

Hi Everyone,



Check out these monstrosities. There won't be many tennis clubs in the country with lights like these and with good reason. They were never really fit for purpose when they were installed back in 2005 (yes...this century). I have heard a few anecdotes about how they lit up half of Napier when they went on, prompting complaints from neighbours and from residents much, much further afield (and those hoods that you can see fixed to them were later attached for appeasement purposes) I will assume that the club acquired the lamps at a very attractive price because nobody else wanted them. I will also assume that the committee responsible resigned in shame shortly after they were installed.



All is forgiven though, with the arrival of our spanking new LED's. The complete upgrade of the front 5 courts should be getting tested tonight and really just in time for the long nights ahead. Let's hope these little beauties are a bit more neighbourhood friendly. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure enough funding to allow for all 10 courts to be lit so the back 5 are on the back burner for now (on an incomprehensibly low heat). I would like to say a huge thanks to Paul Evans who used his wealth of experience, on behalf of the club, to obtain the funds that have allowed for this project to progress to this stage.

Should you happen to know anybody that owns a lighthouse or a museum, please let them know I have the deal of (previous) century for them.

In Tennis...

A promotional poster for tennis club championships. The background is a vibrant green with a tennis court visible in the lower right. The text is white and yellow. A white arrow points left in the top right corner.

**TENNIS**  
*CLUB CHAMPS*  
**DOUBLES 2025**

**FRI 14TH & SAT 15TH MARCH**

FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION  
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OR DO IT ONLINE



**Hawke's Bay Lawn**  
 **TENNIS & SQUASH**  
CLUB

[HTTPS://WWW.HBLTS.CO.NZ/TENNIS-ENTRY-FORM.HTML](https://www.hblts.co.nz/tennis-entry-form.html)

**Club Champs** Doubles are coming up very quickly on the **14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March** with the Mixed Doubles following a fortnight later on **28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**. Use the easy entry form link

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

Entries for the doubles will be closed on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. If you do feel like you need a bit more info then contact Krissy directly (details on the poster).

Following on behind the club champs, the **Langley Twigg Doubles tournament** is scheduled for **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**.

Continuous Spouting dropped points again in last night's round of **Business House tennis** and I am certain they wouldn't have been expecting bottom placed Tumu Timbers to offer up such resistance. 19-12 is the scoreline. Tumu's Syed & Darcy going all square with CS's Ronnie & Stacy in the 2<sup>nd</sup> match. I know not where Darcy came from but I am pleased that he has opted to join our club, for the time being at least. Welcome to "the Lawn". BNZ now take up pole position on the A Grade table with another maximum points win, their 3<sup>rd</sup> in a row, this time over PGC Constructors. That result sees PGC slide down to 9th on the board while BNZ go 5 points clear at the top. Johnston Locksmiths are held back by General Compression last night and they now need to pull back 13 points on Continuous Spouting if they are going to make the final. That seems unlikely at this stage but still plenty of distance to cover here.

Langley Twigg edge themselves back in front of the B Grade competition with a win over PWC. I believe that all the PWC players actually work for the company which is an achievement in itself. Their mid table positioning would suggest that they have a bit talent in their midst. HTM now in 2<sup>nd</sup> equal with a maximum points win over the 'Misfits'. HTM have certainly been the dark horse in this race but have

they got the legs to go all the way? Pint Club and Rensch Builders will want to spoil the party but they will be too busy battling each other next Wednesday.

Let's check in on our **Mid-week Ladies interclub** teams:

#### Teams for 2nd Round A Grade

Team	Played	Rnd:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Members
<a href="#">Hawkes Bay Lawn Split Steps</a>	3		7	5	6					18	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Havelock North Sets in the City</a>	3		6	7	4					17	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Hawkes Bay Lawn Lawn Moas</a>	4		7	5	5	0				17	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Hastings A</a>	3		6	7	2					15	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Clive Satellites</a>	3		1	2	6					9	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Porangahau Waipukarau chicks</a>	4		0	0	1	7				8	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Waipawa A</a>	3		1	2	3					6	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Nelson Park Stars</a>	3		0	0	1					1	<a href="#">List</a>

