

MAY 24 NEWSLETTER

PAPAKURA TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB



Top News

Century Constructions Group's Papakura Open in conjunction with the Closed Oceania PSA took place 22nd - 26th May. A big thank you to our sponsors Century Construction Group, P & I Pascoe, Aireys & Darryl Smith Stainless Fabrications! It was an honour to be able to run such a prestigious event & we couldn't have done it without the support of our sponsors.

President's Report

May has been a pretty hectic month for the club. It started with our working bee on the 5th of May. We had a great turn out of helpers, even the kids got their scrubbing brushes out to earn their lunch. A big thank you to everyone who chipped in for the day. The very next day Hello Club started ripping out our old system & putting in the new one. This saw a week's worth of disruptions to the club & the boys weren't exactly the tidiest. We appreciate the patience from all members over this time & hope you are enjoying the new system. Lastly, we cannot forget the PSA/ Open tournament. This was the largest tournament Papakura has held in a very long time. There was an insane amount of work that went into this & I was blown away by how many members chipped in over the week. Also, a big shout out to Keith, Jason & Courtney who spent countless hours organising & fine-tuning the event. And finally, a massive thank you to our tournament sponsors. You are the reason we have been able to grow our tournaments year on year.





Juniors Update

Congratulations to Liam Shaw, Caleb Shaw, Robert Purdy, James La Trobe & Elisha Hall who received their award for winning Grade 5 for the 23/24 season at the Counties Tennis prize giving on the 25th of May.

On the 22nd - 24th May Robert Purdy, James La Trobe, Nellie Smout, Braydon La Trobe, Charlotte Smout, Cleo Naylor, Marlow Pritchard & Odin Pritchard participated in the junior division of our PSA & Open tournament. Congratulations to the winners of each division.

Squash Training

- **Training Sessions:** Trainings are now well underway for our juniors. It is great to see such good numbers in every session. We have even signed up 7 new junior members since the start of term.
- **Club Night:** Bring your kids down from 4pm - 5.30pm on a Thursday. This is a great opportunity for kids to give squash a go before signing up, or give them a chance to get some extra training in.
- **Rally Wall in Schools:** Over the last few weeks Courtney & Manu have been into Papakura Normal, Papakura Central, Opaheke & St Mary's delivering Rally Wall to students in their lunch breaks. Students thoroughly enjoyed the session & teachers seem to be keen to get a programme going in the future. We are in the process of looking for funding to be able to deliver programmes in schools.

Winter Tennis



We are in the process of applying for funding for Term 3 tennis coaching, so we can get our kids back on the court in preparation for the 24/25 season. There is no guarantee we will be successful with this funding & we will update you with how we get on.





Squash Update

We did it team!! We successfully hosted a tournament of 150 entries in 5 days! With 37 PSA players, 104 open players & 9 juniors it was safe to say the week didn't come with its fair share of stress. From trying to fit in 228/230 matches from Wednesday - Saturday while accommodating everyone's requirements, to billeting out 14 players at somewhat short notice. Thank you to the 30+ members that chipped in & helped over the week. You were our life savers when our batteries were running low.

Coming Up

- **Squash Squads:** Do you have any female friends that may be interested in squash? We are running 2 free introductory lessons for beginner ladies. The sessions are Sunday 9th June from 9.30am - 10.30am & Sunday 16th June 9.30am - 10.30am. If you know anyone who might be interested, please get them to contact Courtney.
- **Papakura A2 & Below Tournament:** It feels like we have only just finished our last tournament & we are not far off the next. This will be held from the 4th - 6th July. We will be going back to par 15 for everyone B2 & below. Games will finish on Saturday in time for dinner & prize giving. Enter via Isquash or, if you have any queries, please contact Courtney / Jason.
- **Superchamps:** It is now time to start thinking about Superchamps for 2024. We would like to get as many Papakura teams playing as possible.
- **AD Long:** If you are a master & would like to participate in the AD Long tournament in Whanganui in August please contact Courtney. We are sending two teams down & have space for 2 additional players.

Squash Ladder Nights



Squash Ladder Nights are held on a Thursday night from 6pm.

We require names to be in on a Sunday for the following weeks games. Everyone gets one game a night & this is open to all members and abilities.

This is a great opportunity to meet new people & get amongst the fun!



Tennis Update

OOFF! She's getting cold & wet out there, but the keen beans are keeping tennis alive with regular social nights on Tuesdays & Fridays. Just get in touch with Ash or Jeff if you need to get your tennis fix.

Tuesday Club Night 6pm onwards
Friday Night Tennis 6pm - 9pm

Coming Up

- **8th June - Tie-breaker Comp!** Get ready for an epic tournament hosted at our club on Saturday! There will be food, drinks, music, prizes & GLORY to be won!
- **22nd June - Inter-Tennis against KORU CLUB!** Second round of inter-tennis after our battle against Manurewa 2 weekends ago. Koru Club is located in Pakuranga and boasts 6 awesome courts. We are trying to organise a day of friendly competition, food and drinks. Let Jeff / Ash know if you are interested in representing your home team.
- **13 July - ~ BATTENS DRAW ~** The main fundraising event for the season will be coming to an end on the 13th of July! We only have 6 more tickets to sell. We are so close! We will also be going head-to-head against Manurewa for our second round of inter-tennis comp against them. They won last time - can we bring this one home? What a day & night it will be! Especially for the 15 cash winners.

Tennis Club Day & Vets Tennis



Come on down from 8.30am on a Wednesday & Friday

Come for a hit, stay for a hot drink & a bickie. Maybe even get a game or two of pool in.

Free for all members & \$5 for non members.



Club Update

What a month May has been for the club! On the 6th of May work began implementing our new security system. This did not come without its fair share of surprises. From finding out our office alarm siren hadn't actually been working to realising the master key wasn't actually the master key & the barrel that was going to avoid us getting fully locked out when everyone left gets dropped and breaks after hours on a Wednesday night. Mike definitely had his work cut out for him. Thank you to everyone for your patience in this process. There are still a few teething issues to iron out, but overall, we are happy with the new system.

Thank you

- **Club Working Bee:** Thank you to everyone that helped out at our club working bee. We managed to get the club looking pretty sharp in time for our PSA tournament. The squash courts haven't looked this good in a very long time. It is also great having the tennis wind breaks back up. A special shout out to Paddy Frost who took away all of the rubbish from the day.
- **Strategic Plan:** Thank you to those who have made comments on our Strategic Plan proposal. If you haven't had a chance yet you still have until Friday 5th June to send comments through.

Coming Up

- **Cleaners:** On the 1st of July our cleaners will be changing to At Your Request Cleaning. They will be servicing us 3 times a week.
- **8th September - Club Open Day in Conjunction with Love Tennis Day:** Save the date, more details to come.

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Office Hours:

Tuesday: 3.00PM - 5.00PM

Wednesday: 12.30PM - 3.00PM

Thursday: 3.00PM - 6.00PM

Friday: 12.30PM - 3.00PM



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Thank you to all our sponsors, their support has a massive impact on the club & we really appreciate it.

We currently have a range of sponsorship options available (squash courts, tennis courts, tournament sponsors etc). If you know of any businesses that might be interested or have any questions please contact Courtney in the office. We are happy to discuss different options to suit your needs.

OUR FUNDERS



Thank you to all our funders, their support has a massive impact on the club & we really appreciate it.

We currently receive a number of grants each year that assist our club with junior coaching, community events, facility upgrades etc. This funding plays a crucial part in the operation of our club.

