

Annual General Meeting
Monday, 20 October 2025

2025 Squash Report

Opening Statement

Good evening everyone, and thank you for the opportunity to share our squash progress over the past year.

Outgoing Committee

Before highlighting the year’s achievements, I want to acknowledge what has truly been one of the strongest squash committees we’ve had in years. For the first time in a while, we had an enthusiastic team of **eight** motivated and active members who consistently showed up, took ownership, and made things happen. This group truly embodied the spirit of “many hands make light work.” In a year that really needed all hands-on deck.

I want to express my deep gratitude and say thank you **to Rachel, Ange, Shar, Shelly, Luke, Brooky, Flo and of course Suzie**, for your dedication and teamwork throughout this demanding year. You made this squash season a resounding success.

Year in Review

2025 has been an especially exciting year for our squash community. We introduced several new events and programs alongside our established ones, and enjoyed some fun and competitive success.

As of July 2025, squash **membership sits at 207**, a 20% increase on 2024, bringing us back past 2023 levels of participation. This year was also our **most active year**, in terms of events and activities in at least 5 years. This year has also been a great year in terms of **income generation**, mostly due to our larger events, with our **gross profit around \$35,000** for the code.

Year	Membership	Squash Gross Profit*
2022	198	18,100
2023	194	29,800
2024	172	22,500
2025	207	35,000
* Gross Profit does not consider operational costs, only tournament costs and affiliation fees. No bar revenue included		

Tournaments and Major Events

Being named **Squash Club of the Year** at the end of 2024 helped us secure hosting rights for the prestigious **Cousin’s Shield and Mitchels Cup** in June. This national event brought together top teams from across New Zealand and required us to quickly adapt to a brand-new online grading and tournament control system. Despite the challenges, the amazing squash team I mentioned rose to the occasion. We successfully

upgraded various club facilities, hosted the tournament with live-streamed matches and live scores and organized a fantastic afterparty with a fun live band and dinner for over 200 guests. The event drew groups of players from all over New Zealand, many of whom provided glowing feedback of the event and the club afterwards. The tournament also generated over \$13,000 in pure profit, showcasing the capability of our small club if we dare to reach high. Hosting this event has lifted our profile and has now allowed us to apply to host other national events, such as the National Superchamps, the schedule for which will soon be set for the next 3 years. We are applying for some of the grades - So, watch this space!!

In addition to this prestigious event, we also hosted **four** other large regional tournaments: the **Summer Sizzler** (Feb), the **Cambridge Open** (July), the **Mens B, Ladies B and Ladies F Grade Waikato Superchamps** (July) and the **Waikato& Bay Of Plenty Masters Age Groups Championships** (Oct). Together, these 4 events have brought in another \$12,000 in revenue to the club showing the power these organised events have in streaming external funds into our club. They also provide great competitive opportunities for players allowing growth opportunities at all levels. In addition to these larger events, we also hosted a **Waikato Junior Werder Tournament** (Apr) and a **Waikato and BOP Womans 900 tournament (May)**. I want to thank our sponsors for these events, without whom we cannot attract the talent and players to warrant the investment. Thank you to Precision Ready mix, Edmunds Judd, Te Miro Water, Our Accountant, FreshChoice Leamington, My mortgage, Takapoto Estate, Pay 2 Play, Mitre 10, Restore Native, Sports world, and Burger fuel for your event support!

All these events are great for the club and great for our members but also places a tremendous extra burden on our members as volunteers. I want to extend deep gratitude to all of you who showed up to do a few hour's worth of work, and to those of you who did MANY hours during or in preparation for them. Our club relies heavily on our events, both financially and competitively, but these events are underpinned by volunteer hours. I would like to ask that every member contribute where they can. To those of you who generously gave their time this year, and especially to those who do more than their share - Thank you very much!!

Some Competitive Highlights:

- This year, we had 2 teams make the **National** Superchamps as finalists. These are the first teams to qualify since 2022 when we had 1 team make it. Massive well done, to the E and F grade ladies who successfully won their Waikato seats to compete at nationals in Hawkes Bay and Rotorua respectively. We achieved the following final results:
 - CRC Women's E Grade – Finishing in 8th place
 - CRC Women's F Grade – Finishing in 6th place
- **Waikato Graded Champions winners:**
A group of our players competed in the Waikato Graded Individual Championships this year, hosted by Tamaranui, with Dylan Carter and Shelby Garrett getting the B-Grade Runner Up Trophy's. Addy Rouse and Fabian Clarke also secured Runner-Up spots in their respective divisions.
- Not specific to a tournament, but to highlight the dedication of our members to the sport : This year, our top 5 players played a total of 285 competitive games. This is between 40 – 80 competitive matches

each for the season. This means they attend tournaments most weekends, scattered all across the region, which is a significant commitment. Well done to those players.

Junior Program

Our junior program reached new heights this year, with 65 young players participating — our largest group in recent memory. Suzie did an amazing job coordinating this huge influx of kids and I want to sincerely thank her and our dedicated coaches: Peter, Glen, Ryan, Nicola for their time, patience, and leadership. CRC also hosted a Waikato junior Werder tournament as well 2 of the Waikato Junior Interclub series on Fridays nights, providing vital experience and fun for our developing players.

