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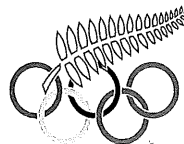


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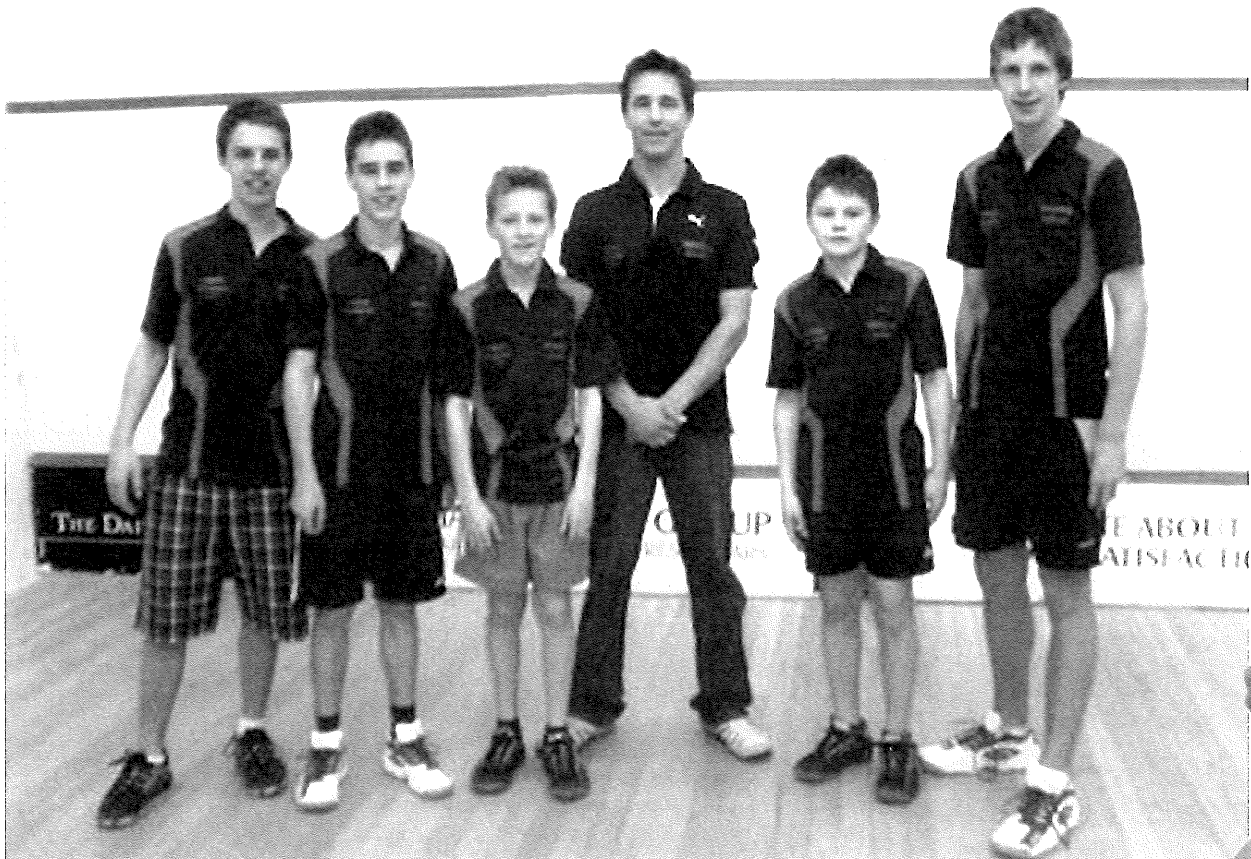
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# PASSION

*Kashif Shajiq - New Zealand's top male player and 2008 National Champion, showing the determination and passion that has seen him reach a career high world ranking of 37.*



Herne Bay - Ponsonby C Grade NZ Superchamps Women's Winners - From left: Lianna Burnett, Megan Laursen; Neil Donnelly (coach), Jacque White, Cathrine Waetford, Jess Weller, Sheryl Hickey, Sue Jackson (manager), Brenda Munro (coach).



Tauranga - E Grade NZ Superchamps Men's Winners: From left: Ben McCann, Julian Oakley, Ben Grindrod, Brent Grindrod (Manager), Alex Oakley, Jacob Cvitanovich.

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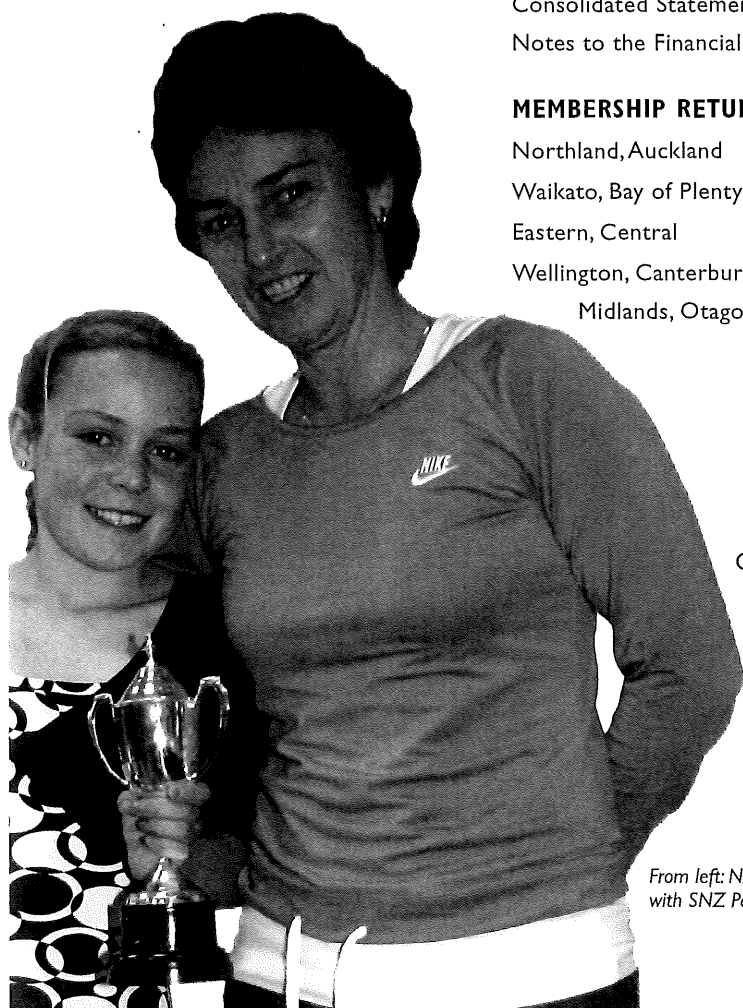
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*From left: NZ Under 11 Girls' Champion Camden Te Kani-McQueen  
with SNZ Patron Dame Susan Devoy.*

## Squash New Zealand Officials 2007-2008

### PATRON

Dame Susan Devoy

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Jim O'Grady (Chairman), Mark Dunwoodie, Neil McAra, Warren Patterson, Greg Urquhart, Wayne Werder

### PROGRAMME DIRECTORS

Grading & Statistics: Steve Scott; Masters: Judy Cooper; Refereeing: Joss Urbahn

### SELECTORS

Senior/Junior: Michel Galloway, Paul Kennett, Aileen Buscke, Steve Wren  
Masters: Judy Cooper (Convenor), Wayne Seebeck, Jill Brown

### NATIONAL STATISTICIANS

Women: Vivienne Brumby, Men: Willie Bicknell

### NATIONAL OFFICE

Chief Executive: Mike Thompson, Administration Manager: Vivienne Brumby  
High Performance Manager: Richard Thompson, Head Coach: Anthony Ricketts,  
High Performance Assistant/Funding: Kerry Torrie,  
Receptionist: Jan Lewis, Game Development: Jan Loney, Contract Accountant: Hamon & Associates

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Michael Sumpter

### AUDITOR

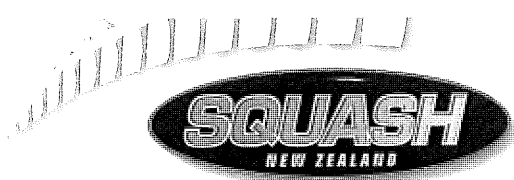
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### LIFE MEMBERS

Neven Barbour, Bryden Clarke, Norman Coe, Murray Day, Dame Susan Devoy,  
Dardir El Bakary, Butch Gifford, Don Green, Bill Murphy, Ross Norman, Susie Simcock, Michael Sumpter

From left: SNZ Head Coach  
Anthony Ricketts with  
2008 National Champ  
Kashif Shuja and Shelley Kitchen.





## Squash New Zealand Honours Board 2007-2008

<b>PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR</b>	2007 Aileen Buscke		
<b>CHAIRMAN'S AWARD</b>	2007 Gerard De Courcy		
<b>CLUB OF THE YEAR</b>	Otago University Squash Club		
<b>NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL MEN'S SQUASH CHAMPION</b>	Kashif Shuja	Royal Oak	
<b>NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL WOMEN'S SQUASH CHAMPION</b>	Shelley Kitchen	Browns Bay	
<b>MOST IMPROVED SENIOR PLAYERS</b>			
	Female	Shelley Kitchen	Browns Bay
	Male	Alex Grayson	Titirangi
<b>NEW ZEALAND SENIOR INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
	Women	Waikato	
	Men	Wellington	
<b>NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR MEN'S SQUASH CHAMPION</b>	Alex Grayson	Titirangi	
<b>NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR WOMEN'S SQUASH CHAMPION</b>	Amanda Cranston	Cambridge	
<b>MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR PLAYERS</b>			
	Female	Megan Craig	Christchurch
	Male	Alex Grayson	Titirangi
<b>NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
	Men	Auckland	
	Women	Wellington	
<b>DEREK COOKE MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR REFEREEING</b>		Chris Buckland	
<b>NEW ZEALAND COACH OF THE YEAR</b>		Keith Redman	
<b>NEW ZEALAND TEAM COACH OF THE YEAR</b>		Lyndon Templeton	
<b>NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR</b>		Grant Watts/Karl Fraser	
<b>NEW ZEALAND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
35+	Men	Jason Mudge (Aust)	60+ Men Brian Cook (Aust)
	Women	Amanda Hopps (Aust)	Women Averil Murphy (Eng)
40+	Men	Gary Duberly (NZ)	65+ Men Richard Purser (NZ)
	Women	Sarah Nelson (Aust)	Women Jean Grainger (RSA)
45+	Men	Trevor Wilkinson (RSA)	70+ Men Barry Gardiner (NZ)
	Women	Kay Newman (NZ)	Women Averil Heath (RSA)
50+	Men	Geoff Davenport (Aust)	75+ Men John Irving (RSA)
	Women	Julie Field (Eng)	
55+	Men	Michael Bester (RSA)	
	Women	Gay Mitchell (Aust)	

**NEW ZEALAND MASTERS INTER-DISTRICT TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - Canterbury**

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# PROFILE

Squash New Zealand 2008 Review and Reports



## Chairman's Review

If 2007 was a year of change, 2008 has been a year of consolidation and a time to set about building a solid foundation for the future of our sport.

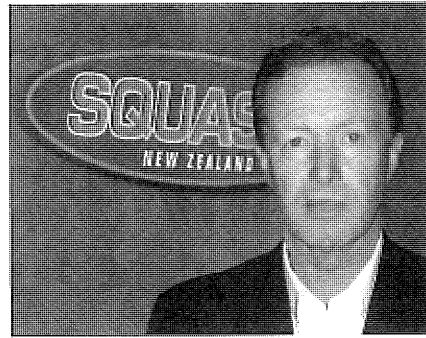
Squash has faced challenges not only from other sports and leisure activities but also the social demands of a changing society. There is increasing pressure for our sport to provide greater levels of service and value for money. We live in a consumer society dominated by "quick fix" solutions and the challenge for us is to provide a product that can compete successfully with these alternatives.

With these demands in mind and recognizing the feedback from our stakeholders, the board of SNZ has undertaken a major strategic review of the sport. Using a collaborative, bottom up approach, which has been fully supported by SPARC, the board will present a new strategic plan for adoption at the AGM. The plan is supported by the documented research and findings of the review process that form the platform for the strategic initiatives contained in the review.

It has been a major undertaking and has been at the forefront of board deliberations over the last twelve months. The shared vision is the result of extensive discussion and consultation between SNZ and its stakeholders and recognizes the challenges that squash must face to be successful in the future. The initiatives have come from the whole spectrum of the squash community including players, clubs and districts. The result is a plan that we believe will restore squash to a stronger position and provide a sound platform for ongoing development. There will be a need for change and there will be challenges to overcome but it is vital that we move forward if our sport is to remain successful. It would be easy to be complacent and take the middle road but if we do nothing, nothing will happen - membership will decline, clubs will disappear and we will be a minority sport.

We have a great sport with huge potential and our vision for squash is that it is a game that can be played "any time, any where and any place".

While these challenges loom ahead there have been some outstanding highlights throughout the year, none more so than the success of the 2008 World Masters Championships held in Christchurch. Some 760 competitors from 35 countries enjoyed a week of fantastic competition and social activities. The organizing committee, headed by 3 times world masters champion, Barry Gardiner, are to



be congratulated on a superb event which continues to endorse New Zealand's reputation for hosting successful international sporting events.

Our top high performance players continue to do well internationally and with the welcome addition of Anthony Ricketts as the head coach our high performance programme we are well on target for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi. SNZ is grateful to have secured Anthony's services and as a former top ranked world player he brings added professionalism and skill to our programme.

This year SNZ hosted an invitation event at the Bayfair shopping mall in Tauranga. With the generous support of the Delta Corporation and the Bayfair Management the event was staged in the mall using the all glass court. Featuring our top players and a number of world ranked invitees the event was an outstanding success. It attracted huge crowds throughout the duration of the event and received overwhelming support from the mall management and other sponsors, who are keen to develop the idea further next year.

In closing I would like to thank the staff of Squash New Zealand for their support and ongoing dedication. Thank you to all our funders and sponsors. Without your support it would be difficult to provide the current level of service to our members. I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing financial and personal support provided by SPARC. The relationship is vital not only to our high performance programme but also to the future well being and development of squash. Last but not least to the many friends of squash who give tirelessly of their time for the betterment of the game – thank you.

I look forward to the challenges ahead and invite everyone in the squash community to take an active part in the development and future direction of our sport.

