

SQUASH CANTERBURY

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CEO Report

It is a pleasure to be compiling my first Squash Canterbury newsletter and writing my first CEO report to connect with you all. The first five weeks in the job have been thoroughly enjoyable, as I spent the first few weeks getting my feet under the table and learning the ins and outs of what makes Squash Canterbury tick. Thank you to those that have text, called or emailed welcoming me to the organisation and extending offers of assistance, it is very much appreciated. It was an enjoyable experience attending my first Squash Canterbury AGM and interacting with some of our members for the first time. Meeting members is one of the biggest highlights of the job, and I'm looking forward to continuing to get out and about and meeting more of you.



Initial ideas and plans of where to go and what to do next were quickly pushed to the side following the Government's announcement that New Zealand had its first case of COVID-19 community transmission in over 100 days, thereby triggering a re-entry to Alert Level 2. I want to thank the clubs for their swift efforts to make their facilities safe in order for members to continue participation, and I would also like to extend my thanks to the members themselves for their patience and diligence when undertaking extra measures to keep each other safe.

Looking ahead to the next month, I will be working closely with Di McCoy our Junior Development Officer to map out what 2021 looks like in terms of our junior, women and girls, and other programmes that will be offered. Among other things, I am also going to be developing a communications plan which will establish which forums of communication (e.g email, website, social media) are best suited to which needs. Please ensure that if you are on Facebook or Instagram that you follow us, so that you can receive the latest up to date news as it is posted.

Wishing you all the best for the month ahead,

Kristy Havill

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COVID-19 Update

Following the shift back to Alert Level 2 earlier in the August, this prompted all clubs and players to once again abide by guidelines from the Government and Sport New Zealand in order for squash to continue to be played. The key impact of Level 2 was the restriction of crowds to only 100 people, which therefore affected whether or not Squash New Zealand, Squash Canterbury and clubs within the district could host their respective tournaments. Unfortunately, this turn of events prompted the postponement of the Canterbury Masters, Canterbury Juniors and Canterbury Ag Groups.

The latest press conference on August 24 indicated that New Zealand will be in Level 2 until September 6 at the earliest, so it is important that members of the squash community continue to follow the measures that have been put in place. A huge thank you to clubs for implementing these safe practises, and to all individuals for following them. Hopefully September will bring some more encouraging news in regards to returning to Level 1.

Junior Development Officer Report

Primary Sport Canterbury ran the Canterbury AIMS Squash Competition on a Tuesday afternoon for intermediate aged students at schools associated with CAIM's. The competition was played against other local schools between 1:30 – 2:30pm, and this year ran for a reduced period of 6 weeks. Schools competing were Christchurch South Intermediate, Chisnallwood Intermediate, Heaton & Cobham School's. A huge thank you to Christchurch Squash Club for making courts available for this competition and Jo Ellwood for supporting me with overseeing the games weekly.

This year's students were a mixture of experienced junior players, as well as students new to squash. The competition is played using the team format of 3 players per school in a team. If your child is already playing squash, and keen to participate next year then they have time to take some friends from school to their local squash club to introduce them to squash to be ready to play in next year's competition!



The Squash Canterbury Youth & Female Coach Development Programme kicked off two weeks ago with the first workshop held at Squash HQ. We had a group of 4 youth and 4 females registered to attend.

This initiative is designed to try and encourage more youth and females into Foundation level coaching programmes. Attendees were a mixture of beginner level players and our top graded players which is fantastic. The emphasis of these 4 workshops is based around the "how to coach" soft skills of coaching, not the technical development of a player. If you are interested in joining this programme for the remaining 3 sessions please do get in contact with me as I have two spaces available in both the Youth and Female programme. The next workshop is on Thursday 3rd of September 6-7pm at Squash HQ. Cost is \$40.



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And last but not least, a final reminder for all secondary school aged students to enter the School Sport Canterbury Secondary School Squash Tournament being held at Hoon Hay Squash Club based out of Squash HQ at 8 Takaro Avenue Sockburn on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th of September. Games are being played as 1 game from 2pm on Saturday and 2 games on Sunday, with separate boys' and girls' competitions. To enter you must register via your school's sports co-ordinator. Entry is \$15 and will be added to your school account. What schools and players will take out this year's top awards?

