



Backwall BOAST

Hi Everybody...

It is great to see the Backwall Boast on club noticeboards around the district. Squash Waikato sends a hard copy to every club for this purpose so that all your club members can keep up with the latest squash news.

If your club is doing something special or if there is someone you think deserves to be profiled – please contact me. This newsletter is about all the great people who belong to Squash Waikato.

Have a great month, stay warm, think deep and have fun.

Sharon

Today's Thought

It is during adversity when one can really make a difference.

But making a difference is not about being a big hero.

It is simply about leaving the bathroom a little cleaner going out, than when you came in.

Never be afraid to do something new.

Remember, amateurs built the ark; professionals built the titanic.



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Welcome ...

to the **June 2009** issue

of the Backwall Boast! In this issue

we feature an article about Gareth Smith, committee chairman of the Cambridge Racquets Club... and much more!



Visits to Junior Programmes

Lindsey and I would like to thank the Matamata and Cambridge clubs for their hospitality at their junior programmes. Both clubs have awesome programmes that are developing young players who are going on to improve their skills in the Waikato squads. Talent development and identification begins at Club level and we wish to commend not only Matamata and Cambridge; but all clubs that are running junior programmes.

We were extremely impressed that Matamata has a funding policy to provide funds towards coaching for their talented players. This is an initiative

which not only helps the players but also promotes loyalty to the club that supported them. If you would like to know more details about this initiative contact Ellis Matthews 027 439 9732.

The Cambridge Club provides a junior programme for over forty children at varying skill levels and ages. They rotate groups around the four courts as well as a fitness area which keeps them all busy. Nicola Cochrane and Marilyn Kennedy organise the structured sessions with the help of parent-helps which ensure that this large group are all motivated and are learning. Great stuff.



Level One Coaching Course

Date: 9am to 3pm, Saturday 12 September

Venue: Matamata Squash Club,

Register with **Lindsey Walters** – phone 027 554 5014
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Cousins Shield - Mitchell Cup

The Cousins Shield and Mitchell Cup are being held at the Hamilton Squash Club July 24 to 26.

The Mitchell Cup competition is for teams of four female players of any grade who are all members of the same club. The Cousins Shield competition is for teams of five male players of any grade who are all members of the same club. One player may be an import.

The above competitions are played over the same period at the same venue but participating clubs may enter one or other of the events or both. The clubs are usually represented by their top four/five players.

Any club that is affiliated to Squash New Zealand can compete in the competitions provided all its team members are eligible to play for the club in accordance with the player's eligibility.

Clubs may enter more than one team in either competition. ALL players in the second team must be lower than those in the first team.

Both the Mitchell Cup and the Cousins Shield competitions will be played on a knockout basis (unless numbers are such that a pool draw is more appropriate – at the discretion of the Organising Committee & Squash NZ).

Plate matches will be played for the Cousins Shield and the Mitchell Cup competitions. Wherever possible, all teams will play a minimum of three ties. Each individual match shall be the best of five games. Each tie shall consist of five matches and the team winning the most matches shall win the tie.

Waikato Age Groups Tournament

The Waikato Age groups Tournament was held at the Morrinsville Squash club on the weekend of 23 – 24 May.

The Waikato entries faced great competition from entries from Auckland, Whangarei, Midlands – South Island and 9 entries from BOP.

Spot prizes were provided by Phillip Robb from Sportsworld – Morrinsville and Rubys Restaurant in Morrinsville.

The results are:

Boys Under 19 – Winner Daniel Hartigan (BOP), Runner-Up – Daniel Lamb (Huntly)

Girls Under 19 – Winner Nicola Blake (Hamilton), Runner-Up – Laura Richardson (Otorohanga)

Boys Under 17 – Winner Logan Brewer (BOP), Runner-Up – Ben Rush (Matamata)

Girls Under 17 – Winner Abbie Palmer (Auck), Runner-Up – Jorja Tarrant (Te Awamutu)

Boys Under 15 – Winner Ben Calvert (Cambridge), Runner-Up – Saun Lynch (Midlands)

Girls Under 15 – Winner Sarah Harrison (Matamata), Runner-Up – Amber Helm (Te Rapa)

Boys Under 13 – Winner Jamie Oakley (BOP), Runner-Up – Montell Whatarangi (Te Kuiti)

Girls Under 13 – Winner Shaliah Henderson (Matamata), Runner-Up Hannah Paul (Te Aroha)

Squash Waikato appreciates all the work done by Vic and Jenna Sneddon with the help of their children and the Morrinsville Club who hosted the Tournament.

If any Waikato juniors would like to travel over the hill to BOP, below is a list of their junior tournaments – note their Age Groups Tournament is in August at Te Puke.

Squash Bay of Plenty Junior Calendar 2009

June

19 - 21 Junior Tournament Te Puke Squash Club

July

24 - 26 Junior Tournament Tokoroa Squash Club

August

14 - 16 Junior Tournament Tauranga Squash Club

28 - 30 BOP Junior Age Groups Te Puke Squash Club

September

18 -20 Junior Tournament Taupo Squash Club

SuperChamps

SuperChamps allows players of any grade to become a National Champion. Everyone can get involved and the more teams, the more fun! In 2009 we will return to the five player teams.

District SuperChamps - July 17-19 will be held at clubs around the Waikato

National SuperChamps - September 9-12

- B Grade Taupo
- C Grade Ashburton
- D Grade Henderson
- E Grade Tokoroa
- F Grade Hawera

SuperChamps finds the best club team of five, within each grade, in the country. Districts run events in their area to determine the top District team in each grade. Winning teams go on to the National SuperChamps events in September.