**JIM O'GRADY**

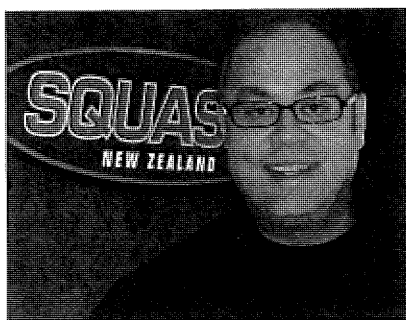
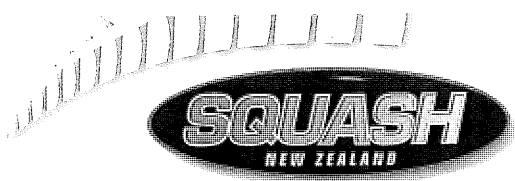
**Chairman - Squash New Zealand**



2008 NZ Senior Womens' Team to the World Champs in Egypt: From left: Anthony Ricketts (Coach), Shelley Kitchen, Jackie Hawkes, Louise Crome, Joelle King and Dame Susan Devoy (Mgr).



Auckland Junior Boys' Winners of NZ Inter District Teams Event: From left: Michael Blanchard, Alex Grayson, Cameron Jamieson, Jason Kaye (Mgr), Bradley Robinson, Lance Beddoes.



## CEO's Report

I will remember this year as one in which the sport of squash took a good hard look at itself through a review known as 'Vision for Action'. The SNZ Board committed to this review early in the year with a target of producing a vision for the future that was realistic, ambitious and would provide optimism for the sport through to 2012.

The challenges we face are multi faceted and within our financial and time resources I am satisfied that we consulted and communicated as well as we were able, while conducting business as usual at a national level.

My thanks go to the SNZ Board for their vision, commitment and ambition for the sport, for their sound reasoning and robust debate throughout the year, and for the high standards they have set for me in their desire to acknowledge the good while constantly pursuing improvement in what we do and how we do it.

Personally, I have found the review invaluable in building my appreciation of the sport, and the needs of the squash community. I have enjoyed club meetings in particular and getting the frank feedback that my position attracts. Through our stakeholder survey, conducted as part of the review, we asked for your opinion and we got it, in the form of a 55% overall satisfaction rating and while this shows many areas for improvement, I also note that we are the only NSO in New Zealand that have taken this brave step in asking our sport what it thinks of our service and relationships.

My thanks to the 250 individual and collective responses received from the 400+ people we asked. Lesley Ferkins has demonstrated genuine insight in her facilitation of the review and Paul Heron, as the third member of the steering group has time and again shown his strong support for Squash not only as an investor but as genuine advocate for the sport.

### Finance

This year's statement of financial performance will show a net loss for the year (the first since 2005), and while an operating surplus of nearly \$32,000 (which was negated by over \$57,000 of depreciation and forgiveness of debt to the National Squash Centre), the bottom line is that we didn't achieve our budgeted (and in hindsight optimistic) revenue targets. I thought that within a year, I could create some new, and build on some old funding and sponsorship relationships, and convert that into investment within this financial year but this didn't prove to be the case in most instances.

We have had some wins though. 'Other grants and sponsorship'

increased 77% from last year to nearly \$160K although we were hoping to double that figure and improve on the 2006 result of \$220,000.

In tough times, Rob Walker has done a fantastic job in producing a similar result/return as last year. Rob's drive is what makes Club Kelburn tick and he continually shows the value of enthusiasm, passion and innovation in the way he operates this SNZ owned asset.

SPARC confirmed a new three year commitment to the development of a coaching strategy and implementation through to 2010 as well as investing in the review through their funding of Lesley Ferkins services.

Squash NZ continues to operate from a stable financial base, liquid reserves and without over reliance on funding in relation to our turnover.

### High Performance

Richard Thompson started at Squash NZ as High Performance Manager in February and soon after Anthony Ricketts arrived as Head Coach – National Squads. Anthony's arrival in particular, involved seizing an unforeseen opportunity and while this turned some of our plans around I don't think anyone can argue with the results of our elite athletes this year, which will be reported on fully in Richard's High Performance Report.

Richard has been enthusiastic and passionate while settling into his role and I have appreciated him picking up many pieces of work under the counsel of the High Performance Advisory Group comprising Wayne Werder (Chair), Julie Hawkes, Neven Barbour, myself and Paul Smith, our High Performance Consultant at SPARC.

Anthony brings a cutting edge to our HP Programme - he sets standards high, is tough but constructive, and has a deep understanding of the modern game.

I acknowledge our 'Project Delhi' athletes all reaching career highs and milestone performances this year and congratulate Alex Grayson on his recognition at the World Junior Men's Championships in Switzerland where he received the fair play award.

I would also like to thank Lindsey, Robbie, Nick and Tanya for their contribution to the programme. Lindsey fulfilled a variety of roles for us this year including Coach Development, thanks Lindsey.



NZ Junior Boys' Team to World Champs in Switzerland: From left: Cameron Jamieson, Keegan Burkhart, Evan Williams and Alex Grayson.

## SPARC

SPARC contributed over half a million dollars towards Squash NZ operations and projects this year. We simply could not do what we do without their monetary and tacit support. SPARC's role has come under scrutiny this year in the media but I remain a firm fan of their direction and an advocate for their support of the sector. For the record here's a list of the people and investment SPARC have made in Squash;

- Investment
- High Performance
- Development
- Coaching
- PM Scholarship (Athlete and Coach)
- Strategy Review
- Advice and Support
- Professional Development of staff

Dedicated advisors in;

- High Performance
- Coaching
- Human Resources
- Business Capability
- Events

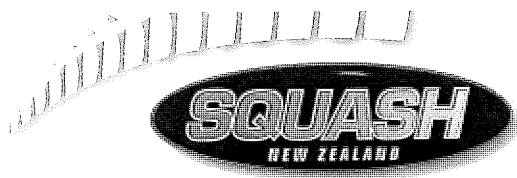
Thanks also goes to SPARC's High Performance arm, the NZ Academy of Sport, for their advice and support services which supports our elite athletes while at home and overseas.

I have personally found SPARC an absolutely vital support mechanism as a Chief Executive of a national sport and to have a Relationship Manager to facilitate support and act as a central point of contact has also been of great benefit.

## Events

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Mt Maunganui Festival of Squash. It enhanced the year by bringing top internationals to New Zealand to compete against our best. It created profile through outstanding local and national media coverage culminating in three screenings of a half hour magazine/ highlights show on Sky Sport. It also had a huge community impact with the Mt Maunganui Open expanding to encompass four clubs and nearly triple in size as a direct result. It was also great to see our sport, so often behind closed doors, being sighted by people who had never come across it before – this was truly an example of taking squash to the people.

We continued to support local PSA and WISPA events in New Plymouth, Hamilton and Christchurch and it was satisfying to see these provide a local profile. Unfortunately for local tournament organisers, our top athletes have moved into a higher category of tournament due to their rankings and we will have to evaluate how we use a limited financial resource to satisfy everyone's needs.



Although not officially within this financial year I would like to mention the Head World Masters Championships which were a resounding success, congratulations to all involved. Palmerston North's Squash Gym hosted a widely praised Junior Nationals and earlier in the year Remuera Rackets Club hosted an excellent National Champs. It was great to see North Shore put their hands up again for the NZ Junior Open and the Island Junior events at Burnside and Henderson were appreciated by all who attended. Kawaroa Park not only hosted a WISPA event but also hosted one of our biggest events in the National Secondary Schools Championships. Jan Loney attended and returned with positive reports and feedback from players and managers.

Last year I made a number of statements within my report regarding goals for 2008 and while I think improvements have been made in all areas stated, in light of the review I am satisfied with the year.

Goal	Outcome
Improved communication	Establishment of SNZ newsletters and improved website maintenance
Increased commercial activity	77% increase from 2007
Increase support via Game Development Officer	Jan Loney appointed
Appoint HP Manager	Richard Thompson started Feb 08
Build District Capability	Not progressed
Revive NZ Open	Supported Festival of Squash – no NZ Open held
Increase profile	Sky TV coverage of Festival of Squash Print presence maintained
Evaluate and set new strategy	Review completed, draft strategy distributed
Explore Marketing, Communication, Technology and Events as part of review	Advisory Groups formed and recommendations received
Provide and communicate tangible value	Squash Week delivered nationally Grading list valued in review

Next year I will report against the Key Performance Indicators as outlined in the draft strategy, they will be the yardstick by which we will measure our future success in the years to come.

I would like to acknowledge the following people for their support and professionalism in my dealings with them over the last year:

**SNZ Board** - Jim O'Grady, Wayne Werder, Mark Dunwoodie, Neil McAra, Warren Patterson, Greg Urquhart

**SPARC** - Paul Heron, Paul Smith, Gretchen Young, Mike McHugh, Peter Miskimmin

Lesley Ferkins for her work in the review and her personal support through the year.

**NZ Academy of Sport** - Gaye Bryham, Martin Dowson, Rod Corban, Pete Pfitzinger

**NZ Community Trust** - Tony Gill

**Lion Foundation** - Don Judkins, Noela Gibbons and Phil Holden

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**AIG Life** - Mike Loftus

**The National Squash Centre Trust** - Bruce Davidson, Mike Sumpter, Margaret Cotter, Mike Greig, Neven Barbour and Andrew Codling

Neven Barbour, Susie Simcock and Gerard DeCourcy for their opinion, advice and counsel.

To my staff, who work in often thankless roles but have worked hard - you can be satisfied with what you have achieved this year. Thanks to Viv, Kerry, Jan 1 and 2, Anthony and Richard for your support and effort.

Thanks to Kerry Clark the Chief Executive of Bowls NZ who has acted as a mentor and advisor in some challenging times.

Last year I used "honesty and understanding" as two words to describe the welcome I had received from the squash community. My opinion certainly hasn't changed. I continue to believe in the people who have helped build this sport to where it stands as a 'top-end, second tier sport in NZ' and those who are committed to taking the sport forward as a "Sport for all".

**MIKE THOMPSON**

**Chief Executive**

## High Performance Programme

As the year draws to a close, we can reflect on events that have taken place in the high performance calendar. I started my employment at Squash NZ at the end of January after spending 12 years as a teacher. I have enjoyed the change in career and look forward to working with many of you in the future, whether you are a player, coach, supporter, parent, selectors, administrator or a volunteer.

The appointment of Anthony Ricketts added an injection into the coaching staff that should bode well for the future. Squash NZ are very fortunate to have secured the services of Anthony. He is a hard working, committed staff member who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the game in New Zealand. His main aim is to prepare players to compete on the world circuit and to produce players capable of winning medals at team championships including the next Commonwealth Games in 2010.

Recent coaching appointments of Dave Clarke and Dame Susan Devoy will help to support Anthony in delivering the future High Performance programme. Dave Clarke is assisting with the planning, preparation and coaching of the Project Delhi players for the next Commonwealth Games and together with Anthony Ricketts will form the coaching team to travel to the World Doubles Championships in India in December. Dave will also be involved in coaching the World Junior Boys' 2010 Squad. Dame Susan Devoy will manage the World Women's Team to compete in Cairo in November this year and will be involved in coaching the World Junior Girls' 2009 Squad.

Our district visits this year, provided a valuable insight into the work that is going on roots squash around the country. Clear messages have come out of discussions relating to high performance including the perception that there is a lack of communication between the national body and the district. Many districts want direction with their High Performance programmes together with greater involvement with the national body. At present District programmes appear to lack consistency and accountability. Many personnel associated with the districts have requested more communication and clearer structures and pathways leading into the future.

The introduction of a high performance newsletter has helped to inform the wider community about our elite athletes and their progress on the world stage. These newsletters provide an opportunity to share high performance information with players and coaches.

### Players on the International Circuit

This year has been very successful for our top players on the international circuit. They all achieved career best world rankings. More players have signed up to the professional circuit than ever before.

Shelley Kitchen, who sensationally beat Nicol David in the second round of the World Open in Madrid last year, was recognised as WISPA's Most Improved Player of the Year at the end of last year. She has continued to work hard this year with success in winning the Harrow Greenwich Open and was a semi finalist in the Texas Open. She reached a career high of six in the September rankings.

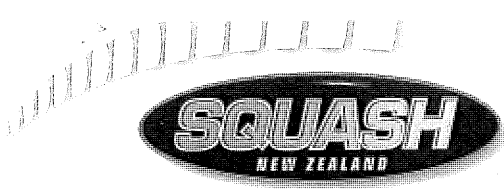
Jaclyn Hawkes won the NSC Tour 12 in Kuala Lumpur by beating India's Joshna Chinappa in the final. This was Jaclyn's second victory on the WISPA circuit with her maiden victory being three years ago at the South Australian Open. She was also a finalist in the WISPA Des Pyramids tournament. Jaclyn's most notable career achievement has to be reaching the quarter finals at this year's World Open in Manchester, England. She beat the 10th seed Vanessa Atkinson and then the 4th seed American Natalie Grainger in five games, before finally losing to Madeline Perry in a heartbreak quarter final. With her recent success she reached a career high of 16 in the November ranking list.

Louise Crome had success in winning the Vietnam Open and the Welsh Open on her way to reaching a career high of world ranked 22.

Joelle King made the final at the Women's NY Capital District Squash Open in the United States. It was Joelle's first ever appearance in a WISPA World Tour final. In the Australian Open Joelle did well to make the semi finals and she now has a career high world ranking of 50.

Kashif Shuja did well to make the final of the Australian Open but his greatest achievement this year must be his victory over Azlan Iskander world ranked number 11 in the opening round of the World Open. This result helped him to reach a career high of world ranked 37 in November.

Campbell Grayson has made great progress this year, moving nearly 50 places in the last eight months on the ranking list. He did well to reach the semi finals of the Australian Open by beating Englishman Chris Ryder WR 38 in a marathon five game battle. In the Atlanta Open in the United States Campbell overcame the world number 56 Scott Arnold in five and world number 66 Jorge Ferreira.



In the Oklahoma Open he upset world number 49 Dylan Bennett in straight games in the opening round. He has climbed nearly 50 places since February, ranked 73 on the November world ranking list.

Martin Knight picked up his maiden title on the PSA World Squash Tour with victory at the Barossa Valley Open in South Australia beating second seeded Australian, Zac Alexander in the final. He has ranking of 92 on the November ranking list.

Kylie Lindsey's greatest achievement this year was when she won her first ever WISPA world women's squash tour title in Russia in October this year.

