











**ANNUAL REPORT** 2021



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## **OUR BOARD**

Kyle Pontifex Chair (Appointed 2020 – Current)

David Hawes 2018 - Current
Dame Susan Devoy 2020 - Current
Cheryl Gush 2020 - Current
Shiree Hart 2020 - Current
Dave Brown 2021 - Current
Vicki Beker 2021 - Current
Liz Young 2017 - 2021

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## **OUR PROGRAMME DIRECTORS**

Janet Udy Referee Director Fran Hopkins Masters Director

## **OUR SELECTORS**

Juniors: Shelley Kitchen, Kent Darlington

Seniors: Shelley Kitchen, Glen Wilson, Michel Galloway Masters: Fran Hopkins, Tony Johnson, Scott Gardiner



# **HONOURS BOARD**

## PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Paul Coll (Canterbury)

## CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Gary Murdoch (Wellington)

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Matthew Laurenson (Otago)

## **CLUB OF THE YEAR**

Taihape Squash Club (Central)

## MOST IMPROVED SENIOR PLAYERS

Female: Kaitlyn Watts (Central) Male: Lwamba Chileshe (Waikato)

## MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR PLAYERS

Female: Ella Lash (Auckland) Mason Smales (Auckland)

## **DEREK COOK MEMORIAL TROPHY** For Refereeing

Chris Buckland (Midlands)

## **REFEREES TROPHY** For Personal Endeavour

Janet Udy (Canterbury)

## **ROB ROCHE TROPHY** For Meritorious Service To Masters Squash

Aynsley Munro (Otago)

## FOUNDATION COACH OF THE YEAR

Max Trimble (Northland)

## **DEVELOPMENT COACH OF THE YEAR**

Nic Dann (Canterbury)

## PERFORMANCE COACH OF THE YEAR

Matt Green (Wellington)

# FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

## By Martin Dowson - Chief Executive

I am writing my report from behind my desk in my home office where for a lot of time in 2021 I was forced to work from, as Auckland was locked down for over 100 days due to the impact of covid 19. The national office spent a lot of this time in lockdown trying to rearrange events that were constantly delayed and for many consequently cancelled. As a result, unfortunately several national event trophies will have 2021 missing from its engravings.



Even though 2021 will be remembered mostly from the impact of Covid, Squash in

New Zealand had a very positive year in general. Using a house building analogy, the first part of 2021 'we', and when 'we' is written, it means Squash NZ national office, the Board and all eleven districts, spent a lot of time drawing up our plans. One of the proudest items from 2021 which represents our cultural shift (referred to as kotahitanga) is at the back of our new strategic direction document, not for the content or stunning photo of Paul Coll lunging for the ball, rather for the 13 different signatures of the leaders in Squash NZ and all our districts who all signed off on our plans!

The second half of 2021 was spent preparing and pouring the concrete for our foundations. I would like to thank all the volunteers who put their hands up and became working group members of the five different areas that we needed in our preparation and decision making. You know who you are, and I cannot thank you enough as the diverse views you brought ensured we had representation from across the country, big clubs, small clubs, and your own unique experiences.

The concrete is now set, and we have an incredible foundation to build on, which will be the focus of 2022 which involves building the framing, the roof and outfitting the house so we can move in 2023. What will be different to clubs and members you ask? In summary what will look different from current includes a new levy model, iSquash, some competitions, more effective support for clubs and volunteers, enhanced promotion of squash, clarity around our facility priorities and greater resources to assist in more people to coach, administer, ref, and play!

The highlights in 2021 are clear and if I limit them to five, in no particular order (I think),

- 1. Paul Coll's amazing success, someone I admire as a person and a performer who has almost single handily increased the profile of squash throughout New Zealand in 2021, more than it has had in 20 plus years.
- 2. Our squash clubs who fundraised over \$20,000 for the Mental Health Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that does so much for supporting the wellbeing of our people and communities, and this was during a time of lockdown for many areas.

- 3. The 2000-plus responders to our national survey, as we needed insights to prepare the foundation and that number is almost unheard of from an email request to 'please complete and it will take 15 or more minutes'. It demonstrates our members, and many interested people care about the sport a lot - a fact I don't need to remind myself much of the responsibility I have personally as current caretaker leading the sport.
- 4. Resurrection of Club Kelburn, a club owned by Squash NZ that was virtually condemned and as a result of passionate volunteers (led by our Chairman Award winner Gary Murdoch) and Board member Dame Susan Devoy, changed almost everything. In 2021 Club K has a new roof and internal upgrades (thank you also NZCT and The Lion Foundation).
- 5. Finally, our end of year returns (see the back of the report for details) highlighted our sport is growing, we had a 6.5% increase in club members and a massive number of more registered casual players through our clubs, showing the importance of pay to play.

Bring on 2022, we have a lot of quality builders on board to complete the building, fingers crossed on the forecast!



# FROM THE CHAIR

## By Kyle Pontifex

Reflecting on another challenging year the board of Squash NZ are extremely appreciative of the individuals in our community that have ensured our game is able to be enjoyed by the public. As we experienced in 2020, the challenges we faced were varied and required flexibility and agility in how Squash NZ responded to them. The resulting financial position reflects the response to pandemic challenges, and we are pleased to post a surplus while having supported our members through the challenges of the year. While this is a positive result, we are aware that the year was impacted through the pandemic and as a result we delivered less squash to our members.

With more than a year in the role it is great to see the leadership that Martin is bringing to our sport. The pace and work ethic that Martin brings is inspiring and as a board we have been impressed with that volume of change that has been undertaken in this period. We understand that change can be unsettling but with collective engagement we can move the sport forward.

It has been great to see the Kotahitanga vision start to come to life and that it continues to provide direction in changing times. The board welcomes Jason, John and Tyler to the team and acknowledges the contribution of Dan, Deanna, and Jono through their time at Squash New Zealand. The high-performance space has enjoyed huge success across 2021 and the board offer our congratulations to Paul and Joelle and thank Shelley for the effort in this space. With a new structure and team in in place we look forward to this progress continuing.

The board has benefitted greatly from stability and continuity as we welcomed Vicki Beker and Dave Brown to an otherwise unchanged board. Vicki brings a wealth of squash knowledge with a first-hand district perspective having just finished 5 years as Chair of Bay of Plenty. As chair of the finance and risk committee we appreciate the strong financial experience that Vicki brings to the board. With a career in technology innovation and strategy Dave brings fresh thinking and a strategic perspective to the board, Dave's expertise has been a huge support to Martin as we progress the technology platform project.



Our newcomers have combined very well with Shiree, Cheryl, Dame Susan, and David to form a board dynamic that is both challenging and progressive. I would like to personally thank each of the board members for their time and commitment over the year.

As a board we have looked to improve our governance approach along with specific focus on our facility strategy, technology platform and levy model. It has been great to see the progress made with the refresh of Club Kelburn. The turn-around in Club Kelburn has been astonishing and is a direct result of the efforts of a passionate group of volunteers. To Gary, Travis, Susan, and the team the board is extremely appreciative of the work you have done and the squash opportunities you are providing to the public. The National Squash Centre is another area that has required a more active involvement from Squash NZ and along with Club Kelburn highlights the importance of strategic planning for our facilities.

The technology platform and levy models are key touch points for our membership and therefore critical to improving Squash in New Zealand. The approach taken in both initiatives has utilised member working groups to refine the Squash NZ approach. As a result, we have increased confidence that the solutions will meet the needs of the majority of our membership. Once again, the board appreciates the commitment and passion from the numerous volunteers who selflessly give their time to improve the squash experience – thank you.

Building on Paul and Joelle's success and the backing of international bodies we will have the opportunity to grow the sport in the coming years. The board recognise this and are committed to maximising this opportunity with a sound approach.

My thanks and gratitude goes to all that make our game so special.



# NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

## by John Fletcher - National Development and Operations Manager

2021 was certainly an example in learning how to expect the unexpected, with different districts and clubs having to deal with varying degrees of challenges throughout the year. Along with managing significant changes such as the switch from the Alert Level system to the COVID Protection Framework (CPF), from a strategic level a solid foundation continued to be built with 2022 being the year much of it will be bought to life for our clubs.

One of the more exciting projects is the development of a new IT platform. Following on from a lengthy RPF process where a number of vendors were assessed by our expert working group along with further evaluation by a user group, a preferred vendor was selected with the contract due to be signed early 2022 with the build beginning immediately after. The new platform will bring together Club, Member and Competition Management to offer an exciting tool to make running a club simpler and make being a player more exciting and engaging.

Tying in with the new IT platform is a change in the way that the sport is funded with a proposed new levy model. The current model sees clubs pay separate district and national affiliation levies with national levies based on annual membership income and grading list numbers, while the new model is to be linked directly to the value received by clubs and individual players. While the framework has been established, Squash NZ and the districts will visit clubs during April and May for further consultation before the final model is presented later in the year.

On the Participation front some key initiatives have been identified to help grow the game. One of these is a national rollout of Racketball – also known as Squash57. The slightly larger racket and bouncier ball brings elements of long rallies and a slower pace which offers a great introduction into squash for beginners but also for those advancing in years. In fact, anyone can enjoy the fun and social excitement Racketball will be bringing to a club near you.



Work also began on building a new online learning tool for club volunteers and committee members, which will be rolled out in stages during 2022. Utilising the same platform as the Coach Development Framework, these micro-learning modules will offer clubs a great resource to train new or existing committee members. Accompanying these will be an improved central resource where clubs can access templates and case studies to assist in the running of their clubs. As we know, our sport wouldn't exist without our clubs and volunteers, so we want to help them operate as effectively and efficiently as possible.

The National Insights Survey run in August and September provided valuable feedback on the current state of our sport and the values of our players, helping shape future priorities. Seeing over 2000 responses come in was incredibly exciting and gives us a wealth of insights to bring together with other research such as the Sport NZ Active NZ surveys.

Another of the working groups that was formed during the year focused on a National Facility Strategy, which completed a thorough information update of our club and facility network around New Zealand. This is a critical piece of work noting the underinvestment in many clubs over the years which are now approaching 40-60 years in existence and requiring a growing repair bill. Building blocks are in place for an Asset Management Plan tool for clubs which has been piloted with three clubs along with initial studies into procurement opportunities for clubs, while a full National Facilities Strategy will be completed in mid-2022.





## **COACH DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

## By Jason Fletcher - Coach Development Leader



I was excited to start a new challenge in 2021 by leading coach development for Squash in NZ, with the goal to increase the quantity and quality of squash coaches in NZ.

The excitement was immediately dampened a little by the national lockdown two weeks prior to starting in the new role in August which made the transition challenging. However, this allowed some time to review the current framework, reach out to coaches, and speak to districts

to get an update of the status of coaching and coach development around the country. As expected, the situation varies from district to district with some having good capability while others are facing real challenges in recruiting, training, and retaining coaches.

A common theme across a lot of the feedback received was that coaches want to feel valued, supported, and well connected to a network of coaches and the system.

Along with the Coach Advisory Panel (CAP) we believe that a strong active group of coach developers is the key to support our strategic goal. We were able to secure a small grant from Sport NZ to assist with funding some coach development work, which we can utilise to support coach developers and districts.

Continuing the development of the current framework which had its first release in 2020 has been a significant challenge. The original framework will have some slight tweaks but will still be based on a blended learning environment, consisting of a combination of online and practical learning courses, conferences, forums and regular tips and articles. Work has begun on developing the next set of online learning modules and new practical learning opportunities, which will be available in early 2022.

