

Hi Everyone,

We can expect it to be a touch quiet around the club this weekend. I know some of our tennis players will be in Waipawa for their annual Vets tournament and the official opening of their new AstroTurf courts one year after the cyclone. Our friends at Niven Street are hosting a one day squash tournament and I believe that some of our Petanque players are on the road to Masterton for some kind of competition.

Well, that's fine by me. I could use a bit of down time before we head into a big March line-up of events here at the club.

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 Hawke's Bay.



Illustration: Abbeyfield House

Friday 1st March

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)

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

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



ABBEEFIELD Hawke's Bay Incorporated Society

It starts Friday 1st with a fundraising Trivia Night for Abbeyfield House. Get those team entries in to me now please. Organiser Mark Bayliss tells me that he will be selling team size platters of nibbles/snacks on the night so that's something that you don't need to worry about (though you are perfectly entitled to bring your own with you if you prefer). Quiz starts 7pm sharp so you want to get in at least 15 mins beforehand to get settled.

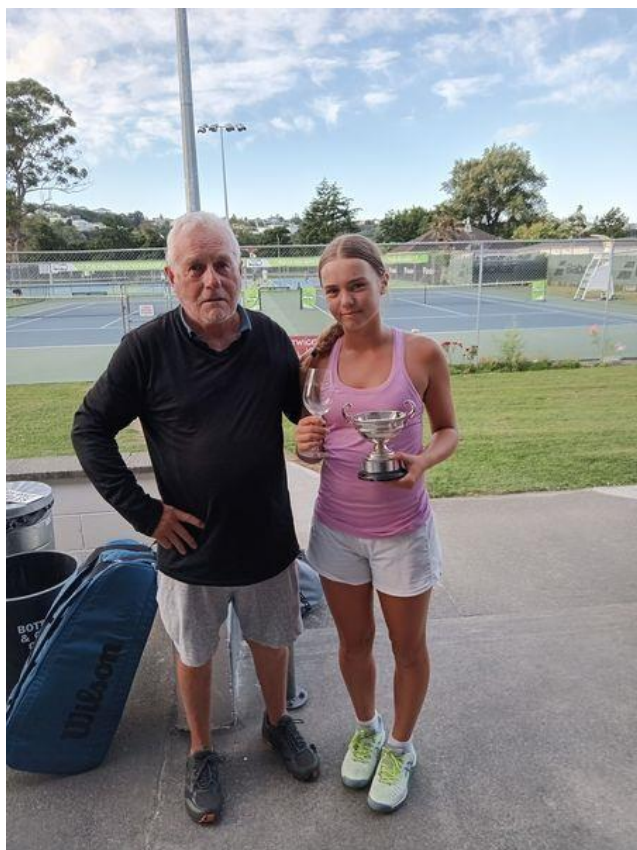
In Tennis ...

March 8th & 9th – Club Champs doubles

March 15th & 16th – Club Champs mixed doubles

March 23rd – Langley Twigg Open doubles tournament

You can enter any, or indeed all of these competitions now using the online entry form [click here](#)



The delayed club champs singles Ladies Open Final between Gemma Johnson and Kendra Wise was played out last Thursday evening so congratulations to Gemma, becoming our ladies champion for the first time. We know that she has potential to go on to much greater achievements in the game but we very much hope to have her around for a few years yet.



Gemma also featured in the very youthful looking Eastern Squad that came back from Whanganui with the Christie Cup. See if you can pick her out, along with other club players Lily Poeplau, Mansi Giri and Andrew Shand from the photo. Andrew tells me that the tie couldn't have been closer and that the trophy was only just retained on the basis that Eastern were the holders. We'll take it!

Andrew and Giulio are back out on the road again this week with the Eastern junior reps in Waikato so they are not available for Accelerator or Cardio this Saturday.

Club from 1.30pm as usual.

Tennis Masters HB club day, this Sunday, from 1pm.

In Squash...

LADIES ONE DAY TOURNAMENT

D GRADE AND BELOW

Enter on iSquash or contact
Michelle for more info
admin@squasheastern.co.nz

WHEN: Saturday 2nd
March 2024

WHERE: Hawkes Bay
Lawn Tennis & Squash
Club

WHO: Ladies D grade
and below.

WHAT: Guaranteed
minimum of 2 games.
Games are for points.
PAR to 15, best of 5

Division and spot prizes
up for grabs.



\$20
Entry Fee



Last call for entries to the **Ladies D Grade and below One Day Tournament, 2nd March:** Entries being accepted now via iSquash. Entry Fee \$20. 2 matches guaranteed.



Doubles Tournament 8th & 9th March: Proudly sponsored by HOLCIM. Team entry \$70. Open Division winners \$500 prize. Enter via Isquash and add your partner's details in the notes section. Note: There is a **doubles clinic** on this coming Tuesday, 27th at 7pm for anybody that wants to come along and learn a bit about the strategy of playing doubles squash.

Eastern Junior 200 Series: First one for 2024 to be held at HBLTS on **Sunday 24 March**. Enter now via Isquash or contact Dino/Jules

Squash Club Day is Saturday from 3.15pm. Any members/non-members welcome. Come along and have a go. Racquets supplied. Our squash committee are keen to press upon you the need to check your shoes before entering the squash courts (checking your kid's shoes as well). We have had a couple of cases recently where tar has been tracked onto the courts and this involves a bit of scrubbing.

Intraclub League Each Wednesday evening. Players should arrive at the club 6.00pm for a 6.15pm start.

MySquash is now up and running, effective 31/01/24. **If you have not received an email from MySquash or your link has expired – contact SquashNZ directly on support@squashnz.co.nz** with your first name, last name, DOB and correct email address. They will update your profile and resend your welcome email.

In Petanque...

Club Champs Doubles are coming up next Saturday 2nd March. This Saturday (24th) is the last day for entries.

Who wants to play the **Te Wero** challenge match this year? Sunday 17th March. Put your name up on the Petanque notice board.

If anybody wants to read the latest newsletter from Petanque NZ then you can link to it [here](#). I have been sent through a number of forms with regard to the upcoming Petanque NZ AGM and national competitions which you can find attached to this email.

That's all for now. See you at the bar

Gary.