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#### **CEO Report**

Well that festive season definitely passed by quickly! A Happy New Year to you all, and I hope this finds you well and that 2021 is treating you kindly so far. Things have been going flat out at Squash Canterbury since I returned from the break midway through January. Some feedback that I had throughout my first 6 months is that clubs and members weren't quite sure what my role as CEO was, and how that worked in with what the Board do. So, with the beginning of a new year, I thought now might be a good time to provide this information.



My role is to coordinate the day-to-day operations of Squash Canterbury, including communication with clubs and members via social media, website and newsletter, applying for and administering our grant funding, finding sponsorship, and working with SBA Accounting to do our finances. I also create and assemble the relevant documentation for the Board for the monthly board meetings, as well as taking the minutes and ensuring that action points are recorded and completed. I coordinate team entries for our rep teams, as well as working in with the rep team coaches, selectors and managers to ensure that everything is getting communicated to the right people. Di McCoy, our Junior Development Officer, and I work closely together as I am her direct report for her junior development programmes and initiatives. I am also responsible for potential collaborations with other sports about sharing resources and ideas that can ultimately further the interests of each of our organisations and sports.

On top of all of that, perhaps the most rewarding part of the job is working with clubs individually to further their capability and to help them achieve what they want to achieve. I didn't do much of this during the first 6 months while I settled in and found my feet, but it is absolutely a priority this year. The role is 25 hours per week, so I do my very best to fit in everything that I mentioned above. If however I am a little slow replying to an email or following up about something, please forgive me in advance.

The Board is responsible for the overall governance and direction of Squash Canterbury, including oversight of the finances and activities that the organisation is coordinating. In addition to that, each Board member has a portfolio allocated to them that they have expertise or a special interest in, which they each work in conjunction with me on and provide direction.

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The Board members and their respective portfolios for this year are:

- Shelly Drummond, Chair Leadership and Communications
- Clark Ellery Finance
- Paul Monk Legal and Policies
- Helen Curd-McCullough Juniors and Development
- Kate Fox Women's and Women's Interclub
- Joseph Williams Events/Tournaments and Men's Interclub

Each of our Board members has very kindly provided a short bio about themselves for this edition of the newsletter so that you can get to know a bit more about them. We are also lucky to have Nic Dann and Susan O'Connell providing a presence on the Board representing the interests of Marlborough and Nelson Bays respectively. Clark Ellery is the West Coast representative.

In terms of who to contact, if you are ever unsure then your best bet is to contact me at info@squashcanterbury.co.nz or 0275337348. If I'm not able to answer your query or help you, I can then advise who on the Board I can pass you along to. If you have a particular question about the overall strategy or direction of the Board, I would suggest directing it to one of the members above, especially if it is to do with a particular topic that pertains to them. For all Interclub enquiries, please direct these to a separate email address - InterClub@squashcanterbury.co.nz

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of the Board about anything - we are here to serve and love hearing from you, and helping and improving things where we can. Looking forward to seeing you all around the courts as the season gets underway and unfolds.

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#### **Board Profiles**

### Shelly Drummond, Board Chair – Leadership and Communications

I first started playing squash when I was about 10 years old at a little club in the Waikato. By the time I was 13 a wonderful man called Butch Gifford took me under his wing and coached me for the next few years in the Waikato Junior Squads. I was lucky enough to be playing in the younger Waikato teams when Susan Devoy was playing in the top teams. It was a great experience to play Susan even if I was thrashed. I have always been involved in the squash world some way or the other. When I finished playing as a junior, I moved to Motueka and a few years later was asked to pick up a racket again to play in the Motueka D Grade team. So, I did, and we went on to win the New Zealand Champs. Not bad for a little Motueka Team. So, I was hooked again on this sport that I am so passionate about. I went on to finish my playing years as a B Grader before I had the rest of my family.

After moving to Christchurch, I thought it was time to give back to the sport that has given me so much over the years. I have been involved in squash in Canterbury now for several years – both at club level with the Oxford Squash Club and part of Squash Canterbury as an Interclub Committee member and a Senior Selector for women. Joining the Board of Squash *Email: info@squashcanterbury.co.nz Mobile: 0275337348 Website: www.squashcanterbury.co.nz Facebook: Squash Canterbury News Instagram: squashcanterbury* 

Canterbury was a great opportunity for me to give back to the sport that I have had so many great experiences and enjoyment out of over the years. I am very passionate about the development of squash at all levels. Being a people person, I am very hands on and am open to any new ideas/suggestions that anyone has to improving the sport that we all love.

