

# In the **Swing**

Squash Wellington Newsletter

## JETSETTING JUNIORS

It's difficult to believe that it's almost May already, although these darker nights drawing in, whilst the season ramps up, serve as a reminder that our beloved squash is traditionally a winter sport.

At the moment, things feel very much club-focused, with club open after club open filling the tournament calendar. We are also poised for the flagship season of Interclub, which begins next week with a slight increase in numbers compared to 2022.

On a national (and international) level, our district's juniors have been putting in some serious performances on court as April saw national junior open tournaments on both sides of the Tasman Sea. It was wonderful to see Wellington well represented, especially with our junior women taking on the competition. Read on to hear about their performances in more detail.

*Russell Henderson, SW General Manager*



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# PARTICIPATION

## HEAD Women's E & Below - Round 2

The second round of the 2023 HEAD Women's E & Below took place on 23 April at Upper Hutt. A huge thanks to the hosts, specifically Sarah Jackson, for running a successful day of competitive squash in a supportive environment. The new E & Below format (replacing 800pts & below) proved popular, with another 17 women taking part; the same number as round one.

The next round will take place at Club Kelburn on Sunday 21 May. Please spread the word, and remember that all women players at E grade or below are welcome - even complete beginners! Enter via iSquash.

### Tournaments with great HEAD prizes



## Women's E Grade & below squash series 2023

<b>Khandallah</b> Tracy Peas shepherdfamily@outlook.co.nz	<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	<div style="background-color: purple; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">The HEAD womens series</div> <p>series is designed to introduce women players to competitive tournament play. It's also a great way to learn the rules of the game to build confidence in reffing and marking games.</p> <p>Every tournament you enter gives you a greater chance to win <b>HEAD</b> products.</p> <p>Each player receives <b>5 points for entering</b> each tournament, <b>1 point for each loss</b> and <b>3 points for every win</b>. (max of 14 points for each tournament).</p> <p><b>Entry:</b> \$5 per tournament  <b>Games Start:</b> 10:00am</p>
<b>Upper Hutt</b> Brett Simpson Squashupperhutt@gmail.com	<b>Sunday 23 April</b>	
<b>Club Kelburn</b> admin@clubk.co.nz	<b>Sunday 21 May</b>	
<b>Red Star</b> Mel Morris melanie.morris@corrections.govt.nz	<b>Sunday 18 June</b>	
<b>Thorndon</b> Mike McCarroll michael.mccarroll@transpower.co.nz	<b>Sunday 6 August</b>	
<b>Wainuiomata</b> Shelby Burns shelby@windowslive.com	<b>Series final Sunday 10 September</b>	

To enter each tournament go to [www.squash.org.nz/sit/dashboard](http://www.squash.org.nz/sit/dashboard)



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## Hutt City Women's Open

The HEAD Women's E & Below rounded off a weekend of women's squash, with the Hutt City Women's Open taking place on the same weekend of 21-22 April. Although it was only the second year of this tournament, nearly 60 women and girls entered, ranging from A grade to J grade. It was awesome to see some of the district's top women battling it out in the open division, as well as players from the E & Below series, and a dedicated girls division for some of the younger junior players.

Taking top prize in the Open was Hutt City's very own Sam Douglas, who took out Kāpiti's Nicki Gibbs (back on her right hand - watch out ladies!) in an epic 5 set battle.





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## Australian Junior Open

Incredible news from across the ditch, where two of our Wellington junior women did their district (and country) proud with their performances at the Australian Junior Open on 22-24 April. Taking home the silverware was Maiden-Lee Coe, who won the Under 17 Girls competition, beating the top seed in four games. Ka pai Maiden!

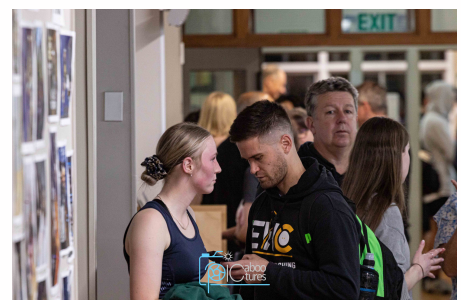
After meeting Mana’s Maiden-Lee in the semi-finals, Masterton’s Mackenzie Tait went on to finish in fourth place, two places above her seeding. Awesome job Mackenzie!



