider against Bad Kids. Calum Sutherland and Will Walker would do their very best to spoil the Bad Kid's night but Tumu Timber's don't yet have the depth of squad to upset the top teams over 2 matches. Despite BNZ enjoying a very good 23-15 win against General Compression they have to make do with 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the realisation that they shot themselves in the foot, when they were spanked by Continuous Spouting in round 1.

Pint Club are the new B Grade champions finishing 10 points ahead of Rench Builders with an emphatic win over Langley Twigg. Pint Club didn't get off to the best of starts in this campaign but seem to have turned it around with the introduction of new player Paul. I know not Paul's surname nor from where he comes but he does seem to enjoy the conviviality of the bar and that does align with Pint Club's team ethos. Very well done gentlemen! Title in the bag, they will now play Evolution Motors in next week's division play-off while Rench Builders lock in a date with Tumu Timbers. I am looking forward to it. It should be a great night (though I might not see much of the action from my vantage point).

Postponement of the Langley Twigg tournament is good news for the Saturday sessions though:

Tennis Accelerator, **10am – 11am**. For beginner & novice players. \$10 for club members, \$15 non-members

Cardio Tennis, 11am – 12pm. \$10 for club members, \$15 non-members

Club Day in its regular spot at 1.30pm



# In Squash

**Club Day**: Organised play every Saturday from 3.15pm. Any members/non members welcome. Come along and have a go. Racquets supplied.

**Eastern Junior 200 Series – Sunday 24 March 2024**: First one for 2024 to be held at HBLTS on Sunday 24 March. Last entries by this Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> if you want to play (poster attached)





**Interclub**: Register now if you are wanting to play – sheets up on the squash noticeboard. NOTE entries close at the end of next week before Easter so get your names in now!! Remember you must be a financial member and graded in order to play in this competition.

**Intraclub League**: on each Wednesday evening from 6.00pm. Come along and watch some entertaining squash.

Waipukurau Open (22-23 March) *Players Series event*: Good luck to our Lawn players who have entered this event this weekend.

Grading Levels update: If you have questions about the new grading system, please refer to the Future of Squash site

- <a href="https://thefuture.squashnz.co.nz/new-changes/new-grading-system">https://thefuture.squashnz.co.nz/new-changes/new-grading-system</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:support@squashnz.co.nz">support@squashnz.co.nz</a> 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

**Tournaments coming up: Enter on ISquash** 



HBSRC Easter Open (29-31 March) – Player Series event

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

### In Petanque...

If you haven't yet got your entry for in for the Autumn Triples 11th & 12<sup>th</sup> May then you have missed the boat my friend. The maximum quota of 18 teams was reached within a couple of days of official entry opening on Monday. However, Barry & Marg may still be looking for some reserve players with the likelihood that some players/teams will need to pull out due to unforeseen circumstances.



#### **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.

# 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



Lastly, another event that has been postponed, the Abbeyfield House Trivia Night is now rescheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Organisers hope that those teams that registered for the previous date will get on board again and that more teams will be available to enjoy the fun and help Abbeyfield raise as much funds for their cause as we possibly can in one night. Please confirm registration of your team by return email or speak to me at the bar.

That's all for now,

Gary.