#### Clark Ellery – Finance

I am Clark Ellery from the mighty West Coast, based in Greymouth, and after 48 years of chasing a little black ball around four walls I thought it was time to put some time back into the administration side of our sport. Being from the smallest area of the Canterbury region, but still having strong connections with Nelson, Marlborough and Christchurch, allows me to give the Board an overall perspective of our complete district. To complete the connection to our sport, I am supported by my wife Erin and kids Sasha and Casey who all play at various levels for Canterbury. The Board has put me in charge of the finance portfolio, which I look forward to continuing the direction to provide a platform where we get the most from our affiliation fees and full accountability is shown to all of Canterbury's squash members. Looking forward to catching up with as many of you as possible over the coming season.

#### Paul Monk – Legal and Policies

Kia ora koutou, I'm Paul Monk and I started playing squash at Sumner with my brother (Budge) and a few friends at Sumner in 1973. Both of us are still playing, albeit having slowed down a fair bit! I am back as a member at Sumner and playing both squash, tennis and table tennis at our revamped facilities. I have played a lot of competitive squash over the years, sometimes taking breaks, but always coming back to the sport as it offers such great fitness and socialising opportunities. I particularly enjoy the squash community and the great people that are involved in it at all levels. I have law and finance degrees, and have worked at a senior leadership level in the Port, Health and Corrections industries. I try to use this background to support the Board by providing strategic advice and help with legal/governance issues.

#### Helen Curd-McCullough – Juniors and Development

Hi I'm Helen Curd-McCullough, and I look after the junior squash players on the Board. I have never been a competitive squash player, however as a teenager my family would go down to the old QE2 courts and have a hit for fun over the weekends which I loved. I got into squash many years later when my son Ben decided to have a break from the tennis court and try a new racket sport. He only lasted a year, but his little sister Petra took the sport up at the same time and has been lucky enough to represent Canterbury on many occasions and also New Zealand. Please don't hesitate to come and say hi and let me know any ideas you may have to continue to improve the juniors' experience in playing the great game of squash. I will be courtside once again in April when Petra's rowing season comes to an end and she starts her favourite winter sport of squash!

#### Kate Fox – Women and Women's Interclub

Hi my name is Kate and my role on the Squash Canterbury Board consists of all things to do with women's development in squash. Within my role I am hoping to both engage and expose new women to squash, and also maintain and develop our existing ladies. While having played squash in Canterbury since I was a junior, I have never really had much to do with the background workings of the awesome squash community that we have here in Canterbury. Therefore I am hoping to give back and grow our sport as much as possible!

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I am fairly new to the Board, having joined part way through 2020, so am still finding my feet in my role and the role that Squash Canterbury has as a whole. Please feel free to get in touch if you want to discuss any part of women's squash.

#### Joseph Williams – Tournaments/Events

My squash started at Christchurch Boys' High School where I went from playing their social squash programme when I first started to being the captain of squash in my final year. Before squash, I was always a keen cricket player but it was the warmth I received from the squash community that made me addicted to the sport. I was lucky enough to have started CBHS when Paul Coll was in his last year there as Head Boy of the CBHS hostel, which was an inspiration for what I could achieve. Additionally, CBHS squash was at its peak winning the NZ Secondary School Championships three times in a row. Whilst I didn't have the fortune of winning the title myself I did have my own successes as a junior largely thanks to three people: Paul Growcott, John Brown and Paul McFadzien. They taught and gave me a lot which I am very thankful for, hence why I joined the Board as a chance to give back to the squash community. I spent time in England after finishing high school, where I enjoyed playing endless squash over there and got to train and work with some squash greats: Nick Mathews, David Pearson, Simon Parke, Malcom Wilstrop and more. They all had great advice to give but the biggest surprise for me was going to Harrogate Squash Club and seeing how innovation had increased number of members at the club dramatically. It is this kind of innovation that I hope to bring whilst on the board. I am very open to new ideas and like to think I am approachable if people want to express any to me. Ultimately my aim whilst on the board is to increase the number of people playing squash in Canterbury.



#### 2021 District Events and Junior Tournament Dates

For the full 2021 squash calendar in Canterbury and throughout New Zealand, visit https://www.squashcanterbury.co.nz/events/index.cfm

You may need to refresh the page if the calendar does not load the first time.



