

# SQUASH CANTERBURY

## NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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### **CEO Report**

While the squash season may be winding down, things in the office are not! Funding applications have been the focus of a significant amount of my time this month as I look to secure finances for 2021 that will ensure that Squash Canterbury can continue to deliver services and programmes to clubs, members and to the general public. I strongly encourage every club committee to check out the Club Resources section in this newsletter which has some valuable information about a couple of funding sources, as well as a handy tip on preparing a funding timeline for your club.



Throughout this coming month I will be focusing on (among other things) updating the website, analysing and finding ways to improve our social media reach, examining our current programmes and their success, putting together sponsorship options and meeting with prospective sponsors, and beginning to prepare for the 2021 season. This week signals the last week of duty in 2020 for our Junior Development Officer, Di McCoy, however she will still be contactable via email at [juniordev@squashcanterbury.co.nz](mailto:juniordev@squashcanterbury.co.nz) until closer to Christmas. I will be on deck in the office until the week leading up to Christmas, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you need. I will also be on call for anything urgent throughout Christmas and the New Year period.

Squash Canterbury enjoyed hosting Martyn Dowson, the new CEO of Squash New Zealand, in Christchurch earlier in November. Martyn started in the role in the middle of October after being at High Performance Sport New Zealand, and met with a variety of individuals and clubs from Canterbury in person and via Zoom to hear their ideas, concerns and opinions on a variety of topics. Martyn has now completed a tour of all of the districts, and is starting to formulate the framework for a Squash New Zealand strategy that can then be adopted and implemented by the districts, which is fantastic for Squash Canterbury as that will provide us with more direction in the short and long term.

There will be one more newsletter to go out before Christmas when we sign off for the year, so please feel free to send anything through to [info@squashcanterbury.co.nz](mailto:info@squashcanterbury.co.nz) about feedback for the newsletter, or any ideas/contributions that you would like to see included in the next one.

Kristy Havill

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### Junior Development Officer Report

With only 3 more weeks of our Junior interclub remaining it seems an appropriate time to acknowledge those who have assisted in making our Junior Interclub competition run so smoothly in 2020. A massive thank you to the following parents of junior players who have all contributed to a wonderful competition for our juniors in 2020.

Mike Bartosh  
Charlotte Robb  
Carla Paton-Jones  
Diana Barr  
Evan Owens

Squash was very fortunate to be included this year in School Sport Canterbury's Secondary Schools Referee / Mentoring programme, which is designed to help support Secondary School aged students referee sport and gain a strong understanding of the rules and referee with confidence. Thank you to Liza Tonkin who mentored students this year, and hopefully we can continue to build on this in 2021. If you have a sound understanding of the rules of squash and would like to help support junior squash please do get in touch as we are always looking for people to oversee our junior players refereeing to ensure they grow into confident referees.

Students who participated in this programme:

Saya Stratton	Burnside High School
Poppy Sargentina	Cashmere High School
Maria Coade	Villa Maria College
Dylan Dopleach	Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery
Lewis Stewart	Cashmere High School

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey for our proposed Youth League in 2021. We are still trying to work through the finer details of how this will work and hope to have a full update next month - keep an eye out for our December newsletter and social media posts regarding this.

There will be several holiday programmes available to juniors in January 2021. Both Christchurch Football Squash Club and Christchurch Squash Club are putting together programmes suitable for beginners and developing players. These beginner sessions are a great way to introduce new junior players to squash in a fun group session. Details of what these programmes will look like will be included in our December newsletter and promoted on the Squash Canterbury website and social media.

Squash Canterbury will also be running a holiday programme of beginner sessions the week starting the 18<sup>th</sup> of January and full details will be posted on the Squash Canterbury website once confirmed at <https://www.squashcanterbury.co.nz/registration/index.cfm>.

Di McCoy

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### News

#### Burnside Squash Club 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

Burnside Squash Club celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year over a weekend of celebrations from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us and to share your memories of the club. It was very special to see some of our first committee members and players present to share their stories about the formation of the club. Thank you to those who travelled to attend, including Stu and Margot Davenport.



On Friday night we had a fantastic night of banter, reminiscing and laughter at the club with about 120 past and present members attending a casual drinks and nibbles function at the club. The viewing gallery was full with members past and present catching up - many for the first time in over a decade. Past newsletters revealed that alcohol was forbidden at the opening of the courts, the club champs used to be so well supported that some players had to be balloted out to keep all play within the club courts, and fifty years on members still need reminders to turn the lights off before leaving the courts.