Di McCoy

News

2021 New Zealand Doubles

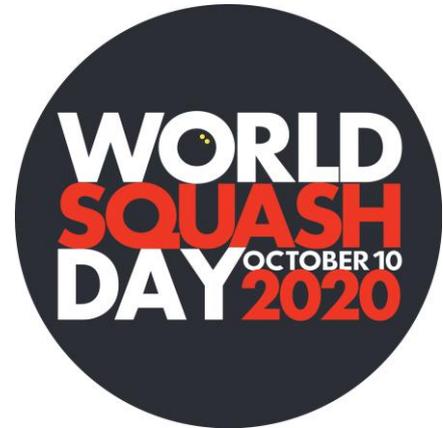
Squash New Zealand are seeking expressions of interest from clubs who would like to be considered to be the hosts of the 2021 New Zealand Doubles event. It will be an important tournament on the calendar in the lead up to the 2021 World Doubles Championships, and also the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

If your club is interested in being considered as a host, please contact Kristy directly so that she can then liaise with Squash New Zealand.

World Squash Day

World Squash Day is a global campaign to celebrate and promote the sport of squash. With close to one million engagements on social media around the world in 2019, the bar has been set for 2020.

If your club is interested in hosting an event to celebrate World Squash Day, please get in touch with Kristy at info@squashcanterbury.co.nz to discuss some ideas and how she can be of service to you in regards to promotion and potential collaboration opportunities.



Canterbury Junior Team for the NZ Junior Inter-District Teams Event

Squash Canterbury are delighted to announce the Junior Team that will represent Canterbury at the NZ Junior Inter-District Teams event on the 5th-6th of October at the Christchurch Squash Club.

The teams are:

Boys' team

- Paul Moran, Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
- Henry Moran, Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
- Scott Butterick, Hoon Hay Squash Club
- Ryan Ko, Burnside Squash Club
- Tom Marshall, Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
- *Non-travelling reserve:* Liam Gale, Waimea Squash Club

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Girls' team

- Leonie Marshall, Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
- Petra Curd-McCullough, Christchurch Football Squash Club
- Caitlin Evison, Burnside Squash Club
- Ella Knutson, Christchurch Football Squash Club
- Kayla Harvey, Takaka Squash Club
- *Non-travelling reserve:* Moriya Karati, Hoon Hay Squash Club

Canterbury Masters Team for the NZ Masters' Inter-District Teams Event

Squash Canterbury are also pleased to announce the Masters Team that will represent Canterbury at the NZ Masters Inter-District Teams event on the 19th-20th October at the Whangarei Squash Club.

Women's team

- Erin Ellery, Greymouth Squash Club
- Mickayla Kerr, Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
- Shayle Pringle, Christchurch Squash Club
- Di McCoy, Christchurch Squash Club
- Janet Udy, Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
- Pam Geard, Hoon Hay Squash Club
- Karen Walton, Christchurch Squash Club
- Freda Walker, Christchurch Football Squash Club

Men's team

- Jason Cumpstone, Christchurch Football Squash Club
- Scott Gardiner, Burnside Squash Club
- Grant Craig, Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
- Jason Oxenham, Mount Pleasant Squash Club
- Alan Dallas, Christchurch Squash Club
- Ed Post, Christchurch Squash Club
- Wayne Seebeck, Christchurch Football Squash Club

New Zealand Secondary Schools Squash Championships

A huge congratulations to three of our Squash Canterbury junior members who were named in the New Zealand Secondary Schools (NZSS) tournament team following the completion of the NZSS Squash Championships on the 8th and 9th of August in Tauranga. Well done also to the other Canterbury juniors that made the trip north to compete.

Those selected were:

- Leonie Marshall, Marlborough Girls' College (Captain)
- Chris Hebbard, Marlborough Boys' College
- Charlie Prince, Christchurch Boys High School



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Midlands Challenge

Due to the cancellation of the Quadrangular Tournament, Canterbury sent a team south to compete against Midlands in a challenge at the Rakaia Squash Club. Both teams selected a Junior, Senior and Masters team for both Men and Women, similar to Quads, but we were able to communicate with Vicky Rae from Midlands to allow us to select teams that were closely matched.