### **2021 DISTRICT EVENTS**

**Canterbury Junior Open** Friday 28th May - Sunday 30th May Christchurch Football Squash Club

Canterbury Open (and South Island Individual Championships)

Canterbury B & D Grade Superchamps Qualifier

Canterbury C & E Grade Superchamps Qualifier

**Canterbury Masters, Age Groups & U23 Championships** 



**2021 CANTERBURY & SOUTH ISLAND JUNIOR EVENTS** 

**Canterbury Secondary School Championships** 

Hoon Hay Squash Club **Canterbury Junior Open** 

Christchurch Football Squash Club South Island Secondary School Cup & Carnival

**Canterbury Age Group Championships** 

Christchurch Football Squash Club South Island Age Group Individuals Burnside Squash Club

South Island Age Group Teams Friday 17th September - Sunday 19th September SquashCity, Invercargill

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**2021 OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS** 

South Island Quads

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#### **2021 SQUASH CANTERBURY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SERIES'**

**Junior 2100 Series** 

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**Girls' Series** 

#### Junior Development Officer Report

#### Junior Rules & Referee session

As with previous years we will start this year with our Junior Rules & Referee session, designed for our juniors new to squash, J3 & J4 graded, and parents. Thank you to Christchurch Squash Club for making their lounge and a court available for this initiative. The session is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 5.45 – 7pm at Christchurch Squash Club. 2020 Squash New Zealand Referee of the Year Wayne Smith and 2019 Squash Canterbury Referee of the Year recipient Liza Tonkin will be delivering this session. If your child or grandchild is not yet playing competitively however is interested in squash or has been attending coaching programmes they are also more than welcome to attend.

#### Junior Interclub Summer

Junior interclub will commence on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Our juniors play from 5.45 – 7pm weekly during term time and play at various locations in Christchurch. Any players still to register interest in playing in the Summer competition please contact your club as soon as possible so you can be included in this competition.

#### Junior Tournaments for 2021

Please see the graphics in the newsletter for all junior tournament dates in 2021.

If you are interested in helping with any area of Junior Development in 2021, or you have some great idea's on what you think might work to try and get more juniors playing our wonderful game, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further. Have a wonderful weekend, enjoy summer, and see you court side soon.

**Di McCoy I** Junior Development Officer for Squash Canterbury Email: <u>juniordev@squashcanterbury.co.nz</u> I Tel: 021 245 0966

#### <u>News</u>

#### <u>Kia Kori Waitaha</u>

The collaboration that Squash Canterbury is involved in with Canterbury Cricket, Touch Canterbury, Canterbury Hockey and several community groups called Kia Kori Waitaha has now launched for the year. Two Participation Activators have started their roles and have begun delivering play activities involving our respective sporting codes to children and young people in high deprivation communities, and more Participation Activators will be employed over the coming months in order to reach more participants. This is fantastic news, because not only will many children and young people engage in higher levels of physical activity than what they normally would, but they will also have exposure to the sport of squash and access to information about who they can contact if they wish to learn more about squash.

#### West Coast Participation Activator

Squash Canterbury is also excited to announce that another collaboration that we are involved in with Southern Zone Rugby League, Touch Canterbury, KiwiTag and Ki O Rahi on the West Coast has also received funding to employ a Participation Activator. From a squash perspective, this employee will undertake several hours each week that will be dedicated to coordinating and advertising squash programmes for children and young people in

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Greymouth and Hokitika. This is another outstanding result that will provide more opportunities for participants to experience squash at the Greymouth and Hokitika clubs, and in the long term could result in sustainable growth in casual players and members on that side

of the Southern Alps.

#### <u>SBA Accounting – Cashel renews Tournament Road</u> <u>sponsorship</u>

Squash Canterbury is pleased to welcome SBA Accounting – Cashel on board again in 2021 to sponsor Tournament Road. SBA Cashel were our sponsors for Tournament Road in 2020 but unfortunately due to Covid-19 it did not take place, so we are excited to have them back again for what we hope will be the first full edition of Tournament Road. More details will be coming very soon so stay tuned...... In the meantime, head on over to



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<u>https://sba.co.nz/contact-us/cashel/</u> or SBA Small Business Accounting (Cashel) on Facebook to find out more about what SBA Cashel can do for you and your business.

#### Squash New Zealand Project Coordinator partnership

Squash New Zealand recently received funding for a fixed term Project Coordinator role that will look to design a delivery framework and coordinate pilot programmes for targeted groups of participants at various clubs around the country. Squash New Zealand has chosen Squash Canterbury as the District that they will partner with to carry out this project, due to our District's demonstrated ability in designing and delivering high impact participation programmes with targeted groups.

#### Squash New Zealand Board Vacancies

Squash New Zealand are seeking nominations for two Board vacancies that will be elected at the Squash New Zealand AGM on 27 March 2021. In terms of time commitments, ten half day board meetings are held each year, alternating between in person and online (Zoom). Other commitments outside of board meeting preparation and attendance includes possible subcommittee responsibilities, AGM participation, Squash NZ forum attendance and generally being connected to the sport. It is anticipated that the role will commence in April 2021 for an initial term of 3 years. Incumbent Board members will not be standing for the vacant positions. The roles are not remunerated but travel and accommodation expenses are paid. D&O insurance is in place for all board members.

