

Backwall BOAST

Hi Everybody...

The hot days of February were a bit challenging for people keen to still get on the squash court. I told people they were getting a free sauna with every game. Winter inter-club has started and the days are getting a bit shorter though we still haven't had a really good bit of rain for the farmers.

Thought for the Month

Each of us is meant to have a character all our own, to be what no other can exactly be, and do what no other can exactly do.

William Ellery Channing

This month's competition be in to win an i-mask

This month's questions:

This month's entries must be received by 5pm 23 April 2010.

- 1: What was Amanda Cranston's world ranking according to the March 2010 WISPA list?
- 2: What is the name of the school who were the first ones to have the squash microcourt in 2010?
- 3: Who is currently the Squash NZ High Performance coach?
- 4: What is the venue for the Elite squads training on 16 May 2010?
- 5: Who won the men's open division in the Matamata Open?

Last Months Winner was

Tracey Lance – Paeroa

Sharon

Welcome ...

to the **March 2010** issue of the Backwall Boast! In this issue we feature Anthony Ricketts, changes to the Grading List site and photos from the various happenings around the region!



Anthony Ricketts – Squash NZ High Performance Coach

A huge accolade for Squash New Zealand's high performance coach Anthony Ricketts.

The former British Open winner has been inducted into the Squash Australia Hall of Fame, joining a host of former champions who have previously been honoured by the Australian national governing body.

Ricketts combined with fellow New South Welshman David Palmer and Canberra's Stewart Boswell to keep the Australian squash flag flying high during the 2000s before a chronic knee injury cruelly ended his career when he was just 28.

He was part of the Australian squad that won the 2003 World Men's Teams Championship and also won silver medals alongside Boswell in the men's doubles at the 2002 and 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The 31-year-old Ricketts was once ranked as high as three in the world and was the top Australian at the time, but he had his career marred by a succession of knee injuries.

He won the first of his eight main Professional Squash Association titles in 1999 when he beat Billy Haddrell in straight games to win the YTL Open in Kuala Lumpur, but his first major success came in 2000 when he beat Paul Price to win the first of his two Australian Opens.

He won twice more in 2001, including the Malaysian Open, as he took his world ranking to 19, before cracking the top 10 in 2002, reaching number seven in the world.

Ricketts consolidated his world ranking until injuring his knee in January 2004, which forced him off the tour for seven months.

He returned late in 2004 and achieved his breakthrough year in 2005 when he

won two of the world's most prestigious tournaments - the Tournament of Champions in New York and the British Open, along with his second Australian Open.

Seeded 10th at the Tournament of Champions, Ricketts beat third seed Peter Nicol, Amr Shabana and world No 1 Thierry Lincou on his way to the title.

Eight months later at the British Open, the sixth-seeded Ricketts beat Peter Nicol in the

semi-finals then James Willstrop in the final for the biggest win of his career.

"The British Open was the highlight of my career, due largely to the number of great Australians players that had gone before me," he said.

"There is so much history involved with it, and much of that history has been created by Australians."

Ricketts kept the momentum going in 2006, reaching the final of the Canary Wharf Classic before winning the 2006 Super Series, the last major triumph before a recurrence of his knee

injury forced him to call time on his career in 2007.

"I knew it was time - I had had five arthroscopies on my right knee and I had been playing in pain for a long time before I called it quits."

Ricketts is not lost to the sport.

He is currently high performance coach for Squash New Zealand and is engaged to former New Zealand number one Shelley Kitchen.

Written by Gary Denvir, Media Manager, Squash New Zealand



Joelle climbing the rankings

Joelle King has continued her relentless climb up the WISPA world squash rankings.

The 21-year-old kiwi is up another three places to number 27 on the latest list, after making the semifinals of the EBS Dayton Open in Ohio.

King is now the second highest ranked

New Zealander on the world tour, behind Jaclyn Hawkes, who drops two places to number 17 this month.

Shelley Kitchen drops off the ranking list for the time being, having given birth to her baby daughter last month, while former world number 22 Louise Crome announced her international retirement due to a

recurring hip injury.

Kylie Lindsay remains just outside the world's top 50 at number 54 on the March list, while Amanda Cranston is the only other kiwi in the top 100, down nine places to number 98 on the list.

Written by Gary Denvir

Waiterimu School the first school to have the Microcourt in 2010

The microcourt has been with schools in the Huntly area in Term One and Waiterimu School started the Term with the use of the court for two weeks.

