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Welcome 2012!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a relaxing break from work and is ready to face 2012 head on! Thank you for taking the time to read the first edition of our newsletter which will be brought to you on a monthly basis hence forth to keep you up to date on the happenings and goings on in the Club as well as in the world of squash. Please feel free to make suggestions and/or comments on how to improve our newsletter.

Cheers
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AGM Report

1. The AGM held on 24 November 2011 was attended by over 60 club members. Lively discussion took place. The meeting was very upbeat and positive.
2. The Audited Annual Accounts were presented to members. These showed a healthy profit which was well received.
3. The following Officers and General Committee were elected unopposed:

President	-	Mark Denton
Vice President	-	Steve Lonergan
Treasurer	-	Karen Kiss
Club Captain	-	Moringa Ashford
Patron	-	Fred Kalman

General Committee:

Mike Hobbs	Cheryl Gush
Mike Chalmers	Lance Beddoes
Brian Johnson	Debbie Lipsham
4. Life membership of the Club was unanimously bestowed on Neven Barbour—congratulations to Neven on this much belated achievement!
5. If anyone thinks they have a contribution to make on the committee, there are positions available to fill. Talk to Mike in the office if you want to find out more about this.

Senior Annual Club Awards

Congratulations to the following 2011 Club Award Winners:

- ◆ The Alarm Plus Coach Of The Year:
HOHAIA WHANAU
- ◆ The Envirotech Maintenance Personality Of The Year:
ARNO BARKHUIZEN
- ◆ The Fred Kalman Masters Team or Individual Master:
QUEENIE STEVENS
- ◆ The Hobbs Family Team Of The Year:
OPEN MEN'S TEAM
- ◆ The John Andrew Ford Sportswoman Of The Year:
TANIA TATANA
- ◆ The Longley Printing Most Improved Female:
LORETTA SCHMIDT
- ◆ The Pacific Terminals Sportsman Of The Year:
AARON KOPITTKE
- ◆ The Walker Signs Most Improved Male:
AARON KOPITTKE

Junior Annual Club Awards

Congratulations to the following 2011 Club Award Winners:

- ◆ The Tony Fitzsimmons Most Improved Junior Male:
JOSH HOBBS
- ◆ The Chipmunks Young Sportswoman Of The Year:
ROCHELLE HOHAIA
- ◆ The Mortgage Care Young Sportsman Of The Year:
TYDEN LONERGAN
- ◆ The Tania Tatana Most Improved Junior Female:
CHELSEA JOHNSON

Sunday Junior Programme Awards

Congratulations to the following 2011 Junior Programme Award Winners:

- ◆ The Hohaia Whanau Most Improved Female:
GEMMA BAILEY
- ◆ The Hohaia Whanau Most Improved Male:
TRENT SAMUELS
- ◆ The Hohaia Female Junior Of The Year:
BREANNA BROWN
- ◆ The Hohaia Male Junior Of The Year:
LEO FATIALOFA

Mortgage Care Doubles Tournament

Apa Fatialofa's Mortgage Care Doubles Tournament held in December 2011 was a resounding success again!

Fancy dress on court...upset results...bragging rights...lots of laughs...just about everyone won a prize...and despite one snapped Achilles, a good time was had by all!

More members should try this out later this year... this is the best fun tournament you will find anywhere!

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Hangi On Saturday 18 February 2012

The Club is kicking the New Year off with a HANGI. It's an old tradition, so let's get it back up and running again.

Luzon Walker and friends will be putting a hangi down at the back...pork, chicken, veggies...all the usual trimmings at only \$10.00 per head for dinner.

Happy hour from 7pm and dinner will be served at 8.30pm.

Hawaiian theme...flower shirt and shorts...lava lava...flower in your hair...whatever!

Donny the DJ and his music and light show from 9pm.

Prizes for best male and female attire.

All Club Members, partners and family welcome.

For catering purposes please RSVP to the office no later than 15 February 2012.



Coaching At The Club

- ◆ The Club's top player, LANCE BEDDOES, is available. Call him on 021 292 1262.
- ◆ PHIL BUSCKE, who is running the Squash & Fitness Program is also available. Call him on 021 0294 7196.

Women's Squash & Fitness Program

This is proving to be very popular. The ladies love it, and so do the men who have started their own group on Sundays. One hour sessions are being run on Wednesdays and Sundays starting at 11am.

