

Hi Everyone,

This newsletter is coming to you a bit earlier this week because, much like yourself, I am planning an easy Thursday holiday. I might do the dawn service. It depends on how big a night it is here. Finals night for the Squash Intra-club league kicking off around 6pm but I bet the tennis players are last to exit the building (apart from me obvs). The bar will be open tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon between 4pm & 7pm. I believe the mighty Warriors are on TV if you want to come and watch it with us here at the club.



Hats off to Kristen and Carole for delivering a thoroughly enjoyable Langley Twigg Doubles tournament against the odds. Anybody that's ever tried to organise a tournament will know that it's far from straight forward. Putting together a draw from a pool of entrants, some which you know little (if anything) about and then trying to hold the draw together when the inevitable pull-outs come in, can be stressful. Add a horrible weather forecast into the mix and the pressure rises quickly. Cancelling on Friday night would have been discussed I'm sure but they held their nerve and were rewarded with a dry, mild start to Saturday. Game on!

The rain was always threatening so the emphasis was on getting through matches quickly. We did lose the hard courts to light rain around 1pm and then it closed in as we moved into the final stages but get through it, we did. Thanks also to all the supporting personnel for the day Paul McAuley, Ali Allen and Ngaire Hunt with Antony Steiner representing sponsors Langley Twigg (CEO) as well as participating in the event. Senior Partner of our favourite law firm, Stuart McLauchlan was present for the early part of the day before going off to another appointment but not before he had left a directive with Antony to reward tournament controllers and participants with a generous bar tab. It was a handsome gesture from Stuart and a popular one with the players so massive thanks to him for his unwavering support of this tournament. I believe he still has a nigging back injury but it would be great to see Stu' back on our tennis courts again in the near future.

Congratulations to all our members that picked up prizes especially division winners. I know that Giulio won the Mens A Grade (with Greendale coach Jack Wardrope) and that Syed Andrabi & Simon Walker won the B Grade. I honestly can't remember what was going on in the women's competitions and I don't have the results so apologies if I have missed you out. I do have all the photos from prizegiving but there are too many for this newsletter so head over to our facebook page [click here](#)

Other Tennis Notices

Andrew and Giulio are having the day off tomorrow too so **no** am or pm Cardio Tennis session this Thursday.

Giulio will be providing his Cardio class at 10am, Friday morning and he will be here on **Saturday** to provide the **10am Tennis Accelerator & 11am Cardio tennis sessions**

Saturday **Club Day** will go ahead as normal at 1.30pm.

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.

Club Day: Organised play every Saturday from 3.15pm. Any members/non members welcome. Come along and have a go. Racquets supplied.(please check your shoes before entering the courts – we have had a couple of case recently where tar has been tracked onto the courts and this involves a bit of scrubbing by the committee who will not be very happy with you!

Interclub: Ladies due to commence Tuesday 30 April and the Mixed competition a day later on Wednesday 1 May. Draws and Teams are now viewable in ISquash. Good luck to: Kay Lorimer, Shirley Rush, Kirsty Basher, Olivia Michalakis, Michelle Kelly, Tahlia Kemp, Kitty Bruin-Langbroek, Sam Stevens, Kelly Falconer, Andrea Connell, Rhonda Larrington and Ellen Smith for the ladies competition and teams LT1, LT2 LT3 LT4 and LT5 proudly captained by Dino Michalakis, Shaun Thompson-Gray, Leroy O’Riley, Andrew McLeod and Mike Willis/Holly Lomas.

Please note you **MUST** be a financial member of a club in order to play competitions (Tournaments/Interclub) – so please pay those sub invoices that went out to all at the beginning of April.

MySquash: Don't forget if you are intending to play competition matches this year you must confirm your link sent be SquashNZ (check your spam folder). If not then email support@squashnz.co.nz and provide your Full name, DOB and current email address and they will re-send the link through. NOTE this only applies to players already holding a grade. If you are wanting to be graded in order to play competition then you must register with ISquash on www.squash.org.nz, and also with MySquash www.squashnz.co.nz, and once you have done this contact Tania to get graded.

Eastern Open Hastings – Congratulations to our winners from the weekend: Mens Div 2 Plate **Max Moore**, Mens Div 3 Consolation **Saeng Lewis**, Womens Div 3 Runner Up **Sam Stevens**

Squash Tourney Roadie: Are you keen to head off into the wild blue yonder and experience a squash tournament outside of our Eastern region? The squash committee have looked at dates and think this might be a fun weekend away. **02/03 August Taumarunui Open** (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, and we will let you know the next steps.

Tournaments coming up: Enter on ISquash

Eastern Junior 300 series (28 April) at Waipukurau

Eastern Junior 300 series (26 May) at HB Squash Rackets Club

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

Hastings B and Below – 8th June 2024

HB Lawn Tennis Open – 5th July 2024

Havelock North Open – 2nd August 2024

Surf City Open – 15th August 2024

In Petanque...

To the best of my knowledge, the prizegiving for the all Club Champs competitions will be held this Saturday 27th April. Bring a plate of something delicious and we will celebrate our winners over nibbles and drinks.

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

Gary.