

Hi Everyone,

*Dennis Basire Appreciation
Tournament!*



*5th and 6th of July 2024 (Locals may have to
play Thursday)
Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis and Squash
Singles and Doubles squash!*

*All entry fees will be given to
Dennis and his family.*

*\$30 per entry
Enter on Isquash or
hblltscommittee@gmail.com*

As mentioned last week, this year's annual July squash tournament is going to be held in honour of Dennis Basire and that, of course, did raise some questions from club members that are not in the know so I would like to address it now.

About a month ago, Dennis was diagnosed as having pancreatic cancer. My understanding is that it is one of the

most severe forms of the disease, undetectable in the early stages and inoperable once it takes hold. Modern science or medicine has no answers so it is terminal. Devastating as it is, Dennis won't go down without a fight. He will employ chemotherapy and anything else in his power to prolong his life and to be here for his family though longevity is not a viable option.

I did get the opportunity to have a quick chat with him today so can report that with the aid of the appropriate treatments, he is getting around well, doing some work and is in pretty good spirits given the circumstances. This tournament is an opportunity, at this stage, for the club to show our appreciation for one of its most committed members and more importantly, show support and solidarity for our good friend.

I have been getting some questions about the tournament itself, I would urge you to contact Holly or Tania directly on this. Mainly because I think certain aspects of how this event will be presented are still in development and I don't want to give anybody contradictory information. Email hbltssquashcommittee@gmail.com for entry or for any other queries. (Please note that the email address on the poster above is incorrect) I am sure there will be other channels to show your support if you are unable to play the tournament (or squash for that matter) so I will give you those details once I have them.

Other Squash Notices...

I won't dwell too much on the performance of our **mixed interclub** teams in last night's round. Both home team's LT3 and LT5 went down in fairly close tie's winning two matches each but this is a team event and it's often about how any sets your individual players can snatch from a defeat. LT2 taking a well-deserved rest as were LT4. No scores posted from LT1's away tie in Havelock though I will be interested to hear how they got on there.

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.

Club Day: Organised play every Saturday from 3.15pm. Any members/non-members welcome. Come along and have a go. Racquets supplied. Please wear non marking sole shoes, and check they are clear of dirt or tar before entering the courts – it take quite a bit of work to remove any marks off the wooden floors.

Eliminations/Superchamps: Are you interested in playing or coaching a team of like minded men/women for Superchamps 2024. Squash Eastern have just sent out reminders for this as teams must be entered before 14 June and your grade will be taken as at 07 June 2024. See Gary/Tania if you are keen.

Squash Whats App – have you been invited to join the squash community app? Keep up with the latest happenings. If you are interested please contact Holly.

Squash Tourney Roadie: Taumarunui 02/03 August. Are you keen to head off into the wild blue yonder and experience a squash tournament outside of our Eastern region (bring your winter woollies – it has been known to be in the negatives on court for the early Saturday morning matches). You would need to take the Friday afternoon off for travel and back on the Sunday. (Tournament would be 3 games over Friday night and Saturday) Register expressions of interest and if we get a big enough contingent we can look to car pool/rental van over. Entries through to Holly if you are keen (check out the link on whatsapp as well), and we will let you know the next steps.

Eastern Junior 300 series (26 May) at HB Squash Rackets Club – entries will close this Thursday. Good luck to any or all of our juniors who will be playing in this event.

Hastings B and Below – 8th June 2024. Last week or so for entries to this. Enter via ISquash

Local Tournaments coming up: Enter on ISquash

Eastern Junior 300 Series (28 July) at Hastings Squash

Eastern Junior 300 Series (18 August) at Surf City

Eastern Junior Age Groups (23rd August 2024) at HB Lawn Tennis

Eastern Junior 300 Series (15th September) at H/North Squash

Eastern Junior 300 Series (13 October) at HB Lawn Tennis

HB Lawn Tennis Open – 5th July 2024 – see poster attached

Havelock North Open – 2nd August 2024

Surf City Open – 15th August 2024

Tennis Notices

First thing Saturday morning we will be hosting the residential mixed doubles final featuring our own head of tennis coaching Andrew Shand playing alongside his new coaching understudy and regular mixed doubles partner Olivia Addis. They are playing Rynold Timothy and Alex Cave. That will be a great one for the spectators if you are able to get yourself out of bed early. Our coffee machine will be on and I know they will appreciate the support. 9am start time.

Giulio will taking the **Saturday sessions** as per usual:
10am – 11am, **Tennis Accelerator**
11am – 12pm, **Cardio Tennis**

Saturday **Club Day** from 1.30pm.

Sunday club day for the HB Tennis Masters club. Start 1pm. Bar will be open form 3pm.

MIXED TEAM DOUBLES INTERCLUB

SUNDAYS - 10AM

LOOKING TO PLAY ALL TEAMS AT ONE VENUE DEPENDING
ON ENTRIES (AFTER MATCH FOOD PROVIDED)



TENNIS EASTERN



ROUND 1: 2ND JUNE
ROUND 2: 23RD JUNE
ROUND 3: 7TH JULY
ROUND 4: 21ST JULY
ROUND 5: 4TH AUGUST

- SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE &
ABOVE

- 2 DOUBLES MATCHES PER ROUND
PER PERSON

GET YOUR ENTRIES IN BY THE 27TH OF MAY!

DRAW WILL BE READY BY THE 29TH OF MAY

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE LET YOUR CLUB
KNOW AND THEY WILL SORT TEAM