The program is likely to be extended next month when the first six weeks concludes.

If anyone is interested in joining in, talk to Mike in the office and he will try and fit you into a group.

This program combines squash skills and fitness. No more than four per group and \$60.00 for six sessions. GREAT VALUE!! All levels of player catered for.

Ropey Ladder Challenge

The online Ropey Ladder Challenge is up and running. The feedback is great. Everyone who uses it loves it. It looks after itself—all you have to do is log on and find someone to play and try to make your way up the ladder.

Go to the Club Website to get instructions on how to join it. When you join you go to the bottom of the ladder. You have to challenge and beat someone above you to move ahead of that person on the ladder. With your first two challenges you can challenge anyone on the ladder (these are called free challenges). After that you can only challenge the five people above you. So use your free challenges wisely. We have a beginner's ladder and all grades ladder for everyone else. You can join both if you wish. You can pull out at any time as well, it doesn't affect the rest of the ladder. The current ladders will run through until the middle of February. Let's see who is at the top when it closes. Auky is currently top of the All Grades Ladder...who is going to take him down???

Summer Tennis

The Club has two tennis rackets for members to use. See Mike in the office if you wish to borrow them.

Who wants some coaching on our tennis courts over summer? We have a coach who can do a one hour session on Fridays. Minimum number of four players required.

Call Mike at the office for prices and to book into a group.

Key Interclub Dates From Squash Auckland

All potential interclub players for the coming season need to take note of the following key dates for interclub this year:

Senior Interclub: Autumn pennant entries close on 16 February
Autumn pennant starts on 5 March

Masters Interclub: Winter pennant entries close on 23 February
Winter pennant starts on 14 March

Pencil these dates into your diary and watch out for emails from the Club Captain asking for interclub entries.

Club Survey

Thank you to all those who completed the online Club Survey!! We had a terrific response rate. Kataraina Thompson was the winner of the draw for the squash racket. Congratulations Kataraina!

This response to the survey gives those running the Club a better understanding of what members want. And this in turn will help make better decisions about the future of the Club.

Club Members will start to see changes in the Club soon which are being driven by this feedback.

Website

The Club Website has been refreshed with a new look. The Club will be trying to get more information to you through the website this year. If you see any glaring errors or omissions, please let the office know so they can be fixed. Similarly, don't hesitate to make suggestions if you think you have a good idea. Even if we can only implement one suggestion out of ten, it will be worth it!

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Squash Courts

The courts have been painted over the holiday period. This has lifted the whole atmosphere in the court area. It's nice and bright and looking great!

There will be a working bee soon to finish off the work needed to be done in this area. Mainly painting and decorating work. And we want to get some of our pennants and memorabilia up onto the walls as well. An email will be sent out soon asking for help. Many hands make light work...says the three-handed electrician. So PLEASE pitch in with a bit of help when the time comes. Working bees are a great way to meet and get to know other Club Members. And they are a bit of fun as well.

The online booking system for the squash courts is being installed as this newsletter goes out. There will be some trial and error initially as we get settled into how best to use the new system. You will receive updates by email on how to use the new system. Not all the club's squash courts will be put on the online system initially. One of the major benefits of the online system will be that you can book a court over the internet, from home or work. To do this you will need to be registered in the Squash New Zealand SIT system. If you are on the grading list you will already be registered on the SIT system. If you are not on the grading list, then this is a good time to get yourself registered in the Squash NZ SIT system. You can register as a Graded player or as a Leisure player on the system. Go to www.nzsquash.co.nz and click on ENTER SIT Grading System and follow the instructions in the middle of the screen. You first have to apply to join our Club in the system. Once you have done this, the system sends us a message and we accept you as a member before you can proceed. If you are having difficulties with any of this, talk to Mike in the office.

Bar

The new touch screen till is being programmed as this newsletter goes out. Once it is up and running this is the perfect opportunity to train up club members who have bar access. Training will cover how the new touch screen till works, basic liquor law rules that persons serving behind a bar should know, basic procedures on how to work the other bar equipment and basic security procedures for opening and closing the bar. It sounds like a lot but it is all simple common sense stuff which everyone who gets behind the bar should know about. Mike will be in touch with all Club Members who have bar access to work through this.



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