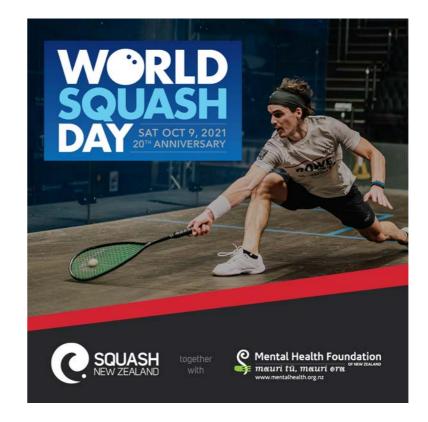
Following an online session with a group of performance coaches we were able to gain some insights into what topics and learning opportunities would be of interest for these coaches. "Learning from other countries" was a hot favourite, so I arranged for Egyptian National Men's Coach Ashraf Hanafi to join us for an online discussion on the Egyptian system.

This session was live on Teams with many coaches tuning in, this was also recorded for those who could not make it on the night. There was lots of interesting topics and concepts in the discussion but the big surprise to many was the number of juniors they have participate in their tournaments - over 1000 entries in each event! The feedback from this session was very positive.

2022 will see many of the strategies developed on paper put into action including; running a pilot project for Coach Developers in some regions, completing the next stages of the online and practical learning opportunities, and hosting a National Coaching Conference in 2022.

## **PROMOTION REVIEW**

## By Tyler Duberly - Promotion and Competition Manager







Promoting squash became a huge focus in 2021 with the new Squash NZ Strategic direction being implemented. The main promotion project in 2021 was Word Squash Day, where SNZ partnered with the Mental Health Foundation New Zealand. 38 squash clubs from all around the country got involved and did their clubs and districts proud raising over \$20,000 for the Mental Health Foundation with activities on and around World Squash Day Saturday 9th October 2021.

Despite clubs in Northland, Auckland, and Waikato under Alert Level 3. Many clubs used World Squash Day to connect with their members during difficult times and keep in touch online with different activities and challenges. Other Clubs around the country had squashathons and other challenges, while bake sales in places such as the Mackenzie Squash Club in the central South Island and Makarewa Squash in the deep south helped raised funds and bring their club together.

The highest amount raised by an individual club was Putaruru Squash Club in the Bay of Plenty with \$2500, just ahead of Henderson Squash Club in Auckland (\$2400) and Makarewa Squash Club in Southland (\$2380).

2022 will see the return of World Squash Day where SNZ will work with districts and clubs to improve on 2021 great success. We will also introduce a new national promotion event in March which is focused on growing the game.

The success of Paul Coll and Joelle King has helped promote Squash New Zealand around the world and squash within NZ. Our social media has grown over the past year and seen an 18% increase in followers. We will look to continue working with our top players and Squash Community in NZ to keep increasing our online presence and ultimately promote Squash.

## **EVENTS REVIEW**

## By Tyler Duberly - Promotion and Competition Manager

What another interesting year with a full calendar of club, district and national events scheduled across the country. The first half of the season was completed largely uninterrupted with several successful national tournaments including NZ Doubles, AON NZ Junior Open and the Cousins Shield/Mitchell Cup before an unwelcome break and some modified events to finish the season. Again, clubs and districts showed great resilience when dealing with the constant COVID curve balls with several key national events postponed, cancelled, and reshaped.

Disappointingly for many players the NZ Junior and Masters Individuals and Inter-District Teams events were cancelled along with the National Superchamps and Champion of Champions finals. The NZ Squash Championships were postponed twice before finally going ahead with the new title of the Oliver Sport Classic, an acknowledgement without players from Auckland and Waikato able to take part due to regional lockdowns a true National Championships could not be held. For those who were able to attend, the players were ecstatic to be back on court and providing quality squash for those still locked down to watch online. The Senior Inter-District Teams Nationals was also assigned the 'Classic' tag with six teams competing in the Men's and Women's draws respectively. Bay of Plenty took the most of this opportunity and defeated Wellington 3/1 to take the Men's team title and completing the double the BOP Women's team defeated Canterbury in their final winning on a close count back.

We were fortunate to run the following national events in the first half of the year with no disruptions; NZ doubles, AON junior Open, North and South Island Junior age groups, Cousin Shield/Mitchell Cup, and the masters club championships. As well as several District Opens and the summer PSA series.

2021 was to see Devoy Squash and Fitness host the 2021 World Men's team Championships, however due to COVID this event was relocated to Malaysia and then cancelled. NZ was awarded the 2023 World men's Teams event with Devoy Squash and Fitness getting their second chance to run this international event. Unfortunately, the Oceania Junior Championships, due to be held prior to the World Men's Teams also fell victim to the border closures.

The early part of the season also saw the introduction of some changes to the grading list following a review during 2020 to address issues raised by the squash community. Regular reviews are to be undertaken to ensure the changes are achieving the desired outcomes and allowing the grading list to be a robust measure of a player's current ability.



In 2022 we will be piloting several new events as well as some amendments to our current national events. In June we will be piloting a national senior age group and social teams' competition down in Otago. August will see the first Racketball festival in NZ hosted in Auckland with a weekend of everything racketball including teams and individual competitions.

A special thank you to all those who were part of the 2021 Competitions Advisory group that assisted with evaluating all our current events and your valued feedback. Your hard work has been instrumental in the development on the refreshed 2023 event calendar.

Good luck to everyone for the 2022 season!

# **MASTERS REVIEW**

## By Fran Hopkins - Masters director

The year started well with Covid disruptions seemingly behind us however as we all know that was not to be with the impacts again seeing many changes to planned events. Cancelled and postponed masters' tournaments occurred across the NZ calendar, Australian calendar and the rest of the world including NZ Masters Nationals, Australia Masters Nationals, Pan Pacific Masters Games, World Masters Games, and World Masters Squash to name the more significant to us here. Also amongst the postponed events was the Trans-Tasman Test series, contested bi-annually by NZ and Australia, and which was to be hosted by Australia. As I understand it, 2021 was the first time in 25 years that the NZ Masters Nationals hadn't taken place, a reflection of just how committed we are, not having let anything other than a worldwide pandemic get in the way!



#### Masters Club Team Championships:

Held on 6th – 8th August, the team at Thames Squash Club did an impressive job hosting this event, with the support of the team at Paeroa Squash Club and Squash Waikato. Entries had to close early with 32 teams entered weeks in advance. Four x 8 team draws provided a balanced and competitive tournament for all, with match play having to commence early on Friday morning, and extend late into the night to fit all games in. Congratulations to Hamilton Squash and Tennis Club for winning this title.

#### Rob Roche Award:

For Meritorious Service and aims to recognise a valuable contribution to the delivery of master's Squash in New Zealand. This year's well deserving recipient was Aynsley Munro of Dunedin. A passionate player herself in her day, Aynsley has spent the last 30 years as the dominant driving force behind master's Squash in the southern half of the South Island. A major organizer of Masters fundraising and organizing flights/accommodation - as Otago teams travelled around the country to compete in the National Masters tournament each year. This culminated also in her organizing and running the NZ Squash Masters Championship in Dunedin in 2016.

Another area of Masters where she has significantly contributed is in the organisation and running of the squash section of the NZ Masters Games, which have been held in Dunedin bi-annually since 1992. Devoting a very large part of her life to squash in NZ including Masters, bestowed with the honour of Life Membership with not one, but three clubs - Logan Park Squash Club, Otago Squash Club and Otago University Squash Club, congratulations and many thanks must go to Aynsley for her dedication and commitment to squash over many years.

## Looking Forward at 2022:

Here's hoping there is minimal interruption to our master's calendar for 2022. Most notable, Masters Club Team Championships in July hosted by Hawkes Bay, NZ masters Individuals & Teams in September hosted by Hamilton Squash Club and lastly, the 25th Trans-Tasman Challenge between Australia and New Zealand.

# REFEREE REVIEW

## By Janet Udy - Referee director

2021 was another challenging year for refereeing and, no doubt, everyone involved in squash with many tournaments being postponed or cancelled. Most disappointing was the cancellation of the World Men's Team event which was to have been held in Tauranga in December 2021. However, the same event has been scheduled for the same venue in 2023 and our refereeing group will be working towards being prepared for this event and we are looking forward to the exposure it will give our referees to world class players and international referees.

A significant focus of the Refereeing Panel this year has been the planning of the transition of our referees over to the World Officiating Platform which was launched early in 2021 by the PSA in partnership with the World Squash Federation. This platform provides a clear pathway for referees by providing an online education and assessment portal which aims to standardise officiating qualifications worldwide. It should provide a clearer pathway for those referees who wish to progress onto the international stage.

There are five levels of refereeing qualifications providing instructional videos, video examples, online learning and resources taking a referee from basic rules suitable for club players (Level 1) right through to refereeing on the world stage (Level 5). The pathway for Club (Level 1), District (Level 2) and National (Level 3) referees in New Zealand will be like our current pathway but will now be aligned with the WSO platform and a referee will have to complete the various modules on WSO for their level as well as undertake practical assessments in a similar manner to our current system.

Our national refereeing pool has shrunk this year with the retirement at this level by Jan McAra, Jackie Hamilton, Wayne Smith, and Becky Clarke. As a group we've enjoyed their company and we have also appreciated all they have done for refereeing in New Zealand over the years. I understand they are all still likely to be involved in squash in some capacity whether it be coaching or providing referee support at district level, so we aren't losing their valued input and their refereeing experience entirely.



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I'd like to acknowledge the contribution of 2021 Referee Management Panel members — Jackie Hamilton, Glenn Carson, Nicky McNaught, Deanne Forsyth and Shelly Kitchen (who replaced Deanna on the panel during the year). Special thanks go to Glenn and Jackie both of whom have stood down from the panel after many years — their time and input has been valuable to refereeing in New Zealand as well as much appreciated.

Mike Jack has taken on the role as Referee Director for 2022 and Heather Findlay has joined the panel, so the 2022 Referee Management Panel is Mike Jack, Janet Udy, Nicky McNaught, Heather Findlay and Shelley Kitchen.

## 2021 National Referees

Chris Buckland
Glenn Carson
Becky Clarke
Heather Findlay
Matey Galloway
Jackie Hamilton
Mike Jack
Paul Kennett
Terry Manuatu
Jan McAra
Nicky McNaught
Daniel Parry
Wayne Smith
Janet Udy



## HIGH PERFORMANCE REVIEW

## By Shelley Kitchen - High Performance Manager

The main areas of development in the HP Programme 2021 were the establishment of the End-to-End Pathway (E2E), the furthering of the HP Pros, continued progress of the Emerging Pros and the clear pathway for development players.

The HPSNZ funding remained the same level as the previous year but at a much-reduced level than we previously enjoyed. Funding allocation has now been significantly increased and will stay at this level for the next 4 years, allowing us to confidently plan for the future. This is in part due to the work from Squash NZ with HPSNZ and further assisted by the development of the E2E. As well, Paul and Joelle, our two HP Pros, have had highly successful campaigns over the last 12 months despite covid and this has contributed to our status with HPSNZ.

#### **END-TO END PATHWAY**

In March, the E2E Pathway was launched on the back of the HP Review 2020, which contained stakeholder input from coaches, players, parents, and districts. The E2E is to assist squash players with a map and process of how to achieve goals from junior club level to reach their potential as a top squash player. It is defining the way the high-performance structure aligns with HPSNZ new strategy and investment model. Bringing the E2E to life was a focus of 2021 and will continue to evolve alongside current sports philosophies.

## **HPPROS**

Paul Coll has improved his PSA world ranking from number 4 to number 2 attaining the number one world ranking in March 2022. Squash NZ and HPSNZ has continued to fund Paul to ensure his success and intends to continue to do so in the foreseeable future assisted by the increased funding grant from HPSNZ. We continue to work closely with Paul to assist him with planning and funding and he is a great ambassador for our sport on the world stage.

Joelle King is our longest established current elite professional. She has continued her success in the last decade, currently still sitting in the top 6 in the PSA world rankings. She also receives funding from Squash NZ and HPSNZ and works with Squash NZ on planning and funding areas.

Both these players are based overseas and as well as their individual campaigns as squash professionals, continue to play for NZ in international world teams events including the Commonwealth Games in 2022.

