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Squash Wellington Newsletter

THE 'CHAMPS ARE BACK IN TOWN

The clock has just struck July, and the word on everyone's lips is 'SuperChamps'. Our forensic reporter Catharine Sayer has been extracting traumatic SuperChamps-related memories from our brave Club Captains so that you can get yourself in the zone.

June saw another amazing Wellington Open, see inside this issue for a report, results, and lots of great pictures.

We are also very lucky to be making some exciting announcements about recent appointments; dive on in to find out more!

Russell Henderson, SW General Manager



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2023 Wellington Open

What. An. Open. We saw another amazing turnout for this year's flagship district event, with Hutt City doing another supreme job of hosting. There were five-setters a plenty, and a good few upsets on the cards, only adding yet more drama and suspense to this already electrifying event. We saw excellent numbers, with around 145 players competing over the weekend, including a number of out-of-towners who made a special effort to come and visit the capital.

This year saw an exact replica of the 2022 Women's Open final, with top seed Lana Harrison taking out Charlotte Galloway in a big hitting thriller. In the Men's Open, newcomer Anthony Lepper played an incredible game against our own Evan Williams, taking out the top seed in four sets in front of a capacity crowd: some of us had to watch the livestream next door as we couldn't get close enough to the action!

Events like this don't run themselves, and we owe a huge thank you to our hosts. First of all, TD Bryan Smith, who along with his wife (and our former Chair) Ann, worked tirelessly throughout the weekend. A big thanks also to the rest of the Hutt City team, Neil, Vanessa, Terry, Issac, Rodney, and all the others. We were also lucky to have not just one, but two National Referees in attendance; Brett Simon and Matey Galloway, keeping things in check on court.

Squash Wellington are deeply appreciative of the support of the Pelorus Trust, who have helped to fund this event consistently over the past few years.

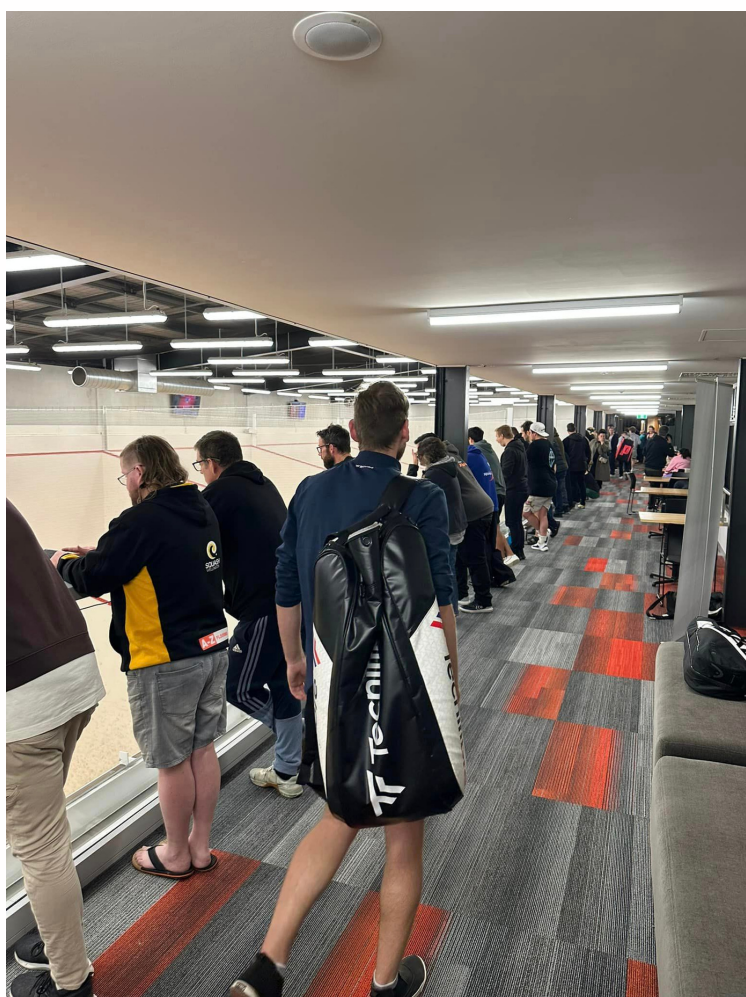


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Plenty of pics here to relive just a few of the many highlights, with full results following.