Saturday saw some tempted to get back on the court for a fun tournament after a long squash hiatus. A dinner at Russley Golf Club on Saturday night with more than 100 people attending was a great opportunity to review the history of the club and celebrate our success. Many Burnside Squash Club members have represented Canterbury and New Zealand and provided plenty of inspiration to others. Chris Wasley was an excellent MC, dressed in his 90's squash attire, and shared many entertaining stories and brief interviews with some of the club alumni. Stu Davenport shared his most recent squash experience in Wellington that his junior interclub opponents couldn't believe he was a former world number 3. Sadly due to COVID pandemic some were not able to attend in person. We were grateful to Mark and Michelle Crosbie, some junior members and also the children of the first Burnside Squash Club President shared video messages congratulating the club on its milestone. Thanks also to Nick Dromgool and Paul Coll for their video messages. Murray Hendy, Barbara Harding and Barry Gardiner all shared memories of their involvement at the club over many years. Our Burnside Squash Club Patrons Barry Gardiner and Nancy Wasley cut the cake, which was enjoyed by all. For some, squash has been superseded by golf over the years so the final event of the weekend was a team Ambrose golf tournament at Avondale Golf Club. There was more friendly competition and cake, and it was a great finale to the weekend. We're all looking forward to the next fifty years.



Haley Evans

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### Town v Country Tournament Report

Our final junior tournament for the year was our Town v Country Tournament held on Saturday 7 November. This is the 3rd year we have ran this tournament and is proving to be a great way to wrap up for the year. For this tournament you play as part of a two-person team, entering as a town team if you are Christchurch based or a country team, anyone who lives outside of Christchurch. It is wonderful to see siblings team up, players from different clubs in town team up, and of course witness some fantastic competitive drive as with only two in a team, if a team from each side wins their respective games, the winner is determined by number of sets won for each team, or if tied as happened on a couple of occasions on a count back of points won by each team, highlighting the importance of "Every point counts", and the kids gave it their all! In 2020 we saw 14 Town teams entered and 6 Country Teams entered.

### *Ungraded Division*

Our morning kicked off with our Ungraded & Division 4 teams. For most of these players they have been attending Squash Canterbury Afterschool coaching programmes or attending club programmes, how-ever have not yet had an opportunity to put all the coaching into a competition game. Plenty of nerves as players took to the court, however these quickly settled and there was some fantastic squash played. This is also a great opportunity to "Have a go" at the refereeing and marking of a game in an environment of players all at a similar level. Thank you to all those that supported our players in the refereeing & marking of their games. Congratulations to our winning team sisters Nikita & Olympia Tamepo from Rangiora, a clean win with both sisters not dropping a set, two players to keep an eye on for next year!

1st Place:	Nikita Tamepo Olympia Tamepo	Country Country
Runner Up:	Charlie Cosgrove Aidan Haverkort	Country Country
Plate:	Evelyn Low Maisy Cowie	Town Town



### *Division 4*

With just two teams entered into our Division 4, the children played their Championship game 1st which resulted in both teams winning a game each, so the winner was determined by the total number of sets won 4 sets to 3. These players all then enjoyed a round robin competition giving each player 3 games in the morning, half of the games being 5 setters.

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1st Place:	Aidan Urban Vin Schelp	Town Town
Runner Up:	Fabian Cron Ferdi Tan	Town Town



### Division 3

With only 1 team entered for Country in this division, the odds were stacked against them. Our two top seeded teams both won 3 matches, with the overall winner determined on a countback of sets won. 2nd seeds Town, Ashton Cameron & Joe Robinson winning 18 sets to 11. Jude Lim, Joe Robinson & Ashton Fisher winning all their games 3-0 well done boys! Our plate winners were Ashton Fisher & Max Dillon-Roberts a combination of Christchurch SC and Burnside SC juniors. Unfortunately, many of the winners from this division had to leave prior to prize giving, so photographed is Jude Lim from Rangiora Squash Club (Country team) our runner ups.

1st Place:	Ashton Cameron Joe Robinson	Town Town
Runner Up:	Jude Lim Jasmine Harkness	Country Country
Plate:	Ashton Fisher Max Dillon-Roberts	Town Town



### Division 2

This was our top Division, with all players graded up to 900 points. It was wonderful having both Sasha and Casey Ellery playing in this division from Greymouth, hopefully those that missed out on playing you this year will pop over to Greymouth next year to give you a game. It was also the first time 50% of players in this division were female, great to see the girls coming through the grades together.

1st Place:	Sophia Barakat Adlam Lewis Stewart	Town Town
Runner Up:	Benjamin Robb Ethan Garrett	Town Town
Plate:	Maria Evans Aidan Evans	Country Country



It would be wonderful to see team size's increase from two players per team to 3 or 4 per team in the years to come, through continuing to invest in our junior players both in town and in the country clubs. Thank you to everyone who supported this tournament on the day, helping our juniors referee/mark, collecting entry fee, and in the kitchen all your support is

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appreciated. If anyone is interested in learning how to run a tournament in 2021 please do get in touch it is very rewarding and we are always looking for support with this in the junior competitions.