Sue Bateup helped the kids improve their skills every day with the children spending half of their PE period in the swimming pool and the other half learning how to play squash.

At the end of Term One there will be a Microcourt Tournament at the Huntly Squash Club where teams from the participating schools will spend a day competing on full size squash courts.



Te Aroha Ladies Tournament a Great Success

48 ladies from Manurewa, Rotorua, Huntly, Taumarunui, Matamata, Thames, Morrinsville, Paeroa and Te Aroha enjoyed a weekend of squash and pampering at the Te Aroha Ladies Tournament.

The sponsors, Te Aroha Unichem Pharmacy, provided an impressive array of prizes and were happy with sales made over the two days.

The tournament had six divisions of eight with the top seed being a C1 and all games counted for points.

While Laura played squash, Kendyl's dad Steve was happy to take over lunch duties.



Matamata Open Tournament a Huge Success

With a total prize pool of \$7970.00, the Matamata Open attracted 136 entries from all over the country.

The winner of the 16 draw men's open division was Evan Williams and the winner of the women's was Tamsyn Leevey.

The photo at right shows Ewan Atherton – the owner of Matamata New World who were the major sponsors of the event.

Winners – Evan Williams and Tamsyn Leevey; and United Matamata Squash Club President, Brendon Hunt.

To see the full details of all division winners go to www.unitedmatamatasquash.co.nz



While we are busy soaking up the summer sun our top players are competing in world events

At the Comfort Inn Squash Open in Vancouver, New Zealand team mates Campbell Grayson and Martin Knight played each other in the title decider at the \$US20,000 PSA World Tour squash event. Sixth seeded Grayson reached the fifth tour final of his career in convincing style, beating Mexico's Arturo Salazar, the eighth seed, 11-5, 11-8, 11-7. However, fifth seeded Knight had to fight a lot harder to reach the sixth tour final of his career, battling to an epic five game victory over Egyptian top seed Tarek Momen.

25-year-old Knight proved too good on the day for his sixth seeded compatriot, winning 11-6, 11-1, 11-5. However, it was by no means one way traffic, with the New Zealand team mates going toe to toe for 53 gruelling minutes.

After this tournament, Knight heads off to the Bankers Hall Pro-Am in Calgary while Grayson is flying to New York for the Tournament of Champions.

Meanwhile, New Zealand's Jaclyn Hawkes played in the WISPA World Squash Tour's Chairman's Cup in Hong Kong. The top seed won her first two matches in four games, bouncing back from a game down to beat Japan's Chinatsu Matsui 7-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-7 before accounting for eighth seeded local Elise Ng 11-9, 9-11, 11-3, 11-7. In the semis Jaclyn brushed aside fourth seeded Indian Joshna Chinappa in straight games, winning 11-9, 11-8, 11-8.

Hawkes bounced back from 2-1 down against third seeded Australian Donna Urquhart, to win the final 11-6, 7-11, 8-11, 11-4, 11-5. It is the third tour title of the 27-year-old kiwi's career.

And our own Joelle King has competed in the Women's Burning River Squash Classic in Cleveland, after a shock five game win over sixth seeded Egyptian Engy Kheirallah; Joelle went down in straight games to English top seed Alison Waters, losing 11-7, 11-6, 11-5.

Changes to the Grading List site mean changing the way we do things

Here are some helpful tips from Ra Garrett:

New Players Responsibility

With the new grading system new players first need to go onto the NZ Squash website and apply for a username and password.

1. www.squashnz.co.nz
2. Look for the orange box saying Grading List on the lefthand menu and click on the link
3. This will take you to the homepage of the Squash IT Platform Website.
4. Follow the instructions - ensure you scroll down as it is a long page - if you are a new player you should click on the word "register" in the blue area - this will take you to the "Register as a new user" page
5. Fill in your details ensuring you read and accept the terms and conditions - if these terms are not accepted you will not get access to the grading list. Then "submit".
6. You should then be sent a confirmation email, usually within 30 minutes, with a link that needs to be clicked on to confirm your email address. This should also have your password and username.
7. Then you need to apply for membership to the club. This is once again done online in the NZ Squash IT Platform Website where you will need to log in with your new password and username.
8. Click on "Membership" tab LHS and then click on "Apply for Membership". In the drop down menu select the club you are joining. You will appear as a "pending" member at this stage under Member Management in the "Administration" tab.