### Team Championships

Kashif Shuja, Martin Knight, Campbell Grayson and Josh Greenfield were selected for the World Men's Teams' Championships in Chennai towards the end of last year. Dave Clarke was the New Zealand coach and after finishing 13th he commented:

"This was the team's best performance for several years. It should be noted that the finish positions have been decided by the odd point in the last few years. Whoever is toughest on the day wins. There are several teams that are close, realistically we could have finished anywhere between 11 and 19, the depth and standard of the teams is improving year by year. Again we had a good team spirit within the team with no problems off court to speak of this is why we tend to do well in the latter stages."

The World Junior Boys' Squash Championships were held in Zurich Switzerland (27th July – 7th August) and consisted of four players (Evan Williams, Keegan Burkhart, Alex Grayson and Cameron Jamieson), coach (Anthony Ricketts) and manager (Julie Hawkes). One week out before departure it was unfortunate to have to withdraw the number two player, Lui Syder, due to an ankle injury and his place was ably taken by Alex Grayson.

In preparation for the championships the squad trained together for five weeks in Auckland at the National Squash Centre under the guidance of Anthony. In the individual championships, players would have hoped for better results. Evan and Keegan made it through to the third round whilst Cameron lost in the second round of the main draw. Alex was unfortunate to draw the number one seed in the first round, however he did well to finish in the last eight of the plate competition.

Squash NZ were optimistic that a top eight finish was possible in the teams' event. Ranked in 9th position, they won their pool by beating Hong Kong ranked one place above them. They missed out on a spot in the quarterfinals of the event, after suffering a 2-1 loss to 10th seeded Canada in the first round of the knockout draw. However,

they bounced back to crush Kuwait 3/0 in the playoff for 9th-16th. They were upset 2/1 by 12th seed USA before winning their final match 2-1 against Hong Kong in the 11th place playoff.

Alex Grayson was announced as the winner of the fair play award at the Championships. He commented:

"The world championships were a fantastic experience with great people and awesome squash, and winning the fair play award is icing on the cake".

### Junior Development

Camps for both the Elite Development and National Development Squads took place from January through to September. These camps included fitness testing, technical and tactical advice, drills, video analysis, and nutrition seminars.

Players invited into future junior squads will be expected to have passion, desire, ability and focus to give it their best effort. Attitude and effort must override a player's ability. Girls and Boys Squads will run separately with Anthony Ricketts and Dame Susan Devoy coaching the Junior Girls 2009 Squad and Anthony Ricketts and Dave Clarke coaching the Junior Boys 2010 Squad.

Squad camps will take place from October 2008 to April 2009. Players will be expected to submit fortnightly training logs, complete a modified Individual Performance Plan, complete a cardio, weights and flexibility training programme and address tactical and technical deficiencies.

Many of the squad members produced excellent results at some of our national events.

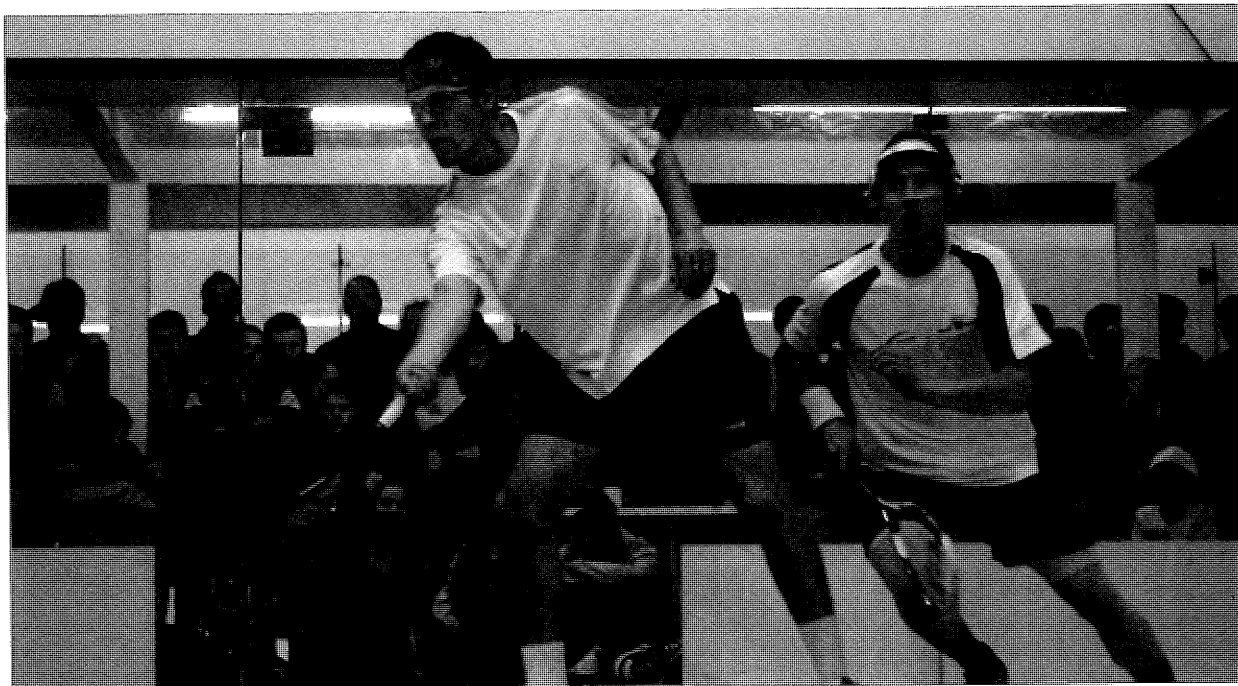
Auckland's Josh Thom and Lana Harrison were crowned Champions at the New Zealand Junior open in Auckland.

Together with Lindsay Walters, Robbie Wyatt and Nick Mita a number of players travelled to Malaysia to compete at the Milo All Stars Junior Squash Championships.

Success in this tournament included Auckland's Abbie Palmer who won the under 11 girls' title. Wellington's Evan Williams lost to top seed Ivan Yuen in the under 19 boys' final.

Travelling on to the Penang Junior Squash Championship in Malaysia Amanda Cranston from Waikato and Abbie Palmer from Auckland both won titles in their respective age groups. Second seeded Cranston won the U19 girls' section, edging past fourth seed Lana Harrison (Auckland) in four. Abbie Palmer was again convincing in the under 11 girls' event, justifying her top seeding with a 3/0 victory over second seeded Australian Lakeesha Rarere.

At the New Zealand Junior Squash Championships in Palmerston North, Auckland's Alex Grayson and Waikato's Amanda Cranston took out the glamour under 19 titles. Second seeded Grayson had a tight battle with Bay of



Action from NZ Junior Boys U19 Championship Final at SquashGym, Palmerston North: Matiu Te Kani-McQueen (left) vs eventual winner Alex Grayson (right).

Plenty's Matiu Te Kani-McQueen in the boys final. However, top seeded Cranston was more convincing in the girls' final, defeating second seeded Amanda Landers-Murphy from Central.

### Festival of Squash

A new addition to the squash calendar this year was the International Festival of Squash in Mount Maunganui. This proved to be a huge success as it attracted some of the world's best including Casey Brown WR 13, Madeline Perry WR 15 and Aslan Iskander WR 13. Shelley Kitchen and Malaysian Aslan Iskander stamped their class on the event, taking out their respective titles with straight game victories in the finals. Shoppers at the Bayfair Shopping Centre were treated to a master class of squash from the title winners, as they set about their work on an all glass court in the heart of the complex.

Kitchen, the world number seven, proved too good for fellow kiwi World Number 19 Jaclyn Hawkes. Iskander, Malaysian world number 13 was equally impressive in his final against New Zealander Josh Greenfield, producing some exquisite touches to win 3/0.

### New Zealand Academy of Sport

#### Athletes

This year SPARC tightened up their "athlete carding" programme choosing to focus their funding and support on the Project Delhi athletes in preparation for the Commonwealth Games in 2010. Rod Corban the new support services manager has worked along side Squash NZ to provide a structure that best serves our athletes.

#### Providers

A key priority this year has been the physical conditioning with Greg Owen. He has been contracted to ensure that our athletes stay injury free, remain fit and strong and are able to compete on the international circuit against the worlds' best. Great progress has been made this year but if we are to ensure that we get players back in the worlds top 10 we still have work to do.

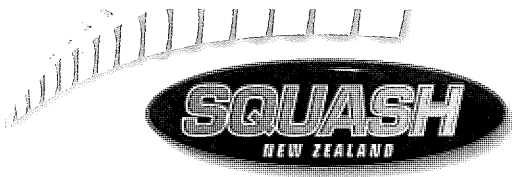
Much of the targeted athlete time is spent competing overseas and Medical Director Graham Patterson is responsible for monitoring our players' health. Whilst he is very busy and always in demand, he has been available at anytime whether it is after work or during weekends. This has been appreciated by both Squash NZ and the players.

Gaye Bryham, a fellow squash player herself, has been instrumental in supporting the athletes through the Individual Performance Plan process. Whilst lengthy and often challenging, Gaye has provided a sound base from which the players can work from. Their new plans will give them the opportunity to climb the rankings and to foot it, with the world's best.

Other services that have provided support to our players include our nutritionalist Christel Dunshea-Mooji, Ian Lambie and Rod Corban our sports psychologists.

The challenge for us now as a sport is to ensure that the personnel involved with the high performance programme remain constant, work together and grow to learn and understand the role that they can play in assisting our athletes into the future. Part of the success of Rowing NZ can be put down to the effectiveness of their support service crew. We have the makings of this here at Squash NZ.





### **Coaches**

In addition to the current carded players, squash had four carded coaches this year. They are Lindsey Walters, Nick Mita, Tanya Colyer and Robbie Wyatt. Our Carded Coaches have access to a range of services and resources to achieve the targets they (and their athletes) set. Coaches have access to professional development seminars, leadership and coach technology tools and other services that include sport science and sports medicine.

Lindsay was instrumental in setting up and running the Elite Development and National Development Squads this year. She was well organised, enthusiastic and focused on delivering the programme. She was ably assisted by Robbie and Nick, who were involved in high performance both at a district and a national level.

The key to future success is getting the coaches to continue to work together in the same direction to support high performance at both a district and national level. Knowledge, ideas and resources can be shared amongst our coaches to create unity and an understanding of the role that we can all play to develop elite squash players.

### **SPARC**

Paul Smith, a high performance consultant at SPARC, has been invaluable to my learning over the course of the year. He has provided great support and knowledge in ensuring that the Project Delhi plan remains on track for Squash NZ to achieve three medals at the next Commonwealth Games in 2010.

Paul has a genuine interest in ensuring that Squash NZ, and ultimately the players, achieve their goals. Squash NZ are grateful for the support and guidance that he has given to us all this year.

### **Selectors**

It's not an easy job being a selector. We are grateful to Michel Galloway and Paul Kennet our senior selectors for the time they have given this year in selecting the world women's team, the ranking lists, seeding national events and assisting in decisions on senior squads.

We are grateful to Steve Wren and Aileen Buscke the junior selectors for the time they have given to the sport. They have been present at a number of tournaments and their major selection was for the World Junior Men's Team that attended the World Junior Men's Championships in Switzerland. They were also involved in the selection of the World Junior Boys and World Junior Girls Squads for 2009.

### **Future Squad structure**

The High Performance Advisory Group (HPAG) has provided support and guidance in reviewing the present squad structure. Squash NZ will base the future player development programme around four levels of development.

1. Professional (Project Delhi National Squad)
2. U21 Squad
3. World Junior Girls 2009, World Junior Boys 2010
4. National Development Squad

The purpose of the squad structure is to:

Identify the talent development pathway for players through to NZ representation.

Provide year round plans and programmes for the players.

Provide a base of technically, tactically, physically and mentally prepared players from which NZ teams can be selected.

### **Last words.....**

Squash NZ has gone through a number of changes over the past 18 months, and it is important to acknowledge that the high performance programme will continue to be modelled around a philosophy that unites all players, coaches, parents and administrators in working towards a common purpose. Integration of effort, knowledge and funding is of paramount importance.

On that note, I would personally like to thank Jan Lewis, Jan Loney, Vivienne, Kerry and Mike in the Squash NZ office. They have provided support and encouragement throughout the year.

We need to ensure that our individual and collective legacy is one of substance and sustainability. Squash NZ are now in a position to build for the future. The challenge as an organisation is to focus on what lies ahead. We need to unite together, communicate more readily with those involved in high performance, share information with the districts, up skill our coaches and build relationships that are constant and long lasting. New Zealand has a proud history of Squash on the world stage; it is our job to rekindle the success of the 80s and 90s.

### **RICHARD THOMPSON**

#### **High Performance Manager**

## National Coaching Report

2008 has seen changes in both my life personally and with the New Zealand Squash High Performance programme. Indeed, I am excited to say these are both extremely positive advancements. Personally I have retired from over a decade of playing the sport we all love at a professional level. Over the years I have been privileged to work with some of the best people within squash who have instilled in me the attributes and understanding of the necessary components to succeed at a world-class level. My roll in the New Zealand Squash High Performance programme is to pass this knowledge onto the Squash community.

I have used my first eight months somewhat on the periphery in order to build relationships and gather an understanding of how the game operates here in New Zealand. In this time I have come to be inspired, motivated and energised for the prospects of what we are all able to achieve at a high performance level. The players, personnel, coaches and club operators - our squash family - all have

the passion to see New Zealand Squash continue its long standing history as a squash nation.

The world of professional squash is blossoming and reaching new heights. The male professional tour has a total prize pool of close to US\$3.5 million with the women securing new professional tournaments in countries such as Vietnam and Russia. With an increase in available prize money coupled with an increase in competing nations comes a business like professional approach that has seen the standard of squash internationally improve to produce some of the most exciting games ever witnessed. With this in mind it is important to note that high performance is judged at an international level, rather than domestically.

