

# IN THE SWING

Squash Wellington Newsletter



## WHAT A MONTH

### From the Chair

*Who would have thought that we would see so many events cancelled this month?!*

*It was disappointing to see some key National events cancelled, SuperChamps, NZ Junior Nationals and NZ Masters.*

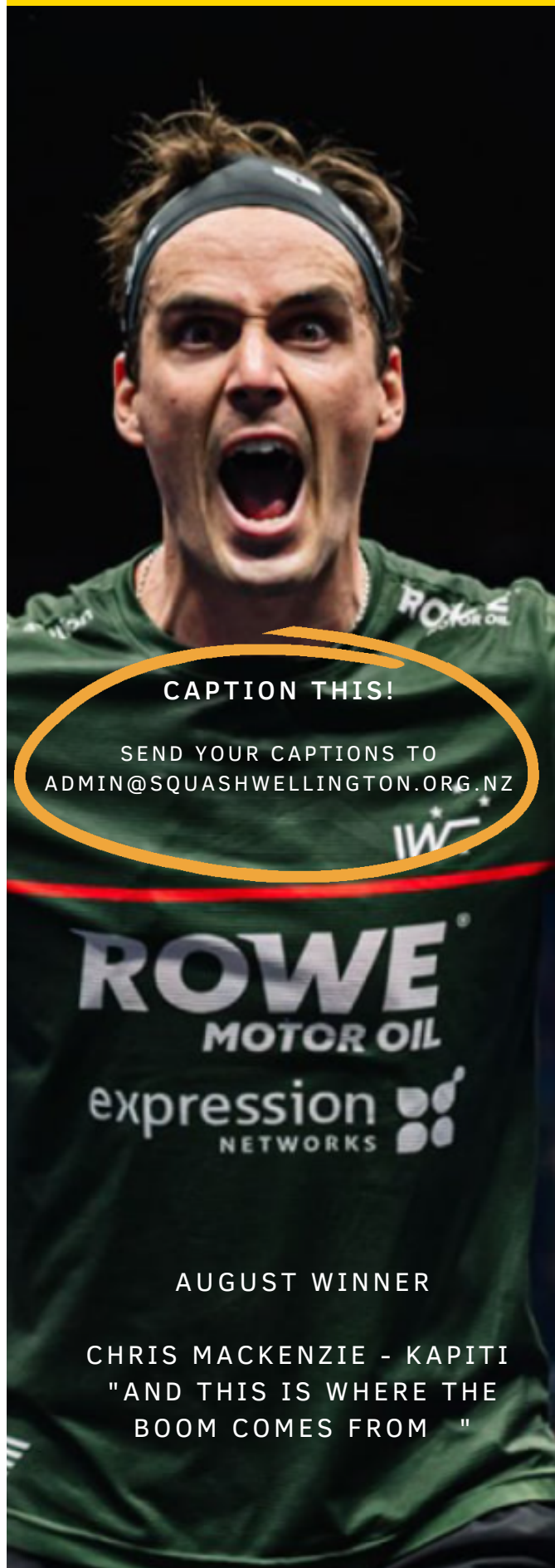
*I would like to acknowledge all the players who were impacted by these cancellations. I appreciate the time and effort you have all put into preparing for these events on and off court. The decisions to cancel these events were not made lightly and were well considered with all host clubs, host districts, all districts and Squash New Zealand.*

*I would also like to acknowledge the Tawa and Mana Squash personnel who had put a lot of work into preparing for the NZ Masters. I know this event was going to be a highlight for the year.*

*All going well we will see the Oliver Sport NZ Championships take place at Hutt City Squash from 29th - 31st October. We have a number of Wellington players competing over the weekend including the current Men's NZ Champion Evan Williams.*

*This month we also welcomed Russell Henderson to the Squash Wellington whānau. Russell is our new District Administrator so be sure to say hello when you see him out and about.*

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CAPTION THIS!

SEND YOUR CAPTIONS TO  
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AUGUST WINNER

CHRIS MACKENZIE - KAPITI  
"AND THIS IS WHERE THE  
BOOM COMES FROM"

## COACHES CORNER - SW JUNIOR AND SENIOR SQUAD CAMPS

Camp Nine of our 2021 program was run at Hutt City on September 26th . We were lucky, timing-wise, that we didn't miss any dates due to the Level 4 Covid-19 Lockdown, but it was noticeable how much our players had missed the courts. It was fantastic to reacquaint our players with each other and to get the black and yellow back on.

It was apparent in the junior squad how disappointing it was that the Junior Nationals for 2021 had been canceled. I really felt for our older juniors as they won't get another chance to attend once they reach the 19 year-old threshold for next years event. Luckily for most of our squad, they have plenty of years left, so it made my job even more important to refocus them and give them something else to think about.

I thought both camps (Junior & Seniors) provided the highest quality of hitting we have had over the entire year. It was nice to see the work-ons from earlier in the year still heavily ingrained and the atmosphere and team culture still there. Everybody put everything they had into the camp - effort and attitude wise - so it was an absolute pleasure to run.

We continued to focus on the "short game". Playing our short game slightly harder, I believe is the way forward and what seems to be incorporated by all of the top professionals at the moment. The drills were short game focused and I think a lot of the players were surprised how hard they actually had to hit the ball to work it in like the professionals, as demonstrated in the PSA Squash TV segments we viewed earlier in the day.

Evan



## MASTERS UPDATE

### Master of Masters Series



Sadly the NZ Masters, scheduled to be hosted at Tawa and Mana, fell victim to Covid earlier this month. Being one of NZ's highlights on the National calendar, the cancellation was a loss to many across the districts and none more so than our Wellington based players, host clubs and supporters.

All going well, we will be able to see the last two Masters tournaments go ahead over the next couple of months. Skillsoft Wellington Masters at Mana Squash, 15-17 October and Kapiti Masters, 05-07 November. Both tournaments are available for registration on iSquash so get in if you haven't registered already.

## WORLD SQUASH DAY

And just like that we're one week away from World Squash Day.

Celebrating 20 years of WSD, over 40 clubs across NZ (including 5 from Wellington) have signed up to it this year.

This year clubs are also getting behind promoting the Five Ways to Wellbeing including fundraising to support this great cause.

Exercise, connectivity, and a sense of belonging plays a large role in everyone's mental wellbeing, so let us come together to share our love for squash and open our doors to welcome members of the community and invite new people to play our great sport.

You can support by visiting <https://events.mentalhealth.org.nz/event/squash-nz/> and donate. You can also make your donation through attending events at our Wellington participants: Masterton Squash, Squash@Upper Hutt, Hutt City Squash, Island Bay Tennis & Squash and Khandallah Tennis & Squash.

# COMING SOON

### October

- Sin City Open (Thorndon) 01-03 October
- Skillsoft Wellington Masters (Mana) 15-17 October
- Oliver Sport NZ Squash Championships 29-30 October

### November

- Wellington Junior Open & Kapiti Masters (Kapiti) 03-05 November
- Island Bay Doubles 05-06 November
- Upper Hutt Doubles 13-15 November
- Thorndon Doubles 19-20 November
- NZ Inter-district teams (Hutt City) 26-27 November
- Tawa Doubles 26-27 November



# 2021 DISTRICT SUPERCHAMPS WINNERS



**NEW  
DATE**

skill!soft   
**WELLINGTON  
MASTERS**

Open tournament for  
all graded players 35+



~~1-3 OCT~~  
**15-17 OCT**

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PAR 15; ENTER VIA  
ISQUASH

**\$40  
ENTRY**

# Wellington junior open

5-7 nov  
@kapiti

\$25  
entry

enter on iSquash