### Nelson Building Society Nelson Bays Winter Interclub Results

Winter Interclub started a little later than usual due to lockdown in Nelson Bays, but we were encouraged by the enthusiasm of the six womens teams and 11 mens teams from Nelson, Waimea, Motueka and Takaka who participated. We enjoyed 12 weeks of competition along with some awesome suppers, finishing with the finals night at Waimea Squash Club. A big thank you to our sponsor Nelson Building Society (NBS).



#### Men's Interclub Winner – Motueka

L-R: Nick Wiffen, Alistair Byrne, Wayne Barcus, Matt Watene, Rebecca Gibb (NBS)

#### Women's Interclub Winner – Waimea 2

L-R: Elle Aitken, Karen Christie, Nicola Pilkington, Jodie Backhouse, Rebecca Gibb (NBS)



### Christchurch Winter Interclub Results

A full term of Winter Interclub took place around clubs in Christchurch, North Canterbury and Darfield throughout the months of July to September, despite the reappearance of Covid-19 in August that prompted a return to Level 2. Well done to all of those who participated, and a huge thank you to clubs for their hospitality and court usage. A summary of winners is as follows:

#### Women's Open

- Lily Rae

#### Women's Division 1 – Burnside 1

- Judith Smith, Chwee Yeo, Yi-Lin Yoong, Lee-Ann Blanken, Bronwyn Smales, Vicki Tanner

#### Women's Division 2 – Rangiora 1

- Anastasia Lim, Paulette Noye, Monica Lim, Trish Evans, Susan Fraser, Kylie Forrest

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### Women's Division 3 – Rangiora 2

- Monica Lim, Agnes Lim, Rachel Small, Anita Ward, Maria Evans, Tanisha Butt

### Men's Open – Christchurch 1

- Joe Williams, Ben Scott, Stephen Gardiner, Luke Tough



### Men's Division 1 – Hoon Hay 1

- Matthias Paltridge, Scott Butterick, Nathanael Paltridge, Isaac Karati, Tangi Karati

### Men's Division 2 – Linwood Titans

- Kevin Milne, Charles Tear, Tony Wilson, Ian Milne, Jonathan Douglas, Wharepapa Tapiata-Bright

### Men's Division 3 – Rangiora 2

- Benedict Lim, Scott Taylor, Dean Hurley, Stuart Camp, Phillip Barrow

### Men's Division 4 – Christchurch 10

- Peter Anderson, Cameron Winsloe, Doug Payne, Ruby Beresford, Charles Wasley, Geoffrey Bouterey, Colin Robins

### Men's Division 5 – Malvern 2

- Cameron Adams, Rodney Fairbrass, Hayden de Burger, Peter Bond, Gerry Lonie

### Men's Division 6 – Rangiora 7

- Anastasia Lim, Spencer Jarrett, Dominic Lim, Wayne Petersen, Zayne Kerr

### Men's Division 7 – Christchurch 15

- Tyler Hulme, William Mannering, Patrick Davey, Harrison McLardy, Hamish Thorne, Blake McCloy

### Youth and Female Coach Development Programme

Squash Canterbury has been acknowledged by Sport Canterbury for our groundbreaking and innovative Youth and Female Coach Development Programme, spearheaded by our Junior Development Officer Di McCoy. It was a collaborative effort between Squash Canterbury, Canterbury Country Cricket Association and Sport Canterbury that enabled a new batch of up and coming coaches to receive a well-rounded suite of sessions that taught them the soft skills of "how to coach". Check out the article via the link below to find out about how it all came together, and if you would like to find out more about becoming a squash coach in Canterbury, please get in touch at [juniordev@squashcanterbury.org.nz](mailto:juniordev@squashcanterbury.org.nz).

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### Squash Canterbury Awards

Due to the financial impacts of Covid-19, and the disruptions it has caused to the squash season, the Squash Canterbury Board made the difficult decision to not host a Squash Canterbury Awards event in 2020.

The decision was not made lightly, but the Board believe that the time, funds and resources that would be spent organising such an event would be more effective if they were used to prepare the organisation for 2021, and beyond, as the impacts of Covid-19 continue to be realised.