For further information on the role please contact <u>admin@squashnz.co.nz</u>. To express interest in the roles please contact Kristy, the Squash Canterbury CEO, at <u>info@squashcanterbury.co.nz</u> for the nomination process. Following the receipt of your nomination candidates have the option to meet with the Board appointment panel to understand more about this role. District representatives will vote on their preferred candidates at the Squash NZ AGM on 27 March 2021 and successful candidates will be inducted to the Board in April 2021. The closing date for nomination is 14 February 2021 at 5pm

<b>Squash New Zealand Events 2021</b>
New ZealandNew ZealandDoublesJunior OpenSquashGym - CentralRemuera - Auckland9th - 11th April23rd - 25th April
Cousins Shield / Mitchell Cup Devoy Squash and Fitness Bay of Plenty 4th - 6th JuneNew Zealand Senior Nationals Individuals Hutt City , Wellington 25th - 27th June
North IslandsSouth IslandJunior Age GroupsJunior Age GroupsKawaroa Park - CentralBurnside - Canterbury10th - 12th July22nd - 24th July
AD Long CupNew ZealandThames - Waikato 6th - 8th AugustSenior District Teams Hutt City - Wellington 27th - 28th August
New Zealand Superchamps 22nd - 25th September B Grade C Grade D Grade E Grade F/J Grade Squash City Alexandra Manurewa Surf City Te Puke Southland Otago Auckland Eastern Bay of Plenty
Champions of Champions Whangarei - Northland 1st - 3rd OctoberNew Zealand Junior Individuals & Teams Timaru - Midlands 8th - 10th / 12th - 13th October
<u>New Zealand</u> <u>Masters Individuals &amp; Teams</u> Mana & Tawa - Wellington 15th - 17th / 18th - 19th October
Oceania Junior Championships Mount / Te Puke / Devoy S&F BOP 15th - 18th DecemberWorld Men's Teams Devoy Squash and Fitness Bay of Plenty December 2021
<u>Full Events Calendar : squashnz.co.nz/events</u>

#### **Club Resources**

#### Tu Manawa

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa is the new Sport New Zealand fund, replacing KiwiSport, that provides funding for initiatives that deliver sport, active recreation or play to children and youth. This fund has a particular emphasis on delivering outcomes for those living with a disability, those in higher deprivation communities, and also girls and young women. Projects targeting these groups will be prioritised for funding. Sport Canterbury and Sport Tasman are encouraging collaborative applications with other clubs from the same sport or from different sporting codes, so please do get in touch with clubs nearby in order to pool your resources. Keep an eye out for new funding rounds now that 2021 has begun. For clubs in Canterbury and West Coast, details here:

https://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/T-Manawa-1

For clubs in Nelson Bays, Marlborough and Kaikoura, details here: <u>http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Tu-Manawa</u>

#### Volunteer of the month

Phil Tough (Christchurch Squash Club)

Phil Tough is the Christchurch Squash Club's maintenance man, which, with a new facility, has been a big job, what with a roof leak and shower drains being blocked -- the kind of teething problems you expect. Plus compliance issues, and organising and running fire drills. But it was his work in the lead-up to the NZ Junior Nationals in October that was even more of a huge effort than usual. He and others spent five hours a day, for well over a week, cleaning and remarking the courts, checking and fixing things. He and his group laboriously cleaned every wall so the court was sparkling for the tournament. He was down on his hands and knees, putting down the red tape. We don't have an operations manual for the Don Preston Squash Centre, we have Toughie! He's always down at the club, whether playing, checking some maintenance issue, or, in the case of the Junior Nationals, wiping ball marks off the walls and remarking the courts. Our club was on display to the courtry's best young players, and it's a credit to Phil it looked so good.

Got someone at your club who does outstanding work behind the scenes that deserves some recognition? Now more than ever, it is important to be acknowledging and thanking our volunteers who put in their time and effort to keep our clubs ticking over. Get in touch with Kristy at info@squashcanterbury.co.nz with a small bio and a photo, and she will put it in next month's newsletter!

Auckland Open North Shore Squash Club | 5th - 7th March

Waikato Open Hamilton Squash and Tennis | 30th Apr - 2nd May

**Bay of Plenty Open** Devoy Squash and Fitness | 7th - 9th May

**Otago Open** Ctago Squash Club | 14th - 16th May

**Central Open** Kawaroa Park Squash Club | 21st - 23rd May

**Northland Open** Whangarei Squash Club | 11th - 13th June

Wellington Open Khandallah Squash Club | 18th - 20th June

Canterbury Open Christchurch Squash Club | 18th - 20th June

> **Southland Open** Squash City | 16th - 17th July

**Midlands Open** Timaru Squash Club | 16th - 18th July

**Eastern Open** Hawkes Bay Squash RC | 23rd - 24th July