## AON NZ Junior Open

We also saw some phenomenal junior squash on this side of the ditch this month, with the NZ Junior Open taking place at Remuera Rackets Club in Auckland on 14-16 April. Oliver Dunbar (Tawa), seeded third, reached the boy’s final, coming runner up after four games against the top seed, having dispatched the second seed in the semis.

It was fantastic to see the Wellington District represented so well, with many of our juniors (and parents and coaches) making the journey to Auckland. This included Diana Galloway (Hutt City), Maiden-Lee Coe (Mana), Otis Brown (Island Bay), Mackenzie Tait (Masterton), Molly Hawkins (Hutt City), Sophia DeNardi-Gonzalez (Hutt City), and Charlotte Haxton (Hutt City).





# PARTICIPATION

## SuperChamps

It may still be April, but SuperChamps is beginning to appear on the horizon, and no doubt many of our players and Club Captains have started to think about their teams.

This year, Squash Wellington has published our own SuperChamps Rules Appendix, which are to be used in conjunction with the National SuperChamps rules. This is because we have never had clear guidelines regarding player transfers, despite transfers occurring each year. If you're at a club which doesn't have enough players at a certain grade (or under) to form a team, then be sure to have a read so that you are familiar with the process.

See the appendix here:

<http://squashwellington.org.nz/content/uploads/2023/04/SW-SuperChamps-Rules-Appendix-2023.pdf>

In other SuperChamps news, Squash NZ are running a free SuperChamps Coach/Manager Webinar this coming Monday, 1st May, which should be very useful for anyone planning to coach or manage a team this year. Click or copy-paste the link below to register:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/ec17f422-e3c8-40ca-a68e-7025e097412a@dc155266-b87a-453b-802e-a7c37c2ad54b>



## SUPERCHAMPS 2023 Key Dates & Info

Date	Action	By Whom
<b>Wednesday 24 May</b>	<b>Player Transfer/Composite Team Application Deadline</b> All applications sent to Squash Wellington GM by 5pm as per SW SuperChamps Rules Appendix. Rules Appendix to be distributed to Club Captains in advance.	<b>Clubs</b>
<b>Wednesday 31 May</b>	<b>Pre-Approved Player Transfer Deadline</b> Intended player moves completed via iSquash by this date. These <b>must</b> be pre-approved as per SW SuperChamps Rules Appendix	<b>Clubs</b>
<b>Thursday 1 June</b>	<b>Results Deadline</b> All Interclub results from this week must be entered in iSquash.	<b>Clubs</b>
<b>Friday 2 June</b>	<b>National Grading List Run</b> Grading Lists run by SNZ and uploaded to SNZ website to determine player eligibility	
<b>Monday 5 June</b>	<b>National Grading List Distributed</b> Grading list and team entry forms distributed to all Club Captains	
<b>Sunday 02 July</b>	<b>Team Deadline</b> All team lists must be submitted on the correct entry forms. In fairness to all clubs that do meet this deadline, <b>no exceptions</b> will be made for any late entries.	<b>Clubs</b>
<b>Monday 10 July</b>	<b>Draws Distributed</b> Draws will be sent to all Team Managers, who have one week to submit any protests	
<b>Monday 17 July</b>	<b>Team Protest Deadline</b> Any protests must be emailed to SW General Manager and received <b>by 5pm</b> . <a href="mailto:admin@squashwellington.org.nz">admin@squashwellington.org.nz</a>	<b>Team Managers</b>
<b>Friday 28 July</b>	<b>Competition Begins:</b> B Grade – Thorndon C Grade – Red Star & Masterton D Grade – Tawa E Grade – Island Bay	

### Rules & Disputes

Superchamps rules are available on the Squash NZ website [here](#).  
 Squash Wellington Appendix is available on the Squash Wellington website [here](#).  
 The Disputes Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director, and two other people.  
 The Disputes Committee shall rule on any protests made by teams/players in accordance with the SuperChamps National Club Graded Championship Rules.  
 Their decision will be final.