Club Responsibility

Whoever has authority at your club - ie you or the treasurer/ secretary (someone from your club should have been cleared with these "rights") needs to then go online to the website - go to the "Administration" Tab and then "Member Management" - in the screen that shows up you then click the drop down tab to the right of "Club" and select your club - then in the next slot "Membership"

click the drop down and select "pending" - then hit "refresh".

This will then give you a list of players who have gone online to be accepted for membership. Beside the word "pending" is the word "approve" - click on this to accept and then refresh, this should change pending to member. Remember to always refresh otherwise nothing will change.

NB: All new players and players who were not on the Nov 1st 2009 Grading List will need to do this otherwise they will not be able to view their code online. This acceptance confirms with NZ that they are a fully financial member entitling them to access to the grading system. Until this is done the player will not be allocated a code or show in the system (note - someone should have been given rights to access the admin management online for the club, that person can then give rights to ie Club Stat to do this.)

Club Stat Responsibility

When a new player is accepted by their club, then the club stat applies for a code for them using the "add/move/delete player" form under the administration tab. NZ will then give them a code and will email back the person's code to the person who has applied for it.

Other Information

If someone who has played before but was not on the Nov 2009 grading list, they will need to do the above but check first with me or Annette or the person from your club who was given the original rights, as we (or they) could already have passwords for some previous members.

If a player is changing clubs, they need to go online and apply for membership to the club and that club needs to then go online and accept them before any change will be made.

When you have a tournament now there is no need to complete the result sheet - all you need to do is send the draw sheets with all the results on to Annette (Men's) and me (ladies) and we will be entering the results. We are also entering the results for all interclub cards.

Hope this helps. If you have any problems get back to me. This is all new to me as well and we are still in the learning stages.

Raewyn Garrett

Junior Squad Training Venues for 2010

Group	Date	Time	Venue
Dev Squad	28.03.10	9 - 11am	Hamilton
Dev Squad	16.05.10	9 - 11am	Matamata
Dev Squad	27.06.10	9 - 11am	Hamilton
Dev Squad	25.07.10	9 - 11am	Matamata
Dev Squad	29.08.10	9 - 11am	Cambridge
Dev Squad	19.09.10	9.30am - 1pm	Hamilton

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Elite Squad	28.03.10	11.15am - 1.15pm	Hamilton
Elite Squad	16.05.10	11.15am - 1.15pm	Matamata
Elite Squad	27.06.10	11.15am - 1.15pm	Hamilton
Elite Squad	25.07.10	11.15am - 1.15pm	Matamata
Elite Squad	29.08.10	11.15am - 1.15pm	Cambridge
Elite Squad	19.09.10	9.30am - 1pm	Hamilton

Group	Date	Time	Venue
JNE Squad	25.03.10	6.30 - 8.30pm	Morrinsville
JNE Squad	09.05.10	10am - 12pm	Cambridge
JNE Squad	24.06.10	6.30 - 8.30pm	Matamata
JNE Squad	22.07.10	6.30 - 8.30pm	Matamata
JNE Squad	02.09.10	6.30 - 8.30pm	Cambridge
JNE Squad	19.09.10	9.30am - 1pm	Hamilton



Coaches and Co-Ordinators Forum 18 April 2010

We are busy organising an exciting day for all coaches and junior co-ordinators to be held on 18 April starting at the Te Rapa Squash club at 9am.

Just one of the topics covered will be the new Squash New Zealand Coaching Framework which is currently being developed.

All Squash Waikato Club members are welcome to attend this forum, to ensure that you get lunch; please email me to register at sharonh@sportsforce.org.nz

Referee Workshops

Over 50 people have attended Referee workshops at Matamata, Paeroa, and Leamington helping them to start the season confident in their refing skills.

This workshop covers the basics of refing and is a must for new players as well as those who want to brush-up their skills for the new season.

To arrange a workshop to be held in your club email me at sharonh@sportsforce.org.nz

Winter Inter-club underway

March 23 and 24 sees the start of winter inter-club. This year there are 85 men's teams and 58 ladies teams which is five more teams than we had last year.

Our largest club – Hamilton – has entered 16 teams followed by Cambridge with 14 teams and Morrinsville with 11 teams.

I'm sure the competition will be fierce!



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