

Hi Everyone,

It's been a bit patchy this year but the **Club Champs singles** has made sufficient progress that, all going well, all finals will be decided tomorrow (Friday) evening.

A measly six B Graded men put their names in the hat and so last year's finalists Nick Robinson and Hamish Stewart pretty much coast through to the final on the back of one match each but let's not detract from the significance of this encounter. It's no secret that these two players enjoy a game and sometimes even the odd beverage together in-between club champs campaigns and I don't think it would be too presumptuous of me to say that defeat to the other would stick in their throats like a knife until next January. Hamish did try to lay down a side bet between the two on Saturday but I got the impression that Nick wasn't 100% committed to the deal. It's entirely possible that this showdown could draw the biggest crowd of the night.

That said, our Open men's finalists Andrew Shand and Robin Weary won't be lacking supporters for their big match if Tuesday's semi-finals is any indicator. Both lads came through the heat of the afternoon in straight sets. Can Robin do anything to upset our Champion? Big Tom Carey is usually there or thereabouts in the A Grade competition and so he now just needs to get passed Gary Wise to reclaim the trophy.

The ladies finals are yet to be determined but that should be done by closing time tonight and they back to complete proceedings tomorrow. I haven't seen the draw but I think

tonight's round features Jane Davison v Kendra Wise and Krissy Nash v Gemma Johnson (apologies if I have that wrong). Very best of luck to all the players. Why not come down and give them some support.

This seems like a good place to mention that the other tennis Club Champs competitions, the Doubles and Mixed Doubles, will be coming up in March closely followed by our annual Langley Twigg open doubles tournament. The dates are:

March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Club Champs doubles

March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Club Champs mixed doubles

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Langley Twigg open doubles tournament

Yes, yes....I know it's a lot to throw at you in one month but .. you know....are you a tennis player or what? You can enter any, or indeed all of these competitions now using the online entry form [link here](#).

Just as the tennis club champs draw to a close on Friday, the **Petanque club champs** singles and shooting competitions swing into action on Saturday. Players should arrive 10.30am for an 11am throw out. 16 of our 29 petanque members have entered. Some members are away which means a slightly reduced field but that's still the majority of their membership participating. A statistic that the Petanque committee have been vigorously waving around in the air for some years now (like the smart kid at school, desperately trying to catch their teachers attention) so can I please just take a moment acknowledge it and say "hey...well done, you guys rock" and that I "very much look forward to hearing about it again next year". Best of luck to all our Petanque players entered. Remaining Petanque club champs are:

Doubles Competition

2<sup>nd</sup> March

Triples Competition

6<sup>th</sup> April

## Other Tennis Notices

The mostly Greendale based outfit, Continuous Spouting, sit atop Division A of our **Business House tennis** competition and they do seem determined this year. Boost Espresso put a good a fight but they don't quite have enough juice in the tank. Bad Kids were toppled, last night by a solid BNZ performance and a painful reminder (of December's final) that the team in blue keep big guns too. Bad Kids will have a chance to reclaim the top spot next week when they go head to head with Continuous Spouting but its far from being a given and a close result from that one could see NRE stake a claim for pole position.

Rench Builders did stretch their lead to 7 points clear in Div B with a 23-11 win over Baker Tilly but looking at the rest of the table, I don't believe I have ever seen it so close. There are only 10 points between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> positions. Pint Club, who have been looking strong of late, were pinned down by Ramage Sheetmetals and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Langley Twigg somewhat blindsided by HTM I'd say. Mark & Blair giving Dale & Antony plenty to think about on the way home.

Both Giulio and Andrew are being called away on district tennis duty this weekend so no **Tennis Accelerator** or **Cardio Tennis** available this Saturday.

**Club Day** as normal from 1.30pm.

## In Squash...

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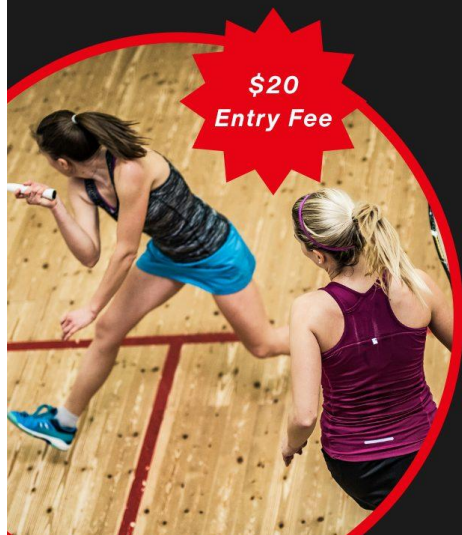
**WHEN:** Saturday 2nd  
March 2024

**WHERE:** Hawkes Bay  
Lawn Tennis & Squash  
Club

**WHO:** Ladies D grade  
and below.

**WHAT:** Guaranteed  
minimum of 2 games.  
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PAR to 15, best of 5

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up for grabs.



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**Friday 1st  
March 2024**

 **HOLCIM**

**ENTER ON  
ISQUASH**

**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 case recently where tar has been tracked onto the courts and this involves a bit of scrubbing.

**Intraclub League** got started back last night and will be running on a Wednesday night for the foreseeable future. Players should arrive at the club at 6.00 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](mailto: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.**

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The **Doctors from First Chiropractic** were in attendance here last night and will be back again next Wednesday night to have a chat and give you an assessment if you are interested. You can also make an appointment to go directly to them on Kennedy Road. Pickup the full info leaflet from the club lounge.

Lastly, there is a Trivia Night coming up on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. I will have full details of the event by next week but I think that we can assume that all the usual quiz night parameters will be at play. \$90 entry for a team of 6 players. 7pm start. I believe that there will be an option buy a set platter of nibbles for the table (saves you having to organise it yourself). Mark Baylis is organising and the wonderful Miss FOFF is hosting. You can get team entries into me now by return email.

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

Gary.