

# SQUASH CANTERBURY

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### **CEO Report**

I've just got in the door to my family's home on the West Coast after an enjoyable road trip from Christchurch via Kaikoura, Nelson and Blenheim, visiting squash clubs and meeting members and key individuals from those clubs. It was great to put faces to names, and to chat in person about the positives happening around our District and listen to clubs about their concerns and what support Squash Canterbury can provide and assist with. A huge thank you to representatives from the Kaikoura, Marlborough College, Marlborough Squash Rackets, Waimea and Nelson Squash Clubs for your hospitality and for taking time out of your busy schedules to catch up with me and show me around your facilities. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.



March was a fantastic month filled with a variety of tournaments and events, and it was most heartening to see the enthusiasm and commitment in which players travelled around the District participating at these and supporting clubs. There is plenty more to come in April including two more fixtures on the SBA Accounting Tournament Road in the form of the Waimea and Football Opens. May is even busier, so please make sure that you are getting in early and registering for these tournaments in good time as tournaments are already starting to reach capacity and players potentially having to be put on a waiting list.

A quick note for all club committees to please ensure that you are regularly updating committee members and your respective contact details on iSquash, as this is where Squash Canterbury and Squash New Zealand will use as a first port of call to find names and email addresses in order to touch base with your club.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Shelly Drummond and her dedication and service over the last couple of years to the Squash Canterbury Board as Chair and as a Board member. As per previous communication, you will know that Shelly has resigned from the Board and is finishing today after the completion of the Squash New Zealand AGM. We are grateful to Shelly for her time and energy that she has given the District, and are lucky to have Shelly staying on to help to convene Christchurch Interclub and also as the statistician for Squash Canterbury.

Happy Easter to you all!

**Kristy Havill** | Chief Executive Officer for Squash Canterbury

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### TOURNAMENT ROAD 2021

- ~~Nelson Open~~  
Friday 12th March - Saturday 20th March
- ~~Marlborough Squash Rackets Open~~  
Friday 26th March - Sunday 28th March
- Waimea Open  
Friday 16th April - Saturday 17th April
- Football Open  
Friday 30th April - Sunday 2nd May
- Kaikoura Open  
Friday 7th May - Sunday 9th May
- Linwood Open  
Thursday 27th May - Sunday 30th May
- Takaka Open  
Friday 4th June - Sunday 6th June
- Canterbury Open & South Island Championships  
Friday 18th June - Sunday 20th June
- Marlborough College Open  
Friday 25th June - Sunday 27th June
- Burnside Open  
Friday 2nd July - Sunday 4th July

1ST      2ND      3RD  
\$1500      \$1000      \$500

*Players will get 1.5 x points if they travel >50km and 2.0 x points if they travel >200km to a tournament!*

Points Per Placing  
(8 Draw)

1st = 200 points  
2nd = 150 points  
3rd = 120 points  
4th = 100 points  
5th = 90 points  
6th = 80 points  
7th = 60 points  
8th = 50 points

Points Per Placing  
(16 Draw)

1st = 300 points    9th = 120 points  
2nd = 240 points    10th = 110 points  
3rd = 200 points    11th = 100 points  
4th = 180 points    12th = 90 points  
5th = 160 points    13th = 80 points  
6th = 140 points    14th = 70 points  
7th = 130 points    15th = 60 points  
8th = 120 points    16th = 50 points

- 8 Draws (16 Draw for Canterbury Open & South Island Championships)
- \$35 entry fee (\$40 for Canterbury Open & South Island Championships)
- Tournament Road Standings updated after each tournament and displayed on Squash Canterbury's Facebook, Instagram and website
  - \$200+ for Winners of Open draws
  - Discounted Accommodation or Billeting available
  - Food available at the Club
  - Social Events
  - Squash NZ Ball rules



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### **Junior Development Officer Report**

March has been a very busy month with the first two junior tournaments being played for the year.

### **Girls Tournament Report**

Squash Canterbury ran their first Girls tournament of 2021 at Squash HQ on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of March. Well done to all the girls who participated in this tournament.

Some highlights include the 5-set 1<sup>st</sup> round match between Arihia O'Driscoll (Christchurch Football SC) & club mate Amber Hema-Houkamau-Mason. Amber won the first set 11/6, however Arihia is known for being a gritty player who never gives up and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> sets 11/8 and 11/9. Amber proved too strong winning the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> sets 11/9, 11/8. Another great match was between our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> seeds Jasmine Harkness (Rangiora Squash Club) and Amy Garvey (Christchurch Squash Club) with Jasmine getting the first two sets, 11/5, 11/8 before Amy evened the score winning 11/9 11/8, however Jasmine played a strong game winning the 5<sup>th</sup> 11/9.

Our Division 1 winner was 2<sup>nd</sup> seed Carly Craig from Marlborough only dropping one set in her 3 matches against Maria Evans (Rangiora SC), well done Carly it was great having you playing, please do visit again.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Carly Craig	Marlborough Squash Club
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Poppy Sargentina	Christchurch Squash Club
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maria Evans	Rangiora Squash Club
Plate	Jasmine McCoy	Christchurch Squash Club



We had 4 girls registered to play in our "Ungraded Division". All of these girls are attending club or afterschool coaching programmes, and these tournaments provide an opportunity for girls new to squash to play some competitive games against other beginner level girls.