# PARTICIPATION/CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

## Wellington Open 2023 - It's Coming Up!

Yes, again it's hard to believe that it's almost May, which means that the Wellington Open, our district's flagship event, is next month! Returning to Hutt City on 8-11 June, the entries are coming in thick and fast, so make sure you get your name in the mix if you haven't already. Hutt City did an amazing job of hosting in 2022, and with over 170 entries, it was the biggest tournament in the Wellington district for many years. As we have the luxury of six courts at our disposal, we could potentially see that number increase even more this year.

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## Job Opportunity

After two years of incredible work, Felicity Jones is moving on from her role as Club Manager at Khandallah Tennis & Squash Club. The club is currently recruiting for a replacement, with applications closing on 8 May. Please pass the word on to anyone who might be a good fit, as these jobs don't come up very often.

More information is available on the KTSC website: [ktsc.org.nz](http://ktsc.org.nz)



**We're Hiring!**

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More information can be found on  
website: [ktsc.org.nz](http://ktsc.org.nz)

Send your CV to:  
[ktscnz@outlook.com](mailto:ktscnz@outlook.com)



# COMING UP

- HEAD Junior 9Hundy & Red Star – 30 April
- Tawa Open – 5-6 May
- Red Star Open – 12-13 May
- Wainuiomata Masters – 12-13 May
- Mana Open – 19-20 May
- HEAD Women’s E & Below @ Club Kelburn – 21 May
- Martinborough Open – 26-27 May
- Tawa Masters – 26-27 May
- HEAD Junior 9Hundy @ Wainuiomata (bonus points!) – 28 May
- Kāpiti B&Below – 2-3 June
- Wellington Open @ Hutt City – 9-11 June

**RED STAR SQUASH CLUB**

12-13TH MAY 2023

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## TAWA OPEN 2023

ENTRY \$40.00  
MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>  
[SUNDAY FINISH]  
ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

OVER \$4500.00 IN PRIZES

Enter on **iSquash** at...  
<https://www.squash.org.nz/sit/homepage>  
or E-Mail...  
[info@tawasquash.co.nz](mailto:info@tawasquash.co.nz)  
or contact TC, Aaron Havill on... 0277 775 038  
Tawa Squash, 67 Main Road, Tawa – Ph - 04 232 8200

**2023 Mana Squash OPEN**  
Thursday 19th of May - Saturday 20th May

Enter: Enter on iSquash  
Contact: clubcaptain@manasquash.co.nz / clubcaptain@manasquash.co.nz  
Location: 66 Pascoe Avenue, Mana Squash Club, Ngāi Toa Domain, Mana, Porirua  
Cost: \$40, all cash prizes, include extra \$55 from all our sponsors.  
Draw: All par 11  
Entertainment: Supper provided before 6pm, drinks, bar open till LATE

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## MARTINBOROUGH SQUASH OPEN

26 - 27 MAY 2023

Local players may be required to play Thursday

ENTRY FEE \$40  
Includes dinner Sat. Night

Enter on **iSQUASH** or contact us  
Jackie - 0276793040  
martinboroughsquash@gmail.com

## Masters 2023

Thurs 11th - Sat 13th May

Enter via **iSquash** by 7th May  
\$20 entry fee  
Kai provided afterwards

## THE 2023 TAWA MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY – SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY

ENTRY FEE: \$40

[Entries Close Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May]  
Entries are invited from players 35 yrs & over as at 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
All Divisions are 8 Draws – 3 Games Max – 1 Game per day  
Complimentary Food all Weekend

Enter on **iSquash** at...  
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or E-Mail...  
[info@tawasquash.co.nz](mailto:info@tawasquash.co.nz)  
or contact TC, Aaron Havill on... 0277 775 038  
Tawa Squash, 67 Main Road, Tawa – Ph - 04 232 8200