

Hi Everyone,

There is a little too much complacency around the club with regards to security, which has prompted President Mike Willis to issue the following statement:

Dear Members,

We would like to remind everyone of the shared responsibility we have in safeguarding our club. Each member and paying guest is provided with a unique security code for accessing the front gate and clubhouse. It is crucial that we all remain vigilant to ensure our facilities are used only by those who have rightful access.

Recently, we encountered an incident whereby two individuals attempted to enter our clubhouse to play squash without being members or paying the necessary fees. Although our security measures initially prevented their entry, a well-intentioned member inadvertently shared their personal code, granting them access. While we understand the intention was to be helpful, it is imperative that each member keeps their code confidential. Our system logs every code usage, and sharing your code compromises our security.

Unfortunately, these individuals are suspected of causing damage to our courts by wearing inappropriate footwear and leaving tar marks. They are also using our shower facilities without permission. Our amenities are intended for the

enjoyment of our members and paying guests only, not for those who exploit our trust.

Additionally, we have observed instances where the main door is being propped open, inviting unauthorised access. Security footage has captured these individuals taking advantage of this lapse in the past. We urge everyone to ensure doors are securely closed behind them. Let us all work together to maintain the integrity and security of our club. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Best regards,

In Pétanque...

We will start with Petanque today because they were playing their **Club Champs Singles** and shooting competitions last Saturday and frankly, other news is a bit thin on the ground this week.



Initially, 16 players entered the Singles, however one pulled out on the day due to sickness resulted in a bye throughout the day at various times. There were some very close games played and everyone seemed to have stepped up to try and get their name on the trophy. Four pool sections were played and then knock out sections of Trophy and Plate were played. The top two from each pool section going to the Trophy section and the next two into the Plate.

Junior Puleitu won the final of the Singles for 2025 beating **Denise Bavidge** 13/11 in a very close final game. **Jackie Shaw** beat **Ingrid Edmondson** in the final of the plate 13/6. Congratulations to Junior & Jackie. Thanks to everyone who participated.

We have preliminary shooting results however after Jackie and Ingrid's marathon game Jackie didn't get to do her shooting so that will be done sometime before the doubles and triples. Thanks to Robin for assisting Barb & Marg to put the draw together and running the event on the day.

Johnny Maxwell Memorial Melee

HB Lawn Tennis Petanque are hosting this one day melee in memory of Johnny Maxwell.

This will be held on Saturday March 1st
With a start time of
8.30 for 9.00am.

FORMAT

Drawn partners each round.
Doubles or Triple depending on entry number
5 rounds of timed games- 50mins + 1 end.

Entries will be accepted by entry form only with
payment of \$10 per person
(HBLTS 03 0631 0439466-00 particular:name, ref:JM melee)

Entries open 10th Jan and close 20th Feb



The next big event here at the club is the **John Maxwell Melee**, Saturday 1st March 2025, open to any and all. There are some names down for this already but a few more would be great. The entry list is on the Petanque noticeboard or flick Marg an email/text to enter. \$10 entry fee for this. Entries close 20th Feb for this. The following week 8th March is the Club Champs Doubles.

It is the local Art Deco Festival this weekend so **Petanque Club Day**, this Saturday from 1pm, will be Art Deco themed. Players are encouraged to come dressed in their period finery if they have.

In Tennis...

Johnston Locksmiths were scrambling to put a team together, again, for last night's **Business House Tennis** tie against NRE and that lack of consistency will be their downfall this term I'm sure. They dropped points last night while the title contending teams above them are all maxing out. Gary Wise and Ra McFarland will tell you that the 20-20 draw was due to great tennis on their part and you'd have to say that is likely true in this case, beating JK and India 6-5, 6-3. NRE stay up in 4th ahead of Johnston Locksmiths in 5th. Table toppers Continuous Spouting are yet to lose a point this year but BNZ sticking close to them.

Pint Club come out best from the top of the B Grade table battle against Langley Twigg. Both teams collecting two sets but Pint Club do it more convincingly. They swap positions at the top and HTM coming up hot behind them with a 24-4 roasting of ANZ. Rensch Builders trailing slightly behind then in 4th and this is going to be a great competition again.

Saturday 10am – 11am, Tennis Accelerator with Janine. \$10 for members (\$15 non-members). No idea if there will be and a cardio tennis session at 11am this Saturday as Andrew hasn't shown his face this week yet.

Club Champs Doubles are coming on the 14th & 15th March with the Mixed Doubles following a fortnight later. Accost a partner by any means possible and get those entries in to Kristen. You can do that via our easy online entry form here <https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-entry-form.html>

Squash Notices

Summer Intra-league gets underway this evening around 6pm, I'd expect, so it promises to be a great night at the club.

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. Any members welcome – designed for those graded F and above.

Junior night will start back on Monday's from the **10th of March** at 6.15pm. This group is for beginner/intermediate level juniors. Aimed at children who can already use a regular squash ball and can serve and return serve. Contact Jules on 0221 836 736 for inquiries.

Upcoming Tournaments:

22nd Feb - HBSRC One day tournament.

1st March - One day ladies tournament C grade and below here at our club.

14th to 16th March – Wairoa Open

**HAWKES BAY
SQUASH RACKETS CLUB
ONE DAY TOURNAMENT**

22nd FEBRUARY 2024

SINGLES OR DOUBLES

J GRADE AND MASTER DIVISION (NUMBERS PERMITTING)

2 MATCHES, MASTERS OPTION TO PLAY 1st
GAME ON FRIDAY NIGHT

ENTRY FEE:
SINGLES \$25
JUNIORS \$10
DOUBLES \$15 each

ENTER ON MYSQUASH
FROM 29th JAN
OR CONTACT DAVE
027 446 0442
ENTRIES CLOSE 17th FEB

NORMAL TOURNAMENT RULES APPLY
P.A.R SCORING



LADIES ONE DAY TOURNAMENT

C GRADE AND BELOW

Enter on iSquash or contact
Michelle for more info
admin@squasheastern.co.nz

WHEN: Saturday 1st
March 2024

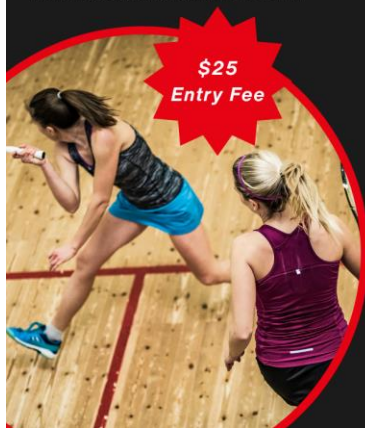
WHERE: Hawkes Bay
Lawn Tennis & Squash
Club

WHO: Ladies C grade and
below.

WHAT: Guaranteed
minimum of 2 games.
Games are for points.
PAR to 15, best of 5

Division and spot prizes
up for grabs.

**\$25
Entry Fee**



 **SQUASH
EASTERN**

The WAIROA OPEN

Fri 14 March - Sun 16 March



- Graded players register through MySquash
- Ungraded players please email Athletic so we can help you get graded
- \$40 Entry fee
- Follow us for more updates

✉ wathleticfc@gmail.com

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

Gary.