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Women's Open Division	
Lana Harrison	Championship Winner
Charlotte Galloway	Championship Runner Up
Maiden-Lee Coe	Special Plate Winner
Ellen Verry	Plate Winner
Mackenzie Tait	Consolation Plate Winner

Women's Division 1	
Ashley Burt	Championship Winner
Rachel Aukett	Runner Up
Aroha Campbell-Bryan	3rd
Sophia Gonzalez	Special Plate Winner
Molly Hawkins	Plate Winner
Sophie Sweeney	Consolation Plate Winner

Men's Open Division	
Anthony Lepper	Championship Winner
Evan Williams	Championship Runner Up
Oliver Dunbar	Special Plate Winner
Liam McDonald	Plate Winner
James Thompson	Consolation Plate Winner

Women's Division 2	
Riana Rossouw	Championship Winner
Greer Gibbs	Championship Runner Up
Angela Boswell	Special Plate Winner
Liberty Jones	Plate Winner
Shelby Burns	Consolation Plate Winner

Women's Division 3	
Melina Hogg	Championship Winner
Ann Smith	Championship Runner Up
Louise Kendall	Special Plate Winner
Cindy Gordon	Plate Winner
Gabriela Gonzalez	Consolation Plate Winner

Men's Division 1	
Paras Khanna	Championship Winner
Gary Aukett	Runner Up
Evan Michelson	3rd
Jack Shearer	Special Plate Winner
Ben Jones	Plate Winner
Shay Gannon	Consolation Plate Winner

Women's Division 4	
Gabi Steer	Championship Winner
Maria Thomas	Runner Up
Manami Miyuki	3rd place

Men's Division 2	
Carl Hamilton	Championship Winner
Nick Hogg	Runner Up
Justin Smith	3rd
Jason Farr	Special Plate Winner
Alex Fingleton	Plate Winner
Terry Hession	Consolation Plate Winner

PARTICIPATION - 2023 WELLINGTON OPEN

Men's Division 3	
Curtis Fatiaki	Championship Winner
Tyler Leggett	Runner Up
Shamus Vallance-Gibbs	3rd
Riley Priest	Special Plate Winner
Dylan Fuhrer	Plate Winner
Hayden Lloyd	Consolation Plate Winner

Men's Division 4	
Charles Darr	Championship Winner
Nick Lowther	Runner Up
George Falloon	3rd
Eamon Gannon	Special Plate Winner
Matt Thomas	Plate Winner
Daniel Parkin	Consolation Plate Winner

Men's Division 5	
Baptiste Hilly	Championship Winner
Dan Joe	Runner Up
Conor Sellwood	3rd
Lachlan Tong	Special Plate Winner
Vance Kapene	Plate Winner
Jimmy Gannon	Consolation Plate Winner

Men's Division 6	
Ben Thomas	Championship Winner
Findlay Izzett	Runner Up

Junior Boys Division	
Isaac Murphy	Championship Winner
Nikos Kastrinakis	Runner Up



CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

Junior Convenor Announcement



We are proud to announce Squash Wellington's brand new Junior Convenor, Gemma Gee! You will probably all be well aware of Gemma's long commitment to squash, having represented her district as a Junior and as a Senior many times, as well as being actively involved in the Wellington Squash scene for years.