#### EMERGING PRO AND DEVELOPMENT PLAYER STREAMS

The most significant contribution SNZ made to the Emerging Pros and Development players this year was the promotion of PSA events which has provided these players with valuable world ranking points, income, as well as intense competition. This has been a partnership between clubs and SNZ and the tournaments have generated interest from the squash community in general using live streaming and promotion. This has benefitted the Emerging Pros and Development players on the pathway, enabling them to reach a significant world ranking and allowing them to head overseas to improve their squash experience. This year, significantly, four additional development players transitioned into Emerging Pros and began their overseas campaign using the opportunities provided by the HP Programme.

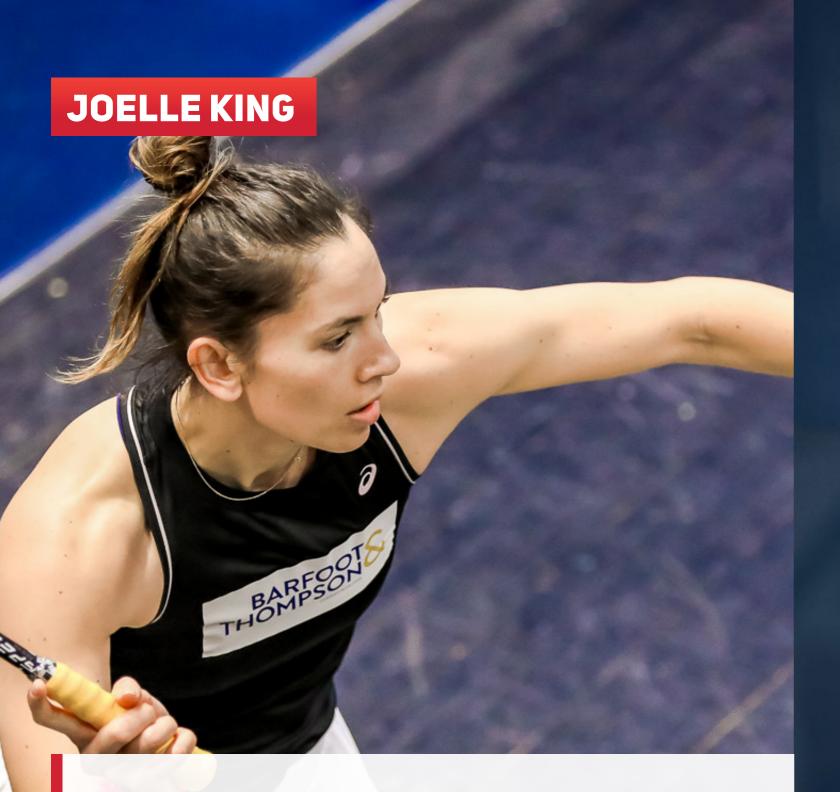


## **PINNACLE EVENTS 2021**

The World Men's Team Championships in December 2021 was cancelled 7 days prior to starting due to political reasons. The team selected was Paul Coll, Evan Williams, Lwamba Chileshe and Temwa Chileshe. The World Junior Team Championships also did not eventuate which meant our junior development players had to re-focus on the development of their game including more regional training, and participation in tournaments, supported by their individual coaches.

The 2022 Commonwealth Games Campaign was a focus of 2021, providing athletes with doubles strategy camps and events to work towards to have the best chance of the filling the NZOC nomination quota and maintain previous games performances. The Campaign Lead Coach is Glen Wilson and assistant coach/manager is Paul Hornsby. The World Doubles Championships was pushed back to April 2022.

In conclusion, 2021 has provided many obstacles and barriers to our success with covid and financial constraints but despite this our players have continued to improve and progress themselves along the E2E Pathway. We look forward to 2022 with fewer constraints. The Commonwealth Games in July will showcase the work done in 2021 and provide us with the impetus to continue building the HP Programme for the future.



**PAUL COLL** 

For Joelle King it was a matter of consistency in a disrupted year where the number of tournaments was limited along with training opportunities in the UK as well. King has now been in the top ten rankings since October 2017 and continues to be a mainstay against all-comers who challenge her.

King reached the semi-finals at two events, starting with the Black Ball Open where she defeated second ranked Nouran Gohar in straight games before losing to Sarah-Jane Perry in a marathon five game contest. At the Oracle Netsuite Open in San Francisco she

again excelled beating Hania El Hammamy but losing to Salma Hany in the last four. At the British Open there were some solid victories to make the quarterfinals however there was a marathon match against El Hammamy which didn't go her way in five games.

Overall, she played nine tournaments in 2021 reaching the semis at two, the quarters at four as well as the top four at the World Tour Finals. Alongside with her results on the court King has continued to be a leader for New Zealand female athletes to aspire to and particularly for Māori.

An amazing 2021 for Greymouth's, Paul Coll on the PSA World Tour. He continued to represent his country at the highest level and mix it with the best Egyptians and beat them too.

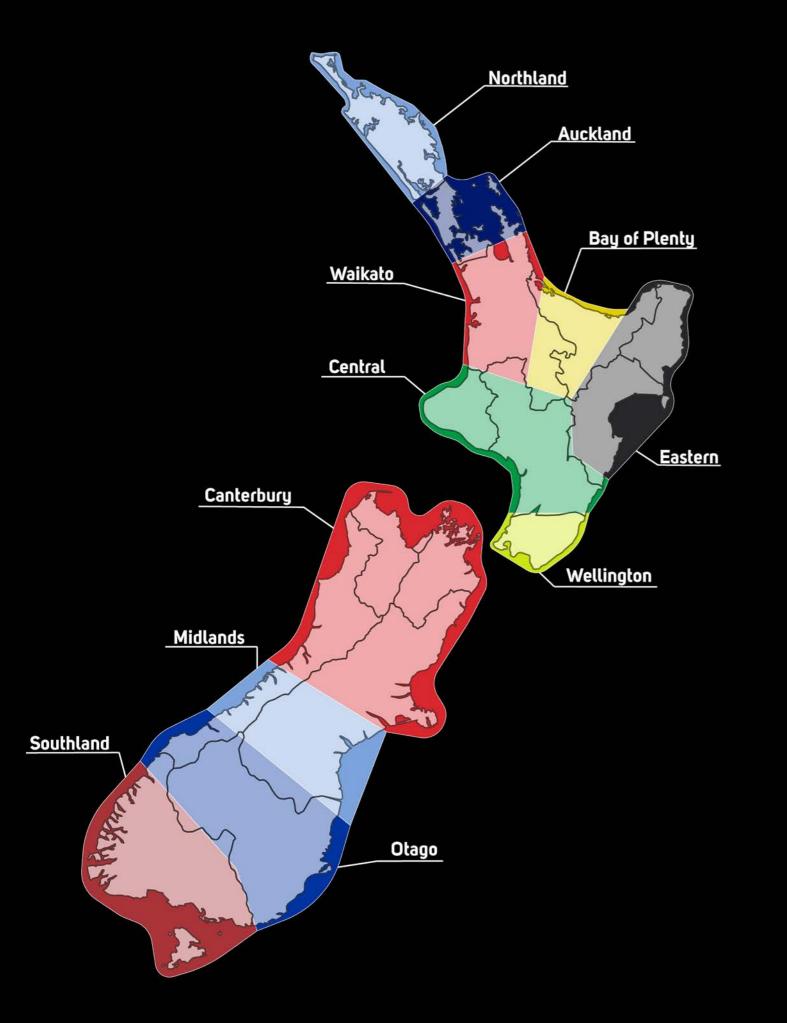
The year was highlighted by Coll winning the British Open, becoming the first New Zealand male to do so and beating the second seed in the semi-finals and the world No 1 Ali Farag in the final. The impact of his British Open victory was such that it gained the attention of television news bulletins for a couple of days in New Zealand a created huge positivity when the country was in lockdown.

Coll also moved up to No 2 in the world rankings the highest for a Kiwi male since Ross Norman in

1987. He will take over the No 1 world ranking at the beginning of March – a first again for a New Zealand male player.

He won two other events in the past year aside from the British Open, this included the Canary Wharf Classic where he beat Farag in the final and then in his next event he beat Farag again for victory at Black Ball tournament in Egypt – the first non-Egyptian since 2017 to win in that nation. There were also runner-up finishes at Qatar, Oracle Netsuite Open and El Gouna.

Overall Coll played 11 tournaments in 2021 winning three, runner up at three and semis at three others (including the World Tour Finals) and two quarters for an amazing year.



# **SQUASH DISTRICT 2021 REVIEW**

## **SQUASH NORTHLAND** - By Gaye Trimble

2021 brought another challenging year with Covid disruptions and uncertainty but everyone was a bit more prepared this year, with our clubs showing great resilience and able to adapt quickly to protect members and put protocols in place when required.

We were grateful for the squash we were able to play with trainings, programmes, tournaments, interclub and social events all being made the most of when they were able to happen, not knowing what was around the corner. 'The Nick' Junior tournament series was successfully completed with 70 juniors playing at least one tournament. Three high school teams managed to compete at the NZ Secondary Schools Championships in Tauranga which they were fortunate to get in just prior to lockdown. The Whangarei Squash club hosted the Northland Open which was also a PSA Challenger 5 men's event, attracting good entries from around NZ with some great squash played.

Whilst it was disappointing to have quite a few the popular national events cancelled at the end of the season, we were pleased to be able to send a men's and women's team to the NZ Senior Teams Championship in November. Luckily the team was able to fly directly to Wellington as with Auckland being in an extended lock-down this effectively cut Northland off from the rest of the country over that time.

We are looking forward to a more settled year in 2022 (fingers crossed!) and the start of the re-build of the Kerikeri Squash Club.



## SQUASH AUCKLAND - By Sara Lowe

Before the August lockdown we had a good run of fun and successful events in the district. We managed to hold six successful PSA tournaments, the Auckland PSA Open included, with overseas pro-players from Australia taking part in several of them. We had good participation for the Senior, Masters and Junior interclub rounds from autumn all the way to Winter Round 2, which had to be cancelled two weeks into the competition.

At the start of August, a new Women's Premier League competition was introduced and started off great before Covid interfered. It was a success with a pool of over 20 A grade ladies getting involved. This is sure to be continued in 2022.

One of our big investments this year has been a Multi-Ball System. This is going to be a portable interactive-squash wall which we are planning to use to enhance our in-school programs as it contains a range of games which range from educational to arcade, all whilst developing motor skills. It is a great addition to the Micro courts which have been great so far for introducing squash in schools.

World Squash Day was celebrated on the 9th October all over the world and the Auckland squashies did our best to celebrate at home in our bubbles. It was important to highlight this day and celebrate our fantastic sport even though we were in lockdown, and it is a privilege that we could be part of raising over \$20,000 to the Mental Health Foundation for a great cause.

We have seen an increase in interest for Racketball play in the Auckland clubs, and we want to embrace and promote it. The Packer Cup Racketball tournament is scheduled for the third time at North Shore Squash Club in March 2022 and an Auckland vs Waikato Racketball Challenge was planned in 2021 but had to be postponed due to Covid and will be played in February 2022.

Squash Auckland is excited about the fun new competitions in the revised competitions framework including a new NZ Social Teams event, Fast 8 and Racketball festival to name a few. Fun times ahead, and we look forward to a great year for squash in 2022!

## SQUASH BAY OF PLENTY - By Rebecca Glenton

Despite the difficulties of the last year including lockdowns and uncertainty affecting the BOP Junior Open, BOP Doubles and several other tournaments the region was able to pivot and still run amended interclub, the HEAD Junior 900 series, Women's 900 series.

Our region's clubs did their best to bounce back from any adversity and have made some good progress. The Squash Bay of Plenty Club of the Year, Reporoa has had strong growth in programmes and membership. In Eastern BOP, Dave and Lauren Clarke have worked hard to increase activity, growing participation numbers in the process.

Michelle Oldfield, Squash Bay of Plenty Volunteer of the year, has led Devoy Squash through a busy time. This included hosting the Cousins Shield and Mitchell Cup, whilst preparing for potentially bigger events in upcoming years. Devoy Squash also completed a massive upgrade to their club introducing interactive squash and the installation of a glass court.

