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COVID-19 Update (as at 17 April 2020)

We hope you and your families are keeping safe during these highly unusual times. As you will be aware an announcement on the decision to exit the lockdown (Level 4) will be made on April 20th. Based on the current guidelines squash clubs will be able to open (under a number of requirements) on returning to Level 2 and at Level 1 will hopefully be able to run competitions, interclub etc (again with requirements)

This is no doubt a trying time for all players, we are in regular contact with Squash NZ and will take their lead as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve and will let you know as soon as you are able to get back on court. Our facebook page has some coaching type clips and other info, also Paul Hornsby is doing some online coaching/fitness with our junior squads via WhatsApp if you would like to tap into that.

Please take care and don't hesitate to contact us with any queries on admin@squashnorthland.co.nz or 021465647

Squash Northland Management Committee 2020

Our AGM was held on 25th February, there were no changes to our Executive Management Committee for this year.

Squash Northland	Management Committee
Karen Dykzeul	President
Darryn Gibbons	Vice President
Vicki Ferguson	Treasurer
Ange Vette	Junior Convenor
Craig Morgan	Referee Convenor
Wayne Brown	
Edwina Came	
Tina Holst	
Gary Traill	

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SuperChamps 2020

At this stage the National finals will be held from September 23 to 26. The SuperChamps are one of the priority national events for Squash NZ so will be going ahead if at all possible.

Host clubs for national finals this year are:

- B Grades – SquashGym Palmerston North
- C Grades – Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis
- D Grades – Marlborough College Old Boys
- E Grades – Oamaru
- F/J Grades – Manurewa

Grading List Eligibility Date: 12th June 2020
Northland District Finals: TBC

Talk to your club now about getting a SuperChamps team together!



The Whangarei D Grade Ladies team – winner of the SuperChamps D Grade Ladies for 2019

Interclub

We got half way through our inaugural doubles interclub competition before clubs were closed but so far this has been successful and a lot of fun. Depending on when we are able to commence interclub we may look to run another doubles round to ease everyone back into squash and go into our Open Interclub competition.

If you would like to be in an interclub team or for more information see your club, our website or contact Squash Northland.



Conbrio Northland Sports Awards

Congratulations to Sacha Pou-Tito and Finn Trimble who won the squash code awards at the recent Sport Northland awards evening which due to the COVID-19 lockdown were done virtually via facebook.

Annamarie Holst and Riley-Jack Vette Blomquist were finalists for the Junior Sports person of the Year while Hayley Taylor was a finalist for the Advocate People's choice award.

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World Juniors

Congratulations to **Riley-Jack Vette Blomquist** who was selected into the New Zealand World Junior Boys team to compete in both the individuals and team event. This event was to have been played on the Gold Coast in July but has now unfortunately been cancelled. This is such a shame for Riley-Jack and the rest of the team but we are very proud of all your hard work to gain selection!



Northland Junior Quadrangular Team

The 2020 Quadrangular tournament has been postponed and hopefully this will be able to be played at a later date this season.

Our team had already been selected so congratulations to our junior players who made the team!

	BOYS	GIRLS
Under 13	Josh Laing	Hayley Rhodes
	Tane Traill	Montana Vette-Blomquist
Under 15	Freddie Jameson	Chelsea Traill
	Flynn Venmore	Jordyn Chapman
Under 17	Maz Saunders	Shea Ferguson
	Cam Griffin	Amy Brown
Under 19	RJ Vette-Blomquist	Anna Moselen
	Devlin Gurr	Tamara Marshall
	Alex Greatorex	Olivia Rhodes
Coaches	Paul Hornsby	
	Finn Trimble	

The Nick Junior Tournament Series

The start of this series has been also been delayed and at present we are unsure which will be the first tournament in this series with the first two tournaments, the Manaia and Whangarei 1 dayer not going ahead and the May tournaments also in doubt at this stage. The series is open for all juniors on 2100 points or below as from the first tournament. Thanks very much to Nicol Bekker and The Nick for sponsoring this series. We will keep you updated on this.

THE NICK

2020 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT SERIES

Open to all juniors 2100 points or below (as at 13 March 2020)

March 13-15	Manaia Juniors
March 29 (Sunday)	Whangarei 1 Day
May 15-17	Dargaville Juniors
May 22-24	Maungaturoto Juniors
June 5-7	Mangakahia Juniors
June 19-21	Mid-Western Juniors
July 19 (Sunday)	Wellsford Junior 1 Day
July 31-Aug 2	Northland Juniors @ Manaia **
Aug 28-30	Kamo Juniors SERIES FINAL & PRIZEGIVING!!

Entry to the series is **FREE** when you enter a tournament
 Players will be given points for entering and winning matches
 A leader board will be kept by Squash Northland and the top 10 placed juniors at the end of the series will win prizes based on their best 5 results

Spot prizes at each tournament!
****Double entry points for the Northland Juniors!**
PRIZES FOR THE TOP 10 PLACED JUNIORS!!

Points system:
 Tournament entered: 10 points
 Match won: 1 point
 Division won: 2 points

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What's coming Up

NZ Masters

The Whangarei Squash club is due to host the **NZ Masters Individuals and Teams** from October 16 to 20, along with everything else this is up in the air presently.

This is a huge event on the Squash NZ calendar and all going well will be a great event for all masters (35+) of any ability, as social or as serious as you like!

The individual event runs from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 October and in recent years this has attracted over 200 players. This is played in 5 year age brackets from 35+ to 75+. The teams event is made up of 1 female and 1 male in each age group bracket from 35+ to 60+ so a total of 12 (plus reserves) and this is played on the Monday and Tuesday 19/20th October.

We will keep you up to date with what's happening with this event.

2020 Squash Northland Calendar

Depending on when we are able to get back into playing, some changes will do doubt be needed to our 2020 tournament calendar.

To see the current calendar:

[2020 Squash Northland calendar](#)

To see the Squash NZ event calendar
<https://www.squashnz.co.nz/events/>

Northland tournament posters are put on the Events Page on our website once they they are received.

[Click here](#)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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