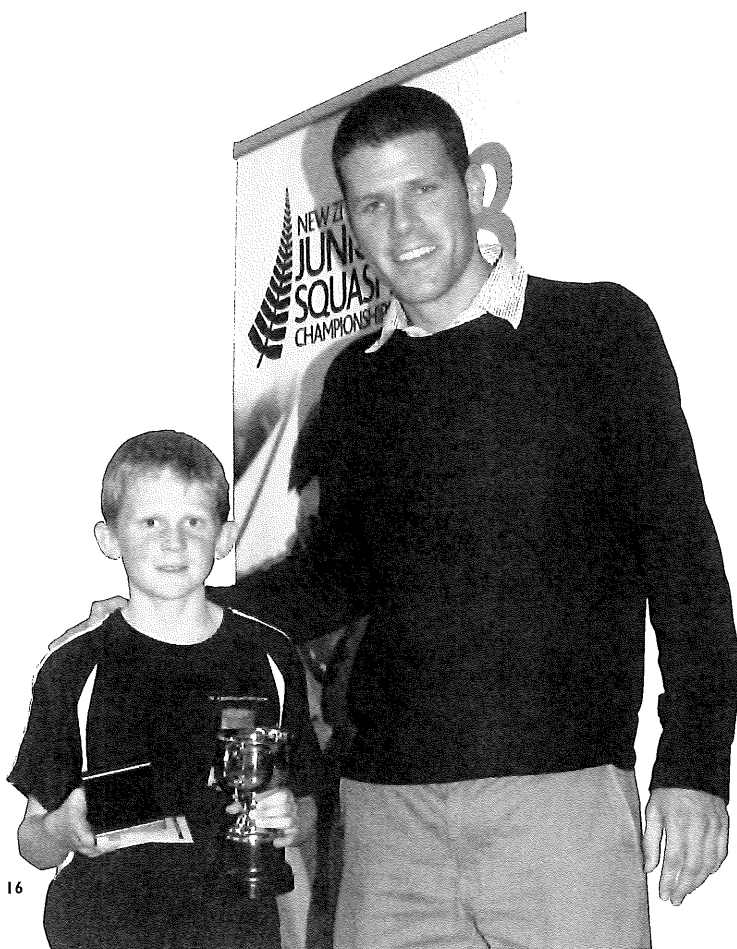
Together, here in New Zealand, to keep amongst this upsurge in the wondrous world of squash we will have to continue to instil a professional and business like manner with our players. We have to implement structures to enable a pathway for our juniors from under 11s right through to the top 10 in the world. We have to guide them through the sometimes daunting and intimidating apprenticeship years as they make the transition from junior to international senior.

We currently have one player in the top 10, one player in the top 20, one player in the top 30, and one player in the top 40 in the world. The structures mentioned above are in place and for me the journey begins. With the current climate of professional squash, it truly is the most exciting time to take this journey!

I would like to thank everybody that has welcomed me here in New Zealand, in particular the Squash New Zealand office with Mike, Viv, Kerry, Jan (2) and Richard. We all wait with anticipation that when we sit together this time next year we are sitting as a sport that has been nominated for the Olympic games - as it most certainly deserves!!

### **ANTHONY RICKETTS**

**Head Coach**



*From left: NZ Under 11 Boys' Champion Alex Revington, with SNZ Head Coach Anthony Ricketts.*



# WINNING PERFORMANCES

2008 Season Results

## 2008 Season Results

### NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL SERIES

#### CENTRAL OPEN - WISPA - Kawaroa Park SC 6 - 8 June

##### Final

Lisa Camilleri (Australia)	beat	Christina Mak (Hong Kong)	3/1
Willie Bicknell (Thorndon)	beat	Anthony McLeod (Palmerston North)	3/1

#### SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS/ CANTERBURY OPEN - PSA 13 - 15 JUNE

##### Final

Martin Knight (Thorndon)	beat	Graeme Wilson (Remuera)	3/0
Shayle Higginson (Richmond)	beat	Megan Craig (Christchurch)	3/2

#### NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS - HAMILTON SC 19 - 21 MAY

##### Final

Campbell Grayson (Titirangi)	beat	Graeme Wilson (Remuera)	3/0
Joelle King (North Shore)	beat	Jackie Laurenson (Remuera)	3/0

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - REMUERA 22 - 24 AUGUST

##### Final

Kashif Shuja (Royal Oak)	beat	Martin Knight (Thorndon)	3/2
Shelley Kitchen (Browns Bay)	beat	Jaelyn Hawkes (Remuera)	3/1

<b>Most Improved Male</b>	Alex Grayson (Titirangi)	Vogel Rosebowl
<b>Most Improved Female</b>	Shelley Kitchen (Browns Bay)	Aust. Womens Plate
<b>Services to Refereeing</b>	Chris Buckland (Ashburton)	Derek Cook Memorial Cup

#### SENIOR INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT - REMUERA 25 - 26 AUGUST

##### Men

- Wellington
- Auckland
- Canterbury
- Bay of Plenty
- Central
- Waikato
- Southland

##### Women

- Waikato
- Auckland
- Wellington
- Bay of Plenty
- Canterbury
- Central
- Otago

#### NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR OPEN - NORTH SHORE SC 25 - 27 APRIL

##### Final

Josh Thom (Herne Bay)	beat	Evan Williams (Tawa)	3/1
Lana Harrison (Remuera)	beat	Amanda Cranston (Cambridge)	3/1

**SOUTH ISLAND JUNIOR AGE GROUPS - BURNSIDE, CHRISTCHURCH 5 - 7 JULY**
**Under 19 Final**

Edward Dromgool (Burnside)	beat	Michael Brocks (Squash City)	3/0
Amanda Landers Murphy (Hawera)	beat	Kenna Sugrue (Christchurch Football)	3/0

**Under 17 Final**

Bryce Redman (Hawkes Bay)	beat	Lance Beddoes (Henderson)	3/0
Megan Craig (Christchurch)	beat	Courtney Brown (Central Southland)	3/1

**Under 15 Final**

Todd Redman (Hawkes Bay)	beat	Andrew Ellis (Burnside)	3/1
Taylor Flavell (Geyser City)	beat	Skyler Bouchard (U.S.A.)	3/1

**Under 13 Final**

Jackson Beresford (Christchurch)	beat	Theo Zbijowski (Richmond)	3/1
Joely Bennett (Christchurch Football)	beat	Claire Cummings (Christchurch)	3/0

**Under 11 Final**

Todd Bennett (Christchurch Football)	beat	Callum Seymour (Motueka)	3/1
Nicola Kennedy (Christchurch)	beat	Ruby Beresford (Christchurch)	3/0



*Thank goodness Squash is an indoor sport - snow fell heavily outside the venue for South Island Juniors - at Christchurch's Burnside Squash Club during July.*

**NORTH ISLAND JUNIOR AGE GROUPS - HENDERSON SC 11 - 13 JULY**
**Under 19 Final**

Evan Williams (Tawa)	beat	Alex Grayson (Titirangi)	3/1
Lana Harrison (Remuera)	beat	Amanda Landers Murphy (Hawera)	3/1

**Under 17 Final**

Lance Beddoes (Henderson)	beat	Bryce Redman (Hawkes Bay)	3/2
Emma Millar (Kapiti)	beat	Eliza Sim (Tawa)	3/1

**Under 15 Final**

Todd Redman (Hawkes Bay)	beat	Edward Colombia (U.S.A.)	3/1
Ella Dromgool (Burnside)	beat	Rebecca Barnett (Mitchell Park)	3/2

**Under 13 Final**

Scott Galloway (Mitchell Park)	beat	Jordan Le Comte (Havelock North)	3/2
Joely Bennett (Christchurch Football)	beat	Abbie Palmer (Remuera)	3/1

**Under 11 Final**

Todd Bennett (Christchurch Football)	beat	Rios McGhee-Moleta (Gisborne HSOB)	3/2
Nicola Kennedy (Christchurch)	beat	Camden TeKani-McQueen (Geyser City)	3/0

**NZ NATIONAL AGE GROUPS - PALMERSTON NORTH 2 - 5 OCTOBER**
**Under 19 Final**

Alex Grayson (Titirangi)	beat	Matiu Te Kani-McQueen (Geyser City)	3/1
Amanda Cranston (Cambridge)	beat	Amanda Landers-Murphy (Hawera)	3/0

**Under 17 Final**

Tate Matson (Mangakahia)	beat	Lance Beddoes (Henderson)	3/1
Emma Millar (Kapiti)	beat	Megan Craig (Christchurch)	3/0

**Under 15 Final**

Todd Redman (Hawkes Bay)	beat	Jonathan Barnett (Mitchell Park)	3/0
Ashleigh Dunstan (Tauranga)	beat	Rebecca Barnett (Mitchell Park)	3/1

**Under 13 Final**

Jordan Le Comte (Havelock North)	beat	Scott Galloway (Mitchell Park)	3/1
Abbie Palmer (Warkworth)	beat	Claire Cumming (Christchurch)	3/0

**Under 11 Final**

Alex Revington (Tauranga)	beat	Rios McGhee-Moleta (Gisborne HSOB)	3/0
Camden Te Kani-McQueen (Geysers City)	beat	Anna Hughes (Eden Epsom)	3/2

<b>Most Improved Junior Male</b>	Alex Grayson (Titirangi)	Junior Management Trophy
<b>Most Improved Junior Female</b>	Megan Craig (Christchurch)	Junior Management Trophy
<b>Best District Overall</b>	Auckland	Gifford Trophy

**JUNIOR INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT - PALMERSTON NORTH 6 - 8 OCTOBER**

Boys	Girls
1. Auckland	1. Wellington
2. Eastern	2. Waikato
3. Bay of Plenty	3. Central
4. Canterbury	4. Auckland
5. Wellington	5. Canterbury
6. Central	6. Bay of Plenty
7. Southern	7. Southern
8. Waikato	
9. Northland	

**NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS - KAWAROA PARK 15 - 17 AUGUST**
**Finals**

Winner - Boys	Auckland Boys Grammar School	Runner up	Christchurch Boys High School
Winner - Girls	Waikato Diocesan	Runner up	Epsom Girls Grammar

**MITCHELL CUP/COUSINS SHIELD**
**Venue** - North Shore, Auckland

<b>Cousins Shield</b> - Herne Bay	beat	Remuera
<b>Mitchell Cup</b> - North Shore	beat	Remuera

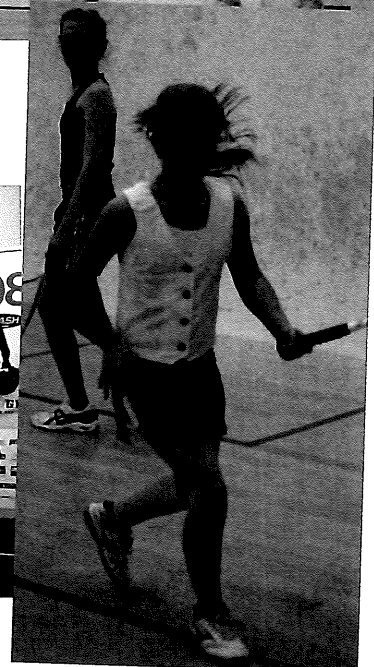
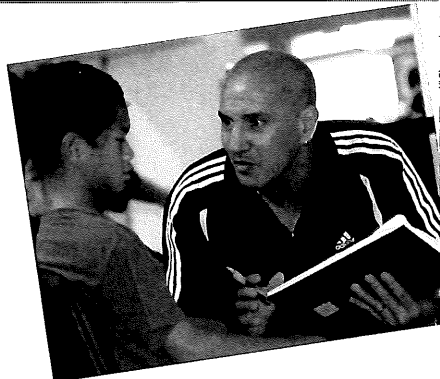
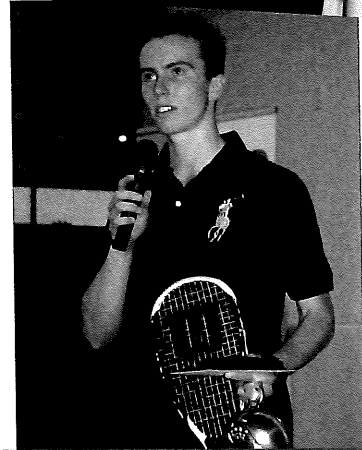
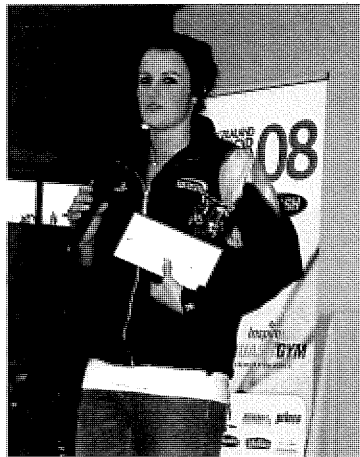
**SUPERCHAMPS TEAMS EVENT FINALS 10 - 13 SEPTEMBER**

	Men	Women	Venue
B Grade	Mitchell Park	Tawa	Whangarei
C Grade	Katikati	Herne Bay	Mitchell Park
D Grade	Kawaroa Park	Te Puke	Hawkes Bay
E Grade	Tauranga	Feilding	Kawaroa Park
F Grade	Eden Epsom	Eden Epsom	Otago University

**MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - CHRISTCHURCH 19 - 25 OCTOBER**

<b>35 +</b>	Men	Jason Mudge	(Aust)
	Women	Amanda Hopps	(Aust)
<b>40+</b>	Men	Gary Duberly	(NZ)
	Women	Sarah Nelson	(Aust)
<b>45+</b>	Men	Trevor Wilkinson	(RSA)
	Women	Kay Newman	(NZ)
<b>50+</b>	Men	Geoff Davenport	(Aust)
	Women	Julie Field	(Eng)
<b>55+</b>	Men	Michael Bester	(RSA)
	Women	Gay Mitchell	(Aust)

Action at the 2008 New Zealand Junior Championships hosted at SquashGym Palmerston North.



<b>60+</b>	Men	Brian Cook	(Aust)
	Women	Averil Murphy	(Eng)
<b>65+</b>	Men	Richard Purser	(NZ)
	Women	Jean Grainger	(RSA)
<b>70+</b>	Men	Barry Gardiner	(NZ)
	Women	Averil Heath	(RSA)
<b>75+</b>	Men	John Irving	(RSA)



Wellington Junior Girls' Winners of NZ Inter District Teams Event.