In tournaments that were played, a real highlight was to see Tauranga Boys and Otumoetai Girls win the national secondary schools' competition. Bay of Plenty Superchamps District Eliminations went ahead, and the engagement was again very strong. The North Island Juniors in New Plymouth was well attended by BOP players and Joe Smythe won the North Island Under 19 title.

Another important event this year was BOP Regional Manager, Marcus Niles, stepping down after nine years. He has contributed greatly to Bay of Plenty Squash and will remain an integral part of Squash in the region. The Bay of Plenty Squash community thank Marcus for his service to the sport and we wish him well in his new ventures.

## **SQUASH WAIKATO** - By Nicola Blake

Wow another challenging year, navigating through the start of a 'normal' year to heading back into parts of our district back in lockdown. I am proud at what Squash Waikato and the board were able to achieve in another tough year. Being able to run our district Waikato Open and PSA and attract some of the top players in NZ was a huge credit to Bruce and the crew at Hamilton Squash & Tennis Club.

Out of the four National Teams Events that took place throughout the year, our district managed to come home with three trophies. The Mitchell Cup and Cousins Shield trophies both came back to the Waikato, after Hamilton & Lugton Park managed to defend their titles from 2019. The Lugton Park men were very dominant in their final, however the Hamilton ladies was a very tightly contested final, coming down to the last match 11-9 in the 5th set.

Hosting the AD Long Masters Cup in Thames & Paeroa was one of the highlights for our district for the year. With a huge increase of teams (32) this was one of the biggest AD Long competitions to have been held. Huge credit to Bruce, the Thames Squash Club & Paeroa Squash Club for all their hard work to make the tournament such a success. The amount of positive feedback Squash Waikato received was phenomenal. Also made all the better with a Waikato team (Hamilton) winning Division 1.

Another year and another lockdown meant we had to think outside the box here in the Waikato. Thus, bringing back the Walking Challenge 2.0. This year biking was also introduced into the original Walk/Run challenge. What made this challenge even more invested for clubs was that half of their earnings would be donated to the NZ Mental Health Foundation in support of World Squash Day.

Our women's squash programmes continue to grow, with more Women & Wine Programmes taking place and the introduction of "Girls just wanna have fun with Mum" and "Coffee and Squash". Our W900 & Below women's series with BOP was again a huge hit with the ladies still wanting more squash, thus a Waikato W900 Spring Series was created.

A lot of changes have occurred at Squash Waikato in the latter part of 2021. Bruce Morgan chose to step down as General Manager in August/September. I want to thank Bruce for the three years he gave to SW and for all his hard work in helping to build and grow participation in squash within our district. Our Squash Development officer Richard Harris also decided to change career paths into the fitness industry. Richard was known for his creative and out of the box thinking at bringing new initiatives to our sport and helping clubs utilise other ways in bringing in new members.

Squash Waikato have chosen to redirect our focus areas for 2022 into the development of coaches and helping grow relationships between schools and clubs. Therefore, we chose to merge the development and high-performance coaching roles. Emma Millar will be starting in the Performance & Coach Development Officer role January 2022. Squash Waikato looks forward to seeing her new initiatives in action.



## **SQUASH EASTERN** - By Michelle Kelly

2021 like 2020 has been a very challenging year. Covid-19 has again interfered with our lives, our communities, and our sport. The impact of the global pandemic has again made its presence felt and continues to have a negative impact on people, clubs, and communities. Squash Eastern has been no different and we have felt the effects again this year. Even with the challenges 2021 has brought, Squash Eastern continues to function in a competent manner and it is quietly going about its business of delivering outcomes and results for its members.

Some highlights for 2021 are

- Junior Squash in Eastern is the best it has been for many years. The number of children learning, playing, and competing in competitions is growing each month. Junior nights at the clubs are thriving and new players are coming along each week, and some are becoming financial members of the clubs.
- Continued funding of our Junior Academy from Pub Charity allowed us run 4 district camps which have been very successful.
- The start of our first Junior 900 series kicked off with great success, we held 8 events spread over clubs throughout the district. Each event attracted between 18-27 entries and has helped our budding juniors to grow confidence competing.
- Ladies interclub continuing to grow.

Looking to the future I am confident that Squash Eastern is in a good position, both in the terms of financial heath and management (people). We continue to deliver on our core aspirations and deliver to our stakeholders. Squash Eastern has the appropriate people in the roles required to keep furnishing the desired results.

## **SQUASH CENTRAL** - By Pauline Slovak

Another challenging year with disruptions. Luckily for our district clubs only closed for around a month this time. The major disruptions were for our Representative teams with their Nationals all being affected. Highlights for the year were coaching of club coaches and communication growth with the clubs. In March we ran a communications survey with the clubs which gave us some great insight and we were able to adapt some of the ways we were communicating with them. Around midyear we had a council of clubs meeting with the Central Committee and Martin from SNZ meeting with almost all the clubs throughout Central for several hours. The clubs that attended gave great feedback and hope to do it yearly going forward.

Central hired a Coaching facilitator for 10 months of the 2021 season who supported over 20 coaches throughout the district mentoring and training them to deliver higher quality programmes within their clubs. We also ran two training camps for our rep players with coach Nick Mita which were very successful and informative for both our local coaches and the players involved. We were able to hold a one-day coaching clinic in March for 15 budding coaches around the district run by Jason Fletcher.

Interclub saw increased participation this season with a few new programmes being tried out. The district hosted another successful Junior prince series running through 16 of our 22 clubs and involved around 200 juniors from throughout Central. Tournaments were also well supported this season with players really appreciating the fact they could play and socialise as restrictions allowed and how lucky we were when compared to some other districts which were locked down for months on end.

Through all this we have seen the clubs become increasingly agile with the need to respond quickly with their members best interest at heart in the uncertain times and this has been helped through effective and frequent communications from both Central and Squash NZ. Both clubs and players alike have been great at connecting virtually and we have used Zoom extensively this year to run a virtual rules night with Mike Jack, most committee meetings and even our Awards and AGM at the end of the year.

We also ran a World Squash Day T shirt promotion raising money for the Mental Health Foundation.

## SQUASH WELLINGTON - By Russell Henderson

In a year in which we continued to experience interruptions, postponements and cancellations, something which truly shone through was the ability of our clubs, committees, and players to adapt to keep our beloved sport alive and well. On a more poignant note, 2021 was the year in which Squash Wellington said farewell to William Bicknell, who moved on to new pastures after many years of dedicated service.

To continue the subject of last year's district overview, which focused on women's squash, 2021 saw the continued success of several initiatives and provisions: We hosted another popular season of the HEAD 800 series for women (as well as the HEAD 900 for up-and-coming juniors), thriving Women's Interclub, and a burgeoning community in the form of Capital Ladies of Squash, led by our very own Chair, Ann Smith. This year, as well as the immensely popular Tawa Ladies Open, run in March to coincide with International Women's Day, we have the new Hutt City Ladies Open a month later.

2021 saw the introduction of the Master of master's series, devised by our master's Convenor Bryan Smith. The point structure values participation and means that players of any level can be crowned champion! As master's players make up more than half of our district's competitive squash players, this is a fantastic initiative which celebrates our congenial master's scene.

Our junior players have also been going from strength to strength, with some serious silverware (seven titles!) being claimed at North Island and South Island Age Group Champs, ranging from and under-11 champ to an under-19 champ.

The Wellington Squad Programme had another encouraging year of growth, with a positive survey response from all three groups – juniors, seniors, and masters. While there was understandable disappointment in competitions being cancelled, our district was delighted to host the Oliver Sport NZ Classics as alternatives to the typical senior individuals and team's competitions. We appreciate all the extra effort by Squash NZ and all the teams involved for making it a competitive and fun event. We are gearing up for another great season, and recently reappointed the mighty Evan Williams as the coach for the Junior and Senior Squads, and Matt Green, recipient of the 2021 Squash NZ Performance Coach of the Year Award, as the coach for our master's Squad.

Huge thanks to all the district representatives and Squash NZ staff who have welcomed me into the fold and helped me find my way in my temporary role as District Administrator. On behalf of Squash Wellington, we look forward to a season where easing restrictions will hopefully allow us to enjoy far more interaction and collaboration.

## **SQUASH CANTERBURY** - By Ryan Frampton

Like 2020, 2021 was a challenging year for Squash around Canterbury with the continuation of COVID-19 being a major factor with what events and tournaments could go forward. With that being said there again must be a heap of praise put upon the clubs, volunteers, coaches and members who have been able to adapt to these rapidly changing times and work around the current restrictions.

For Squash Canterbury the early part of the year saw the continuation of Junior development with holiday programmes and school programmes being set up to help strengthen our clubs' junior pathways. Squash Canterbury's Junior 2100 series and Girl's series was again a great way to get juniors involved with competitive squash. Regular numbers turned out to each tournament and the girl's series continued to introduce new members to squash.

Across the large Canterbury district there has been some great initiatives taken up by clubs including the Women and Wine series. This has been used by lots of clubs not only in Canterbury but all over and has been a refreshing way of bringing in more women to our game.

The exciting new SBA Accounting Tournament Road which was set to start in 2020 was able to go ahead in 2021. This competition was made up of 10 tournaments with 430 participants taking part and proved a great success with numbers to the clubs opens improving significantly.

With the limited representative tournaments in 2021 it was great to see Canterbury performing well when given the opportunity. The South Island Quadrangular Tournament was held in June and Canterbury were able to retain the title they had won back in 2019. With the slight reshape of the National Senior Teams event later in the year Canterbury were excited to send both a Men's and Woman's team up to Wellington to compete. A strong performance by our ladies saw them come away with 2nd place only just being tipped up in the final. An exciting young men's team fought hard and put in some great performances in Wellington taking away 3rd place.

The success of Paul Coll in 2021 has been fantastic for Squash in Canterbury. Being a West Coast local and Christchurch schoolboy Paul's success has allowed us to promote and show how far you can go in Squash. With social media being such a big part of sport these days it was great to be able to share his success which has gained us new followers and fans of the sport.

Overall, 2021 was a great step forward compared to 2020 and we look forward to growing and introducing new initiatives, events, and programmes to further this growth in 2022.



## SQUASH SOUTHLAND - By Bruce Thirkell

In many ways, 2021 was a repeat of a frustrating 2020 season, with disruptions and cancelled events – however there were also some major highlights. Fingers crossed we will manage to play a complete season in 2022.

We had a very full tournament calendar in 2021 with some new club events introduced. Overall, entries throughout the season were mixed for a variety of reasons, with some events not being held; some being changed to one day events and others running at capacity. 2022 is shaping up to be another massive year with events for everyone from February through to October.

Some good work was done at the start of the year (and will continue) putting together a club toolkit of programmes and draws to provide clubs with an easy-to-reach database of information. Development plans continued throughout the year working on existing programmes plus combining with schools; Active Southland; ILT Stadium Southland; Academy Southland, Southland Secondary School Sport and SIT. Monday night social doubles continued with success throughout the year, a new adult intro programme was introduced and to finish the season a Fast 8 test events were held. All of these will continue and be built upon in 2022.

One major success over recent years has been the Junior 1 Day series which continues to introduce new players to clubs and to the Grading List. With huge support from locals, another 8 tournaments are confirmed for the 2022 season with a similar but improved series format.

Another major success of 2021 was the Fi Innovations Southland Open which was held in July at Squash City and ILT Stadium Southland. Months of planning went into this event and it was great to see that work rewarded with positive feedback from everyone involved. Plans are already in motion to make the 2022 edition an even better experience for the players.

Our plans to increase participation at the SuperChamps/Graded Teams event were met with limited success so more work will be put into this in 2022 – with a major emphasis on the district event. Our coaching framework is another area that needs to be revamped and we will start working on this early in 2022 with Squash NZ and the other South Island Districts.