We also hosted a new toddler program this year – called “Little Rascals” - in partnership with Squash Waikato, which will help shape future mini-squash initiatives for our youngest champs.

Our Junior Achievers – worth special mention:

- **Adriaan Visagie** – This dedicated & level headed junior is currently ranked No 2 in Waikato and 13th in New Zealand for Under 15s. He came 3rd in the South Island Age Group Champs this year and had a 59% improvement in his grading level.
- **Milan Yadav** is another very active and fast progressing junior . He had a +94% grading improvement this year and played 67 competitive games (the 3rd most in our club overall).
- Our girls trophies were taken out by **Tahlia Eady** and **Peyton Hopson** this year who are both also playing a tremendous amount and improving rapidly. We look forward to bright future for all these stars.

Internal Programs

Our regular programs continued to bring members together:

Mondays:

- **Ladies Night** (with coaching and fitness sessions)
- Professional Coaching Night for mixed groups.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays:

- **Interclub Competitions:** This year we entered a total of 10 ladies teams and 17 mens teams across the autumn, winter and spring interclub seasons. This is slightly less than the previous year overall, but still significant turnout. Results were a mixed bag, with some great successes and many close calls. Congratulations to the Autumn & Winter Mens Div 6 Team for winning both rounds and bringing home the pennants. We also had the following teams get a close second: Mens Div 4 (Autumn), Mens Div 1& Div 9 (Winter) and Mens Div 6 and 7 (Spring), Ladies Div 6 (Winter) and Ladies Div 1 (Spring).

Thursdays:

- **Business House League** (Feb–Mar) – We hosted 8 business teams for a fun competition, introducing many new players to squash.

- **Club Nights:** Our very popular and well attended club night series generally run for 6 to 8 weeks each. This year, we had a 8 week team competition and a 6 week MVP/Calcutta Series. Our MVP (**Most Valuable Player**), raising the most funds was crowned as Jayden Turton, who proved that sometimes not even a full handicap of 19 out of 21 can defy exceptional skill.

- **Ladder League:** We also introduced a new Ladder competition this year, which was very technologically advanced. A big thank you to Luke Furborough for building and running this new competition format. This gave players opportunity to challenge each other throughout the season, with some penalties for inactivity, which kept some players very active. The ladder was won by Hayden Williams who climbed an impressive 26 spots to land on top of the table. Diane Moss was our ladies champion.

Fridays:

- **Junior Interclub and Tournaments**

Sundays:

- **Women & Wine and Blokes & Beer.** Social coaching lessons for newcomers. We only had 2 W&W events this year due to declining participation. We will continue to provide these as and when we have enough keen new players.

Annual Events:

- **Toilet Seat Challenge** vs. Leamington — Leamington took the win this year stopping a Cambridge hattrick.
- **Annual Tennis vs. Squash Cricket Match** — cancelled due to weather (Squash retains trophy). So – Tennis, get your team together for February to take us on.

- **Club Championships:** On Friday night, we concluded the season with the **CRC Graded Club Championships** and a celebration dinner with live music — a fitting close to a fantastic year. Lots of dancing, laughter and fun, and a corner of the bar full of high achievers with Joelle King, Emma Twig and others joining in the fun. Congratulations to our Club Championship Trophy winners who are listed below. Special mention goes to the following players:

- **Sam Crawford Cup** – 2025 Player of the Year – **Ange Scott**. Ange achieved a 44% win ratio, through her 69 competitive games and achieved a Grading improvement of 33%. Ange also contributes tremendously on a committee and has done for over 5 years.
- **Higgie Cup** – Personality of the Year – **Shar Weihepihana** - for her incredibly positive, friendly, helpful and fun personality, which makes everyone feel welcome.
- Most Improved Men and Women Trophy's went to Fabian Clarke and Ange Scott respectively.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for this fun and exciting night to close out the season.

	Men's	Women's
Junior	Empson Cup Adriaan Visagie	The Joelle King Cup Peyton Hopson
F Grade	DCS Limited Cup Chris Metcalfe	Carmen & Aiden Page Cup Sandra Hurst
E Grade	Hopkins Family Cup Matthew Trott	E Grade Ladies Britta Jensen
D Grade	Falcon & Charlotte Fitzpatrick Cup Adriaan Visagie	Waveney Parker Cup Jamie Hopson
C Grade	My Mortgage Cup James Moss	C Grade Ladies Farley Stent
Champions for 2022	Boyd Cup for Men's Champion Scotty Calder	Pay2Play Women's Club Champion Leanne Browne Jordan Herewini

Closing Remarks:

In closing, I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to all of our members for continuing to love the sport, despite the frequent injuries and sore muscles. Thanks for attending our events and supporting the club and for competing across the vast region, proudly flying our flag and raising our profile. I also would like to extend a special thanks to Suzie and also to her family. Suzie spends way many more hours here than she gets paid for, and all the overarching arrangements and responsibility lands squarely on her shoulders. Without Suzie, and Brett and Rosie and Carter - we wouldn't be able to pull it all off. Thanks again also to the squash committee for all their hard work this year and for the management committee for the support and leadership to grow and improve the club.

I look forward to our next season as we continue to grow towards a revitalized club in time for Squash's first showing for squash at the 2028 Olympic games.

Presented By:

Carli van Zyl
Squash Chairperson
2025 Season