

Hi Everyone,

I'm sure we can expect to see a few Warriors shirts at the club this Saturday as the team prepares for season ahead with a friendly against the Sea Eagles at McLean Park. We do have a few die-hard fans at our club and I'd say we have quite a lot more, let's say "fair-weather" fans, here too. Let's hope the weather holds for those of you going to the game.

In Tennis...

It was nice to see our Midweek Ladies Interclub teams, back in action, on our courts this morning as I was writing this newsletter. I know that our Split Steps enjoyed a win. I'd venture that the mighty Moas' quiet exit from the premises tells its own story.

There's no real way of getting around the top story from last night's round Business House, involving BNZ and Evolution Motors. In last week's newsletter I had scoffed at EM's lofty position on the table stating that they wouldn't be able to hold it. My stance, at the time, was largely influenced by a glance at their upcoming fixtures showing BNZ and Boost Espresso. Well, not only did they beat BNZ last night but it wasn't even close. Sure, BNZ are a little understrength at the moment. Lee is out with an injury and Hamish is under

the weather (hearing the score last night would have done little to speed his recovery) but let's not take credit away from Evolution Motors. It was a big result and they didn't shy away from telling me all about it at the bar. The result does indeed keep them in 2nd place, three points off leaders Johnston Locksmiths but a full 10 points ahead of the rest of the field. BNZ slide down to 5th and they will have to go some to make the final from here. That all tees up an exciting round next Wednesday. BNZ will play 3rd placed Welcome (formerly Woolz) while Evolution Motors further endeavour to maintain 2nd spot against 4th placed Boost Espresso.

So, is this a retraction? No, I still don't think Evolution Motors can make it to the final in April but if they can ride their luck then it is possible. I'd maybe throw down a lazy tenner on them at the TAB (after I'd had a few drinks, obviously).

In the B Grade competition, there was a fairly epic battle on court 1 last night. PWC recovered from their hefty defeat at the hands of Regional Council last week to go toe to toe with a full strength HTM team last night. HTM's partnership Olena & Mark probably thought they had done enough in the first to secure the tie but PWC's Scott and Michael not willing to lie down and battle through a tie break (including a couple of monster Blair Renshaw serves) to square things at 19 apiece. Pint Club (proudly wearing their Rensch Builders shirts) show little concern for the PB Lobstars issues in personnel, leaving them with just 7 points from the tie and dumping them firmly on the bottom of the table.

I should advise you that there will be a change to the catering arrangements next Wednesday night for Business House tennis. Bethne and Barry are away for a few weeks so there will a different selection of Petanque players operating the kitchen, offering a different section of tasty

meals and snacks to you at very reasonable prices. These Petanque players are raising funds for the national Club Teams Champs coming up in April.



Congratulations to long time club player Richard Meyers for taking two Gold and one Bronze medal at the NZ Maters games in Dunedin. One gold medal was for the singles in the 70-80 age group while the 2nd was partnering his son in the 50-55 age group. He collected the bronze partnering with his daughter in 40-45 age group. Fantastic stuff!

Our **Club Champs** doubles competition coming up on the 6th & 7th March with the mixed doubles set for 20th & 21st March. You can get your entries in now by using the following link to our online entry form

<https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-entry-form.html>

Club Day tennis as usual, this Saturday at 1.30pm

Upcoming District Tournaments:



**WAIPAWA
VETERAN'S
TENNIS
TOURNAMENT**

DOUBLES SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026	MIXED DOUBLES SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026
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Entry Fee: \$40 for one day or \$75 for both.
Morning/afternoon tea, light luncheon available.



The QR code will take you to the entry form or see the link in the comments.

Squash Notices

MOST IMPROVED MALE

POSITION	PLAYER	CLUB	LAST MONTH LEVEL	THIS MONTH LEVEL	IMPROVEMENT
1	 Steve Boggs	Hawkes Bay	276 →	346	25.4%
2	 Logan Donald	Browns Bay	940 →	1,172	24.7%
3	 Monty Evans	Eden Epsom	706 →	859	21.7%
4	 Keegan Dyer	Hawkes Bay	282 →	342	21.3%
5	 Matthew Ren	Howick	1,847 →	2,228	20.6%
6	 Bihandu Nanayakkara	Nelson Rackets	5,703 →	6,616	16%
7	 Santana Hauraki	Lugton Park Rackets	818 →	936	14.4%
8	 Sam Cotton	Royal Oak Racquets	333 →	380	14.1%
9	 Haydon G Baddock	Rangiora	337 →	383	13.6%
10	 Hemi Gregory	Te Rapa	2,184 →	2,474	13.3%

CONGRATULATIONS *25.4%*
STEVE BOGGS / Hawkes Bay

I'm not an avid reader of The Boast so thanks to Jules for bringing this to my attention. The above list is the month's most improved players (male) or at least the biggest movers up the levels. Our own **Steve Boggs** is at the top with **Keegan Dyer** also in at #4. This probably won't come as too much of a surprise to anybody that's played these guys lately but I also suspect they are targeting their Tuesday night 'Lawn Ladder' victims very strategically. Well done lads!



