

Hi Everyone,



Tennis **Club Champs Doubles** 2025 is complete and what a good competition it was. One or two little surprises in the rounds perhaps but ultimately the trophies being collected by deserving winners. **Andrew Shand & Jamie Buckley** emerged as men's champs from a thrilling final against Paul Sewell & Jason Kitching. Emotions were running high in this tense, close battle with the final result 7-6, 7-5. Andrew is on course for the club champs triple having beaten his doubles partner, Jamie, in the singles back in December. The women's final was a tad less dramatic (featuring fewer drama queens).

Gemma Johnson & Kendra Wise are both long time clients of club coach Luke Donovan and I did notice Luke putting them through their paces, as a doubles team, on the run up to this competition which has surely proved its worth given the 6-0, 6-1 score that the girls chalked up against Lucy Morris & Marcia Mabey. Like Andrew, Gemma is also the open singles champs for 2025 so I wonder if we will see her go for the triple in the mixed doubles? Another triples contender is **Alice Courtney**. She has won the B Grade trophy in the singles last month and now in the doubles with playing partner Mel Keogh. I am hearing that she may have a go at the mixed doubles with her life partner Alan, a somewhat unknown quantity at this club, so I will be looking out for that. For a complete run down of the competition:- the draw, results and all photos, please link to our website <https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-club-championships-news.html>

And so, we turn our attention to the club champs **Mixed Doubles** coming up next weekend. Again, they will be played over Friday evening and then all day Saturday, 28th & 29th March. Use the entry form link below:

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

Other Tennis Notices

GET READY FOR THE

LANGLEY TWIGG LAW

MENS & WOMENS, A & B GRADE

DOUBLES TENNIS

2025

TOURNAMENT

Saturday 12th April 2025

email: kristennash007@gmail.com

\$25 ENTRY
CASH PRIZES
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
KITCHEN & BAR SERVICE
GREAT RAFFLES

Online entry form

Following on behind the club champs mixed doubles, 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>.

If you need help finding a partner for this one, just let us know. We will do our best to pair you up.

BNZ	1	-	Continuous Spouting HB
Hamish	2	-	6 Ronnie
Softy	3	-	6 Stu
Panther	6	-	5 Rus
Nosky	6	-	1 Hoops
Total	17	-	18

Continuous Spouting come out on top, by one point, from last night's **Business House**, top of the A Grade crunch tie. BNZ could argue that they didn't have their full top squad on the job and that it will be a different story when the two teams face off again, in the final, in two weeks' time. However, we know that Allen 'the Panther' Hokai relocates to Wellington this weekend so will not be available for the big showdown (unless Hamish is going to chopper him in for the night) so the question is, who do they have in reserve that can make up the difference here? Will Continuous Spouting make any changes to their own line up? At the other end of the table, PGC Constructors find themselves in play-off territory for the first time and are badly missing the influence of premiership players Cam Jamieson. Tumu are no strangers to the drill so probably won't be too fazed by the threat to their A Grade status.

Well, HTM obviously don't want it so the B Grade title looking very much like it's going back to Pint Club for close season. Langley Twigg had a good win over PWC to give themselves a chance but with 8 points to make up in the last round, it's a big ask, especially against current champs Rensch Builders. That said, Pint Club will face HTM in the final round. HTM without a couple of key players last night and the girls from the mind project make them pay for it. It might be a different story next week though.

Teams for 2nd Round A Grade

Team	Played	Rnd:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Members
Havelock North Sets in the City	6		6	7	4	6	1	5		29	List
Hawkes Bay Lawn Split Steps	6		7	5	6	6	2	2		28	List
Hastings A	6		6	7	2	1	6	5		27	List
Hawkes Bay Lawn Lawn Moas	6		7	5	5	0	5	5		27	List
Clive Satellites	6		1	2	6	2	3	2		16	List
Porangahau Waipukarau chicks	6		0	0	1	7		5		13	List
Waipawa A	6		1	2	3	5		2		13	List
Nelson Park Stars	6		0	0	1	1	4	2		8	List

Our A Grade mid-week ladies interclub teams were playing their final matches of the season today, or at least, were due to playing them today. The “Split Steps” certainly played today here at home, braving the very wet conditions and claiming a 4-2 match victory over Clive. The “Lawn Moas” were drawn in Havelock for the last round, teeing up a top of the table clash but I am unsure if the tie was cancelled or not. The ‘Split Steps’ girls here awaiting other results come in but looking far from anxious as they enjoyed some, well deserved, end of season treats.



Tennis Accelerator 10am – 11am. Open to all beginner/novice players \$10 for members (\$15 non-members)

Cardio Tennis 11am – 12 noon. For capable tennis players. This is a fast paced, big hitting session. \$10 for members (\$15 non-members)

Club Day as usual this **Saturday from 1.30pm.** Open to all tennis members.

Entries to Brent Simonsen, tel 021 576439
or email clivetennisclub@gmail.com.
Open to members and non-members.

**ROBIN
TROPHY
SUNDAY
6 APRIL
2025**

**MIXED
DOUBLES**

9am Clive
Tennis Club.
Partners will
be drawn on
the day.
Food provided.

\$25 Entry Fee pp
pay to 030642 0800819 00
to confirm your place

Clive Tennis Club are holding their annual Robin Trophy Mixed Doubles tennis tournament on Sunday 6th April. Partners are drawn on the day. \$25 entry fee per person and food is provided. It's a wonderfully social event. Entries close on 31st March (but we can probably squeeze in a latecomer or two).

In Squash...

Working Bee this **Saturday 22nd March at 9am** to get the squash courts cleaned up for the season ahead. If you can come along and help for an hour or so it would be much appreciated. Bring some rubber gloves if you prefer to use them. Many hands make light work!

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.

SquashFit gets started this Sunday, **23rd March at 9:15am** and will continue every Sunday thereafter. There is a second weekly session running 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.

Congratulations to **Kay Lorimer** coming runner up in Div 1 at the **Wairoa open** and to **Thais Jeber** coming 3rd place in div 2. Best of luck to all players entered into the **Waipukurau** tournament this weekend!

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.



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

Entries
Close 3rd
April

Entry Fee
\$20 per
player

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



**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 poster features a dark background with a green and white color scheme. At the top, the text 'the Bottle-O Eastern Open' is written in a stylized font, with 'the Bottle-O' in white and 'Eastern Open' in green. Below this, the dates '2 - 3 May | Hastings Squash Club' are listed. The entry fee '\$40 Entry' and the event details 'Saturday night finish and dinner' are also included. A large green graphic of a squash racket and ball is visible in the background. At the bottom, contact information for 'Enter on MySquash' is provided, along with logos for 'SQUASH EASTERN', 'K.P.C.', 'ETL', and a circular logo for '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

SQUASH EASTERN K.P.C. ETL HASTINGS SQUASH CLUB

In Petanque...

Club Champs Triples this Saturday. Six teams challenging for the title currently held by Bethne, Barry & Junior. Players should arrive 9.30am for 10am start.

Club players **Bethne Gardner & Sharon Cannon** both featured in the New Zealand Seniors (over 60's) team

competing in the **Trans-Tasman** international challenge last weekend. I believe that our seniors had the Aussies well beaten. The open competition was much closer with New Zealand winning by just one point in the end. You can link to the full stats here

<https://www.petanquenz.com/representation/trans-tasman.html>

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

Gary.