### 2020 WINNERS

<b>Most Improved Player - Junior Girl</b> Anastasia Lim	<b>Most Improved Player - Junior Boy</b> Callum Brown
<b>Most Improved Player - Senior Female</b> Emily Keefe-Nicholls	<b>Most Improved Player - Senior Male</b> MP Johal
<b>Referee of the Year*</b> Wayne Smith	<b>Volunteer of the Year*</b> Kate Fox
<b>Club and School Coach of the Year*</b> Adam Odering	<b>Service to Squash</b> Kelly Sullivan
<b>Club of the Year*</b> Christchurch Squash Club	Aaron Warner Paul Growcott

The winners were announced daily over the last couple of weeks via Facebook and Instagram, and we now eagerly await the Squash New Zealand awards that are being held online on Thursday 3 December to see whether any of our Canterbury winners go on to capture national success.

\*DENOTES SQUASH NZ AWARD CATEGORY

### Club Resources

#### **2021 Application Funding timeline**

As we enter the last quarter for 2020, now is the ideal time to be turning your club's attention to what you would like to achieve in 2021. The key to achieving those aspirations? Securing funding.

The biggest element to success when it comes to funding is planning ahead. Some larger funders, such as NZCT, Rata and The Lion Foundation take at least a couple of months (depending on the amount you are applying for) to make a decision on applications and a transaction to take place. So it's best to not leave these applications to the last minute. In order to prevent this, you can look up each funder on their respective websites and find their deadlines for receiving applications for the entire year. From there, you can start to create a 12 month timeline that shows you what application deadlines are coming up and when you should start turning your attention to them. Match this up with different points in the year when your clubs might need help with funding (e.g for tournaments, maintenance, coaching etc) and this will give you an idea of when to apply to which fund for what purpose.

#### **Lottery Covid-19 Community Wellbeing Fund**

A new \$40 million lottery fund has been established to focus on community and social initiatives in the wake of COVID-19, which is yet another fantastic opportunity for clubs to apply for funding. Lottery COVID-19 Community Wellbeing Fund will provide one-off grants

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for community or social initiatives that increase the strength and resilience of communities that are responding to the impacts of COVID-19. This Fund will support hapū, iwi and community organisations that have lost funding or have an increased demand on their services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and community or social initiatives that strengthen community resilience and respond to the impacts of COVID-19. The fund is open for applications, and will close when the allocated amount of money has been exhausted.

The Lottery COVID-19 Community Wellbeing Fund will give priority to supporting:

- hapū, iwi and community organisations that are delivering community and social initiatives that have been impacted by COVID-19 – either through the loss of funding sources or through extra or changed demand on their services;
- innovative and transformative community or social initiatives that respond to the impact of COVID-19; and
- collaborative community or social initiatives that strengthen and increase resilience in communities.

The Lottery COVID-19 Community Wellbeing Fund will provide one-off grants to support the following:

- on-going operational costs for organisations that can show that they are impacted by COVID-19 and have had to expand their services and activities
- projects beyond the day-to-day operations that show innovation or collaboration in relation to COVID-19 recovery
- social enterprise initiatives that increase community wellbeing where communities are experiencing on-going impacts from COVID-19
- capital items and works purchases that assist in service delivery or a community initiative up to \$30,000.

The Lottery COVID-19 Community Wellbeing Fund will not fund:

- individuals
- research, including: large scale research plans, feasibility studies for capital projects and health research
- major capital works over \$30,000, including project management fees
- food for food banks
- alcohol and similar substances, for example kava
- medical expenses, operations, treatments or the purchase of major items of health equipment
- organisations that do not meet the Fund's priorities
- organisations that have been fully funded through additional funding sources for the Fund's priorities
- projects or activities completed (retrospective funding) or items bought before the request
- requests that fit the priorities for the Lottery Minister's Discretionary Fund.

Head to this link to find out more information about the fund and the application process:

<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-covid-19-community-wellbeing-fund/>

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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. 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. Applications have now closed for Round 2 for clubs in Canterbury and on the West Coast for applications over \$10,000, but applications under this amount can be submitted at any time. For clubs in Nelson Bays, Marlborough and Kaikoura, there will be another funding round in the New Year.

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>

### **Volunteer of the month**

Andy Dopleach (*Christchurch Squash Club, and Lyttelton resident*)

Squash Canterbury was connected with Andy in October 2018 when a passionate group within the Lyttelton community were trying to repurpose the squash courts located in the Lyttelton Recreation Centre. In an effort to keep the courts open, Andy has both supported and promoted programmes that have been initiated at the local courts. He runs a senior club night on a Wednesday evening which continues to grow in popularity, as well as supporting school programmes, promoting afterschool programmes, and also helped out at the recent open day. Andy has recently started a junior club night which he is already looking at extending due to demand.

Well done Andy, your efforts have not only helped to keep some great squash courts open in Canterbury, but you are also raising the profile of squash in your community and you are increasing participation of our wonderful game.



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](mailto:info@squashcanterbury.co.nz) with a small bio and a photo, and she will put in next month's newsletter!

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