Without question there have been some huge hurdles and obstacles over the last two years which have made running the district even more challenging than usual, but there have also been some big positives over that same period. Southland had one of the best District results from a recent Squash NZ player feedback survey, which was hugely encouraging. I will continue to work with our clubs, Board, neighbouring Districts and Squash NZ to enhance the playing opportunities for the entire squash community.

## SQUASH MIDLANDS - By Vicki Rae

The year kicked off with the much-loved Triangular competition between Midlands, Otago Metro and Central Otago. Mackenzie club were a fantastic host, and a great time was had by all. The icing on the cake was taking the honours getting up over both opposition allowing Mackenzie to proudly hang the shield at their club.

We once again ran the Midlands Circuit which all clubs signed up to as well as getting sponsors on board which lead to a good prize pool at the end of the season. All clubs held an Open which were all either at capacity or near so hopefully the Circuit initiative is helping drive participation at club events. Our clubs have yet again gone above and beyond with their Saturday night social functions with lots of players from outside the district attending to get amongst it and leading to good bar profits for our clubs.

Autumn Interclub kicked off in March and was run in two regions which crossed for a final's night. This was well received as it cut down the travel. The Winter Interclub was well supported and was ran across the whole district with some meet in the middle games for clubs travelling big distances. We also ran a Super league for our top players in the Autumn which went ok. Our top players decided to travel either north to Canterbury or south to Otago for the Winter Interclub which is the best option for our players to give them varied competition with some depth. Thanks to Otago and Canterbury for accommodating them.

Midlands hosted the Quad at Timaru Squash Club. Another great event that all the South Island districts look forward to. Canterbury took the honours with Midlands coming in second (which is a very good result for us). Great competition although there are some areas, in particular junior girls, that need rebuilding in the South.

It was great to see Chris Buckland recognised at the National Awards. Bucky has run several referee evenings throughout the district to upskill players on the rules and we very much value his dedication.

The Head Women's Series and the Alpine Energy Junior Series have gone from strength to strength and increased playing numbers in both areas. 2022 sees 11 of our 16 clubs host a Women's Fun Day and 13 clubs holding a under 900 Junior tournament. We also ran a 'Let's Go Ladies' initiative for beginner women which was well received with many clubs asking Midlands to run more.

Nick Mita has committed to Midlands as our district coach with much valuable input into whereto for our Junior Programme. We were lucky enough to have Daniel Sharplin back from the US early in the year and he along with Nick and Steph Chambers ran two Development Camps which were well received and open to players from throughout the South and a couple of Wellingtonians. Building on from that, Midlands coordinated Nick and Emma Millar to run further Development Camps throughout the year which will continue through 2022.

We have fantastic clubs and volunteers in this district who are trying hard to grow participation and make their clubs sustainable. The Midlands Board is a working board and I thank board members for the energy and input they put into Squash in our district.

## SQUASH OTAGO - By Aynsley Munro

The year started off in a very positive mode with everyone keen to kick COVID in to touch. Things started to deteriorate from August onwards with tournaments and events cancelled regularly. I know locally and in comparison, to the North Island, the South had it very easy but with the continual cancellation of National and some local events and programmes, it did have a trickledown effect on us all. As mentioned, the Otago District were extremely lucky, as apart from semis and finals, interclub and most club and district tournaments were able to be completed unaffected.

Getting allocated one of the more prestigious grades for Super Champ Nationals in 2021 was a real boost for our area especially Central Otago, not only showcasing the sport in the south but for the financial sustainment of our Central Otago clubs which apart from one, have only two courts. Alexandra Squash Club was to host the 'C' Grade Nationals with back-up courts of Omakau and Cromwell. As would be the case for most hosting clubs around the country, a huge number of hours and work had gone into keeping the reputation of 'southern hospitality' right up there and it was a short-lived great thrill when all 11 districts registered, they were sending a men's team and 9 districts a women's team – 20 teams in total. Bring on 2022 Super Champ Nationals - 'E' Grade is to be hosted by Alexandra.

Our most recent cancellation was the New Zealand Master's Games (including squash) to be hosted by Squash Otago in Dunedin on 5th – 7th February 2022. This was the first time it hadn't taken place (alternating between Dunedin and Whanganui) since its inception in 1992. This is always a fun tournament, a great way to kick of the year with many players and friends returning year after year creating life-time friendships and memories.

School squash and junior coaching facilitated by Ange Button and Mark Gribben was again successful and popular while it lasted but unfortunately the programmes were cut short due to hesitancy of schools to be involved and of course availability of clubs under lock-down in term three and four.

Squash Otago was committed to fielding an Otago Master's team again in 2021 and were keen and ready to head to the Nationals in Wellington to take on the best but once again, it was not to be.

Amongst numerous negatives, a positive from a second year of the virus was the Otago University Squash Club which initially was to vacate their Otago University owned premises at the end of 2019. Their tenure has once again been extended with the likelihood of a further extension looking favourable. And the enthusiasm of the young, a very pro-active committee has turned their club around with fundraising, painting, cleaning, new lighting, new tournament initiatives and generally upgrading both their courts and clubrooms.

Other clubs around the district have quietly beavered away upgrading their facility. Both Alexandra and Pirates Squash Clubs having upgraded changing and bathrooms; the Otago Squash Club have installed four new heat pumps and many others doing the necessary maintenance that goes unseen.

I cannot emphasis enough the importance the role played by our clubs and their administration especially in these trying times. Their ability to adapt and to make things happen in changing circumstances has been amazing.

Squash Otago looks forward to an exciting 2022 with positive optimism and certainty with the new initiatives helping to keep our sport accessible and relevant not just to club members but to the community as a whole. Membership is now not always a criterion for involvement in our great sport.

# **CLUB OF THE YEAR**

## Taihape Squash Club



Taihape Squash Club is seeing results from the strategic plan implemented in 2019 show through as the club has created a culture that is team and club focused, providing a warm and inviting atmosphere for individual members as well as families.

An improved membership pathway was devised for new players to take the court in a social and supportive environment as well as increasing the coaching depth within the club to support everyone. Jason Fletcher from Central Squash held two coaching-

coach-for-coaches evenings which saw some newbies go on to further courses and development. Participation success has been highlighted by the increased number of competitive players in our tournaments which has meant that we had to close some of our tournaments early due to reciprocal support we have received by players from other clubs

There is also improved fund raising efforts to ensure prudent financial management to fund facility upgrades and expansion plans.

The starting point for the club was building a successful business house competition including a novice within each team. One competition had 20 teams of 5 players entered until Covid-19 lockdowns intervened. The novices improved their on-court performances, confidence and enjoyment of the game which flowed through to having sufficient player depth to field two men's and two women's F grade Superchamps teams.

An expansion plan is taking the club into the future and will become more of a significant asset to the local community and squash in the central region.

The front walls of all courts have been resurfaced and surrounds also painted, combined with the fitting of LED lights, followed by the instillation of two heat pumps which have been a game-changer for the club on cold Taihape evenings.

New carpet in the bar/lounge area along with a kitchen upgrade to cater for the huge number of meals provided have added to the welcome feel of the club while new sound and security systems have been of significant benefits. A successful funding application for replacing the clubs upper floor windows with double glazing to further enhance the warmth of the club.

To cater for growing membership further expansion includes building two additional courts and an entertainment area consisting of a new bar, kitchen and lounge facility which will allow for hosting of larger team events and tournaments as well as the clear internal club benefits.

The club is also involved in external funding which involves cattle grazing scheme and docking on Ngamatea station, something a little different to assist with funding.

# **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

## Matthew Laurenson - Otago University Squash Club

Matt Laurenson has been the Otago University Squash Club captain for the last year where he has gone above and beyond what has been expected of him. He has been friendly, knows the entire membership by name and is the go-to committee member fulfilling responsibilities of running the operational side of the club, including interclub, competitions and social events, increasing membership numbers and engagement.

He has succeeded in increasing the student engagement with the club through both offering events for a broad variety of abilities and by focusing on the club's culture. An Intercollege Squash competition was held which had 56 entries from 15 residential colleges and was a complete success, with plenty of positive feedback from participants and a large engagement from students who normally wouldn't play squash. It translated into several new memberships due to Matt's success in running this event as well as his friendly and approachable attitude.

He has been responsible for organising the tournaments at the club with some big turnouts including the Orientation Open tournament which had 55 entries and our University Open had 96 entries.



Matt has also been instrumental in increasing the club's sponsorship. In particular, he was able to partner our club with Iwi Athletica which has allowed the us to sponsor our events as well as generate large public exposure towards the club broadening our reach and opening many doors for the club.

With the club remaining in an uncertain state following the transfer of ownership of our building from the Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) to the University of Otago, Matt and others have been involved in negotiating a potential lease with available squash courts near the University or ensuring that the club is in a financially secure position in the future.

Matt excelled during World Squash Day Matt taking responsibility for organising fundraising and publicity events. This took the form of several quiz nights (some held virtually), social competitions and free squash. These events were hugely popular and resulted in many non-squash players being seen at the club. Overall, the fundraising effort was the fifth best in New Zealand, raising \$1500 in funds, a phenomenal effort from a group of poor University students.

He has also been involved in managing teams, along with being at the forefront of any working bees, overall tidying of the club, arranging club nights and a huge amount.

# NZ SQUASH HALL OF FAME

## **NEW ZEALAND SQUASH HALL OF FAME INDUCTION – CHAS EVANS**

On May 1 the seventh induction dinner was held in Wellington to celebrate the most recent and 30th inductee into the New Zealand Squash hall of Fame, Chas Evans. This is the first induction since 2018 and it is great that we have a focus on refereeing, a role that is highly valued, not generally easy and one that is necessary. The following is the segment printed on Chas in the Souvenir Awards Programme.

Chas Evans emerged from the upper Hutt club to become one of the world's best referees, officiating at seven men's and six women's world championships between 1983 and 2003. Oddly enough, he was not a squash player as a junior. He played rugby and, even more seriously, was good enough clay pigeon shooter at only 17 to represent New Zealand. Evans became a solid B grade player and briefly touched A grade. In the late 1970's he was persuaded by Riri Harris to have a crack at refereeing. He attended the North Island Championships in Napier to sit his national badge. His assessor promptly failed him in his first match fir failing to carry a spare pen! Regardless Evans gained national qualification and later served on the Squash New Zealand management committee and as director of refereeing for New Zealand and for the Oceania region. In 1983had his first taste of international refereeing, at the world men's squash championships in Auckland. Evans refereed in international events in Australasia, Asia, Africa, Europe and North America. He also officiated in the 1998 Kuala Lumpur and 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games.

A milestone event for him was the 1987 world women's squash championships in Auckland, when he and Peter Highsted were assessed and promoted to World Squash's International Referees panel. In 1992, World Squash elevated its top half dozen referees to a world panel and from then until his retirement in 2003 Evans was a member of that elite group. A career highlight was refereeing the world men's final between Rodney Martin and Jahangir Khan in Adelaide in 1991, a match in which Martin upset the legendary Khan.

A feature of Evan's Refereeing was his empathy with players. He was strong-minded and there was never any doubt he was in charge, but he had a down to earth brand of humour that helped ease tense situations. In 1998 Evans received the New Zealand Squash Personality of the year award. He became one of the big personalities of not just New Zealand, but world squash.