Hawke's Bay Lawn
TENNIS & SQUASH

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DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

27 & 28 March



ENTRIES CLOSE 20 MARCH

PLAYERS MUST BE GRADED E1 AND ABOVE
\$35 PER PLAYER (\$70 PER PAIR)
MAXIMUM ONE PLAYING RESTRICTION PER PAIR

\$500 CASH PRIZE for Div 1 Open Winning Pair!!

Enter on MySquash or Contact Tania 027 338 3212

Our open doubles tournament is scheduled for the last weekend in March. That's still a while away but I would advise you to get your partner sorted now before they get asked by someone else. The \$500 div 1 prize is not to be sniffed at and I expect it will bring in more people from other clubs too. You can enter now via MySquash.

Regional Graded Eliminations – Team Competition

📍 Where: Waipukurau Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

📅 When: 25th–27th June

This is a team competition for each grade, with the opportunity to progress through to represent Eastern at Super Champs.

Team details:

- 5 - 7 players per team

Eligibility:

- Players must have completed 3 competitive matches with a weighting of over 50% (e.g. interclub or tournament matches) between the 1st of January and 5th of June 2026.
- Grades will be confirmed as of 5 June 2026

If you're keen to:


- represent the club in your grade
- manage a team
- or coach a team

👉 Please fill out the attached link.

<https://forms.gle/GJY4CvzwZouKNY5n9>

If you have any questions about what eliminations involve, contact Tania on +64 27 338 3212.

WORKING BEE – SQUASH WALL CLEANING

 Sunday 15th March

From 9:00am

 Squash Courts

We're holding a working bee to clean the squash walls. Any help would be greatly appreciated — even if you can only spare a short amount of time.

Thanks in advance for your support! 

Club Day as usual this Saturday. 2.30pm for beginners and 3.15pm for senior graded players.

Upcoming district tournaments:

HASTINGS DOUBLES SQUASH TOURNAMENT

27th & 28th FEBRUARY 2026
HASTINGS TENNIS AND SQUASH CLUB

BAR & BISTRO OPEN ALL WEEKEND



Enter on MySquash or text Pau on
027 473 3201
\$60 PER TEAM



LADIES SOCIAL SERIES

E1 GRADE AND BELOW

To enter email Michelle or for more
info | admin@squasheastern.co.nz

WHEN: Tuesday Nights @
6.15pm

WHERE: HB Lawn Tennis
& Squash Club

WHO: Ladies E1 grade
and below or beginner
ungraded | Must be a
club member

WHAT: Runs for 4 weeks
March 24th, 31st, April 7th
and 14th 2026

Will be placed into a
team. Best of 5 | Par 11

**\$20 Entry
Fee for 4
weeks**



1 DAY SQUASH TOURNAMENT

\$25

J GRADE: \$10

ENTER ON MYSQUASH

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

ALL GAMES TO PAR 11

FOR MORE INFO &
REGISTRATION:

HBSRC

NIVEN STREET, NAPIER

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0274460442



2026 Waipukurau OPEN Squash Tournament



20th - 21st MARCH

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

Enter via MySquash

Entry Fees to be paid at the Club Bar prior to first game

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Days and times of play will be determined by the number of entries.

Locals may be required to play on Thursday.

ENTRY FEES

Senior Grades \$50

Junior Grade \$25

Includes Saturday evening meal

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

BAR facilities open throughout with a delicious range of food & snacks available for purchase

EFTPOS ONLY

**For further tournament enquiries email: Wpksquashcommittee@gmail.com
or contact Nicki Reisima: 027 254 8705**

Registrations Close Friday 13th March



wpksquashcommittee@gmail.com



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In Petanque...



Conducted on a cloudless hot day with the temperature at 30 in the shade temperature and considerably higher on the terrains, last Saturday's **Club Champs Doubles** produced first time names for the Pétanque honours board. This year the board will show of Denise Bavidge and Geoff Greer, in gold leaf print under doubles winners. Congratulations!

Don't forget to get those entries in for the Singles and Triples club champs coming soon.



**JOHN MAXWELL
MEMORIAL MELEE
PÉTANQUE
TOURNAMENT**



Date: - Saturday 11th April

Time: - 9 am for 9:30 start

Venue: - Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis & Squash Club.

\$10 per person

Format: -

Partners are drawn each round, doubles or triples depending on numbers entered

5 rounds of timed games 50 minutes plus 1 end

Entries close 5th April 2026

Entry form

Email your entry to Club@hblts.co.nz

Attention – Pétanque Club Captain

Name:

Club/Family:

Phone Number:

Payment to HBLTS account 03-0631-0439466-00

Particular: Name - ref: JM Melee

Date of payment:



That's all for the week. See you at the bar,
Gary