

Hi Everyone,

Can I just pass on a gentle reminder to all members that the parking spaces closest to the tennis courts, marked by yellow lines are marked for a reason. They are reserved for specific club officers. Those persons have dedicated much time and energy to the club to earn that parking right and that respect. The most common excuse we hear is "I didn't think you would be needing it today/tonight". Could you please not try to guess the movements of our club officers and just keep them clear. Surely, that's not a huge ask.

## In Tennis...

Despite The Filter Room **business house tennis** team being bolstered by new assistant tennis coach Freddie Van Every, they can only muster 12 points against a very solid set of Bad Kids. That said, I would think most teams will be happy to pickup 12 points against the leaders this year. Hard to see where any real threat to their supremacy is going to come from. The form, in recent years, has been for BNZ to provide the competition but last night's results would suggest that those days may be over. Despite Stewart & Wishnowsky winning 6-2, 6-4, BNZ would chalk up only 12 points from their tie with NRE so I will leave you to do the math on how many points Aitchison & McFarland contributed. Their performance review went late into the evening. Could it be that General Compression (Speight's) are the team to mount a challenge? They are going well,

sliding into 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the back of last night's win over Wools of NZ. They did struggle to field a team at times last season but if they can settle with their current personnel then they will have a good year.

It turns out that Ramage's reign at the top of the B Grade table was fleeting and Rench Builders more than happy to emphasise their superiority with a 24-7 drubbing that sees Ramage slide all the way down to 6<sup>th</sup> (wheeeeeee!!!). It looks to me like the main challenge to Rench will come from Langley Twigg or competition sponsors ANZ. HTM weren't able to handle ANZ last night and neither team able to handle the sale of raffle numbers it seems. HTM held responsible for the disgrace.

Can I just ask that we try to support our competition caterers, Courtside Sandwich Bar. The club cleared pretty fast last night and our caterers didn't take much from it so let's try to give them a bit of a boost next Wednesday please. Mind you, I did hear that NRE were handing out bagels on court 10 so that probably didn't help.

Tennis at the club this weekend looks like this:

**Junior Hotshots**, Saturday 8.30am-10am.

**Tennis Accelerator**, Saturday 10am – 11am. \$10 per person or free session voucher

**Cardio Tennis**, Saturday 11am – 12pm. \$10 per person or free session voucher

**Club Day**, Saturday 1.30pm – 3.30pm. For all tennis members to come along and get involved in a series of 20 minute doubles matches.

**Tennis Seniors HB** club day, Sunday 1pm-3pm. Peemac back from his extended trip around Europe and he will be telling anybody who cares to listen, all about it in the bar from 3pm.

The **Mixed 4's interclub** competition gets started this week for both Prem's and Reserve grades though we won't see any action here at the club as our prem's boys are handed a bye on week 1 and our reserves are away to Greendale.

No **mid-week ladies interclub** teams here at the club this week so I assume that they are playing away from home. I will look to update you on their progress in next week's newsletter.

## **In Squash...**

**Senior Squash Club Day** will be on this **Saturday** at the usual time of 3.15pm.

**Summer Intra League** –Dino and Jules have now acquired our maximum number of players for this term (the weeks prior to Xmas). If you have missed out this time then there may be opportunity to get involved as we move into the New Year. There will be 9 teams, five in each so 3 teams will be on a bye each week. The ethos being to involve as many club players as possible. There will be a Whatsapp

**Expressions of Interest for adult beginner squash classes** – we are looking to run this in the New Year. Pass your names on to Gary and he can add you to the list.



Squash Eastern will host their annual AGM and Awards function here at our club on 18<sup>th</sup> November and we are truly honoured to be granted this prestigious and auspicious climax to the squash calendar. It certainly looks good in the poster anyway. Dinner is free for all squash members but only if you RSVP Michelle by 3<sup>rd</sup> November to let her know you are coming [admin@squasheastern.co.nz](mailto:admin@squasheastern.co.nz)



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<https://thefuture.squashnz.co.nz/new.../new-grading-system>



**HAWKES BAY LAWN TENNIS AND SQUASH CLUB**

# SQUASH OPEN DAY

Hawke's Bay Lawn  
 **TENNIS &  
SQUASH**  
CLUB

**13 HIGGINS STREET, MAREWA**



For ANYONE interested in trying squash for the first time or those keen to get back into the game! Come along to give it a go and find out more. Free Sausage Sizzle, Bouncy Castle & fun activities available for the kids. Stay on for a special guest arriving from the North Pole at 4pm!

**1 pm – 3pm**  
**2nd December 2023**

**Holly Lomas 027 823 4275**  
**Sam Stevens 021 148 9094**

**TRY IT. PLAY IT. LOVE IT.**

Some you will be asking if we intend to show the All Blacks v South Africa World Cup Final on Sunday morning and the answer is that it is up to you. I am happy to open the club if there is enough interest so if you do want to watch it here then send me a return e-mail and let me know. I will make a further announcement once I have been able to gauge demand.

Gary.