

Hi Everyone,

Neither Tennis or Squash nor even Petanque are the top of anyone's list of priorities at this time of year so I will not keep you here long. I am on the countdown to some annual leave myself and so, because it will be 4 weeks before I fill this space again, I am doing my very best to muster up the enthusiasm for this week's news bulletin.

## In Squash...



The Summer Squash Intra-League came to a close last night and the probably not before time given the temperature that the players were playing their final matches in. I believe that Logan Leith's 'team black' were the league winners but I doubt anybody cares too much about the results from the competition itself. It's really just a bit of fun on a Wednesday evening and a great way to encourage our new players into some friendly competition. The biggest winner from last night's proceedings was Kitty Bruin-Langbroek who took home the Tecnifibre Squash racquet prize provided by competition sponsors and organisers, Dino & Jules Michalakakis of Physio Greenmeadows. When you have

**Squash Club Day** is on hiatus over summer holidays. Organised play will begin again first Saturday in February.

I have been trying to obtain some info about the proposed **Introduction to Squash for Adults** for circulation in this newsletter but it does not seem to be forthcoming. Perhaps we will get a Facebook update from our squash committee soon (or perhaps we shall never hear of it ever again).

## **In Tennis...**

We will have Saturday tennis this week:

**Tennis Accelerator**, 10am – 11am. Please note that this will be the last opportunity until this accelerator class resumes on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Cardio Tennis**, 11am – 12pm.

**Club Day**, Saturday 1pm – 3.00pm, for any tennis members that want to come along for a piece of the action. I assume

that club days will continue each Saturday as normal during the festive period.

According to our (ever trustworthy) tennis calendar, the **Club Champs Singles** competitions will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January. That gives you plenty of time to cut loose a little bit over the festive period and get yourself back into peak condition by then (though I suspect many of you are still battling to regain peak condition after last Christmas).



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**Holiday Programme**

This programme is designed to give children of all ages the ability levels an overall insight into the game and to give them the opportunity to improve their current standard of play. Andrew shand, professional coach, will be running the programme with other registered and qualified coaches.

**Venue:** Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

**Dates and Times:** Monday 22nd JAN - Friday 26th JAN  
9am-12 noon

**Cost:** \$180 per Child

**Group Size:** No more than 1:8 ratio

**Prizes:** For all children at the conclusion of the  
Programme

All coaching takes place at Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis & Squash Club, 13  
Higgins Street, Marewa, Napier

Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis Club P.O. Box 4118, Napier  
Payment to: Shand Tennis Coaching LTD, ASB: 12-3144-0304832-00

Contact Andrew: @ Shandtennis@gmail.com

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In Petanque...

I do hear that this Saturday's Petanque **club day** will be closely followed by some nibbles and drinks to celebrate the end of a great year for Petanque at this club. Make sure that you bring a nice big plate of treats to share and remember to leave them in the kitchen while you are out on the Piste. I promise not to touch them while you are out there.

I am sure that club day Petanque will continue on a Saturday throughout the period but there does seem to be some doubt about a Wednesday evening. Perhaps this will be discussed at the end of club day this Saturday.

## Holiday Opening Hours

After Saturday, I won't be back here, in any official capacity at least, until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. The club will be operating with the will of our volunteers during this time so the bar will be open but the hours will be cut back to reduce the burden on our highly valued volunteer force. You will notice there are still a few volunteer spaces to be confirmed so if you are able to help with those time then let yourself be known.

Day	Date	Bar Hours	Volunteer
Monday	25	<b>XMAS DAY</b>	
Tuesday	26	<b>BOXING DAY</b>	
Wednesday	27	CLOSED	
Thursday	28	4pm-6pm	tbc
Friday	29	4pm-6pm	Dennis
Saturday	30	3pm - 5pm	Bethne

Monday	1	NEW YEARS DAY	
Tuesday	2	HOLIDAY	
Wednesday	3	CLOSED	
Thursday	4	4pm-7pm	Paul
Friday	5	5pm-7pm	Shirley
Saturday	6	2pm-4pm	Paul/tbc
Sunday	7	CLOSED	

Monday	8	CLOSED	
Tuesday	9	5.30pm - 8.30pm	Rex
Wednesday	10	5.30pm - 8.30pm	Robin
Thursday	11	5.30pm - 8.30pm	Paul
Friday	12	5pm-7.30pm	tbc
Saturday	13	2pm-6pm	Paul/John
Sunday	14	CLOSED	

## Club Raffles

The **Christmas Hamper raffle** winners are **Shirley Rush** and **Jane Davison**. Shirley's names was drawn first so technically she gets the first choice of hamper but the reality is that it will probably come down to who comes to collect first. We are still a little light on the income from this raffle so if you haven't paid your number(s) yet or have been buying numbers thinking that they were \$2 instead of the \$5 asking price then please make up the shortfall asap.

The weekly **Lotto bonus ball raffle** is now closed for the year but please make sure to settle any outstanding debt by Saturday please. I will look to resume this raffle when I return from annual leave.

On behalf of the club, many thanks for another prosperous year. I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. I shall see you on the other side relaxed, refreshed and ready for action

Gary.