

Hi Everyone,



We are very familiar with the great work that Dino Michalakis is doing with squash juniors here at our club and across the Eastern district. He is pretty much pushing all junior competitions and programmes and is getting some impressive results too. That was evident from the recent Eastern v Central challenge that our juniors won 23-17. So, perhaps we shouldn't be too surprised that **Squash New Zealand** recognised him as the **Foundation Coach of the Year** at the annual awards last Saturday. It doesn't stop with the juniors either. Many of our senior players are currently locked in the Thursday night Summer Intra-league that he organises for their benefit. He is doing an incredible job and I know that he would be quick to tell you that he couldn't do without Jules by side.

In Tennis...

Club Champs Doubles are 'go' this weekend. Carole Rowsell has been busy working on the draw today and we already have them available to us. Thanks Carole! This could be the most organised club champs has been. What's the chances that the draw stays the same and nobody pulls beforehand. Matches will start tomorrow (Friday) evening around 5.30pm and continue from around 8.30am again on Saturday morning. Best of luck to all the players involved.

Club Champs:

Competition Mens Open year 2025
Doubles:

1	A. Shand + J. Buckley
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9 M. Giri + R. Taylor	
8 S. Andrabi + S. Walker	
6 T. Carey + J. Thomsen	
12 P. C. Beamish-White	
13 M. Thompson + N. Simpson	
4 T. Ludeman + S. Farnworth	
3 R. Heary + S. Bell	
14 R. Meyer + A. Stephenson	
11 L. Pritchard + B. Pittman	
6 Ash Hokoi + T. Zuderwijk	
7 C. Martin + M. Mahoney	
10 N. Robinson + G. Still	
15	P. Sewell + J. Kitching
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CLUB CHAMPS:

Competition Ladies Open year 2025
Doubles:

1	G. Johnson + K. Wise
16	M. Keogh + A. Courtney.
9	A & C. Beamish-White
8	N. Hunt + M. Giri
5	K. Alexander + C. Pinker
12	J & C. McFarland
13	M. Lovell + N. De Burgh
4	M. Mabey + L. Morris
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Keep in mind that the club champs **Mixed Doubles** are in two weeks time. Again, they will be played over Friday evening and then all day Saturday, 28th & 29th March. Easiest way to enter is to use the link below:

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



Following on behind the club champs, it's the big one, the **Langley Twigg Open Doubles tournament** is scheduled for **Saturday 12th April**. Entry link is the same <https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-entry-form.html>

The top 3 teams in the **Business House** tennis A Grade competition all recorded maximum points wins which didn't do much to affect the title race standings but it does mean that, with only 2 rounds to play, Johnston Locksmiths are effectively out of the race unless some kind of disaster befalls the entire Continuous Spouting team. A great result for Evolution Motors last night, 20-17 against General Compression and parking themselves right up behind them in top half of the table. They were playing it cool, but I suspect they will be delighted with that win.

Division A hopefuls Langley Twigg were found to out last night when they came up against a strong HTM side.

The 24-12 scoreline puts HTM ahead of Langley Twigg by 8 points and I think that will prove insurmountable for our favourite law firm with only two rounds to play. Pint Club are right up there beside HTM though on the back of the max. points win over misfits. So it's really a two horse race I'd say. Has anybody heard from Rench Builders at all? They've gone a bit quiet.

It's a bit quite here at the club this morning with all 3 of our mixed **Mid-week Ladies interclub** teams playing away from home. This is how things stand before today's results come in:

Teams for 2nd Round A Grade

Team	Played	Rnd:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Members
Hawkes Bay Lawn Split Steps	5		7	5	6	6	2			26	List
Havelock North Sets in the City	5		6	7	4	6	1			24	List
Hastings A	5		6	7	2	1	6			22	List
Hawkes Bay Lawn Lawn Moas	5		7	5	5	0	5			22	List
Clive Satellites	5		1	2	6	2	3			14	List
Waipawa A	4		1	2	3	5				11	List
Porangahau Waipukarau chicks	4		0	0	1	7				8	List
Nelson Park Stars	5		0	0	1	1	4			6	List

Teams for 2nd Round A Reserve Grade

Team	Played	Rnd:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Members
Clive Comets	5		7	2	5	5	1						20	List
Eskview Blue	5		7	2	2	2	5						18	List
Greendale Gaggles	5		0	5	4	3	6						18	List
Hawkes Bay Lawn Rocky Road	3			5	5	4							14	List
Havelock North Serve n Tonic	3		0	5	3								8	List
Greendale Puriri	3			2	2	2							6	List

HBL 'Split Steps' still on top of the A grade division and they are over in Havelock playing against 2nd placed 'Sets in the City' in what might prove to be a crunch game for our girls. A close result or a loss would work in favour of our "Lawn Moas", currently 3rd equal with two weeks to come in.

