

Hi Everyone,



**Mike & Tania Willis** have, until very recently, been the first man and lady of squash at this club for many years (certainly for my 7 years at the club anyway). Most of you will know the incredible amount of time and effort they have put to this place whilst Tania was Club Captain and indeed continue do so as club President and Secretary. What you may not be so aware of is the amount of time they were also dedicating to the organisation of district squash. Mike was the President of Squash Eastern from 2012-2021 and Tania has been organising the draws for all Eastern Interclub divisions

in recent years. With Tania now stepping down as Club Captain, it was great to hear that they were both recognised for their commitments and achievements at the **Squash Eastern Awards Night** last Saturday. Tania (pictured above) received the 'Services to Squash' award while Mike was inducted as a Squash Eastern Life Member. They may have had separate roles to play over the years but they really only come as a pair and we very much appreciate all that they do for this club.

Congratulations to **Caleb Alexander** for winning the Junior Sportsman of the Year award and to **Dino Michalakis** for picking up the Foundation Coach of the Year award.



## In Tennis...

We moved on to Round 6 of business house tennis last night (round 5 being postponed until 4<sup>th</sup> Dec for now) and all eyes were on court 2 where Continuous Spouting HB were battling it out with BNZ. I was a bit busy in the bar but looking at the premier pairings, Ryan & Russell (Continuous spouting) v Allen & Lee (BNZ), the spectators on deck would have been treated to some high quality tennis, I'm sure. The resulting 4-6, 4-6 scoreline would certainly backup that theory. Advantage BNZ but there is good reason why Continuous Spouting are 10 points clear at the top of the table. They have managed to maintain a strong, 4 person, squad so far in this campaign so while Stacey & Heath had a bit of ground to make up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> match, they really just needed to hold their nerve against 'Softy' & 'Wasa' to claim the tie by one point.

That wasn't the only close result of the evening though. General Compression going down 17-19 against a 'souped up' Boost Espresso team. Boost Captain Craig Wylie has done very well to bolster his squad in this increasingly competitive division and they may be a prospect in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of this season. General Compression doing enough to hang on to 3<sup>rd</sup> place for now. Evolution Motors is another team that has realised the need for recruitment and they get right up in the faces of Wools of NZ last night but just don't quite have enough fuel in the tank to see it through. They lose 20-21 but they are showing some determination to become a recognised A Grade outfit.

Rench Builders record their first maximum points win of the season to put themselves back in contention at the top of the B Grade table. Pint Club pull themselves up right beside them with a very good maximum points victory over ANZ, pushing the latter into 3<sup>rd</sup>. Langley Twigg slide to 4<sup>th</sup> after a fairly hefty blow at the hands of NOW and there seems little doubt that NOW are the strongest team in the division, given the results that they are producing. Pint Club on their hit list for next week which could work out well for team Rench. NOW still have 4 rounds to make up the 7 point gap. Will they do it?

Let have a look at the current standings for our Mid-week Ladies Interclub teams:

#### Teams for A Grade

Team	Played	Rnd:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Members
<a href="#">Hastings A</a>	3		<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>					19	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Hawkes Bay Lawn Lawn Moas</a>	3		<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>					16	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Hawkes Bay Lawn Split Steps</a>	3		<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>					15	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Havelock North Sets in the City</a>	3		<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>					11	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Clive Satellites</a>	3		<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>					9	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Porangahau Waipukarau chicks</a>	3		<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>					9	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Nelson Park Stars</a>	3		<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>					3	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Waipawa A</a>	3		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>					2	<a href="#">List</a>

Both our A Grade teams are going along very nicely with the Lawn Moas in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the Split Steps only one point behind in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Moas captian, Annie Dennehy has just text me to tell me that they have given Nelson Park a hiding today.

#### Teams for A Grade Reserve

Team	Played	Rnd:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Members
<a href="#">Greendale Puriri</a>	3		<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>								18	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Greendale Gaggles</a>	3		<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>								13	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Eskview Blue</a>	3		<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>								12	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Hawkes Bay Lawn Rocky Road</a>	2		<u>2</u>		<u>4</u>								6	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Clive Comets</a>	3		<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>								5	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Havelock North Serve n Tonic</a>	2		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>								2	<a href="#">List</a>

Our Rocky Road ladies sitting mid table but they are missing a result so could be doing better than this table is actually showing.

