

Hi Everyone,

You would have received your subscription renewal invoices, from me, earlier in the week. Very many thanks to all of you that have already paid us. Gold stars to you all (you know who you are). Great to know that we can afford to keep our brand new tennis lights running.

Payments are due by the end of the month although, as usual, we do allow for members to pay their subscriptions by instalments over the course of the year. Easiest way to do that is to divide the balance by 10 and set up an auto payment, to us, for that amount in months Apr-Jan. If you need to make changes to your subscription, just let me know by return email, or come in and talk to me and I will happily help you with that. If you wish to cancel your subscription, perhaps just phone ahead to make sure I am sitting down and the defibrillator is charged.

As your payments, or first instalments, come in you will receive an automatic e-mail from the club as I roll you on to the database for next year. It just shows you the details we hold for you and allows you to make changes if you wish (don't worry about your date of birth if it is wrong, we can't change that unfortunately).

## In Tennis...



Thanks to all the participants of last Saturday's club champs mixed doubles. Another great day of competitive tennis by all accounts. Congratulations to Barbara Baker and Andrew Shand, especially Barbara, being called in last minute to help Andrew out after his regular partner, Olivia, became unavailable for action. Barb had to step up to a level of tennis that we know she is capable of, but that she probably hasn't faced for a number of years, against Katie and Freddie. She can be proud of her performance and Andrew will be delighted to have secured the club chaps triple again for 2024/25.

See the full results, with photos, on our website  
<https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-club-championships-news.html>



I can't really tell you too much about what happened on court, Wednesday night, for the season's business house tennis finale, as I was a bit tied up behind the bar. I don't believe there were any big surprises on the night. BNZ left to dwell on what could have been but they knew they were up against it, going into a final showdown with Continuous Spouting HB. Team Captain, Hamish Stewart, certainly knew it. He couldn't bear to watch. Others might interpret his absence as ditching his team, like a rat from a sinking ship, to go watch the cricket with his mates in Hamilton instead but I'll give him the benefit of the doubt (plus he brought me back a beautiful black pudding so, you know...fair play!)

The A Grade trophy stays with the Greendale outfit for another year, though we did have to take it back off Stacey when she smashed it off the deck. Let's make sure she can't get her hands on it again.



Pint club collect the B Grade trophy and whilst they do have a very good B Grade team, they can't quite match the A Grade standard of team Tumu. Neither can HTM so division status quo is preserved.

I can tell you it was another great night for the club. It was a much longer night for some of us. Thanks to those that hung around in an effort to maintain the lawn's party reputation. We salute you!



I have seen a good number of entries coming through our website and I am sure Krissy has collected many more besides. The **Langley Twigg Open Doubles tournament** is next **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. I don't know when exactly Krissy will close off entry so, if you haven't got it in yet, please do it now. Use the link <https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-entry-form.html>.

**Saturday 10am – 11am, Tennis Accelerator.** \$10 for members (\$15 non-members).

**Saturday 11am – 12pm, Cardio Tennis.** \$10 for members (\$15 non-members).

**Club Day** will go ahead as usual **from 1.30pm.** Open to all members.

## In Squash...

Thank so much to everyone helping us with the working bee a few weeks back! It is very much appreciated! We have one more court to go so if you can please come down Saturday the 4th of April at 9am that would be appreciated!

Junior 300 series:

Well done to our lawn members who played in the Waipukurau 300 series on Sunday!

Div 1: Winner: Nikos Michalakis

Div 2: Winner: Spencer Simkin

Div 2: Runner Up: Oliver Redward

Div 3: Winner: Sienna Simkin

Div 5: Runner Up: Austin Marwick

Div 6: Runner Up: Theo Tacon

Div 6: Plate Winner: Sienna Dickinson

Junior 300 series:

Check out the dates for the junior 300 series! The poster is attached.

### Interclub:

Sign ups are now closed! You will be contacted your captains in time.

**Beginners Club Day:** Organised every Saturday from 2.30pm. Designed for new players who are wanting to learn basic strokes in order to play. Any members/non-members welcome. Come along and have a go. Racquets supplied (please check your shoes before entering the courts - indoor court shoes only. No dirt or tar please!)

**Senior Club Day:** Organised play every Saturday from 3.15pm. For all players F Grade and above.

## Upcoming Tournaments:

27th of April- Junior 300 Series (Hastings)

2nd May - Eastern Open held in Hastings

16th May - HBLTS Doubles tournament



**2025 Junior Under 300 Series**

To enter must be 300 points or below and under 19 years of age. Entries close each Thursday before competition day. Enter through MySquash

- Sunday 30 March - Waipukurau Squash Club (Double points)
- Sunday 27 April - Hastings Squash Club
- Sunday 18 May - Havelock North Squash Club
- Sunday 22 June - HB Squash Rackets Club
- Sunday 27 July - HB Lawn Tennis & Squash Club
- Sunday 31 August - Surf City Squash Club (Double Points)
- Sunday 21 September - Hastings Squash Club (Finals)

**Contacts:**  
Jules 022 183 6736 or  
Dino 022 040 7259

**3 Games - 9am Start**  
**Eyewear must be worn**  
**\$5 entry fee**

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GREEN MEADOWS



**the Bottle-O Eastern Open**

**2 - 3 May | Hastings Squash Club**

**\$40 Entry**  
**Saturday night finish and dinner**

**Open Divs \$1,000 each**

**Enter on MySquash**  
**Matty Duncan | 021 196 1789**  
**William Hirst | 021 179 9936**

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**K.P.C.**  
**ETL**

That's all for now. I'll see you at the bar,

Gary.