Extract from the event programme



Shelley Kitchen, Jo Williams, Chas Evans, Stuart Davenport



Grant Smith, Chas Evans, Stephen Cunningham



# RESULTS

## **NEW ZEALAND DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**

SquashGym, Palmerston North, 9th-11th April

Men's Open Lwamba Chileshe (Waikato) & Temwa Chileshe (Waikato)
Women's Open Amanda Landers-Murphy (BOP) & Kaitlyn Watts (Central)

Mixed Open Evan Williams (Wellington) & Kaitlyn Watts (Central)

Women's 35+ Tamsyn Leevey (Central) & Jacinta Harrison (Central)

Men's 35+ Craig Stratford (Auckland) & Kent Darlington (Central)

Men's 50+ Nick Mita (Wellington) & Richie Hoare (Wellington)

## **AON NEW ZELAAND JUNIOR OPEN**

Remuera Rackets Club, 23th-25th April

**Boys Open Winner** Riley-Jack Vette-Blomquist (Northland)

**Boys Open Runner Up** Joe Smythe (BOP) **Girls Open Winner** Natalie Sayes (Auckland)

Girls Open Runner Up Sophie Hodges (Waikato)

## **NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (CANCELLED)**

Hutt City, 25th – 27th June

## **MITCHELL CUP**

Devoy Squash and Fitness, 4th-6th June

Winner Hamilton Squash and Tennis (Waikato) Runner Up Remuera Rackets Club (Auckland)

## **COUSINS SHIELD**

Devoy Squash and Fitness, 4th-6th June

Winner Lugton Park (Waikato)

Runner Up Devoy Squash & Fitness (BOP)

## **NORTH ISLAND JUNIOR AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Kawaroa Squash Club, 10th -12th July

## BOYS

**U19 Boys** Joe Smythe (BOP)

**U17 Boys** Apa Fatialofa Jr (Auckland)

**U15 Boys** Oliver Dunbar (Wellington)

**U13 Boys** Zac Laing (Northland)

**U11 Boys** Eamon Gannon (Wellington)

## **GIRLS**

**U19 Girls** Diana Galloway (Wellington)

**U17 Girls** Sophie Hodges (Waikato)

**U15 Girls** Annabel Romero (Central)

**U13 Girls** Agatha Griffiths (Auckland)

**U11 Girls** Tylee Bennett (Central)

## **SOUTH ISLAND JUNIOR AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Burnside, 22nd - 24th July

## **BOYS**

**U19 Boys** Paul Moran (Canterbury)

**U17 Boys** Tom Marshall (Canterbury)

**U15 Boys** Reece Holmes (Central)

**U13 Boys** Zac Laing (Northland)

**U11 Boys** Eamon Gannon (Wellington)

## **GIRLS**

**U19 Girls** Diana Galloway (Wellington)

**U17 Girls** Maiden Lee-Coe (Wellington)

**U15 Girls** Mackenzie Tait (Wellington)

**U13 Girls** Casey Ellery (Canterbury)



## **MASTERS CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Thames, 6th – 8th August

Winner Hamilton Squash & Tennis Club (Waikato) Runner Up Royal Oak Rackets Club (Auckland)

## **SUPERCHAMPS TEAM EVENT FINALS (CANCELLED)**

22nd - 25th September

## **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS (CANCELLED)**

Whangarei, 1st - 3rd October

## **NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR NATIONALS (CANCELLED)**

Timaru, 8th - 10th October

## **NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR TEAMS EVENT (CANCELLED)**

Timaru, 12th -13th October

## **MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (CANCELLED)**

Tawa, 15th -17th October

## **MASTERS NATIONAL TEAMS EVENT (CANCELLED)**

Tawa, 18th -19th October

## **OLIVER SPORT NEW ZEALAND CLASSIC 2021**

Hutt City, 29th - 31st October

Men's Winner Evan Williams (Wellington) Runner Up Chris Van Der Salm (Central) Women's Winner Kaitlyn Watts (Central) Runner Up Emma Millar (Waikato)



# **2022 EVENTS CALENDAR**

DATE	EVENT	HOST
18 - 19 March	New Zealand Doubles	National Squash Centre (Auckland)
22 - 24 April	AON New Zealand Junior Open	Henderson Squash Club (Auckland)
29 - 1 May	BOP Open	Geyser City Squash Club (BOP)
6 - 8 May	Waikato Open	Hamilton Squash & Tennis Club (Waikato)
20 - 22 May	Auckland Open	North Shore Squash Club (Auckland)
27 - 28 May	Otago Open	Otago Squash Club (Otago)
3 - 5 June	Cousins Shield & Mitchell Cup	Devoy Squash & Fitness (BOP)
10 -12 June	Northland Open	Whangarei Squash Club (Northland))
10 – 12 June	Wellington Open	Hutt City Squash Club (Wellington)
17 -19 June	Canterbury Open	Burnside Squash Club (Canterbury)
17 -19 June	Central Open	Whanganui Squash Club (Central)
1-3 July	Oliver Sport New Zealand Champio	onships Devoy Squash & Fitness (BOP)
8 - 10 July	NZ Senior Age Groups & Social Tea	Otago Squash Club (Otago)
8 - 10 July	Southland Open	Squash City Invercargill (Southland)
16-17 July	North Island Junior Age Groups	Hawkes Bay Squash R. C (Eastern)
21 -23 July	South Island Junior Age Groups	Oamaru Squash & Badminton (Midlands)
22 – 24 July	Eastern Open	Hastings Tennis & Squash Club (Eastern)
5 – 7 August	Masters Club Team Championships	s Hawkes Bay Squash R. C (Eastern)
5 – 7 August	New Zealand Secondary Schools N	lationals North Shore S.C (Auckland) )
20 – 21 August	NZ Racketball Festival Herne	Bay Ponsonby Rackets Club (Auckland)
26 – 28 August	New Zealand Senior Inter-districts	Remuera Rackets Club (Auckland)
2 - 3 September	Midlands Open	Methven Squash Club (Midlands)
9 – 11 September	New Zealand Masters Individuals	Hamilton Squash & Tennis (Waikato)
12 – 13 September	New Zealand Masters Inter-distric	ts Hamilton Squash & Tennis (Waikato)
21 – 24 September	New Zealand Superchamps	Various Districts
7 – 9 October	New Zealand Junior Individuals	Hutt City Squash Club (Wellington)
11 – 12 October	New Zealand Junior Inter-districts	Hutt City Squash Club (Wellington)
21 – 23 October	Ngā Hau e Whā Māori Tournament	Taupo Squash Club (BOP)
28 – 30 October	Champion of Champions	Squash City Invercargill (Southland)
November	Nations Cup	Tauranga, Trust Power Arena
8-13 November	New Zealand Open	Tauranga, Trust Power Arena



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Squash New Zealand
For the 12 months ended 31 December 2021

The board of directors are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of Squash New Zealand for year ended 31 December 2021.

**APPROVED** 

Kyle Pontifex

Date: 28 February 2022

Martin Dowson Chief Executive

Date: 28 February 2022

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

## Squash New Zealand For the year ended 31 December 2021

	NOTES	2021	2020
Revenue			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	2	657,955	658,097
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	2	437,338	498,365
Revenue from providing goods or services	2	409,444	526,154
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	2	7,648	14,891
Other revenue	2	50,624	83,981
Total Revenue		1,563,009	1,781,489
Expenses			
Volunteer and employee related costs	3	599,562	812,724
Costs related to providing goods or service	3	182,315	290,746
Other expenses	3	576,038	753,349
Total Expenses		1,357,916	1,856,819
Net Operating Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		205,094	(75,331)
Extraordinary Items			
Depreciation - Fraser Park Courts	13	(75,000)	(187,500)
Total Extraordinary Items		(75,000)	(187,500)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		130,094	(262,831)

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

## Squash New Zealand As at 31 December 2021

	NOTES	31 DEC 2021	31 DEC 2020
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	4	734,980	470,021
Term Deposits	4	272,371	401,031
Accounts Receivable	4	70,281	183,131
Prepayments	4	59,946	59,428
Inventory on Hand	4	48,176	24,210
Total Current Assets		1,185,753	1,137,821
Non-Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	6	307,451	136,895
Total Non-Current Assets		307,451	136,895
Total Assets		1,493,204	1,274,716
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST	7	6,785	19,185
Accounts Payable	7	106,550	96,623
Sundry Accruals	7	16,297	23,871
Revenue Received in Advance	7	146,992	48,550
Total Current Liabilities		276,625	188,229
Total Liabilities		276,625	188,229
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		1,216,580	1,086,486
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	8	1,086,486	1,349,317
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	8	130,094	(262,831)
Total Accumulated Funds		1,216,580	1,086,486
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## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY**

## Squash New Zealand For the year ended 31 December 2021

	NOTES	2021	2020
Equity			
Opening Balance		1,086,486	1,349,317
Increases			
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		130,094	(262,831)
Total Increases		130,094	(64,359)
Total Equity		1,216,580	1,086,486

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Squash New Zealand For the year ended 31 December 2021

## 1. Reporting Entity

Squash New Zealand (Inc), formerly New Zealand Squash (Inc) is the New Zealand national sporting organisation responsible for the control, advancement and regulation of the game of squash throughout New Zealand. The name of the entity changed, 08 April 2019. Squash New Zealand (Inc) is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The consolidated financial statements comprising Squash New Zealand Inc and its controlled entity Club Kelburn, together the Group, are presented for the year ended 31 December 2021

### 2. Basis of Preparation

Squash New Zealand ("Squash New Zealand") has elected to prepare special purpose financial statements primarily for the members. It is considered by the Board to be an appropriate format on which to prepare the Association's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Financial statements are prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

#### 3. Impact of COVID-19

The continuous outbreak of COVID-19 and subsequent quarantine measures, travel restrictions and lock downs imposed by the New Zealand government in 2021 have caused further disruption to businesses and economic activity.

Squash New Zealand continues to has assessed the impact of the evolving COVID-19 situation and in 2021 there was medium impact of the COVID pandemic on its operations, primarily from a cancellation of many our National events. During the extended lockdown period, Squash New Zealand continued to operate as normal providing support and guidance to its affiliates however there was an impact on the scheduled Squash events, loss of grant funding, and sponsorships.

The Board addressed the impact by obtaining government support through the wage subsidy scheme and resurgence support, reducing costs directly associated to the cancelled events and campaigns.

#### 4. Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on a historical cost basis have been followed. Accrual accounting is used to match income and expenditure.

## **5. Specific Accounting Policies**

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance and of financial position have been applied:

#### 5.1 Operating Leases

Operating lease payments, where the lessors effectively retain substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leaseditems, are recognised in the determination of operating profit in equal instalments over the term of the lease (refer Note 11).

#### 5.2 Inventory

Inventory for Squash New Zealand has been valued at average cost or cost. Club Kelburn inventory is valued on a weighted averagebasis.

## 5.3 Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

#### 5.4 Income Tax

Squash New Zealand Inc is exempt for Income Tax as an amateur sports club, under Income Tax Act 2007, No 97, s CW 46.

#### **5.5 Fixed Assets**

All fixed assets are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation to date.

#### 5.6 Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a diminishing value basis or straight-line method on all properties. Some plant and equipment are provided at rates that will write-off the cost of the assets to their estimated residual values over their useful lives. The associated depreciation rates for each class of assets are as follows:

Motor Vehicles	20.0% - 30.0%
Office Equipment	10.0% -50.0%
Plant, Equipment & Fittings	9.0% -60.0%
Computer Software	10.0% -50.0%
Sports Equipment	10.0% -80.4%
Trophies	0.0%

## 6. Investments

Investments are loans advanced to clubs for renovations and development and are stated at cost less any provisions or write-offs (refer Note 4).

## 7. Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted at the New Zealand rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. At balance date foreign monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate, and exchange variations arising from these transactions are included in the statement of financial performance as operating items.

## 8. Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Association and revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received. The following specific recognition criteria must be met before revenue is recognised.

## 8.1 Affiliation Levies

Squash New Zealand (Inc) receives levies from affiliated clubs throughout New Zealand. Revenue is recognised annually in the period they are due.

#### 8.2 Grants and other similar revenue

Grant revenue includes grants given by other charitable organisations, philanthropic organisations and businesses. Grant revenue is recognised when the conditions attached to the grant has been compiled with. Where there are unfulfilled conditions attaching to the grant, the amount relating to the unfulfilled condition is recognised as a liability and released to income as the conditions are fulfilled. Sponsorship revenue is recognised upon receipt, for the term of the contract.

