

Nov 2011



Upcoming Events and Tournaments

• **AGM**

This
Saturday
at HBLT
@ 1.30pm
All welcome!!!

• **February 2012**

Hastings Tennis
and Squash Club
will host a
Doubles tourney
already attracting
some top players.

Doubles is cer-
tainly taking off
around the
country. Grab a
partner and enter
this one!!!

- **REMEMBER** to
send in photos
from tourna-
ments etc for
publication in
the Newsletter
and on our
website

Newsletter

Chairman's Report

Thank you to the Board Members and all the volunteers that have again given their time for the benefit of Squash Eastern over the past 12 months. A special thank you to our Administration Officer Gay Atkins & our Statistician Wayne Kempton who have both decided to step down from their rolls after 3 & 15 years respectively. We are grateful that Gay has agreed to take over the Statistician roll and Wayne has agreed to continue with the Tournament, Elimination and G&H Pot scheduling.

The Annual Accounts to 30/09/2011

It is very pleasing to see the finances of Squash Eastern returning to a surplus of \$12,207 (add back non-cash items depreciation \$957 and loss on sale of asset \$55 and there was a cash surplus of \$13,219). This is a big improvement when compared to cash deficits of -\$3,713.00 and -\$6,648.00 in the two previous years.

The Board have successfully addressed Squash Eastern's weak financial position, and we are in a much stronger financial position with a good cash reserve on hand.

The Strategic Plan

A special thanks goes to our part time contracted SDO Shelly Te Uki who has worked hard on our 2010-2013 Strategic Plan, the plan is now in its second year and we have achieved some of our short term and long term plans.

One area that we all know needs attention is the interclub competition and we plan to make improvements for the 2012 season. Other areas we will be concentrating on are Coaching and Referee courses along with providing more support to our Junior Rep Teams (we hope to have a Junior Girls team in 2012) & to get Eastern represented at the Senior & Masters team events.

The Board Members are all enthusiastic and are committed to continue to make sure the plan is on target and our goals are achieved. Volunteers are encouraged to step up and offer assistance where they can to help Eastern achieve the goals in our Strategic Plan. *A copy of the plan can be found on our website.*

We are always looking for new Board Members who share our passion to join the Board and help with the development and growth of our great game.

Website update

The website is now been regularly updated, this is a great communication tool and the site is very easy to navigate. I believe it is still under utilised and Clubs need to be encouraged to update their club page on a regular basis with tournament details, club notices, business house draws, sponsors and current contacts with phone number etc. Updates can now be sent directly to

webmaster@squasheastern.co.nz and they will be updated within 3 days max.

Club members should be encouraged to use the site to get information about what is happening at your club and to tell prospective new members where to go to get information about their club.

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Online Booking and Keyless Club Entry

It is Squash NZ vision that all clubs will have an online booking system which will also be able to capture the casual players and hopefully convert them to members. I believe that it is essential that we continue to investigate this option and make our game more accessible to casual players and at the same time makes it easier for current members to book a court.

Squash Eastern's 2010-2013 Strategic Plan 1.4.2 is to have half of our clubs using an internet booking system by 2013

We now have 3 Clubs in the Eastern region using an on-line booking system, Hawke's Bay SRC, Havelock North & Hawke's Bay LT&S.

Havelock North is also the first Club in NZ to offer casual players a full keyless online pay and play solution, visit the website www.paynplay.co.nz

Squash Eastern are keen to have as many of our clubs using an online booking system before the end of 2012 as we can and are happy to assist with software requirements to get your club up and running with an online booking system.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if your club is interested in any of these systems.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to continue to work with everyone to grow the game in our region in 2012.

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Chairman Squash Eastern

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OTHER NEWS

- **Squash Eastern Junior Rankings:** You MUST check these out!!! Go onto our website (www.squasheastern.co.nz) and click on Junior Rankings. See who are the top juniors around here and also where they are ranked in NZ (William Donnelly NZ No. 1 U11)—absolutely fantastic kids. Keep up the great work (parents and coaches too).
- ***CONGRATULATIONS: Todd Redman (named in the NZ Junior World Squad). Also to the following three: Chapman Kutia, Parearau Kutia and Jordan Le Comte (who have been named in the NZ Junior Development squad). Awesome!***
- CONGRATULATIONS: to all the Eastern Super Champs teams who competed courageously at respective Nationals. Special well done to National Champs: HBSRC Mens D Grade team and Hastings Mens E Grade team. You guys are great. Send us in a team photo and we will put you on our website.
- Watch this space for news on a Triangular rep fixture in 2012....
- A Junior Girls squad had their first training camp last weekend. Thanks to Audine Grace-Kutia, Hadfield Kutia and Joel Le Comte and the girls for working well. Let's see a Junior Girls team at the Nationals in 2012!!!