I'm sure the girls from "Rocky Road" told me that they got the win from last week's encounter with Havelock so I am confident that they will be higher up the table than is shown here. They have a longer season than our A Grade teams so only really at the half way point.

Tennis Masters HB as here this **Sunday from 1.30pm**. Open to all affiliated members.

I'd like to invite some feedback from our tennis members that have played under the new floodlights. The Guv'nor has a meeting with the installation company next week so it would be good for him to go in that with some insight, whether it be positive or negative. Simply reply to this email. Please try be constructive with your comments.

In Squash...

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. For all players F Grade and above.

Our squash committee are organising a **Working Bee** on **Saturday 22nd March at 9am** to get the squash courts tidied up for the season ahead. If you can come along and help for an hour or so it would be much appreciated. Many hands make light work!

SquashFit gets started on the **23rd March at 9:15am**, this will be every Sunday at 9:15am and again on Wednesdays at 6:15pm. Come along if you want to work on your fitness or are keen to be a part of district Eliminations teams hoping to compete at national level. Eliminations teams will be formed in May, based on players grades.

Interclub 2025 starts at the end of April. Ladies interclub on Tuesday nights and Mixed Interclub on Wednesdays as

usual. Also this year, there is the Superleague competition being played on Tuesday nights, which really designed for the top players from our district to thrash it out amongst themselves. See the posters below for full info (don't worry about the \$20 entry fee as the club pays that on your behalf) Club's need to have their teams registered by 3rd April so if you do intend to play, please add your name to the list that is on the squash noticeboard now.



SQUASH EASTERN

Autumn Superleague

- 10 Week competition
- Teams of 3
- Teams made up of:
 - 1x A/B Grade man
 - 1x B/C Grade man
 - 1x B/C Grade Women
- Competition is for points

Single entry, mixed club teams will be put together

Played across all Hawkes Bay Clubs, rotating each week

Tuesday nights | 6.30pm start commencing 29th April 2025

Enter on MySquash or email: interclub@squasheastern.co.nz

Entries Close 3rd April

Entry Fee \$20 per player



SQUASH EASTERN

2025 LADIES INTERCLUB

ROUND ONE - C GRADE & BELOW
TUESDAYS: 29 APRIL - 1 JULY
6.15PM START
ENTRIES CLOSE 3RD APRIL 2025

Weekly team competition. Individuals will be placed in a team to play similar graded opponents.

Tuesday nights @ 6.15pm. Venue will rotate between 5 Hawkes Bay Clubs - HB Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Havelock North Squash Club, Hastings Squash Club, HB Squash Rackets Club and Waipukurau Squash Club.

\$20 entry per player
To register please contact your club captain or email interclub@squasheastern.co.nz



SQUASH EASTERN

2025 MIXED INTERCLUB

ROUND ONE - C GRADE & BELOW
WEDNESDAYS: 30TH APRIL - 2ND JULY
6.15PM START
ENTRIES CLOSE 3RD APRIL 2025

Open to all affiliated Clubs in the Eastern District with players over a number of divisions. Players must be on the appropriate grading list at 3rd April 2025.

Wednesday nights @ 6.15pm. Venue will rotate between 5 Hawkes Bay Clubs - HB Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, Havelock North Squash Club, Hastings Squash Club, HB Squash Rackets Club and Waipukurau Squash Club.

Entry Fee: \$120 per team
Enter through your club captain.
Queries can be sent to Tania Willis at interclub@squasheastern.co.nz

Upcoming Tournaments:

2nd & 3rd May – Eastern Open at Hastings Squash Club

the Bottle-O Eastern Open

2 - 3 May | Hastings Squash Club

\$40 Entry
Saturday night finish and dinner

Open Divs \$1,000 each

Enter on MySquash
Matty Duncan | 021 196 1789
William Hirst | 021 179 9936



In Petanque...



Margaret Harkness & John O'Halloran are the **Club Doubles Champions** for 2025. The final was a bit of a thriller. Junior and Tasha were leading 12-5 at one stage and victory looked like a foregone conclusion but somehow John & Marg keeping themselves in it and ultimately holding on for the win. In the plate section, Ingrid & Graham Edmondson see off the challenge from Jackie Shaw & Tony Mudgway. In general, the standard of play was very high, with a few upsets along the way, so the spectators were given value for money.

Club Champs Triples is the next event on the calendar, **Saturday 22nd March**. Entries close for this on the 15th March.

Club Day as usual this Saturday, at our club, **from 1pm**. The Te Whero Trophy that was scheduled for play 15th Feb at Napier Petanque club has been deferred at the request of their club.

That's all for now. I'll see you at the bar,

Gary.