**MASTERS INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT -**

1. Canterbury
2. Auckland
3. Bay of Plenty
4. Waikato
5. Central
6. Otago

**WORLD MEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, SWITZERLAND 27 JULY - 9 AUGUST**
**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

<b>Evan Williams</b>	First Round	bye		
	Second Round	bye		
	Third Round	beat	Arjun Gupta (Canada)	9/0 9/6 9/0
	Fourth Round	beat	Wian Louwrens (South Africa)	9/3 9/4 9/2
	Fifth Round	lost to	Waqar Mehboob (Pakistan)	6/9 5/9 9/10
<b>Keegan Burkhart</b>	First Round	bye		
	Second Round	bye		
	Third Round	beat	Hywel Robinson (Wales)	9/1 9/7 3/9 2/9 9/5
	Fourth Round	beat	Mahesh Mangaonkar (India)	10/8 9/4 9/6
	Fifth Round	lost to	Adrian Waller (England)	0/9 4/9 2/9
<b>Cameron Jamieson</b>	First Round	bye		
	Second Round	bye		
	Third Round	beat	Mikael Siren (Finland))	9/6 9/6 9/0
	Fourth Round	lost to	Petrucci Antoine Camille (France)	6/9 2/9 4/9
Classic Plate	First Round	beat	Oliver Holland (England)	9/4 9/2 9/7
	Second Round	lost to	Kah Wah Cheong (Malaysia)	4/9 4/9 0/9
<b>Alex Grayson</b>	First Round	bye		
	Second Round	bye		
	Third Round	lost to	Aamir Atlas Khan (Pakistan)	3/9 0/9 0/9
	Plate	First Round	beat	Hugo Varela Campo (Spain)
Second Round		beat	Gustav Runersjo (Sweden)	9/2 9/5 9/2
Third Round		beat	Raphael Kandra (Germany)	5/9 9/6 9/5 9/5
Fourth Round		lost to	Nicholas Sachvie (Canada))	1/9 2/9 9/5 5/9



**TEAM RESULTS**

**POOL PLAY**

**New Zealand 3 - Sweden 0**

Evan Williams	beat	Johan Detter	9/2 9/0 9/3
Alex Grayson	beat	Truls Olterman	9/5 9/1 9/1
Keegan Burkhart	beat	Alex Christensson	9/5 10/8 9/4

**New Zealand 3 - China 0**

Evan Williams	beat	Xiaomin Meng	9/2 9/3 9/1
Alex Grayson	beat	Jun Jie Wang	9/2 9/0 9/0
Keegan Burkhart	beat	Jia Qi Shen	9/0 9/1 9/0

**New Zealand 2 - Hong Kong 1**

Cameron Jamieson	beat	Ji Yang Fung	9/5 1/9 9/4 6/9 5/default/injury
Evan Williams	lost to	Chun Ming Leo Au	3/9 9/10 5/9
Alex Grayson	beat	Kai Chi Nelson Chan	9/3 9/3 9/4

**1<sup>st</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> PLAYOFFS**

**New Zealand 1 - Canada 2**

Evan Williams	lost to	Kelly Shannon	9/10 9/5 6/9 6/9
Alex Grayson	lost to	Nicholas Sachvie	9/2 10/8 5/9 2/9 4/9
Cameron Jamieson	beat	Andrew Schnell	9/5 6/9 9/5

**9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> PLAYOFFS**

**New Zealand 3 - Kuwait 0**

Evan Williams	beat	Mohammad A Al-Tawari	9/2 9/4 9/1
Keegan Burkhart	beat	Shamlan AH Ali	8/10 5/9 9/1 9/6 9/6
Cameron Jamieson	beat	Nasser Kh Al-Rashid	9/5 9/3

**9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> PLAYOFFS**

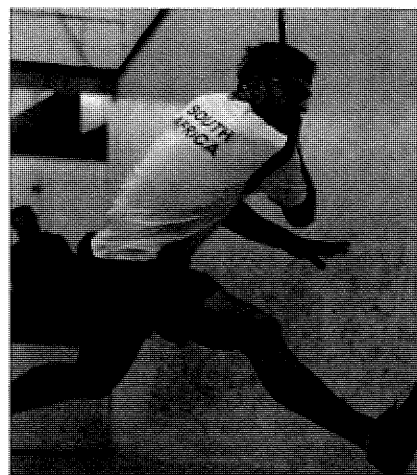
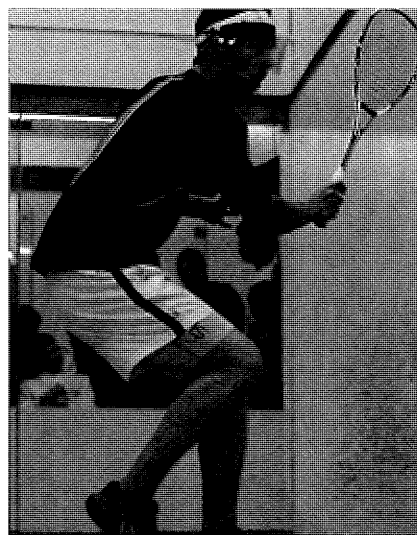
**New Zealand 1 - U.S.A. 2**

Keegan Burkhart	beat	Alex Domenick	9/3 9/8 10/8
Evan Williams	lost to	Todd Harrity	0/9 1/8 1/9
Cameron Jamieson	lost to	Thomas Mattson	5/9 6/9 4/9

**11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> PLAYOFF NEW ZEALAND FINISHED 11<sup>th</sup>**

**New Zealand 2 - Hong Kong 1**

Evan Williams	lost to	Chun Ming Leo Au	2/9 2/9 2/9
Alex Grayson	beat	Ji Yang Fung	9/1 9/3 9/6
Keegan Burkhart	beat	Kai Chi Nelson Chan	10/8 7/9 9/6 9/5



*NZ Junior Boys' team members in action at NZ Juniors at Palmerston North: Top: Auckland's Alex Grayson. Centre: Wellington's Keegan Burkhart. Bottom: Alex Grayson receiving the 'Fair Play Award' at the World Junior Champs in Switzerland.*

## World Squash Federation Report

### COUNTDOWN TO COPENHAGEN

In October 2009 the IOC Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark will decide the host city for the 2016 Games and the programme for those Games.

Squash is one of 7 sports vying for inclusion in the programme for the 2016 Games. The other 6 sports are baseball, softball, golf, karate, rugby sevens and roller sports.

There are a maximum of 28 sports permitted in any Olympic Games. There were 28 sports played in the Beijing Olympics. The IOC Congress in Singapore 2005 allocated the 2012 Olympics to London and removed baseball and softball from the programme for those Games. That Congress was also considering the inclusion of replacement sports and squash was voted the number 1 sport of the non-Olympic programme sports for inclusion in the Games. However, squash did not achieve the 2/3rd majority required for inclusion in the London Olympics. As a result, the London Olympics will only have 26 of a maximum 28 sports.

World Squash is often asked why squash is not in the Olympics when other minority sports are played. Often the sports referred to are in fact events. Beach volleyball and BMX cycling are included because volleyball and cycling are Olympic programme sports.

Inclusion in the Olympics is a complete focus for World Squash. After being shortlisted with the 6 other sports, the IOC requested each sport to complete survey information. The World Squash Championships in Manchester in October 2008 were an IOC observation event. They were attended by a member of the IOC Programme Commission and the IOC Sports Department who viewed the event to gain some insight into how a squash event at the Olympics might present. England Squash and its appointed promoters did an outstanding job and our sport could not have been presented better.

A delegation from World Squash made an initial presentation of squash's bid for inclusion in the Olympic Games in Lausanne to the IOC Programme Commission in early November this year. Susie Simcock led this delegation.

There will be a further survey seeking information of our sport to be completed in early 2009. There will then be a final and important presentation to the IOC Executive Board in June 2009. This will be the last formal presentation before the IOC vote in Copenhagen next October.

The Manchester World Championships were a wonderful celebration of elite squash. Of interest to New Zealanders

was the victory by Ramy Ashour (Egypt) in the World Men's Championship. Only 2 years ago in Palmerston North he won the World Junior Men's title. The Women's title was won by Nicol David (Malaysia)

During the World Championships the annual World Squash Awards were held. Susie Simcock paid tribute to retiring World Squash President, Jahangir Khan. A highlight of the evening was the attendance of squash legends Hashim Khan (now 92 years of age), Azam Khan, Geoff Hunt and Jahangir Khan who were all honoured at the awards function.

The World Squash Federation annual general meeting in Manchester voted to move to point of rally scoring for all levels of the game. The rules will come into effect on 1 April 2009 and provide for best of 5 games to 11 points with a requirement to win by 2 points at 10 all. This was a much debated rule change that was ultimately supported overwhelmingly by the member nations attending the annual general meeting. This rule change will now mean for the first time in many years there is a unified scoring system at all levels of the game.

New Zealand has an outstanding record in hosting World Championship events. Internationally New Zealand is considered a very safe pair of hands with any major event. The World Junior Men's Championships in Palmerston North in 2006 were an outstanding success. The World Masters' Championships in Christchurch were brilliantly organised. Without exception the feedback to World Squash has been highly complimentary. An entry of over 760 players from 39 countries and an event involving 6 venues created a major logistical exercise that was expertly handled. The World Squash Federation congratulates Squash Canterbury, the Christchurch squash community and Squash New Zealand on a superb event.

This fine track record has been further rewarded with the allocation to New Zealand of the World Women's Teams Championships in 2010. This is an event where New Zealand has traditionally been very competitive and this will continue in 2010. It will be a wonderful event for squash in New Zealand.

At that time our hope is that we will be presenting to the New Zealand public a new Olympic sport.

**GERARD DE COURCY**

**Vice President - World Squash Federation**

## Grading & Statistics Report

The Grading System is the major part of the National Club Member Register. At the end of September 2008 there were 15,456 graded players (2007 - 16,856). In addition, the national club member register had a further 7,252 active leisure/casual club members (2007 - 7,048) giving a combined total of 22,717 "registered" club members (2007 - 22,961).

The total number of players is believed to be below real club membership numbers as indications are that many clubs continue to not provide Squash NZ with complete details of either/or: their 'young' junior members and their "leisure" members.

It cannot be stressed strongly enough that all clubs must ensure that all of their "members", regardless of membership category (or the manner in which the users of club courts access the facilities), are registered with the club, their district and Squash New Zealand. The maintenance of a full and complete membership register of all people who use "club facilities" on a regular, even if casual basis, is of considerable benefit to the sport, at

appears to be a very wide variation in the success of the "J" grade concept, but in a number of districts it is working well. At the end of 2008, there were 1837 "J" grade players, (2007 - 1980, 2006 - 2073; 2005 - 1659; 2004 - 1473; 2003 - 1059). At the end of the 2008 season, "J" grade players, comprised 11.9% of the total grading list and 53 % of total graded junior players.

During the 2008 season, the operational policies of the previous season were maintained, the prime intention of which is to maintain a reasonably even spread of players across the B to F grades. Graded player numbers across all grades continue to show that generally the policy under which the grading system is been operated continues to have the desired positive effect on the number of player entries in graded tournaments.

It is very pleasing to see a substantial increase in the number of teams that entered the Super Champs Event at district level in 2008 - 304 teams, against 266 teams in 2007, an increase of 38 teams. By far the biggest increase in teams

### Players by Grades (Men & Women combined).

	Oct 08	Oct 07	Oct 06	Oct 05	Oct 04	Oct 03	Oct 02	Oct 01	Oct 00	Nov 99	Nov 98
<b>A1</b>	<b>28</b> 0.2%	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	25	31	28	26	28	26	26	26
<b>A2</b>	<b>175</b> 1.1%	<b>173</b>	<b>169</b>	165	159	175	171	179	171	172	191
<b>B</b>	<b>1606</b> 10.4%	<b>2550</b>	<b>2618</b>	2556	2411	2453	2460	2413	2339	2379	2358
<b>C</b>	<b>3951</b> 25.5%	<b>3126</b>	<b>3380</b>	3340	3063	3261	3384	3423	3410	3498	3560
<b>D</b>	<b>2461</b> 16.0%	<b>2566</b>	<b>2665</b>	2674	2739	3035	3205	3466	3515	3755	4055
<b>E</b>	<b>3776</b> 24.5%	<b>3793</b>	<b>4038</b>	4075	4174	4269	4531	4776	4628	5117	5502
<b>F</b>	<b>1619</b> 10.5%	<b>1640</b>	<b>1782</b>	1718	2017	2279	2776	2990	2817	2535	2896
<b>"J's"</b>	<b>1837</b> 11.9%	<b>1980</b>	<b>2073</b>	1659	1473	1095					
	<b>15,456</b>	<b>15,856</b>	<b>16,658</b>	16,212	16,067	16,595	16,553	17,275	16,906	17,482	18,588

all levels. As with almost all sports, the number of people participating in the sport of squash has a direct bearing on the ability of the sport to attract outside support and revenue by way of grants and sponsorships, be it at national, district or club level. The various sources from which grant and sponsorships funds are available invariably want to know how many participants their funds are benefiting.

The "J" grades were introduced at the beginning of the 2003 season to provide a competitive structure for the young / beginner juniors. From district to district there

was for C grade, with 102 teams this year against 71 last year. It appears that the pre season adjustment of the B / C grades along with the change to 4 player teams had a positive effect on team numbers this year. However, the results of the survey that was conducted after the Super Champs Finals, indicated that clubs/players prefer 5 player teams.

As I have noted in the past, Squash is one of the very few sports that offers a teams championship within each district, with the opportunity for the winning team to represent their club and district at a national championship title at stake!

Numerically, the senior and masters numbers have fallen

over the past five years, particularly the seniors. While junior numbers are down on last year, they are still well above that of 2003 when the “J” grade was introduced. Overall, total competitive numbers are 3.8% down on 5 years ago.

Increasing the number of junior players is the future of the sport. Every effort must be made by clubs and districts to ensure that junior players who are attracted to the sport are retained. This can be achieved by the provision of coaching opportunities at club level, along with the provision of enjoyable junior events (tournaments and interclub). All junior players who participate in tournaments and interclub, must be added to the grading list as soon as they commence

The twice monthly update/publication frequency on the 1st and 15th of each month has been continued and the website attracts a considerable number of “hits” on a daily basis.

The availability of player match histories, along with regular publication of the grading list on the website has highlighted a longstanding area of concern, being the ‘prompt collection of results’. This is however totally dependant on clubs ‘doing their bit’ immediately following tournaments, and quickly submitting results to their district statistician

The Squash Grading System continues to be the backbone of competitive squash in New Zealand and its successful operation is due to the considerable level of volunteer

**Age-group Statistics for the past five years provide interesting figures:**

	2008		2007		2006		2005		2004	
Seniors (19 to 34 years)	3771	24.4%	3,980	25.1%	4308	25.9%	4397	27.2%	4616	29.0%
Masters (35 and over)	8225	53.2%	8,278	52.2%	8580	51.5%	8437	52.0%	8385	52.0%
Juniors (Under 19)	3460	22.4%	3,598	22.7%	3770	22.6%	3378	20.8%	3066	19.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,456</b>		<b>15,856</b>		<b>16,658</b>		<b>16,212</b>		<b>16,067</b>	

competitive play. Doing so, provides the juniors (and their parents) with history of their matches during the season and a visible incentive to improve their skills and thus enjoyment of the sport.