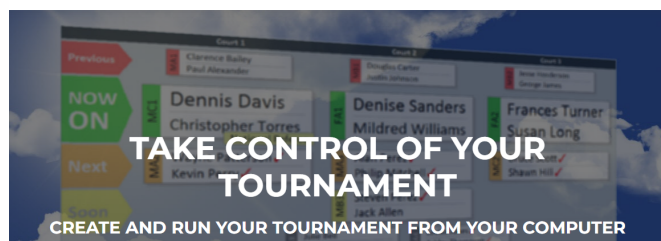
Gemma is taking a little time off-court at present and is making up for it by taking the lead in the all-important junior arm of Squash Wellington. As well as being a key point of contact for club-based Junior Convenors, Gemma will also be actively involved in the Junior Squad, the Junior Representative Team, growing the game for juniors around the Wellington District, as well as a lot more behind the scenes work – it's a big job!

We hope you help us welcome Gemma to her new role, and be sure to have a chat if you see her around the clubs and the courts. You can get in touch with Gemma directly by emailing her at juniors@squashwellington.org.nz

Kāpiti Tournament Control: now iPhone Compatible!

Tournament Control

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I'm sure nearly everyone who's played at a tournament over the past few years will be well aware of the excellent Tournament Control program, developed by Digital Technology Kāpiti. This has been an amazing tool for Club Captains, allowing them to schedule matches, keep track of players, and display court schedules and results on a big TV screen for all to see. The accompanying Android app allows players to login and check the progress of a tournament remotely, which is a fantastic way of organising busy lives around scheduled matches.

Unfortunately, iPhone users have been unable to track the app, with no iOS version available. Shunned by our peers, the laughing stock of the changing rooms, we plead with our Google-orientated compadres to allow us to sneak a peek at the latest news from the current tournament.

Well that's all changed. Island Bay player Stephen "I Code For Fun" Garrett has translated the code from the Kāpiti Tournament Control platform and made it available on iPhone. Simply head to **squashtc.com** on your iPhone, and you will be able to view any current tournaments that are being run via Tournament Control, check the current court action, results, schedules, divisions, and so on.

CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

Pre-SuperChamps Referee Evenings



Brett Simon, National Referee and Club Captain at Squash@Upper Hutt is once again delivering referee evenings, where he will lead attendees through the Club Referee qualification. This makes for an interactive, practical approach to reffing, where you can learn from an expert in a group setting.

All SuperChamps players attending nationals must have passed the Club Referee qualification this season or last, and it's recommended that **all** SuperChamps players pass this test. In fact, any squashie playing competitive matches should really be on top the rules!

So if you last sat the exam in 2021 or earlier (or never), it's time to do it again!

These referee evenings are free to attend, and if you can, please bring a smartphone, tablet or laptop so you can complete the exam. A big thank you to Brett for giving up his time, and the host clubs for the use of their space. Be sure to show some love by buying a beverage.

Thursday 6 July, 7:30pm - Tawa
Monday 10 July, 7:30pm - Upper Hutt
Sunday 16 July, 2:00pm - Masterton
Monday 17 July, 7pm - Club Kelburn

FEATURE ARTICLE - SUPERCHAMPS PREVIEW

With SuperChamps very much on the horizon, it's time to start getting excited about what is perhaps the biggest event of the year for many squashies. To whet your appetite, In the SWing Chief Reporter **Catharine Sayer** caught up with some of our district's Club Captains to ask them to relive the highs (and not-so-highs) of their SuperChamps experiences over the years.

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SUPERCHAMPS PREVIEW

BY OUR CLUB CAPTAINS

THORNDON

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B C D E

PERSONAL COMPETITION HISTORY

MYLES SAYER, ISLAND BAY

Only ever played C grade - roughly 7 campaigns. 2023 will be the first year since 2015 not playing C grade but will be the tournament director for E grades at Island Bay.



HOME OR AWAY?

Away for sure: at home you get roped into doing the chores, whereas away you can relax and bond together as a team which is when all the good banter and stories start flowing.

FUN RATING

“NINE AND A
HALF OUT OF
TEN. A
SQUASHIE'S
CHRISTMAS.”



