



SQUASH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kia ora tatou

Welcome all and it is a pleasure to present to you the annual report on behalf of myself and the squash committee.

2021 Season

Has again been a disruptive year for all involved with the COVID-19 pandemic again spreading around New Zealand and profoundly modify our behaviours and our environment. This virus has become central to all of us, its ramifications will likely continue to affect our lives and impact the way we operate and manage our lives and currently is very difficult to predict. All our national clubs have been unfortunately concerned and I would like to acknowledge their remarkable resilience and their capacity to overcome these unprecedented challenges.

CHALLENGES

Many squash clubs are struggling financially and even if some recent governmental measures have eased the pressure and allowed clubs to re-open under certain conditions especially under the new traffic light system and vaccination policies has proved challenging and has created a number of governing issues for the club.

As we all face personal choices with regards to protecting our health and our families, returning to a normal life represents a risk and sees several changes in our communities and club operation, but we endeavour to get guidance and direction from our national bodies, and Ministry of Health to keep all our club members and visitors safe and healthy and allow us to be able to partake in the sports that we love.



OUR CLUB- OUR HOME

Solidarity and cohesiveness of our squash community is one of its main assets in this new landscape and one of the critical expectations of our members. However, the club needs the members to assist the respective committee's and get involved to help us think out-of-the-box and define new products and innovative solutions for the benefits of all parties. It is important that we continue to lay down the foundations for an enduring and sustainable development of our club and sport, so we continue to grow and develop and offer more opportunities to our members.

2021 may have been a disruptive year for squash but we also had some major successes such as the Women and Wine programme being extremely popular comminating in the running of 2x W900 tournaments mainly through the organisation and efforts of Kerryn McLellan and a handful of energetic individuals.

TOURNAMENTS

We also ran two very successful tournaments throughout the year being the Cambridge Doubles and Waipa Open and again I would like to thank the committee, Wayne, and the individual volunteers for helping manage these and making them the success that they were with plenty of positive feedback from visiting parties but these events can't be a success without members chipping in and not relying on the same individuals repeatedly putting their time and energy to run events such as these.

SUCSESS

We also saw success with teams competing competitively in interclub events and individuals progressing through the grades over the session and special mention to the C grade Women's team for winning the Waikato Super Champs and all the effort they went to, to fundraising to go represent the club and the district at Nationals, unfortunately as we see commonly at present Covid forced the cancellation of nationals this year, but well done ladies although disappointing the club was proud to have you represent us and the support you have given to assist at our calendared events.



JUNIOR SQUASH

Junior squash programme was again re-established through the efforts of Susie Halliday and the club again thanks Suzie and the individual helpers to allow us to provide these programmes to grow our membership and develop the game for our younger members.

All these programmes and efforts saw a significant increase in our club membership in 2021 with our membership rising from 112 to 165

CHAIRMAN

It is now time that I announce my resignation from the chairmanship after two years in the position and two years prior on the committee for some other individuals to help promote and push the club forward and provide fresh governance, I will continue to support the club and volunteer where required but unfortunately with my family, work, health priorities I have had to make some changes in my life.

I hope that my efforts over the years and the efforts of your committee have been appreciated and I hope that the club can encourage other like-minded individuals with a passion for the club and squash can make the time to do their little bit to continue to push the club forward and provide our members with the experiences that they have come to enjoy.

THANK YOU

In signing off I would like to thank all our sponsors, supporters, committee members and club for their support and making Cambridge Squash a fun, inclusive family friendly environment for all ages to enjoy I would also like to mention the departure of Wayne and acknowledge the work that he has undertaken over the years and wish him all the best in his new role.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and healthy new year.

Ngā mihi nui

Michael Young

Cambridge Squash Chair