

This month we're covering...

- SmashTennis specials
- Sponsorship announcements
- Senior squash club championships and pennants results
- R & A Adams tournament
- Court availability and booking
- Important dates for your diary, and
- The latest Squash and Tennis World Rankings

But first...

PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE

As previously mentioned your Committee has been working on plans for a facility upgrade – for both tennis courts 4-7 and the clubhouse. It is now time to tell you more about these upgrades and seek your feedback. Soon we will email all senior members with information about the two upgrades. This is your opportunity to have input into these upgrades, so please make every effort to do so.

SMASHTENNIS SPECIALS

Mark has got some awesome racquets in the pro-shop and with Xmas only a month away, now is the time to choose something – even for yourself! Mark is offering 10% off to members, so make sure you see him asap. The added advantage is being able to have a hit with the racquet before you make your final decision, and ask Mark for his advice about what racquet might suit you best.

SPONSORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

I am delighted to confirm the following businesses have agreed to become sponsors of Belmont Racquets:



Stirling Sports Takapuna and Albany

Balmer, Jeffs & Company Limited

Investment Advisors (www.bjcl.co.nz)

Not only have Stirling Sports Takapuna and Albany agreed to sponsor the club, they have also agreed to offer all members a discount of 15% off all goods purchased from their stores. Just mention you are a Club member when making a purchase.

More information about our new sponsors will be advised soon!

SQUASH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over the weekend of 11-13 November the Club's senior squash championships were held. Both the men's and women's draws had good draws and a number of close matches were played.

In the women's final, Lynda Taylor beat Dorothea Kingan 3-1, while in the men's final, Miguel Yam came from 0-2 down to beat Walter Lawry 3-2 in an extremely close and exciting match.

COACHES' CORNER



Manu Yam

www.squashcoach.co.nz

Senior Club Night
Thursdays
7pm – 9pm

Come along and join in the fun!
Bar open ☺

Manu 021 886 583
manu@squashcoach.co.nz

Mark Nielsen

www.smashtennis.co.nz

Full adult class timetable available on the Smash Tennis website. Online booking system in operation – check it out and book your spot in one of the great classes on offer!

19-23 December: Pre-Xmas holiday camp for kids. Book online now to save \$!

Mark 021 462 496
mark@smashtennis.co.nz

Club Database

Please let Cathy know if you have changed address, email address or phone number or have moved away from the area so we can keep our club database accurate.

Club Clothing

Look smart and stay cool in the Belmont Park club kit. Tracksuits, sweatshirts, caps, t-shirts, hoodies or shorts – we have everything available to keep you fitted out on and off the court!



Club clothing for our squash and tennis players is available from Cathy at the Club.

In the other draws:

Div 1 Men's Plate – Simon Munro
Div 2 Men's Champion – Louis Yalland, runner up Bruce Alvey
Div 2 Men's Plate – Ben Diggle
Women's Plate – Rebecca Bailey

The Club's pennants teams have also achieved some great results in the spring pennants:

M05 – **Winner:** Capt. - Miguel Yam
M11 – **Winner:** Capt. - Simon Long
W05 – **Winner** with 52 out of a perfect 54 points: Capt. - Dorothea Kingan
W06 – 2nd: Capt. - Karen Pickles
W09 – 2nd: Capt. Mary Shelley
M08 – 3rd Place: Capt. - James Hamilton

The squash prizegiving will be held on **Sunday 18 December**, immediately after the Sunday Xmas doubles event.

THE INAUGURAL R&A ADAMS MIXED DOUBLES TROPHY

Entries have closed for the inaugural tournament and there will be 4 pools of 4 teams, meaning everyone will get at least 3 games. A number of teams mentioned a preference for Sunday matches, so we will now hold the tournament on 27 Nov and 4 Dec, with the final on 11 December. The draw has been posted on the website and at the clubhouse.

COURT AVAILABILITY AND BOOKING

As everyone will appreciate, there is a strong demand for tennis courts at this time of year, with interclub, coaching and casual play. The easiest thing to do is check the court booking sheets at the club to see when courts are available.

We are in the process of installing a new computerized booking system, which will be trialed for squash before being made available in the New Year for tennis.

Upcoming dates for your diary

- **R&A Adams Mixed Doubles Tournament** 27 Nov, 4 and 11 December
- **Facility Upgrade members' information session** – 30 November
- **Sunday doubles Xmas social** – 18 December
- **Squash prizegiving** – 18 December
- **Parent and Child Tournament** – early February 2012
- **Junior tennis club championships** – early April 2012
- **Senior tennis club championships** – late April 2012

And finally, current world tennis and squash rankings: Marina Erakovic is nearly inside the top 50, Joelle King is now # 10, Martin Knight has also improved, however our mens tennis rankings have now slid down into the 400s... and Roger F is now outside the top 3.

Regards

Graeme Norman
President

World tennis and squash rankings as at 17 November

World Tennis Rankings

Men

- 1 Novak Djokovic
- 2 Rafael Nadal
- 3 Andy Murray
- 4 Roger Federer
- 5 David Ferrer
- 417 Artem Sitak (NZ)

Women

- 1 Caroline Wazniacki
- 2 Maria Sharapova
- 3 Victoria Azarenka
- 4 Petra Kvitova
- 5 Vera Zvonereva
- 61 Marina Erakovic (NZ)

World Squash Rankings

Men

- 1 Nick Matthew
- 2 Ramy Ashour
- 3 Karim Darwish
- 4 James Willstrop
- 5 Amr Shabana
- 43 Martin Knight (NZ)

Women

- 1 Nicol David
- 2 Jenny Duncalf
- 3 Rachel Grinham
- 4 Madeline Perry
- 5 Laura Massaro
- 10 Joelle King (NZ)

Club Security

This is a gentle reminder to all our members to please check the windows / sliding doors / side gate / main doors are locked and the lights are off when you leave the Club.

Should any damage or theft occur as a result of someone getting easy access to the clubhouse, we will not be covered for insurance and any loss will come out of the Club's funds.

Lost Property

Please remember to take your clothing, racquet covers, drink bottles etc with you when you leave the club...otherwise they will get donated to the local hospice shop!