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Hi Belmont member,

Today both Tennis NZ and Squash NZ have cancelled all organised tennis and squash events; from national, regional and local tournaments, to interclub and local club events.

These cancellations are **effective from 20 March to 2 May for tennis, and 19 March (today) until 1 May for squash.**

What has been cancelled or postponed?

In addition to all tennis and squash interclub being cancelled, the following events at the club are cancelled/postponed until 1 or 2 May:

- * Cancelled - Saturday morning junior tennis coaching on 21 March
- * Cancelled - any club-organised tennis or squash events at the club, such as Monday night mens tennis, Wednesday and Sunday organised social mixed doubles tennis
- * Postponed - Junior tennis club championships
- * Postponed - Senior tennis club championships

In the interests of supporting the Government's request to maintain social distancing and help ensure good hygiene, **the club's kitchen and bar are also closed until at least 1 May.**

What can you do at the club?

Social tennis and squash not directly organised by the club is still possible. By tomorrow evening the court booking system, iSquash, will be cleared and will allow members to book courts for casual play. All play should be limited strictly to no more than 4 players maximum.

In addition, the following rules must be followed:

- * Social distancing is the "new normal" and should apply to everyone's actions
- * Keep sweat towels in your bag when not using them
- * Do not wipe hands on squash court walls
- * Bring your own drinks bottle - do not use club cups, glasses or water fountains until further notice
- * Players to use hand sanitiser if possible
- * Players are not to shake/touch hands in celebration with doubles partners
- * Follow Ministry of Health advice

What about tennis and squash coaching lessons?

Both Mark Nielsen and Manu Yam are working on communications to their respective client groups, and must meet the above requirements regarding maximum numbers of clients per court (i.e. no more than 4 players) and social distancing.

At the moment, both coaches can offer coaching lessons, which should be organised/booked directly with them. Go to their websites for contact details.

Friday morning Smash Tennis A&D will go ahead on Friday 20th, but must be limited to 4 players per court.

A further club update will be made by Friday 27 March, or sooner if circumstances change before.

Clearly we are in unknown times. Please take care of yourself, respect what is being asked, and be safe.

Regards,

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