#### 8.3 Interest Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised as it accrues.

#### 8.4 Club Kelburn membership fees

Membership fees are recognised as revenue upon receipt, at the start of membership. There is no ability for a member to seek arefund of fees, unless there is an exceptional circumstance.

#### 9. Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Squash New Zealand For the year ended 31 December 2021

## 1. Accounting Policies

Refer to "Statement of Accounting Policies".

	2021	202
Analysis of Revenue		
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue		
Grants	199,318	137,32
Sport NZ (Community)	97,500	131,690
HP Sport NZ (High Performance)	229,950	250,00
Sport NZ (Other)	28,500	22,650
Partnership Income	102,687	116,430
Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	657,955	658,09
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members		
Affiliation Levies	435,971	497,06
Associate Membership Levies	1,367	1,30
Revenue from providing goods or services	204.707	F2C 1E
Trading Income	384,787	526,15
Total Revenue from providing goods or services	384,787	526,154
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	7 648	1// 89
Interest Income	7,648	
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Interest Income  Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue  Other revenue  Coaching Recoveries	7,648	14,89. 63 1,98.
Interest Income Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue  Other revenue Coaching Recoveries Sundry Income	7,648 323 46,802	14,89: 14,89: 63' 1,98: 37,18' 44,17'

## **Levies & Subscriptions**

Affiliation levy income for the 2021 year was calculated on a SEM rate of \$27.15, Grading List Levy of \$12.95 per senior and \$5.50 per junior, plus GST.

	2021	202
. Analysis of Expenses		
Volunteer and employee related costs		
Salaries & Fees	578,444	775,35
Staff Expenses	21,118	37,37
Total Volunteer and employee related costs	599,562	812,72
Costs related to providing goods or services		
Cost of Sales	36,679	87,76
Other Expenses	145,636	202,97
Total Costs related to providing goods or services	182,315	290,74
Other expenses		
Governance	18,744	73,38
Office Expenses	74,386	116,46
Professional Fees	70,678	48,50
Marketing & Promotion	19,253	35,0
Coaching & Development	16,537	37,9
Technology	44,444	46,1
National Events	80,849	115,7
National Teams	32,175	52,0
High Performance Programme	, -	190,3
Club Capability	6,407	
E2E	145,499	
Grassroots	13,717	
Other Expenses	53,350	37,8
Total Other expenses	576,039	753,3
	2021	20
. Analysis of Assets		
Bank accounts and cash		
Cash on Hand	-	2
Bank Accounts	734,980	469,74
Total Bank accounts and cash	734,980	470,0
Term Deposits	272,371	401,0
Accounts Receivable	101,782	183,1
Prepayments	59,946	59,4
Inventory on Hand	16,675	24,2
	2021	20
. Investments		
National Squash Centre Charitable Trust	293,073	293,07
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	(293,073)	(293,07
Total Investments	-	

Advancement Date	31 October 2001
Terms	Original Term Five Years increased to 17 years
Repayment Date	Original Date of Repayment 31 October 2006 extended to 20 October 2023
Interest Rate	0.0% per annum
Security	Unsecured

2021

2020

Squash New Zealand views the above loan of \$293,073 as a strategic investment in the long term future development of squash. The Board has extended the repayment date of this loan to October 2023.

No interest has been charged since the inception of the advance.

A provision for doubtful debts has been made to write this investment off over 10 years.

#### 6. Property, Plant & Equipment

Description	Cost	Opening Book Value	Additions / (Disposals)	Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book Value
Trophies	500	500	-	-	-	500
Motor Vehicles	660	660	-	-	-	660
Plant, Equip & Fittings	490,433	92,353	8,153	79,843	469,771	20,662
Computer Software	201,863	13,571	-	6,964	195,257	6,607
Sports Equipment	206,305	13,695	43,106	7,524	157,028	49,277
Buildings	650,402	-	-	-	650,402	-
Leasehold Improvements	293,769	16,116	214,370	741	64,025	229,744
Total - 2021	1,843,932	136,895	265,629	95,072	1,536,483	307,450

Description	Cost	Opening Book Value	Additions / (Disposals)	Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book Value
Trophies	500	500	-	-	-	500
Motor Vehicles	660	660	-	-	-	660
Plant, Equip & Fittings	487,090	244,794	3,343	155,784	391,999	92,353
Computer Software	199,429	29,450	2,435	18,314	185,858	13,571
Sports Equipment	206,305	18,402	-	4,707	192,609	13,695
Buildings	650,402	-	-	-	650,402	-
Leasehold Improvements	293,769	16,857	-	742	277,653	16,116
Total - 2020	1,838,155	310,663	5,777	179,547	1,698,521	136,895

## 10. Capital & Lease Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at Balance Date (Last Year: Nil).

Lease commitments under non-canceallable operating leases:

	2021	2020
ease Commitments		
Photocopier - NZ Squash		
Current	2,748	2,748
Non-Current	4,122	6,870
Total Photocopier - NZ Squash	6,870	9,618
Motor Vehicle - NZ Squash		
Current	-	8,352
Non-Current	-	-
Total Motor Vehicle - NZ Squash	-	8,352
Premises - Squash NZ		
Current	12,050	11,531
Non-Current	20,937	28,829
Total Premises - Squash NZ	32,987	40,360
Premises - Club Kelburn		
Current	1,387	1,387
Non-Current	5,086	-
Total Premises - Club Kelburn	6,473	1,387
Client Management Software - Club Kelburn		
Current	-	1,295
Non-Current	-	-
Total Client Management Software - Club Kelburn	-	1,295

## 11. Commitments And Contingent Liabilities

In March 2019 the World Squash Federation granted New Zealand hosting rights of the 2021 World Men's Team Championships, which did not eventuate and resulted in the cancellation of the event. Bay of Plenty Major Squash Events in partnership with Squash New Zealand, following a closed tender bid, was successful to host the 2023 World Men's Team Championships in Tauranga.

Squash New Zealand has remained committed to providing \$50,000 towards the event costs. The hosting fee of \$21,262 has already been paid to WSF by Squash New Zealand. A further \$10,238 has been paid to Bay of Plenty Major Squash Events in 2020. The remaining \$18,500 is a contractual commitment of Squash New Zealand required to be paid in the 2023 financial year.

Squash New Zealand committed \$300,000 in reserves to complete remedial work of the site at Club Kelburn to be repaid over 4-5 years.

## 12. Related Parties Disclosure

Dame Susan Devoy acted as a paid fulltime Club Kelburn project manager from January 2021 to lead the repair and upgrade, develop a new operating model and ensure a new lease was granted by WCC. The role shifted to one week a month from August

and ceased in November when a new full time General Manager was appointed 1 December. In total \$44,000 was paid to Susan as acting project manager.

## 13. Additional Information

a) In August 2018 Squash New Zealand received a grant for \$300,000 from Pelorus Trust that was used to purchase 6 squash courts to be installed at the Ricoh Sports Centre (Lower Hutt).

In March 2019, a sale and purchase agreement and lease back agreement was entered into between Squash New Zealand and Hutt City Communities Trust (owner of Ricoh Sports Centre).

Under these contractual arrangements with Hutt City Communities Trust, Ricoh ports Centre is obligated to lease the 6 squash courts until 30 June 2021 at which time Squash New Zealand sold the courts back to Hutt City Communities Trust for \$1. The six squash courts are being depreciated within the Squash New Zealand financial statements to reflect their contractual net realisable value of \$1 as at 30 June 2021. Squash New Zealand was deemed the appropriate purchasing agent for the 6 squash courts due to its objective being to advance the game of Squash throughout New Zealand.

b) The previous lease agreement for the grounds occupied by the Club Kelburn Facility expired in 2020. Wellington City Council continued to waive rent payments for the period January - August 2021 and have confirmed a 5 year, plus 10 year lease commitment with an annual payment from September 2021.

Based on the factors outlined above, the view of the Board, is that Club Kelburn has sufficient resources to enable it to meet its obligations as and when they fall due, as well as grounds to continue operating on, and therefore continues to adopt the going concern assumption in the preparation of the financial statements.





## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## To the Members of Squash New Zealand Incorporated

#### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Squash New Zealand Incorporated, which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 31 December 2021, the Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance and Consolidated Statement of Movement in Equity as at 31 December 2021, and the notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the accounting policies in Note 2.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of Squash New Zealand Incorporated in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Squash New Zealand Incorporated.

#### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting special purpose namely the financial statements have been prepared for the members. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

## **Restriction on Responsibility**

This report is made solely to the Members, as a body, in accordance with constitution of Squash New Zealand Incorporated. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board are responsible on behalf of the entity for determining that the Special Purpose framework adopted is acceptable in Squash New Zealand Incorporated's circumstances, the preparation of financial statements, and for such internal control as the Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board are responsible on behalf of the entity for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.



#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Board and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our

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Forbes Audit and Accounting Limited Auckland 2 March 2022

# MEMBERSHIP RETURNS

NORTHLAND	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Casual / Visitors / Non- members
Dargaville Squash Club	12	4	5	4	25	25	0	5
Kaitaia Tennis & Squash RC	34	4	10	4	52	25	27	20
Kerikeri Squash Club	7	2	0	0	9	7	2	0
Kamo Rugby & Squash Club	32	20	6	3	61	43	18	5
Manaia Squash Club	42	27	26	10	105	81	24	10
Mangakahia Squash Club	52	23	18	10	103	86	17	15
Maungaturoto Squash Club	32	18	15	22	87	31	56	15
Mid-Western Squash Club	18	7	2	1	28	28	0	0
Whangarei Squash Club	62	20	24	8	114	97	17	245
Wellsford Squash Club	35	13	22	9	79	79	0	60
Waipu Squash Club	10	2	0	2	14	7	7	0
Total	336	140	128	73	677	509	168	375

AUCKLAND								Casual / Visitors /
AUCKLAND	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Non- members
Auckland Squash Centre	105	10	0	0	115	0	115	120
Browns Bay Squash Club	76	41	17	10	144	97	47	25
Belmont Park Rackets Club	163	128	123	102	516	74	442	0
Devonport Squash Club	43	16	14	5	78	52	26	50
Eden Epsom Tennis & SC	211	65	77	19	372	182	190	262
Franklin Squash Club	109	49	9	4	171	126	45	69
Herne Bay/Ponsonby SC	131	38	26	10	205	94	111	50
Henderson Squash Club	183	92	61	28	364	178	186	103
Howick Squash Club	89	6	35	6	136	75	61	12
Kumeu Squash Club	41	2	4	0	47	44	3	9
Maramarua Squash Club	12	8	0	0	20	20	0	15
Manurewa Squash Club	63	49	7	5	124	67	57	9
North Shore Squash Club	216	83	49	21	369	216	153	60
Onewhero Squash Club	23	17	21	6	67	19	48	6
Papakura Tennis & SC	92	43	18	11	164	88	76	100
Panmure Squash Club	113	18	20	5	156	83	73	347
Red Beach Squash Club	41	6	2	7	56	34	22	0
Remuera Rackets Club	178	48	15	5	246	189	57	155
Royal Oak Racquets Club	119	76	44	15	254	130	124	50
Beach Haven (Shepherds Park)	45	23	19	2	89	55	34	80
Auckland Secondary Schools	1	1	2	7	11	11	0	0
Silverdale Squash Club	59	18	17	4	98	61	37	8
Te Papapa Squash Club	40	10	5	0	55	36	19	60
Titirangi Tennis & Squash Club	101	41	64	30	236	78	158	114
Te Kauwhata Squash Club	19	13	8	5	45	33	12	24
Waiuku Golf & Squash Club	28	12	2	1	43	27	16	25
Warkworth Tennis & SC	41	18	13	4	76	54	22	63
Total	2342	931	672	312	4257	2123	2134	1816