#### Teams for 2nd Round A Reserve Grade

Team	Played	Rnd:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Members
<a href="#">Clive Comets</a>	3		7	2	5								14	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Eskview Blue</a>	2		7	2									9	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Greendale Gaggles</a>	3		0	5	4								9	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Havelock North Serve n Tonic</a>	3		0	5	3								8	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Hawkes Bay Lawn Rocky Road</a>	1		5										5	<a href="#">List</a>
<a href="#">Greendale Puriri</a>	2		2	2									4	<a href="#">List</a>

HBL 'Split Steps' go top of the A grade table after 3 rounds played and hopefully they got a good result over in Hastings today. I can tell you who didn't get a good result today. Our 'Lawn Moas' have already been allocated the big O and I suppose that that they couldn't get a team to travel to Porangahau. Where is the commitment? I hear it's nice down there too.

I've still no idea what's going on in the Reserve Grade division. 'Rocky Road' still only have 5 points to their name

for some reason. Is it due to bye's or just because results have not been entered correctly?

Anyway, go 'Split Steps' whoop, whoop!



Club Coach Janine Perkinson ran her first mini-tournament for her beginner and novice class ladies and it seems to have gone down very well with all that participated. Here's what she had to say about it:

*Our tournament on Saturday had 18 entries, a couple couldn't make it so we could've potentially had 5 courts going. The players were a combination of my 9am 'crazy ladies' group and a few from the accelerator group and a ring in or two. We mixed and matched each round so they all played with and against different people. The vibe during and afterwards was amazing, they really enjoyed the games, the food and Vanessa opening the bar for them. Some commented afterwards that events like this will give them confidence to come to club days in the future which is exactly what I'm trying to achieve. Some may start with senior's club*

*days but already we are planning the next tournament for Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>.*

Janine will be here on **Saturday** for the **10am Tennis Accelerator** class. Andrew is on duty for the Eastern rep team in the Christie Cup so no 11am Cardio Class again. Andrew is looking at the possibility of running his **Cardio Tennis** session on **Sunday at 10am**. Let him know if you would be interested in attending at this time. Contact him on 027 2765469

**Club Day** as usual this **Saturday at 1.30pm**

## In Squash...

No beginner's club day this Saturday with the ladies one day tournament operating but **Senior Club Day** will proceed as normal at 3.15pm. Any members welcome – designed for those graded F and above.

Thanks to Eastern Administrator **Michelle Kelly** for the following update on the **Interclub competitions for 2025**.

*“Based on feedback from our recent survey, we’ve made a few exciting changes for this year. Notably, Division One will now be rebranded as the Superleague, which will offer a more competitive environment for our higher-graded players. Similar to the Summer 3’s Superleague format, players will enter individually and be placed into teams based on their skill level, ensuring a fair and challenging experience. The Superleague will take place on Tuesday nights (the same night as the Ladies’ Interclub) and will be open to A, B, and C grade players. Mixed and Ladies’ Interclub will continue as before, with mixed divisions now catering to C grade and below players”.*





# 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](mailto:interclub@squasheastern.co.nz)



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## 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](mailto:interclub@squasheastern.co.nz)



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## 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](mailto:interclub@squasheastern.co.nz)

## Upcoming Tournaments:

14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March – Wairoa Open

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**The  
WAIROA OPEN**

**Fri 14 March - Sun 16 March**

*COOL PRIZES  
UP FOR GRABS!*

**REGISTER NOW**  
Entries close 7 March

WAIROA OPEN  
2025

- Graded players register through MySquash
- Ungraded players please email Athletic so we can help you get graded
- \$40 Entry fee
- Follow us for more updates

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## In Petanque...

I have message from Margaret Harkness with regard to this Saturday's **Johnny Maxwell Memorial Melee**.

*The above event will be held this Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. For those of you who have entered, this is an 8.30am for a 9am sharp start. There will be 5 rounds of mixed doubles. Could all players please bring along a small morning tea plate to share. Lunch is scheduled to be after the first three rounds. Bring your lunchbox and the sun cream. Bar will be open. Forecast looks to be a nice 25 chance of a shower. A little bit of help to get gazebo and umbrellas up and down would be greatly appreciated.*

*See you on the pistes.*

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

Gary.