

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to all the gents that participated in the Men's Club Champs singles competition last weekend. We do now have our finalists that will go out again this Saturday to play for the silverware:

Court 1 - Open Final - Andrew Shand v Jamie Buckley

Andrew Shand the only player going out to defend his title from last year. Jamie Buckley probably as surprised as anybody to find himself up against him in final. Let's see how many sets he can take from our head coach.

Court 2 – A Grade final – Tom Carey v Lee Pritchard

Qualifying criteria for the A Grade semis was to lose your first game so, let's be honest, these guys haven't had to work too hard to get to the final. Potential for a lengthy battle here though.

Court 3 – B Grade Final – Andy Smith v Tom Zuiderwijk

By comparison, these two guys have had to win 3 matches to get to the finals. 65 year old Andy won't want to get into too many long rallies against 19 year old Tom but he has already proved his stamina to go the distance.

All matches start 1.30pm on Saturday so come and give them some support. Our Reserve Grade interclub team will

be out on court to at the same time and of course tennis club day in operation as usual so a busy day of tennis here at the club.

Please note that the Ladies competition has been deferred to January and I will give you the dates as and when I receive them from Kristen.

Other Tennis Notices...

Finals time for the Business House Tennis competition is next Wednesday. Congratulations to B Grade champions Rench Builders, reclaiming the trophy again after giving it up to Pint Club at the end of last season. Last night's tie between the team's should have been the big showdown for the title but Pint Club threw away their claim, last week, when a disastrous break down of team communication led to a default points loss. They did beat team Rench last night too. A hollow moral victory perhaps?

Rench Builders and Langley Twigg are the two B Grade teams that will go into the division play-offs. Do they have any ambition for A Grade tennis next year? Even if they do, it's a tall order. Evolution Motors are one of the very few teams to have traversed the gulf in recent years and they will

be very happy finishing 7th place in Division A. That's a solid footing and it would be great to see them climb further but of course the standard only gets higher each year.

There will be a rerun of last season's A Grade final next Wednesday between Continuous Spouting and Bad Kids. Continuous Spouting are looking the better on paper, topping the table by 9 points after all rounds played but that was much the same situation last time too. It's all about the best team on the night and more specifically, who has their best players available on the night. I'll spice it up with some club rivalry here too. It's Greendale v HB Lawn. C'mon bad Kids!!!

Saturday at the club looks like this:

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

Cardio Tennis, 11am – 12pm. For the more advanced player - \$10 for members & \$15 for non-members

Club Day from 1.30pm on **courts 4, 5 and 6**

Club Champs from 1.30pm on **courts 1, 2 & 3**

Reserve Grade Interclub from 1.30pm on **courts 7 – 10**

Andrew is running a 2 day Holiday Programme on **Thu 19th & Fri 20th, 9am – 3pm**. By then, the kids will be getting over- excited for the imminent arrival of big man so this is a good way of keeping their minds off it for a little while at least. Please contact Andrew directly if you would like to get your child(ren) enrolled, shandtennis@gmail.com or 0272675469.



TAKAPAU TENNIS



Open Tournament 4-5 January 2025

Saturday 4 Jan - doubles
Men's & women's doubles—9am start, \$40 per person
Hot drinks & food provided, including evening meal.

Sunday 5 Jan - combines
Sunday—mixed/combines—9am start
\$30 per person for mixed/combines

About Takapau Tennis
We have three astro, six grass and two hard courts to play on. We're a family-friendly club and are well known for our hospitality!

Entries by Jan 3rd
Entries prior to 20th December go into the draw to win a beef cube roll.

Contact
Queries or entries to club captain Kim Cooper
0272 466628 or coopstennis@gmail.com



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In Squash...



Thank you to Jules and Dino for organising, running and sponsoring another fantastic series of summer intra-league squash, enjoyed by all that participated. Congratulations to Rob Leith's pink team (pictured above) and to Nikita Harding for winning the Tecnifibre squash racket. Great to see one of our junior players get the benefit a brand new racket. Right Grant? You can read Jules' report final night report on our Facebook page [link here](#)

Beginners Classes: We are looking to run a 4 week beginners course in Feb/March 2025, if you know anyone keen to give squash a go. Please let Holly or Sam know.

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. Any ladies that are keen on a hit are welcome to join!

Senior Club Day: Organised play every Saturday from 3.15pm. Any members welcome – designed for those graded F and above.

Squash T-Shirts: Screen printed t-shirts now available to order from HB Embroidery, just take along the shirt or hoodie you would like to print on. **Please ask the squash committee if you have any questions.**

Thank you to Jules and Dino for running another awesome round of intraleague!! It was enjoyed by all!
Well done to Nikita for winning the racket and Grant for winning the other racket!

Holiday Opening

I will be taking a couple of weeks over **Christmas and New Year** so the bar will be operating on a volunteer basis with conservative opening hours.

Tuesday 24th Dec, 5pm – 8pm

Saturday 28th Dec, 2pm – 6pm

Tuesday 31st Dec, 4pm – 7pm

Friday 3rd Jan, 5pm – 7.30pm

Saturday 4th Jan, 1pm – 6pm

That'll do for now. See you at the bar

Gary.