The event took place at Rakaia Squash Club over the course of Saturday 8 August and what transpired was some exceptionally fine squash. Two rounds were played, where in the first round No.1s played No.2s and No.3s played No.4s in each team, then in the second round the seeds would play their corresponding seed. After the first round Midlands had gained a small lead over us with the scores at 8 matches a piece but Midlands ahead by winning more sets. However, in the second round largely thanks to a couple of first time Canterbury reps causing upset wins, Canterbury won the event 17-15.

Well done to everyone who took part and a big thanks to Tim Preston and Shelly Drummond for organising and driving vans for everyone to travel down in. A big thanks also to Vicky Rae and the Rakaia club for their organisation of the event, food, bar and courts for the day.

The team representing Canterbury was:

Masters - Tim Preston, Chris Jarrett, Jeremy Bennett, Alan Dallas, Liza Tonkin, Michelle Ditfort

Seniors - Joe Williams, Scott Gardiner, Caelum Betteridge, Mike Taylor, Emma Cormack, Sarah Blair

Juniors - Scott Butterick, Jack Lamb, Ella Knutson, Caitlin Evison

Heaphy Shield

Marlborough Squash secured the Heaphy Shield in dominant fashion when the annual triangular tournament was held on 31 July – 2 August at the Nelson Squash Club. Not only have they locked away the silverware for the year, but more importantly also have the bragging rights associated with it for the next 12 months.

Marlborough won 28 games overall, followed by West Coast Squash and Nelson Bays Squash winning 11 and 9 games respectively. Contested between West Coast Squash, Nelson Bays Squash and Marlborough Squash, the 2021 edition of this decorated tournament will be held in Blenheim. A huge thanks to all of those involved at the Nelson Squash Club that enabled this fantastic event to happen.



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Canterbury Tournaments Update

Canterbury Masters – postponed

Canterbury Juniors – postponed

Canterbury Age Groups – postponed

Canterbury Secondary Schools Championships – 5 + 6 September, Squash HQ

Canterbury Open – 11 + 13 September, Christchurch Squash Club

National Tournaments Update

Senior Nationals – rescheduled to 30 October - 1 November, North Shore Squash Club

Junior Nationals – proceeding as planned, 2 October – 6 October, Christchurch Squash Club

Superchamps Nationals – proceeding as planned, 23 – 26 September, various locations

Masters Nationals – proceeding as planned, 16 – 20 October, Whangarei Squash Club

What's coming up in September/October in clubs in Canterbury?

(Tournaments could be subject to change pending further COVID-19 Alert Level announcements)

- *Kaikoura Masters* - September 4-6, Kaikoura Squash Club
- *Canterbury Open* - September 11-13, Christchurch Squash Club
- *Junior 2100 #5* - September 12-13, Kaikoura Squash Club
- *Football Open* - September 18-20, Christchurch Football Squash Club
- *Nelson Masters* - September 18-19, Nelson Squash Club
- *Linwood Open* - September 24-26, Linwood Squash Club
- *Football Masters* - October 2-4, Christchurch Football Squash Club
- *Hoon Hay Open* - October 9-11, Hoon Hay Squash Club (Squash HQ)
- *Girl's Social Series #4* - October 17, Sumner Squash Club
- *Women's R18 Social Series #4* - October 18, Christchurch Squash Club

Club Resources

Community Resilience Fund Part 2

Sport New Zealand have released another round of funding from the Community Resilience Fund, which aims to provide financial support to clubs that are experiencing financial hardship between 1 July and 30 September 2020. Fixed and operational costs, including affiliation fees to Squash Canterbury, from this three-month period totalling up to \$25,000 are eligible to be funded. Applications close this coming Friday 4 September.

For clubs in Canterbury and West Coast, details here:

<https://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/Community-Sport/Community-Resilience-Fund-Phase-2>

For clubs in Nelson Bays, Marlborough and Kaikoura details here:

<http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Sport-NZ-Community-Resilience-Fund-Sport-Tasm>

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Tū 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. There is also a particular emphasis on delivering outcomes for those living with a disability, higher deprivation communities, and 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. Applications are now open.

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:

<http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Tu-Manawa>

Squash New Zealand Club Support Series

Keep an eye out on the Squash New Zealand Facebook page for details about their third club support webinar series, which is taking place on 7th September. This is a fantastic series that is designed to upskill and grow the capability of our clubs, so lock this one in your calendars.

Volunteer of the month

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 in next month's newsletter!

Got any feedback about the newsletter? Feel free to pass on any thoughts about what you would like to read about each month!