MOST MEMORABLE CAMPAIGN

In 2015 our men's C grade team made the Nationals final in Taumaranui, but unfortunately got runner up. Since I didn't play districts and only came into the team as #7, I only played one match, so when we won districts 4 years later playing #1, this was personally the most successful, even though we finished in the bottom third at Nationals.

MYLES SAYER - ISLAND BAY

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**HARDEST LOSS
TO SWALLOW**

**ANY LOSS TO
KĀPITI,
ESPECIALLY THE
3-WAY FINAL IN
2018 AND OF
COURSE THE
DEBACLE OF 2021**

”

MOST MEMORABLE INCIDENT

I'd have to go with the men's C grade final in 2019 at Mana between IB and Hutt City when Kent [Hawkins] stuffed his shoulder by running into the wall, making it 2-2 in matches leading into the title decider. Step up the Bay's Hayden Brodie! Scott Renner's famous image - give that man an award - says it all.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN 2023

Other than the Bay and since I've only played men's C grade I'll stick to what I know and go Upper Hutt and Mana once again. Though it's going to be a very close, tough comp that comes down to who steps up when it counts. You only have to win 3 matches to win each tie after all.



FUNNIEST ENTRY IN THE FINES BOOK

The time Mike Donald used his Kiwi ingenuity by creating his own heating when we were freezing our a**** off down in Invers, since the motor camp owners had padlocked the heat pump control panel. He went around the facility turning on all the kettles, toasters, microwaves and ovens to high. He should have been rewarded not fined when I think about it. The funniest thing was when the cleaners came in and clocked what we'd done. For some reason, Brad of Thorndon had booked the accommodation for us, probably receiving a backhander from an opposing team.

SHELBY BURNS, WAINUIOMATA

PERSONAL COMPETITION HISTORY

1 X D GRADE

3 X E GRADE

SKIPPER OF THE D-
GRADE LADIES THIS
YEAR

(Shelby on far right)



HOME OR AWAY?

The atmosphere for home Superchamps is like no other! The response from club members is awesome but there's a lot of work involved and it's hard if you're playing too. It's nice to mix it up from year to year.

FUN RATING

MOST SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

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Fizzing!

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We haven't had any super successful campaigns yet, but we're learning more and more each year that we play. We've got a great team of ladies and we're hoping we can make this year our most successful campaign thus far.

SHELBY BURNS - WAINUIOMATA

HARDEST LOSS TO SWALLOW

"Oh, um, is Superchamps not a social event?"



TEAMS TO WATCH IN 2023

Will wait to see what teams enter

FUNNIEST ENTRY IN THE FINES BOOK

We yell enough abuse at each other that we don't need to pay fines on top of that. 😊



Wainui is always up for a laugh and a few drinks and while we didn't place very high at Red Star a couple of years ago, our team bonding experience was next level. Spent an evening mucking around at the hotel pool, shot buckets for breakfast followed by some great games and laughs on court.

NICK ATTREE, MANA

HOME OR AWAY?

**AWAY: TIME
AWAY WITH THE
TEAM FOR
BONDING AND
SKULLDUGGERY**



**MOST
SUCCESSFUL
CAMPAIGN**

C grade runners up in 2022.
Making the final by beating a
fancied Tawa team was
awesome.

**MOST
MEMORABLE
INCIDENT**

Coming back to win a tie in D
grades at Masterton a couple of
years ago against Upper Hutt
when we were down 2 games in
the decider. We got the W after
Jason of Upper Hutt tore his
Achilles.



PLAYING HISTORY

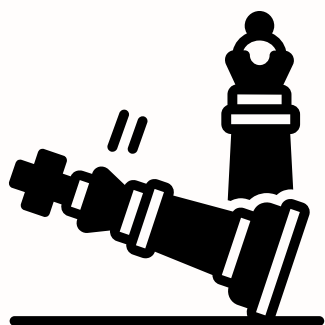


1 x C grade
2 x D grade
2 x E grade

I'm not playing this year
but will be assuming the
role of no. 1 Team Mana
supporter.