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Gareth says "Let people have a go"



We arrived at the Cambridge Racquets Club in time for the first lot of juniors; the beginners; all keen to learn how to play squash. After an hour another group of juniors came in. This is a group of over twenty kids who are a bit older and have been playing for longer. They rotate around the four courts and a fitness centre in the dining room, learning different skills from coaches and parent helps. A quick break for tea and another group come in; this is a group of about 25 ladies who have also come for

coaching at their 'ladies only' night.

I have to say that the club is humming and ask Gareth Smith, the Chairman of the squash committee, what he thinks has created this fantastic atmosphere. Gareth says; "Let people have a go. When people want to try different things, don't put them off, let them try it, you never know what might be successful. We have a large group of enthusiastic volunteers and I get great satisfaction from encouraging and supporting them." Gareth also says that it is important to listen to people. "Ask your members what they want and then try to give it to them. Our members told us they wanted to improve their game and they wanted competition at all levels; so that is what we have tried to provide. If people like what is happening they will keep coming back and they will bring their friends."

Gareth was a cricket and rugby man in his younger days and then coached cricket and rugby when his two boys started playing. He didn't find squash until he was forty when his wife, Robyn, joined the squash club. He is enjoying slowly climbing his way up the grading ladder. He says that he does not know of any other sport that provides both the fitness and the social enjoyment for a wide range of people like squash does. He also thinks that a squash

game played by our high performance players is fantastic entertainment.

The Cambridge squash club has something happening every night of the week. There is the junior programme and ladies on Mondays, Inter-club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Masters on Thursdays and club night on Fridays. They also host three tournaments in the year and run club champs in all grades.

In 2008 Gareth was awarded the Chairperson's Award from Squash Waikato which recognises a person who is making a significant contribution to Squash Waikato and his infectious enthusiasm for the game is making a difference, not only in Cambridge, but in the Waikato region.



The ladies in Cambridge benefit from coaching from the higher graded players in the club.

Mt Maunganui Festival of Squash

The resurgence of squash in New Zealand has taken another giant step forward with the New Zealand Women's Open to be resurrected in August.

The tournament has not been contested since 1996, but will return as part of the highly successful Mt Maunganui Festival of Squash, and will be played on the glass court inside the Bayfair Shopping centre in Mt Maunganui. A1 Homes has signed on as the major sponsor. The \$US45,000 prize pool for the women's 16 strong draw means it is one of only a handful of tournaments on the WISPA World Tour with gold status or better this year, and many of the world's top 10, including kiwi Shelley Kitchen are expected to compete.

The New Zealand Women's Open has a proud history, with former winners including Dame Susan Devoy (8 times) and Australian stars Vicki Cardwell, Michelle Martin and Sarah Fitz-Gerald.

The Mt Maunganui Festival of Squash will also feature an international men's event, with two invited international players and the Mt Maunganui Open.

The Mt Maunganui Festival of Squash will be held August 11-16.



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North Island Champs in Hamilton

These are being held from 5 – 7 June 2009 at the Hamilton Squash Club.

The entries are starting to come in quite well. The men's main draw is a PSA and there will also be an open men and open ladies draw. There is no WISPA draw for the ladies.

These will all be played with PAR scoring to 11.

North Island Junior Age Groups

These are being held from 1.00pm on Thursday 9 July to Sunday 12 July at the Hamilton Squash Club.

Entries are already coming in for this and we are looking forward to it being a large tournament.

Hopefully entry numbers will be up around the 180 – 200 mark.

Coaches and Coordinators Forum

13 September 2009

This is for all coaches, people learning to coach, people wanting to coach and people running junior programmes.

We are organising a FUN and energising day with a guest speaker so mark this day off in your diaries now.

More details to follow.

Giant Killers in April & May

According to www.squashstats.co.nz the following people were giant killers in April:

Ryan Shutte, Hamilton. Jason Salle, Taumarunui. Shelley Paton, Te Aroha. Kate Daley, Morrinsville. Lilli Matthews, Matamata. Glenn Richards, Te Rapa. Cameron Fraser, Te Awamutu.

And in May:

Joelle King, Hamilton. Chris Fowell, Hamilton. Dave Roberts, Lugton Park. David De La Rue, Lugton Park. Brittney Hill, Cambridge. Christine Smith, Matamata.

Hamilton has dropped to fourth on the Top 100 Clubs list, however they have stacked up an impressive 676 matches played. Also listed in the Top 100 are:

Ranking		Club	Played	Won	% Won
4	WKHA	Hamilton SRC	676	416	61.54%
10	WKTP	Taupiri Rugby SC	109	62	56.88%
22	WKTM	Taumarunui SRC	242	129	53.31%
26	WKLP	Lugton Park SC	350	184	52.57%
30	WKTK	Te Kuiti SC	156	81	51.92%
31	WKRK	Ruakura SRC	239	124	51.88%
32	WKTU	Te Awamutu SRC	336	174	51.79%
45	WKMR	United Matamata Sports	410	205	50%
49	WKHO	Hamilton OBRFC SRC	240	119	49.58%
52	WKCM	Cambridge RC	478	234	48.95%
62	WKLR	Leamington Rugby SC	204	97	47.55%
78	WKMV	Morrinsville SRC	337	147	43.62%
82	WKTH	Thames SRC	125	53	42.4%
83	WKTR	Te Rapa RSC	209	88	42.11%
84	WKWA	Waihi SC	111	46	41.44%
85	WKTA	Te Aroha	333	137	41.14%
90	WKHT	Huntly SRC	127	47	37.01%
92	WKPA	Paeroa LT & SRC	131	45	34.35%
93	WKOT	Otorohanga RFSC	129	30	23.26%

This information has been compiled according to the grading list of the 15 May 2009.

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