Early in the 2008 season, after a considerable amount of work by Clive Brumby and his small team, full player “match” histories were added to the grading list section of the Squash NZ website.

The histories on the website are a list of matches recorded for each player and are displayed in chronological date order, which may not be the same as the order in which the matches are entered into the system. Overall this new feature of the system has been very well received by the players, and it is interesting to note that only a very small number ‘errors’ were identified by players during the season.

time and effort by club and particularly district statisticians. Considerable thanks must be extended to them for their work which benefits individual players and the sport of squash as a whole.

**STEVE SCOTT**

**Director - Gradings & Statistics**

## Refereeing Report

*Below: National referees relax in between games at National Senior Champs in Auckland. Right: 2008 recipient of Derek Cooke Memorial Trophy for Refereeing - Chris Buckland with NZ Referees Director Joss Urbahn.*



This year has seen a change in the organisation of the Referees. Squash NZ appointed Jan Loney as the Game Development Manager and refereeing came under her umbrella. This led to the formation of an Advisory Panel – Jan Loney, Chris Buckland, Phil Morgan, Donna Wilson and myself. Due to the untimely passing of Phil, Sandra Tinkler was co-opted onto the Panel. Donna Wilson also left us to move to Perth.

At our first meeting in April we agreed to adopt the WSF Competency Based Assessment and Training modules and decided to bring John Small the Australian Refereeing Manager over to Senior Nationals to help us understand the programme, train our Assessors and help with referee assessments. This venture proved to be very successful and I hope that this is only the start of a trans tasman relationship. Peter Highsted will be attending an Australian Refereeing Workshop in Melbourne in November and it is intended to bring John Small back again later next year to assess our progress.

All of our active National Referees have been assessed this year, this is a great achievement and next season we will focus on assessing District Referees.

We were very sad to lose two of our Referees this year with the untimely deaths of Phil Morgan and Paul Sneyd. They were great ambassadors for referees and squash and our condolences go to their families.

National Referees attended the following national tournaments this year and I need to thank them for their services. Most people think that they are paid to be at tournaments, sure they may get travel, accommodation and a daily living allowance but they have all taken time off work and be away from their families at weekends to provide a necessary service.

Tournaments attended were: NZ Junior Open at North Shore; North Island Age Group Champs at Henderson; South Island

Age Group Champs at Burnside; North Island Champs (PSA & WISPA) at Hamilton; Central Open (WISPA) at Kawaroa Park; South Island Champs (PSA) at Christchurch; the inaugural Mount Maunganui Festival of Squash; Senior and Junior Nationals; and the World Masters in Christchurch.

With the World Masters using 6 venues this was a logistical nightmare in allocating referees. We were fortunate in having Munir Shah and Fayyaz Mohammed, WSF appointed referees attend. With the Mount Maunganui Festival of Squash using the all glass court in the Bayfair Shopping Centre this provided a different spectrum and this augers well for a NZ Open next year.

We had two new National Referees qualify this year – Nicky Dunlop from Canterbury and Janet Udy from Blenheim. Several more have started on the pathway and already I have applications for next year. We welcome these people to our ranks and invite any one else to join us.

My thanks to Jan Loney and the others on the Advisory Panel for their valuable input, help and support over the year. We look forward to another progressive year in 2009.

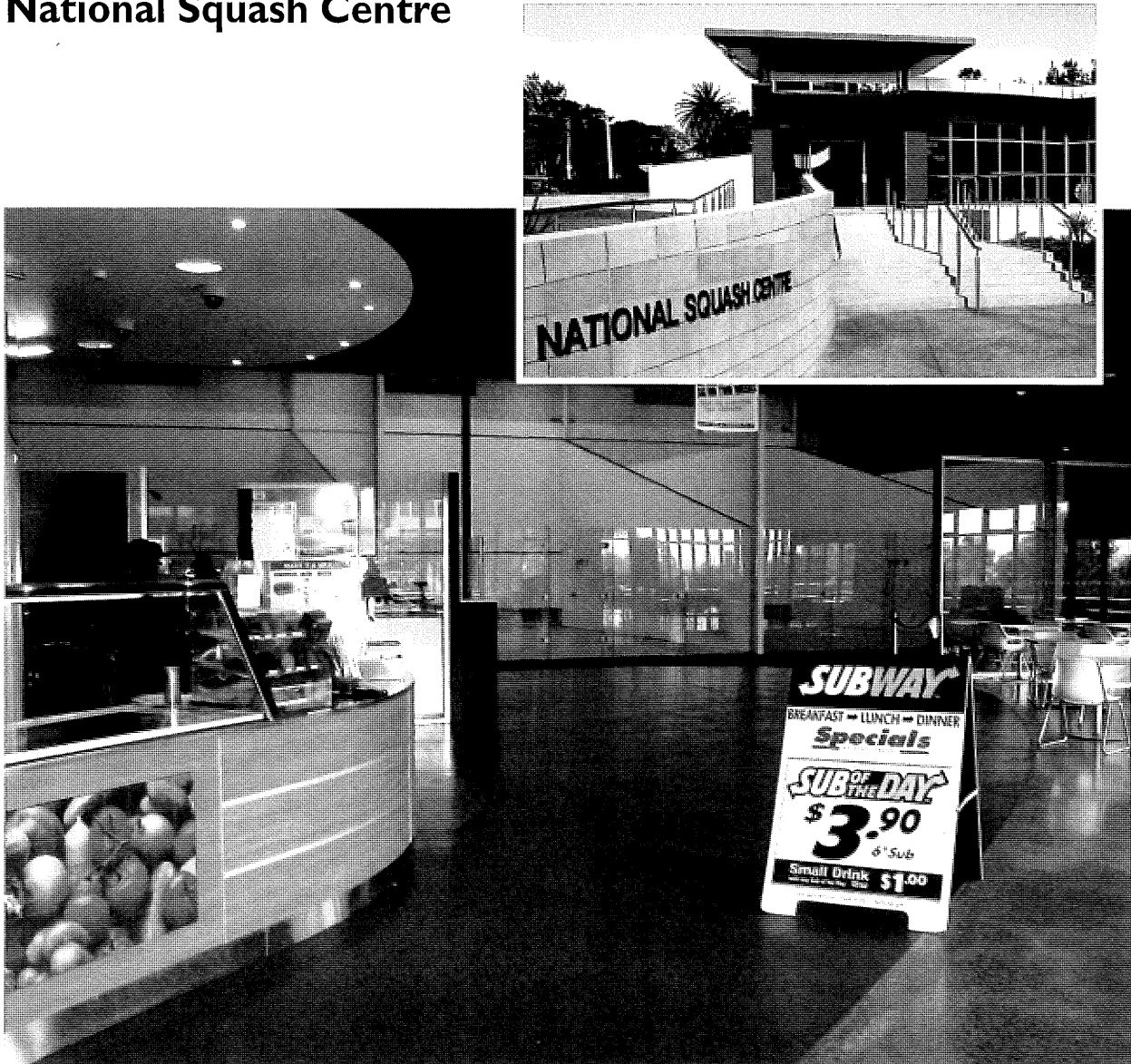
### JOSS URBAHN

#### Director – Refereeing

#### 2008 National Referees:

Naeomi Beaumont, Pauline Boyle, Aileen Buscke, Nicky Dunlop, Heather Findlay, Jan McAra, Paddy Martin, Dru Reid, Sandra Tinkler, Janet Udy, Chris Buckland, Ian Gardiner, Peter Highsted, Mike Jack, Nigel Lloyd, Ross Minehan, Wayne Smith, Nichol Taylor.

## National Squash Centre



2008 has seen the Squash Centre return to a more satisfactory operational basis. The new tenant Subway has settled in well and is now operating a very successful business from the former café premises. This ensures the Trust a steady modest income from Subway which is of course a very strong long term tenant.

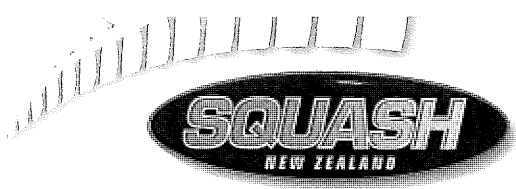
The litigation claims by the former café operator continue and remain an issue for the Trust to resolve, however, our legal advice remains that we are in a very strong legal position and that there is no real basis for a claim.

The Squash Court operation continues to steadily improve under the direct management of Glen Hurley and of course

the continuing supervision of our executive director Neven Barbour. The Squash Centre continues to be the principal training centre for Squash New Zealand's High Performance programme and a host venue for various major competitions.

The National Squash Centre continues to provide Squash New Zealand, Squash Auckland and Unitec campus with an important tangible asset.

**BRUCE DAVIDSON**  
Chairman



## Lion Foundation 2008 NZ Squash Club of the Year Otago University Squash Club

For 2008 the recipient of the Lion Foundation Club of the Year is the Otago University Squash Club.

This year Squash New Zealand received six well - presented applications for this prestigious title with a good mixture of different types of clubs. As well as being Club of the Year, the winning club receives a \$2000 grant from the Lion Foundation.

Judges were humbled and honoured by the standard of entries they received and considered. Entries confirmed that passion amongst many can culminate in stunning results for clubs and facilities around the country.

With clubs ranging from the very small to those larger clubs associated with sports centres, placing applications for this prestigious award and then narrowing them down to three finalists was challenging enough, picking a winner was downright agonising for the judges.

Applications were presented professionally and showed many successes. What impressed the judges was the number of clubs that had improved facilities, increased participation and memberships, showed direction with strategic plans, and created a fun and pleasant social and player environment for players and members.

Of Otago University Squash Club the judges wrote:

For a club with a young and very transient player base the existing executive and members of this club have achieved many milestones over the past year. Earlier this year this club won the Top Sports Club of the year for the University of Otago, proving that squash can excel against many sports offerings targeted to young people. This success was achieved by a lot of work and motivation, examples of which included:

- Holding Open Days and using the micro court at orientation, and publicising squash around the University and Dunedin.
- Encouraged new players by introducing a teams night for "non members"
- Introduced innovative membership options for players from other complexes to use facilities during lunch times.
- SEMs have risen by 64 this year - this equates to a rise in membership numbers.
- Upgraded facilities, inclusive of changing rooms and heating of courts.
- 29 interclub teams competed in the Dunedin Interclub Competition.
- They won first division for both men's and women's grades in Dunedin.

- Hosted the F Grade Superchamps Nationals - The first time a University club has hosted a national teams' event.
- Organised their own open tournament with the highest entries ever.
- To add to their event schedule they co hosted the Masters Games for Squash in Dunedin.
- As a young club they have satisfied member requirements and have designed and supported an online booking and an up to date website.

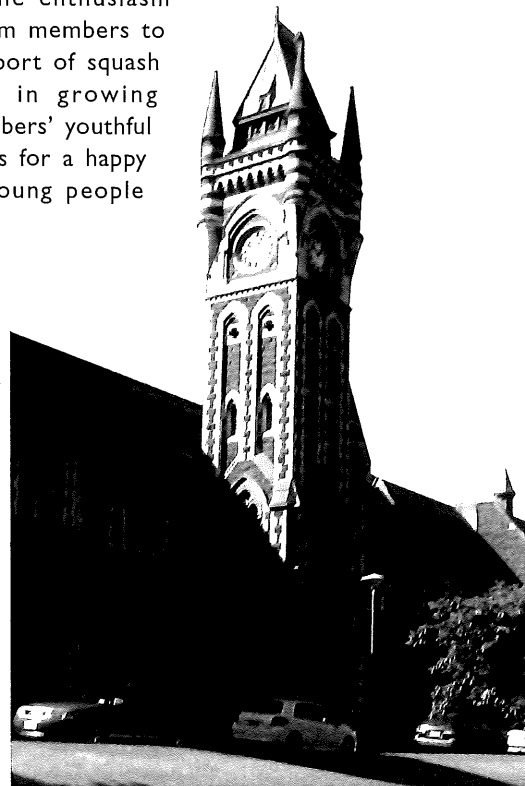
The club is determined to continue their success and have embarked on ensuring record keeping is exemplary due to the transient nature of the club, to assist future committees continue the momentum.

And after all they have succeeded this year, they already focused on new projects for the years ahead - we look forward to hearing more in the future.

Their application was supported strongly by Otago Squash Executive Officer Aynsley Munro who acknowledged the club's hard-working and dedicated team. "They support Squash Otago in every way possible by entering district events, putting their hand up to host events wherever possible, support all Open tournaments and put forward players suitable and interested in becoming club and district referees.

"Squash Otago...would like to whole-heartedly back their application. The enthusiasm and commitment from members to their club and the sport of squash helps the district in growing the sport. Their members' youthful energy and fun makes for a happy environment that young people want to be a part of."

Squash New Zealand acknowledges the support of the Lion Foundation and congratulates the Otago University Squash Club on winning this prestigious award for 2008.



## Club Kelburn

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### 2008- Another Beauty !!!

Another year of fun and games at Club Kelburn! This is the 15th report I have written for the Annual Report - where has the time gone! My daughter was two when I first started here, now she is 17!

The squash and gym sides of the business were just about the same as last year, and the trading side was down a chunk. Not sure why really certainly not bad management. Still, another healthy bottom line, so we shouldn't complain.

We have now got a physio in house, which has been a great addition for our squash and gym people.

Our core squash business is based around our leagues, our business house and our beginners club. These programs continue to add real value to the squash experience. Our motto "to be the best part of your day", is based around these, and connecting with the people when they come in the door.

Lately I have really concentrated on getting the club CLEAN AND TIDY. People have really appreciated it, and the staff have bought into it as well. It is a simple thing that makes a big difference to any club.

Our gym has been solid this year. I hear quite a few gyms have gone backwards this year. We haven't done any big changes, but keeping the gear well maintained is the big

thing. I think we might pick up some members in the next year who are sick of paying \$1000 to \$2000 for a year, as people look at their discretionary income options.

With the current dodgy economic times, and peoples discretionary money being squeezed, squash clubs now more than ever have to offer great value to their members /or clients. Clubs in general are probably offering the game too cheap, so value is assured. What people will continue to want is a sense of community - a feeling of belonging - an important part of their life. We at Club Kelburn try to be "the best part of your day". That has been our mission call for over a decade, and it has never been more important. At Starbucks they call it "the third Place", the place you want to be when you are not at work and at home.

