



**Club Newsletter
August 2010**

Upcoming Events ...

19th August - Thump Sports Demo Night – An opportunity to try out the gear that suits you. Discounts available on the night.

22th August – Levin J Grade - \$5 entry for those interested entries close 20/08 5pm – see poster at club.

1st September (Wednesday) – Group Coaching Evening with **Nick Mita** – Wellington coach – \$5.00 per person – Limited Numbers 1st come first in. E mail tim to avoid missing out.
Session 1 6.30 – 7.20 Session 2 8.00 – 8.50
7.30 – 8.00 Combined session on lets and strokes demonstration.

7th October - Working Bee – from 6pm – Please try and spare an hour or so to help with the ongoing maintenance of the club.

Interclub - The Winter Tournament is drawing to a close. This year the rules allowed only 7 named players to participate – This made life a little difficult for the skippers but we got through without a default (so far) – Results were mixed – but to field two teams was a result in its own right. Results are on the SIT



SIT

New Zealand Squash Website is open to all – You just need to get a password. It's got all the grading and the tournament information – Great tools for following your grading progress. <http://www.squash.org.nz/sit/homepage> Mick Cooper will arrange this for all members but if you cannot wait please let us know.

Social Squash -Thursdays

The success continues – Mixed games for all abilities – Paul's in charge just let him know if you are available and he will factor you in the Thursday schedule

Juniors

Mad keen! Two sessions each term on Fridays are full to overflowing. If your kids are keen, let us know and we can put them down for next term. (\$20 per term)

Following up on the Kapiti Tri series, we had a match against Kapiti - a good laugh with 15 kids from each club competing. A return match is on the cards.

The schools' squash is proving fun and providing an opportunity for local kids to have a go.

Membership

Numbers are looking good and growing steadily. In an attempt to encourage more families we are offering free membership for up to two juniors when two full adult members from the same family sign up.

Annual subs are detailed on the website. Adult membership from 1 August 2010 -31 March 2011 is \$135 plus \$15 key deposit

Please ensure your visitors fill in the visitor envelopes with your name and theirs - don't forget to enclose the \$ 5.00 within.

Ladies Squash

This continues on a two weekly cycle - great fun with numbers varying from a cozy 5 to a busy 13!! If you wish to be involved please email Jacque (tim.jacque@paradise.net.nz) and she will add you to her ladies list!



C Grade Elimination Tournament We recently fielded a team in the Wellington Region Superchamps C-Grade Teams Tournament, which was held at the Thorndon Squash Club. Our team consisted of: Tim Head, Bert Lombard, Blair Coburn, Charles Norwood, Paul King, Mike Stone and Nathan Rooney. Out of 10 clubs competing in the tournament, Waikanae came 5th. Considering we were seeded 7th, we were happy with this result. The tournament was won by Collegians, who beat Mitchell Park 3-2 in the final.

Superchamps tournaments are held each year, with individual tournaments for each grade. They are always very competitive and great fun. We try and field at least one team each year, normally in the Men's C-Grade level. We encourage new players to try out for the team. Contact Charles Norwood (norwood.charles@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Court Lighting

If you've been blaming the lights for any miss hits, or noticed the lighting is a bit dim on court, don't worry we're on to it. The light fittings in the courts have been there since the courts were built. We replaced all the light tubes in the fittings a few years ago and they haven't lasted as they should have. We are currently assessing the light fittings to determine whether they need to be refurbished with new components, whether the light tubes were not up to scratch, or if we need to replace the fittings entirely. You might find there is a fitting missing on one of the courts for a short period while we have it looked at. We want to get the lighting on the courts back up to the good standard it used to be so bear with us while we make sure we know what we're doing. If anyone has access to a ladder, or scaffold to reach 6.5m high we would love to hear from you.



Online Booking System

The online booking system has proved to be successful with most people using it. There are a number of players who have not yet been able to use it as they have not yet validated their email addresses. This is necessary to do so that you can make bookings and other players can invite you to play. I will be sending out an email to all those who have not yet done this so that we can get everyone using the system and everyone is able to make a booking.

When you make a booking select the person that you want to play, make sure that the **Confirmation Email** box is ticked and you will both be sent a reminder email with the time of the booking and who you are playing.

When you next log on to the booking system take a few minutes to explore it a bit. Click on **My Settings** and **My Details** and fill in your contact details. It is a good idea to make sure that the **Allow members to view** option is set to **Phone and email address** so that other players can contact you to arrange a game.

If you have any problems with the booking system send an email to Jasper (you can look up my contact details in the booking system by going to **Find Member** under **My Settings**).

Keep booking and have fun!



Streetwise Coffee