WAIKATO	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Casual / Visitors / Non- members
Aria Squash Club	10	13	4	1	28	26	2	18
Cambridge Racquets Club	64	50	18	19	151	120	31	45
Frankton Squash Club	34	3	2	0	39	2	37	0
Hamilton Squash & Tennis Club	153	75	16	21	265	157	108	100
Huntly Squash Club	11	10	8	3	32	20	12	12
Lugton Park Squash Club	101	82	41	20	244	193	51	25
Leamington Rugby & SC	97	59	25	7	188	86	102	97
Mercury Bay Squash Club	27	23	8	5	63	38	25	30
United Matamata Squash Club	46	14	17	3	80	80	0	70
Morrinsville Squash Club	70	46	13	6	135	92	43	36
Ngaruawahia Squash Club	21	4	0	0	25	22	3	15
Otorohanga Squash Club	4	5	1	1	11	10	1	4
Paeroa Squash Club	9	10	2	0	21	21	0	30
Ruakura Squash Club	69	29	4	4	106	84	22	5
Waikato Secondary Schools	12	0	30	15	57	56	1	0
Te Aroha Squash Club	24	14	0	1	39	34	5	25
Thames Squash Club	49	35	13	7	104	64	40	15
Te Kuiti Squash Club	29	20	3	3	55	33	22	10
Taumarunui Squash Club	34	36	9	6	85	49	36	35
Taupiri Rugby Squash Club	23	15	3	0	41	41	0	2
Te Rapa Squash Club	48	28	8	2	86	63	23	5
Te Awamutu Squash Club	64	62	39	20	185	143	42	12
Total	999	633	264	144	2040	1434	606	591

BAY OF PLENTY	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Casual / Visitors / Non- members
Edgecumbe Squash Club	66	45	9	5	125	82	43	15
Geyser City Squash Club	131	105	15	10	261	133	128	25
Galatea Social Squash Club	21	9	4	1	35	35	0	7
Katikati Squash Club	51	27	22	18	118	71	47	5
Lakes Squash Rotorua	50	30	9	3	92	22	70	5
Marist Squash Club	21	20	2	0	43	18	25	0
Mount Maunganui Squash Club	103	45	14	2	164	125	39	150
Opotiki Squash Club	24	19	1	2	46	14	32	2
Putaruru Squash Club	17	20	1	1	39	39	0	10
Reporoa Squash Club	33	25	5	2	65	39	26	12
Devoy Squash & Fitness Centre	239	129	129	66	563	213	350	550
Taneatua Squash Club	18	18	6	8	50	28	22	0
Tokoroa Squash Club	25	24	8	5	62	55	7	140
Te Puke Squash Club	68	47	32	20	167	136	31	80
Taupo Squash Club	76	37	17	9	139	105	34	80
Whakatane Squash Club	42	37	11	4	94	45	49	50
Waikite Valley Squash Club	23	19	14	9	65	36	29	10
Total	1008	656	299	165	2128	1196	932	1141

EASTERN	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Casual / Visitors / Non- members
Surf City Squash Club	86	68	28	41	223	119	104	126
Hawkes Bay Squash RC	108	47	24	7	186	135	51	35
Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis & SC	58	22	4	5	89	87	2	250
Havelock North Squash Club	69	23	22	20	134	134	0	125
Hastings Tennis & Squash Club	81	26	2	0	109	89	20	60
Waipukurau Lawn Tennis & SC	26	15	1	3	45	39	6	30
Wairoa Squash Club	47	17	0	0	64	6	58	10
Totals	475	218	81	76	850	609	241	636

CENTRAL	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Casual / Visitors / Non- members
Ashhurst-Pohangina Squash Cl	ub 35	20	14	3	72	24	48	0
Dannevirke Squash Club	28	15	7	4	54	44	10	30
Eltham Squash Club	19	7	1	1	28	7	21	0
Feilding Squash Club	60	10	12	3	85	36	49	45
Foxton Squash Club	9	12	7	3	31	6	25	50
Hunterville Squash Club	16	6	9	5	36	36	0	10
Hawera Lawn Tennis & SC	26	13	6	4	49	28	21	20
Inglewood Squash Club	55	31	6	8	100	39	61	20
Kawaroa Park Squash Club	130	77	54	30	291	160	131	50
Levin Squash Club	66	25	6	0	97	38	59	809
Ohakune Squash Club	67	59	37	41	204	133	71	100
Ohakea Squash Club	25	3	0	0	28	23	5	0
Okato Squash Club	32	28	12	10	82	46	36	0
SquashGym Palmerston North	183	84	29	15	311	143	168	600
Rivercity Squash Club	45	36	3	5	89	48	41	50
Rangitikei Squash Club	27	22	4	1	54	42	12	5
Stratford Squash Club	28	13	8	2	51	32	19	25
Taihape Squash Club	59	38	16	4	117	88	29	80
Tararua Squash Club	44	24	8	5	81	70	11	30
Whanganui Squash Club	65	21	15	5	106	85	21	25
Waitara Squash Club	28	13	3	6	50	26	24	125
Total	1047	557	257	155	2016	1154	862	2074

WELLINGTON	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Casual / Visitors / Non- members	
Club Kelburn	163	21	4	1	189	7	182	576	
Hutt City Squash	155	37	26	12	230	102	128	71	
Island Bay Tennis & SC	102	32	20	9	163	100	63	140	
Kapiti Squash Club	95	52	10	3	160	65	95	142	
Khandallah Tennis & SC	94	28	28	9	159	96	63	9	
Mana Squash Rackets Club	104	49	43	26	222	88	134	102	
Masterton Squash Club	79	25	14	11	129	78	51	12	
Martinborough Squash Club	28	14	31	19	92	87	5	12	
Otaki Sports Club	25	9	1	0	35	30	5	15	
Red Star Squash Club	40	23	5	9	77	77	0	10	
Tawa Squash Club	160	83	27	25	295	121	174	30	
The Thorndon Club	90	43	8	6	147	111	36	150	
Squash @ Upper Hutt	82	22	17	7	128	57	71	25	
Wainuiomata Squash Club	47	25	5	5	82	73	9	35	
Totals	1264	463	239	142	2108	1092	1016	1329	

CANTERBURY								Casual / Visitors /
	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Non- members
Amberley Squash Club	22	10	0	0	32	12	20	20
Burnside Squash Club	234	105	42	16	397	140	257	247
Christchurch Squash Club	266	78	51	20	415	243	172	516
Christchurch Football SC	136	41	21	8	206	111	95	30
Greymouth Squash Club	37	15	9	4	65	59	6	30
Hoon Hay Squash Club	37	14	11	3	65	44	21	33
Hokitika Squash Club	13	3	4	2	22	11	11	3
Squash HQ	7	2	2	0	11	0	11	0
Kaikoura Squash Club	59	34	16	10	119	53	66	20
Lincoln Squash Club	1	5	0	0	6	6	0	20
Linwood Squash Club	12	7	1	0	20	20	0	18
Marlborough Coll. Old Boys SC	62	25	32	9	128	101	27	20
Malvern Squash Club	34	4	5	1	44	34	10	9
Motueka Squash Club	33	15	5	3	56	18	38	15
Mount Pleasant Squash Club	18	9	4	0	31	10	21	0
Marlborough Squash RC	41	15	12	11	79	65	14	50
Nelson Squash Club	59	28	9	0	96	50	46	150
Oxford Squash Club	11	3	0	2	16	15	1	0
Rangiora Squash Club	65	20	11	8	104	50	54	0
Richmond Workingmen's SC	85	19	6	6	116	21	95	40
Sumner Tennis & Squash Club	35	9	1	1	46	35	11	0
Takaka Squash Club	33	13	10	4	60	51	9	4
Waimea Squash Club	79	21	14	3	117	73	44	36
Westport Squash Club	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	0
Total	1382	495	266	111	2254	1225	1029	1261

MIDLANDS	Senior	Senior	Junior	Junior	Total	Graded	Leisure	Casual / Visitors / Non-
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Members	Players	Players	members
Ashburton Squash Club	44	14	15	5	78	78	0	43
Ashburton Celtic Squash Club	39	17	5	1	62	50	12	6
Collegiate Squash Club	19	7	4	0	30	30	0	15
Geraldine Squash Club	20	3	1	1	25	25	0	3
Hinds Squash Rackets Club	66	46	3	0	115	115	0	30
Mayfield & District Squash Club	41	5	1	0	47	43	4	15
MacKenzie Squash Club	34	9	0	0	43	43	0	11
Methven Squash Club	52	19	2	1	74	74	0	10
Oamaru Excelsior Squash Club	8	3	4	1	16	16	0	4
Oamaru Squash & BC	51	16	4	4	75	66	9	28
Pleasant Point Squash Club	40	10	5	1	56	52	4	3
Rakaia Squash Club	46	12	4	1	63	63	0	12
Timaru Squash Club	78	19	10	4	111	84	27	50
Temuka Squash Club	51	22	22	5	100	94	6	0
Waimate Squash Club	32	19	12	3	66	57	9	6
Total	621	221	92	27	961	890	71	236

OTAGO	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Casual / Visitors / Non- members
Alexandra Squash Club	56	23	6	4	89	89	0	7
Clutha Squash Club	22	9	1	3	35	27	8	5
Cromwell Squash Club	57	26	5	5	93	92	1	0
Maniototo Squash Club	20	18	2	0	40	38	2	3
Otago Squash Club	87	42	16	4	149	116	33	0
Omakau Squash Club	11	4	0	0	15	15	0	
Otago University Squash Club	64	37	0	0	101	51	50	184
Palmerston Squash RC	21	7	0	0	28	23	5	3
Pirates Squash Club	94	55	12	4	165	130	35	0
Queenstown Squash Club	36	11	2	0	49	49	0	100
Sunnyvale Squash Club	41	13	2	0	56	43	13	11
Squash Taieri	97	21	17	3	138	102	36	0
Wanaka Squash Club	61	18	21	2	102	99	3	5
Total	667	284	84	25	1060	874	186	318

SOUTHLAND	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Casual / Visitors / Non- members
Clinton Community Squash Club		18	1	0	38	35	3	5
Central Southland Squash Club	37	38	5	7	87	73	14	20
Dipton Squash Club	13	15	0	0	28	22	6	0
Fiordland Squash Club	39	15	1	1	56	54	2	10
Gore Town & Country SC	18	37	6	6	67	66	1	50
Makarewa Squash Club	55	32	10	5	102	90	12	8
Mossburn Squash Club	9	6	0	0	15	15	0	0
Nightcaps Squash Club	9	11	1	1	22	22	0	3
Otautau Squash Club	17	18	9	0	44	44	0	2
Riversdale Squash Club	9	10	0	0	19	19	0	20
Riverton Squash Rackets Club	13	12	7	1	33	33	0	15
Squash City Invercargill	125	53	24	7	209	147	62	0
Stadium Southland Squash Club	1	0	57	29	87	0	87	1000
Tapanui Squash Club	28	17	1	1	47	43	4	5
Waiau Squash Club	10	13	0	0	23	23	0	5
Wyndham Squash Club	10	7	1	0	18	18	0	0
Waikaia Squash Rackets Club	3	8	0	0	11	11	0	4
Waikaka Squash Club	11	11	1	0	23	19	4	10
Totals	426	321	124	58	929	734	195	1157

<b>NATIONAL TOTALS</b>								Casual / Visitors /
	Senior Males	Senior Females	Junior Males	Junior Females	Total Members	Graded Players	Leisure Players	Non- members
Auckland	2342	931	672	312	4257	2123	2134	1816
Bay of Plenty	1010	656	299	165	2130	1198	932	1171
Canterbury	1382	497	266	111	2256	1225	1031	1261
Central	1047	557	257	155	2016	1154	862	2074
Eastern	475	218	81	76	850	609	241	636
Midlands	621	221	92	27	961	890	71	236
Northland	336	140	128	73	677	509	168	375
Otago	667	284	84	25	1060	874	186	318
Southland	426	321	124	58	929	734	195	1157
Waikato	999	633	264	144	2040	1434	606	591
Wellingotn	1264	463	239	142	2108	1092	1016	1329
National	10569	4921	2506	1288	19284	11842	7442	10964

























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