SUPERCAMPS - NICK ATTREE

HARDEST LOSS TO SWALLOW



Losing the E grade playoffs in Ōtaki a few years back on countback to Tawa after having beaten them in the round robin.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN 2023

Could be anyone on their day, but gotta back our Mana teams of course!



FUNNIEST FINES BOOK ENTRY

Probably Tom's account for serves out. More than the rest of us combined.

FUN RATING

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10/10

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BRYAN SMITH, HUTT CITY

PERSONAL COMPETITION HISTORY

1 X D GRADE

3 X E GRADE

WILL BE PLAYER
AND MANAGER THIS
YEAR



HOME OR AWAY?

Both! Home because it's great to beat other local teams and Away to try to win a national title.

FUN RATING

“THE ULTIMATE
CLUB TEAM
COMPETITION”

MOST SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN



2017 Men's E-grade
Nationals - my team
won!

BRYAN SMITH - HUTT CITY

HARDEST LOSS TO SWALLOW

The 2021 women's D grade national title in Blenheim. Hutt City came so close. I was gutted for the team who put in a tremendous effort.



TEAMS TO WATCH IN 2023

C and D grades

((He must be meaning the talented Island Bay teams - Ed.)

FUNNIEST ENTRY IN THE FINES BOOK

"Can't recall."

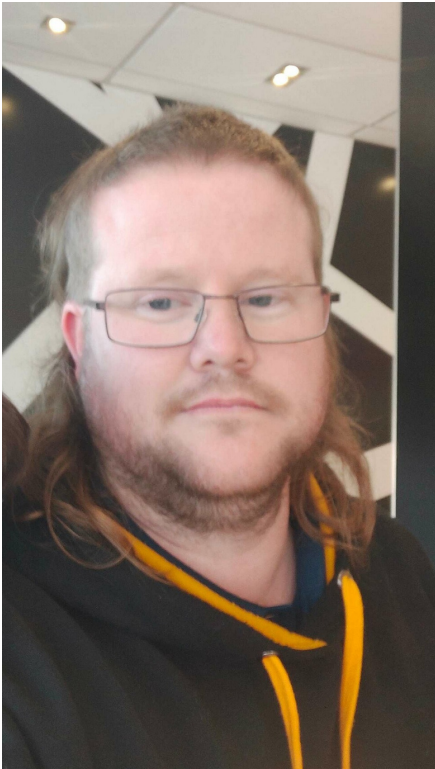
(In denial, Bry? - Ed.)

MOST MEMORABLE INCIDENT

A 2017 tough E grade nationals encounter sees Oli Dunbar last on in a must-win game. He's up two games and in the third is slammed by his opponent into the top right corner wall. Shaken, Oli loses the next two but eventually settles and roars back to win the last, landing the team the title. Bravo!

SUSTAINABILITY

New Board Member



In this month of announcements, we are delighted to welcome Damien Lower to the Squash Wellington Board. Damien, or 'Bubbles', as you're more likely to know him, was co-opted onto the Board in June by the existing Board Members.

Bubbles brings several years of experience of operational management and governance from what is surely one of Wellington's friendliest clubs; Wainiuomata.

Chur Bubbles!

New KTSC Manager

Another significant starter this month is the new Club Manager at Khandallah Tennis & Squash Club, Ivonne Valenzuela, who recently took over the position. Be sure to say hello next time you're at KTSC!



COMING UP

Hutt City Open
 Club Kelburn Open
 HEAD Junior 9Hundy @ Martinborough
 District SuperChamps
 Kāpiti Masters
 HEAD Junior 9Hundy @ Upper Hutt
 HEAD Women's E&Below @ Thorndon

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 6 August
 6 August

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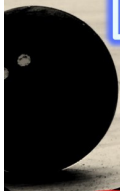
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