Our Saturday **2 persons prems** team get off to a good start with a solid 3-0 win at home last Saturday. They are here again this Saturday

**4 Person competition (Eastern)  
Premier Grade (2 person)**

Round: 1

Date: 02 Nov 2024

	HBLawn		Versus	Greendale		Score
Singles	<a href="#">Allen Hokai</a>	S5 2260	beat	<a href="#">Mayank Giri</a>	S6 1895	7-5 6-0 10-8
	<a href="#">Jason Kitching</a>	S5 2100	beat	<a href="#">Ryan Lynch</a>	S7 1510	6-2 6-0
Doubles	<a href="#">Allen Hokai</a> & <a href="#">Jason Kitching</a>	D4 2530 D4 2525	beat	<a href="#">Mayank Giri</a> & <a href="#">Ryan Lynch</a>	D8 1285 D7 1720	6-2 6-1

**"Contest Result"**

HBLawn	vs	Greendale
	3 <b>Matches</b>	0
	6 <b>Sets</b>	1
	0 <b>Games</b>	0
	4 <b>Points</b>	0
<b>Status:</b> Won		
<b>By:</b> HBLawn		

Due to high attendance numbers and confusion about classification, Andrew is changing the format of his **Cardio Tennis** classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as of next week. He is changing to a 3 separate grade system (for summer months at least):

5.30pm – 6.30pm for intermediate players

6.30pm – 7.30pm for advanced players

7.30pm – 8.30pm for beginners only

This new format should, hopefully, reduce court congestion and allow players to play with other players of similar abilities. Numbers will be limited to 10 players in any given session. Priority will be given to players that have contacted Andrew to secure their place. Andrew may ask you to leave the session if you are obviously in the wrong classification. If you are not sure which classification you should be attending then please contact Andrew before you arrive.

**Saturday Tennis Accelerator** 10am – 11am with Janine. No 11am cardio session.

**Club Day** as usual at 1.30pm on Saturday also. Open to all and any members that want to come along and get involved in some social doubles/mixed doubles matches.

**Club Champs Singles** on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. More info coming soon.

A promotional poster for a tennis tournament. The background is a dark teal color. At the top, the text "Clive Tennis Club" is written in a light orange font. Below it, the words "WIMBLEDON TENNIS TOURNAMENT" are written in a larger, bold, light orange font, with a horizontal orange line underneath. The date and time "Tues 26th of November 9am" are listed below. A central rounded rectangle contains the text "Mid week ladies doubles Open to all that want play". Below this, it says "GREAT FOOD PROVIDED, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM, PLUS RAFFLE AND PRIZES". At the bottom, a grey box contains contact information: "\$25 Entry Fee", "Entries to Shaz 021 151 4502", "Or email clivetennisclub@gmail.com", and "Pay into 030642 0800819 00 to confirm your place". The poster is decorated with yellow tennis rackets and tennis balls.

**In Squash...**

There is squash survey, currently circulating, asking for your views and suggestions on club squash for next year. Please click the link and take a few minutes to fill it out!

<https://forms.gle/zxfa5HDjWHuntUqz5>

**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.**

**In Petanque...**





The National Pétanque Doubles held in Kapiti last weekend. A large entry of 50 teams played in cold conditions over the two days.

John (Bugman) O'Halloran's first foray at a national tournament was well worth the journey. Alongside the much more experienced partner, Sharon Cannon, they finished 3rd equal in the plate. Sharon tells me that is equal to 11<sup>th</sup> overall.

Robin Johnson and Junior Puleitu (pictured above and looking very sharp in their club shirts) were the Division 4 winners. Junior also played the National singles competition on the Friday, coming in a credible 5th equal in the Trophy section.

## Club History

Big thanks to John Harkness (with some help from Robin I believe) for his research and considerable wealth of experience of the clubs history from 1950's onwards which is

now available to read on the club's website, bringing that little project up to date. Follow the link

<https://www.hblts.co.nz/history-of-our-club.html>

If any of our long time members have any photo would be suitable to add to the piece then please send or bring them in to me

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

Gary.