Great clubs are offering programmes/events/service that make people "feel the love". With the economy hurting, squash clubs are ideally positioned to fill this gap for people, by offering such a great game at silly prices in a club that has great programs, and makes them feel special. That is the challenge and the opportunity.

**ROB WALKER**

**Manager Club Kelburn**





## Masters Report



*Team Canterbury - Winners of 2008 NZ Masters Teams Event.*

This has been an exciting year for masters squash players, with the World Masters Squash Championships as a goal for many. A lot of players are 'coming out of the woodwork' to play in this event, which, for many, will be a highlight in their squash careers. I was fortunate enough to play in the inaugural World Masters Championships at North Shore in 1991. There were around 500 competitors from 8 different countries. This year there are 763 entrants from 39 countries. The organising committee, lead by Barry Gardiner, have done a wonderful job bringing this tournament together.

On a local level, Masters squash is still thriving. Masters interclub and tournaments are still proving popular.

### **National Masters Club Teams Event.**

This was held at SquashGym, Palmerston North, at the end of June. Jill Brown did a great job of organising this. There were 6 teams in the Championship division, and 6 in the social division, providing a lot of good competition and fun for all.

The Championship division was won by Kawaroa Park, runners up SquashGym, 3rd Lugton Park.

The social division winners were also from Kawaroa Park, runners-up Foxton, 3rd Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis.

Once again Tony Yeoman and his team from Jackson's Flooring sponsored this event. Their generosity raised the standard and increased the enjoyment of this tournament.

We look forward to even greater participation next year at Kawaroa Park in New Plymouth.



### **World Masters Squash Championships**

A combined effort from Christchurch City Council and the Canterbury Squash Association led to the hosting of this event. Four years of planning went in to ensuring everything ran smoothly. The organising committee are to be congratulated on the wonderful job they did, in arranging both the squash and social sides of this tournament.

It began with a walk - Olympic style - along the Avon, behind the countries' flags. There was an Official Opening Ceremony, then a cocktail party for 1000 guests at the Town Hall - what a great spectacle.

The week ended with drinks and a walk through the impressive Air Force Museum at Wigram Airbase, and a splendid meal for 650 guests in the Aircraft Hall. Susan Devoy was the guest speaker and presented the winners with their medals. The band had the crowd rocking on the dance floor.

In between, there was a week of very hard squash.

The World titles were spread between - 4 countries. Australia won 3 men's and 3 women's titles, South Africa won 3 men's and 2 women's, NZ won 3 men's and 1 women's, and England won 2 women's titles.

NZ had finalists in 8 events, -

We were runners-up in the women's 35's - Lisa Cowlard, women's 55's - Francy Stephenson, and in the men's 35's - Scott Gardiner, and men's 75's Bill Berry.

Our winners, and World Title holders are - women's 45's - Kay Newman, men's 40's - Garry Duberly, men's 65's - Richard Purser, and the men's 70's - Barry Gardiner, - the last, a fine reward for our 'Great Organiser'.

We are very proud to have four NZ World Champions in 2008. A great effort by our players.

#### **Inter District Teams Event.**

This was once again hotly contested. Six teams took part. It was great having a team from Otago. It was disappointing, for the second year in a row, not to have a team from Wellington, especially considering there were 31 players from Wellington playing in the Individuals, all of whom had paid their own air fares and accommodation for that week.

A Round Robin of the six teams was played. There were some very close ties, and a count back determined the final result.

Canterbury were the winners. Auckland were very close runners-up, with BOP 3rd.

Waikato were 4th, followed by Central and Otago.

Kay Newman, our World Champion Waikato player, was



*Len Reese 2008 recipient of Services to Masters Trophy with NZ Masters Director Judy Cooper.*

the only player to go through the whole individuals and teams events without losing a match - a fine effort.

Next year Whakatane will host our National Masters Championships, which is combined with the Oceania Masters.

#### **Rob Roche Trophy**

This trophy for Services to Masters Squash was awarded to Len Reese. He has made a great contribution to NZ Masters and Canterbury Masters Squash, as well as to Canterbury Squash in general. He was very appreciative of this recognition.

#### **In Conclusion**

We hope that this year's World Championships has inspired everyone and will encourage them to continue to support our Masters' events next year.

#### **JUDY COOPER**

**Director - Masters**



# ACCOUNTABILITY

Squash New Zealand 2008 Financials

## Audit Report

### To the Readers of the financial report of New Zealand Squash Incorporated.

We have audited the financial statements on pages 35-37. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of New Zealand Squash Incorporated and its financial position as at 30th September 2008. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies as set out on pages 38-41.

### NEW ZEALAND SQUASH INCORPORATED RESPONSIBILITIES

The Executive Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position of New Zealand Squash Incorporated as at 30 September 2008 and of the results of its operations for the year ended 30 September 2008.

Public Sector Grants include funding received from Sport & Recreation New Zealand ( SPARC ).

The funding is subject to Investment Agreements, detailing acknowledged responsibilities and outcomes upon which the funding is dependant.

It is the responsibilities of the Executive Council to ensure that the obligations under the Investment Agreements are fulfilled.

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Executive Council and report our opinion to you.

The scope of our audit has not included specific testing to ensure the Investment Agreement outcomes have been achieved.

### BASIS OF OPINION

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- The significant estimates and judgements made by the Executive Council in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- Whether the accounting policies are appropriate to New Zealand Squash Incorporated circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary. We obtained sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements.

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

### QUALIFIED OPINION

As with other organisations of a similar nature, control over income in Club Kelburn prior to its being recorded is limited, and no practical audit procedures exist to determine the effect of this limited control.

We have obtained all other information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion:

Proper accounting records have been kept by the Executive Council as far as appears from our examination of those records; and

Except for any adjustments that might have been found necessary had we obtained the information described above, the financial statements on pages 35-37.

- comply with generally accepted accounting standards; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position of New Zealand Squash as at 30 September 2008 and of the year ended on that date.

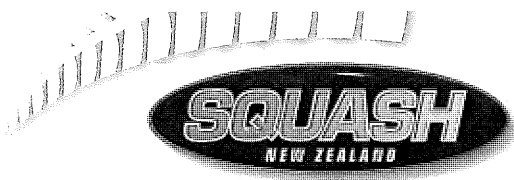
Our audit was completed on 04 November 2008, and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

**Cameron McGregor B.COM. FCA**

**McGregor Bailey**

**2 Crummer Road, Ponsonby, Auckland. New Zealand**

**4 November 2008**



NEW ZEALAND SQUASH (INC)

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 September 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Opening Balance as at 1 October		1,186,757	1,104,468
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		(25,947)	82,289
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>		<b>1,160,810</b>	<b>1,186,757</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash on Hand		370	370
Current Accounts		28,204	94,640
On Call Accounts		804,378	735,003
Term Deposits		163,149	150,872
Accounts Receivable		75,151	80,858
Stock on Hand	1	40,216	47,298
Payments in Advance	3	51,664	34,646
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,163,132</b>	<b>1,143,687</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
Loans to Clubs		-	10,000
Loans to National Squash Centre		293,073	293,073
<b>Total Investments</b>	4	<b>293,073</b>	<b>303,073</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>	5	<b>182,986</b>	<b>221,309</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,639,191</b>	<b>1,668,069</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable		180,047	260,129
GST Payable		11,696	910
Sundry Accruals	6	27,296	21,038
Income in Advance	7	112,807	82,007
Provision for Doubtful Debts	4	146,535	117,228
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>478,381</b>	<b>481,312</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>478,381</b>	<b>481,312</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,160,810</b>	<b>1,186,757</b>

This statement must be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Audit Report on Page 34

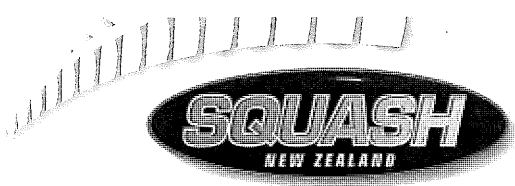
NEW ZEALAND SQUASH (INC)

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 30 September 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Levies &amp; Subscriptions</b>			
Affiliation Levies	8	467,998	461,101
Grading Levies		14,762	17,728
Associate Memberships		4,016	4,463
<b>Total Levies &amp; Subscriptions</b>		<b>486,776</b>	<b>483,292</b>
<b>Public Sector Grants</b>			
SPARC		577,357	657,753
<b>Total Public Sector Grants</b>		<b>577,357</b>	<b>657,753</b>
Other Grants & Sponsorships		159,274	89,744
<b>Total Grants &amp; Sponsorships</b>		<b>159,274</b>	<b>89,744</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Club Kelburn	9	126,373	126,944
Squash Dynamics	10	5,000	-
Interest		60,310	39,162
Other		-	-
<b>Total Investment Income</b>		<b>191,683</b>	<b>166,106</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>1,415,090</b>	<b>1,396,895</b>

This statement must be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements and the Audit Report on Page 34



NEW ZEALAND SQUASH (INC)

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 30 September 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Management &amp; Operations</b>			
Governance		69,706	70,613
Salaries & Fees		259,506	215,983
Overheads		35,240	39,520
<b>Total Management &amp; Operations</b>		<b>364,452</b>	<b>326,116</b>
Special Projects		67,824	88,082
Promotion & Marketing		66,357	16,868
Regional Development		256,251	189,851
Education & Development		(4,338)	16,974
Gradings & Rankings		51,180	53,978
National Events		70,966	63,856
High Performance Programme		511,056	490,721
<b>Total Expenditure before Depreciation</b>		<b>1,383,748</b>	<b>1,246,446</b>
Provision for Doubtful Debts		29,307	29,307
Depreciation		27,982	31,068
Loss on Disposal of Assets		-	3,055
Bad Debts		-	4,730
<b>Total Expenditure Including Depreciation</b>		<b>1,441,037</b>	<b>1,314,606</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(25,947)</b>	<b>82,289</b>

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NEW ZEALAND SQUASH (INC)

## Notes to the Financial Accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2008

### I - ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Statement of Accounting Policies

##### Differential Reporting

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. New Zealand Squash (Inc) is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

The Association qualifies for differential reporting as it is not publicly accountable and does not qualify as "large", as defined within the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants framework for differential reporting. The entity has taken advantage of all the differential reporting exemptions available to it.

##### Measurement Base

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

##### Specific Accounting Policies

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

##### Operating Leases

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

##### Stock

Stock has been valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Due allowance has been made for slow moving stock.

##### Goods & Services Tax

The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

##### Fixed Assets

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

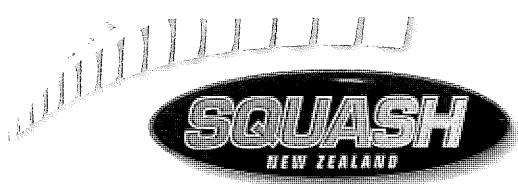
##### Investments

Investments are loans advanced to clubs for renovations and development and are stated at cost (refer Note 4).

##### Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in previous years.





## 2 - INVENTORY COMMITMENTS

No inventories are specifically and separately pledged as security for liabilities. Inventory is subject to retention of title clauses.

## 3 - PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE

	2008	2007
ACC Levy	857	1,636
Computer Expenses	900	900
Insurance	12,695	11,859
Referee & Travel Expenses	3,410	-
Venue Hire	-	1,333
World Womens (Nov 2008)	9,153	-
World Mens (Dec 2007)	-	15,346
World Doubles (Dec 2008)	18,885	-
World Squash Meeting	5,764	3,572
<b>Total Payments in Advance</b>	<b>51,664</b>	<b>34,646</b>

## 4 - INVESTMENTS

	2008	2007
<b>Herne Bay Ponsonby Rackets Club (Inc)</b>	-	10,000
Advancement Date :	12 June 1996	
Terms :	Original Term Five Years increased to 9½ Years	
Repayment Date :	Original Date of Repayment 12 June 2001 extended to 31 December 2007	
Interest Rate :	10% per annum	
Security :	The advance is covered by an "Instrument by way of Security" dated 7 August 1996. This advance was fully repaid in November 2007.	
<b>National Squash Centre Charitable Trust</b>	293,073	293,073
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(146,535)	(117,228)
Advancement Date :	31 October 2001	
Terms :	Original Term Five Years increased to 9 Years	
Repayment Date :	Original Date of Repayment 31 October 2006 extended to 31 October 2010	
Interest Rate :	4.5% per annum	
Security :	Unsecured	

New Zealand Squash 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 2010.

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.

**5 - FIXED ASSET & DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE**

Description	Cost	Opening	Additions (Disposals)	Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book Value
Trophies	500	500				500
Motor Vehicles	21,549	8,207	13,200	3,502	16,844	17,905
Plant, Equip & Fittings	253,097	56,221	(7,241)	11,838	201,607	44,249
Computer Software	21,657	2,735	-	1,792	19,025	2,632
Sports Equipment	255,548	50,891	1,271	14,844	219,501	37,318
Buildings	775,399	79,744	-	13,462	709,117	66,282
Leasehold Improvements	272,847	23,011	-	8,912	258,747	14,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,600,597</b>	<b>221,309</b>	<b>7,230</b>	<b>54,350</b>	<b>1,424,841</b>	<b>182,986</b>

**6 - SUNDRY ACCRUALS**

	2008	2007
Other	27,296	16,038
Warranties	-	5,000
<b>Total Sundry Accruals</b>	<b>27,296</b>	<b>21,038</b>

**7 - INCOME IN ADVANCE**

	2008	2007
SPARC	101,297	60,643
Southern Regions Trust - Grant	-	19,334
Pelorus Trust - Grant	11,510	2,030
<b>Total Income in Advance</b>	<b>112,807</b>	<b>82,007</b>

**8 - LEVIES & SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Affiliation levy income for the 2008 year was calculated on an SEM rate of \$29.75 plus GST.

**9 - CLUB KELBURN**

The following is a summarised Statement of Financial Performance for Club Kelburn for the year ended 30 September 2008 :

	2008	2007
<b>Income :</b>		
Trading Profits	86,157	103,532
Court Fees	205,730	211,658
Gear Hire	12,022	13,458
Gym, Aerobics, Sauna & Sunbed	160,694	165,091
Sponsorship & Promotion	3,095	1,300
Interest Received	20,532	16,214
Rent	12,367	-
Other Income	3,045	4,320
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>503,643</b>	<b>515,573</b>



	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Less : Expenditure</b>		
Bank Fees	3,169	3,732
Depreciation	26,368	39,631
Insurance	7,434	7,897
Management & Sundry	238,829	238,075
Power & Utilities	40,951	38,206
Rent	40,000	40,000
Repairs & Maintenance	20,519	21,088
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>377,270</b>	<b>388,629</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>126,373</b>	<b>126,944</b>

#### **10 - SQUASH DYNAMICS**

Squash Dynamics ceased trading in the year ended 30 September 2006. The final warranty provision has been reversed this year.

#### **11 - CAPITAL & LEASE COMMITMENTS**

Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at Balance Date.

Operating Lease Commitments

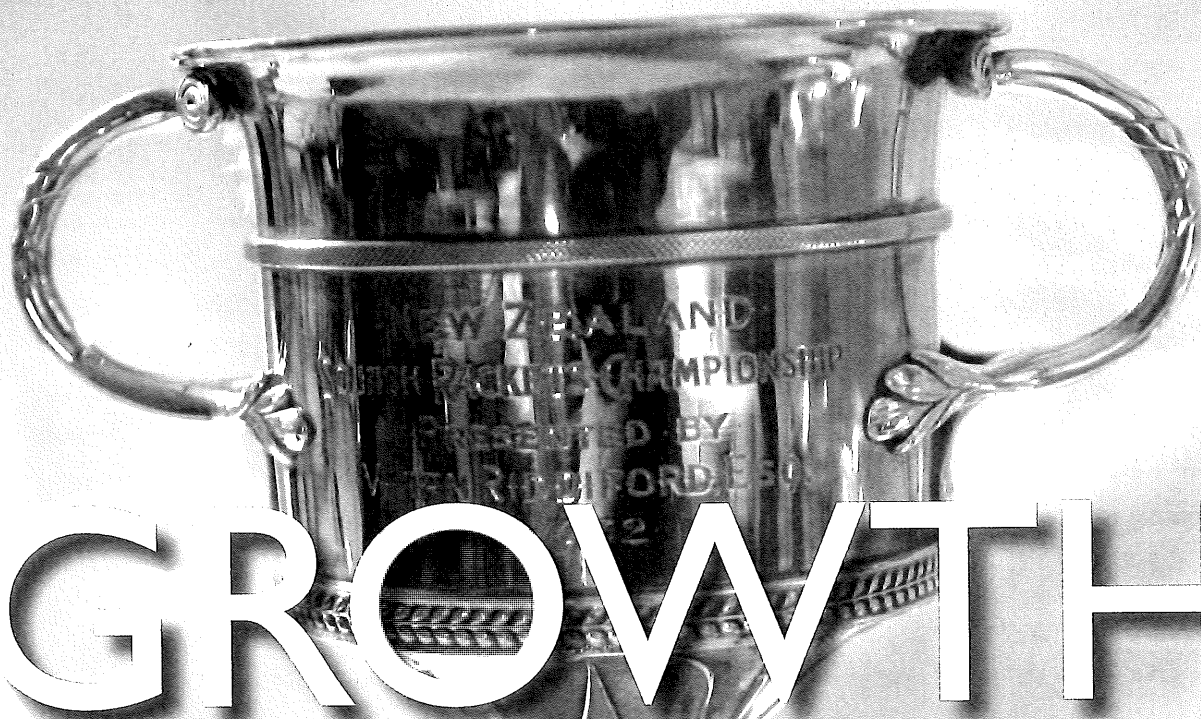
Lease commitments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Current	10,680	10,260
Non-current	36,490	9,405
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,170</b>	<b>19,665</b>

The term of the operating lease is 60 months and expires 18 February 2013.

#### **12 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

New Zealand Squash (Inc) had no contingent liabilities as at 30 September 2008.



# GROWTH

Squash New Zealand 2008 Membership





## 2008 Membership Returns

Club	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior Men	Junior Women	Total
<b>NORTHLAND</b>					
Bream Bay	14	4	10	3	31
Dargaville			NO RETURN		
Kaitaia	67	49	45	32	193
Kamo	38	40	26	14	118
Kerikeri	76	21	20	8	125
Manaia	58	35	3	3	99
Mangakāhia	26	15	14	6	61
Maungaturoto	22	16	22	7	67
Mid Western	21	6	7	2	36
Southern (Te Kopuru)			NO RETURN		
Wellsford	39	29	41	26	135
Whangarei	108	68	18	4	198
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1063</b>

### AUCKLAND

Auckland Squash Centre	6	0	0	0	6
Belmont Park	33	9	35	9	86
Browns Bay	185	51	72	28	336
Devonport	42	11	36	22	111
Eden Epsom	171	50	87	62	370
Franklin	108	40	43	14	205
Grammar	22	6	3	0	31
Henderson	187	80	72	49	388
Herne Bay - Ponsonby	144	44	46	11	245
Howick	108	26	28	17	179
Kumeu	34	11	1	0	46
Manurewa	56	39	11	9	115
Maramarua	16	12	0	0	28
North Shore	152	71	31	17	271
Panmure	147	60	29	12	248
Papakura	50	29	16	6	101
Red Beach	64	27	19	12	122
Remuera	227	78	54	22	381
RNZAF	26	8	0	0	34
RNZ Navy	36	13	2	2	53
Royal Oak	119	41	50	20	230
Shepherds Park	9	5	0	0	14
Silverdale United	28	8	0	0	36
Te Kauwhata	28	17	4	2	51
Te Papapa	36	12	1	0	49
Titirangi	172	54	25	8	259
Waiuku	58	23	20	13	114
Warkworth	57	42	38	13	150
Weymouth	29	11	5	5	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2350</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>4309</b>

Club	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior Men	Junior Women	Total
<b>WAIKATO</b>					
Aria	19	14	1	0	34
Cambridge	107	37	58	31	233
Frankton			NO RETURN		
Hamilton OB	31	20	1	0	52
Hamilton	207	97	52	46	402
Huntly	17	15	12	11	55
Leamington	44	37	8	6	95
Lugton Park	67	42	4	6	119
Mercury Bay	11	12	0	0	23
Morrinsville	51	65	24	17	157
Ngaruawahia			NO RETURN		
Otorohanga	31	24	6	10	71
Paeroa	20	18	12	9	59
Ruakura	74	37	13	3	127
Taumarunui			NO RETURN		
Taupiri	16	8	0	0	24
Te Aroha	49	40	12	7	108
Te Awamutu	67	54	25	19	165
Te Kuiti			NO RETURN		
Te Pahu			NO RETURN		
Te Rapa	36	33	18	10	97
Thames	46	8	24	21	99
United Matamata	64	41	33	21	159
Waihi	17	20	11	6	54
Waikato Hospital	28	24	0	0	52
Whangamata	13	3	4	4	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>2209</b>

**BAY OF PLENTY**

Edgecumbe	54	28	18	11	111
Galatea	17	9	1	0	27
Geyser City	47	8	17	4	76
Katikati	39	19	24	6	88
Kawerau	6	3	1	2	12
Lakes High	41	27	11	6	85
Marist	25	17	3	3	48
Mount Maunganui	81	50	23	14	168
Putaruru	16	17	2	2	37
Reporoa	20	21	13	3	57
Rotorua Waikite	27	10	6	3	46
Taneaqua	34	41	6	2	83
Taupo	62	40	20	14	136
Tauranga	169	70	82	24	345
Te Puke	71	53	50	42	216
Tokoroa	40	40	34	21	135
Waikite Valley	31	11	14	3	59
Whakatane	75	32	12	7	126
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>1855</b>



Club	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior Men	Junior Women	Total
<b>EASTERN</b>					
Gisborne HSOB	38	24	16	8	86
Hastings	64	36	15	11	126
Havelock North	102	39	41	19	201
Hawkes Bay LT	78	58	33	12	81
Hawkes Bay	84	74	17	20	195
Squash Surf City	55	39	12	9	115
Takapau	15	13	9	2	39
Waikare	9	4	1	0	14
Waipukurau 10	19	7	4	1	31
Wairoa	17	16	12	3	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1036</b>

<b>CENTRAL</b>					
Ashhurst Pohangina	27	17	18	6	68
Dannevirke	28	19	14	8	69
Eltham	30	15	3	4	52
Feilding	69	26	27	16	138
Foxtón	15	12	5	5	37
Hawera	62	44	31	16	153
Inglewood	52	24	18	6	100
Kawarua Park	142	70	36	12	260
Levin	34	22	14	11	81
Ohakea			NO RETURN		
Ohakune	39	34	29	26	128
Okato	37	32	25	11	105
Opunake	11	9	1	1	22
Patea	11	13	12	6	42
Puketoi			NO RETURN		
Rangitikei	35	14	9	4	62
River City (TCOB)	42	25	7	10	84
Squash Palmerston North	366	143	142	80	731
Stratford	36	19	5	0	60
Taihape	31	22	13	9	75
Tararua	41	26	13	9	89
Turangi			NO RETURN		
Waitara	23	12	9	3	47
Wanganui 2k	115	30	21	6	172
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1118</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>2323</b>

Club	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior Men	Junior Women	Total
<b>WELLINGTON</b>					
Celtic	26	14	5	1	46
Club Kelburn	3	2	0	0	5
Collegians	90	41	26	6	163
Fraser Park	75	22	16	9	122
Island Bay	88	48	20	7	163
Kapiti	71	32	13	7	123
Khandallah	83	45	39	12	179
Maia	73	26	13	4	116
Marlborough College			NO RETURN		
Marlborough	45	23	17	14	99
Martinborough	20	13	10	1	44
Masterton	56	34	31	11	132
Mitchell Park	156	40	44	25	265
Motueka	28	21	13	4	66
Nelson	109	37	23	11	180
Northern	33	16	15	8	72
Otaki			NO RETURN		
Red Star	66	22	37	21	146
Squash @ Upper Hutt	106	39	51	9	205
Takaka	28	13	5	1	47
Tawa	178	92	69	19	358
Thorndon Club	102	19	23	8	152
Waikanae	19	5	7	2	33
Waimea	58	33	26	7	124
Wainuiomata	38	27	9	10	84
Woodbourne			NO RETURN		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>2924</b>

<b>CANTERBURY</b>					
Amberley	33	18	8	2	61
Burnside	152	95	69	13	329
Cashmere			NO RETURN		
Christchurch Football	139	61	40	23	263
Christchurch	133	57	31	10	231
Greymouth	59	16	14	6	95
Hokitika	9	3	1	0	13
Hoon Hay	27	11	6	4	48
Kaiapoi	24	22	16	5	67
Kaikoura	47	30	10	14	101
Lincoln	7	9	3	1	20
Linwood	30	24	4	7	65
Lyttelton			NO RETURN		
Malvern	51	22	24	14	111
Mount Pleasant	44	20	18	5	87
Oxford	8	13	3	2	26
Rangiora	40	10	8	2	60
Riccarton	18	7	0	0	25
Richmond Wkmns Club	83	40	26	7	156
Squashways	28	0	0	0	28
Sumner	28	0	4	11	43
University of Canterbury	10	0	2	0	12
Westport	27	11	10	2	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2051</b>





Club	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior Men	Junior Women	Total
<b>MIDLANDS</b>					
Ashburton	81	30	38	9	158
Excelsior	20	6	28	19	73
Kurow Rugby	25	15	0	0	40
Mackenzie Rugby	18	22	1	7	48
Oamaru	59	27	13	4	103
Timaru OB	17	2	2	0	21
Timaru	49	22	17	0	88
Waimate	19	9	6	0	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>565</b>

<b>OTAGO</b>					
Alexandra	44	23	14	12	93
Clutha	34	12	8	4	58
Cromwell	40	31	9	3	83
Logan Park	46	38	9	3	96
Maniototo	9	20	4	3	36
North End	52	25	2	1	80
Omakau	26	14	0	2	42
Otago	74	26	23	9	132
Otago University	128	57	31	35	251
Pirates	35	33	28	17	113
Queenstown	56	14	14	9	93
Roxburgh & Districts			NO RETURN		
Southern	29	23	1	3	56
Sunnyvale	46	11	8	3	68
Taieri	62	42	17	1	122
Toko	18	11	5	0	34
Wanaka	56	21	5	2	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1441</b>

<b>SOUTHLAND</b>					
Balfour	18	12	0	1	31
Central Southland	30	13	1	3	47
Clinton Community	44	28	9	8	89
Dipton			NO RETURN		
Fiordland	27	22	2	2	53
Gore Town & Country	42	14	3	0	59
Heriot			NO RETURN		
Makarewa	39	10	10	3	62
Mossburn			NO RETURN		
Nightcaps			NO RETURN		
Otautau	13	10	0	1	24
Riversdale	13	20	1	0	34
Riverton	11	9	12	8	40
Squash City Invercargill	103	46	39	14	202
Tapananui & Districts	18	23	6	4	51
Waiau	6	8	2	2	18
Waikaia	22	8	0	0	30
Waikaka	18	29	9	3	59
Wyndham	12	24	0	0	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>835</b>

## 2009 Squash New Zealand National Events Calendar

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- April 17-19    **New Zealand Junior Open** - North Shore
- June 5-7      **North Island Champs** - Hamilton PSA/WISPA
- June 12-14    **Central Open PSA/WISPA** - Kawaroa Park, New Plymouth
- June 19-21    **South Island Champs** - TBC
- June 26-28    **New Zealand Masters Club Teams Event** - Kawaroa Park, New Plymouth
- July 4-6      **South Island Age Groups** - Burnside, Christchurch
- July 10-12    **North Island Age Groups** - Hamilton
- July 24-26    **Cousins Shield & Mitchell Cup** - Hamilton
- Aug 14-16    **New Zealand Open** - Mt Maunganui
- Aug 14-16    **New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships** - SquashGym Palmerston North
- Aug 21-25    **New Zealand National Championships** - SquashGym Palmerston North  
Individual Aug 21-23, Teams (Aug 24-25)
- Sept 9-12    **SuperChamps National Finals**
- B Grade:      Taupo
- C Grade:      Ashburton
- D Grade:      Henderson
- E Grade:      Tokoroa
- F Grade:      Hawera
- Oct 1-7      **New Zealand National Age Groups Championships** - North Shore  
Individuals (Oct 1-4), Teams (Oct 5-7)
- Oct 23-29    **New Zealand Masters Championships** - Whakatane  
Individuals (Oct 23-26), Teams (Oct 27-29)





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