A massive thank you to Wendy Dann who supported these girls in both their on-court game and with the refereeing and marking of their games on Saturday. I am sure all of the girls benefited from having you there supporting them. A highlight was the match between Maisy Cowie and Shylah McClintock - a very close game with Shylah winning 16/14 in the first set, however Maisy played well to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sets 15/7 and 15/9, Shylah never gave up and won the 4<sup>th</sup> set 16/14, however Maisy won the 5<sup>th</sup> 15/12 in what I am told was a 50minute game, I am sure they were feeling the squash pain on Sunday.



1 <sup>st</sup>	Maisy Cowie	Christchurch Squash Club coaching
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Shylah McLintock	Squash Canterbury Afterschool coaching at Hoon Hay SC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hannah Wells	Rangiora Squash Club coaching

The remaining 3 Girls Tournaments in the series are now on i-Squash open for registrations - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, all at Squash HQ.

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### Junior 2100 Tournament Report

What a fantastic weekend of squash enjoyed by both our 41 junior players and the parents and grandparents there supporting their child/children. A huge thank you must go to Christchurch Squash Club for hosting the first tournament in the Junior 2100 series and the many helpers who pulled together to put on a great tournament, including Andy Dopleach, Charlotte & Benjamin Robb, Fiona Stewart, Nick Greene, Bruce McEachen and Alex Houliston. 41 kids played across the two days so lots of helpers were needed and it was great to see some new faces supporting our junior programmes.

This tournament fielded the strongest Junior Open Division since I started helping with these tournaments for Christchurch Squash Club in 2015, and it was great to see such strong competition throughout all games. Our number 8 seed Ziad Abdelmaksoud (Burnside SC) took a set off our top seed and Championship winner, Harry O'Loughlin (Christchurch Football SC), in the first-round games on Saturday afternoon. One of my highlights from this division was the first-round game between Dylan Dopleach (7<sup>th</sup> seed) and Ryan Gillman (2<sup>nd</sup> seed), with Rylan working hard to keep his 2<sup>nd</sup> seeding winning in 5. Two players to watch out for.

#### Open Division

1 <sup>st</sup>	Harry O'Loughlin	Christchurch Football SC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Gillman	Burnside SC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tyrell Eden	Christchurch Football SC
Plate	Tyrone Garrett	Malvern Squash Club



#### Division 2

1 <sup>st</sup>	Samuel Prasad	Christchurch SC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saya Stratton	Burnside SC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Benjamin Robb	Christchurch SC
Plate	Ethan Garrett	Christchurch SC



#### Division 3

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Robinson	Christchurch SC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bryn Fisher	Christchurch SC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alexei Po	Burnside SC
Plate	Bailey Williams	Christchurch SC



On Sunday afternoon we started the games for graded Divisions 4 & 5 and our 8 juniors playing in our Ungraded competition. These players were graded from 320 points and below, and again we had some close games across all 3 divisions. Lots of nerves for our ungraded players as for most of them this was the first opportunity they have had to put the coaching programmes they have been attending into a competitive game.

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A highlight for me was the final in our Division 4, for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place between Maxim Dill-Russell and Sofia Strange, with Max taking a comfortable 1<sup>st</sup> game 11/5, however Sofia dug deep and picked up the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> games 6/11 and 7/11. Max still had plenty of spirit and strength in the legs taking the 4<sup>th</sup> 12/10 while the 5<sup>th</sup> game saw some great rallies with both players pulling off shots well above their current grading, with Max taking the 5<sup>th</sup> 11/8. Both players leaving the court with great smiles reflective of a fun game.

### Division 4

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aidan Young	Hoon Hay SC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John McCoy	Christchurch SC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maxim Dill-Russell	Christchurch SC



### Division 5

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Conlan	Christchurch SC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Simone Strange	Christchurch SC



### Ungraded Division

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hugo Shields	Christchurch Squash Club junior coaching
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hunter Mathers	Rangiora Squash Club Junior coaching
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shyla McLintock	Squash Canterbury afterschool coaching

Hoon Hay Squash club are hosting the next Junior 2100 tournament in the series on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of May. You can enter via iSquash now, I am sure it will reach its maximum of 48 players in the current format so if you are keen to play I suggest you register early to avoid missing out. It was suggested that it would be great to have a championship trophy our Open Division winner could be photographed with. If anyone is interested in supporting our Junior Programme by sponsoring or donating a trophy for this purpose it would be great to have one for the next tournament. Engraving cost can be covered in entry fees, so please get in touch with me as soon as possible.



### **School Sport Canterbury Secondary Schools Weekly Competition**

School Sport Canterbury run the Canterbury Secondary Schools Squash Competition which is played on a Wednesday 3.15 – 4.15pm weekly from the 19<sup>th</sup> of May to the 18<sup>th</sup> of August (Excluding school holidays). If you are keen to play squash for your school, you must register with your teacher in charge of either Squash or Sport.

### **School Sport Canterbury Secondary Schools Individual Squash Championships**

School Sport Canterbury also organise the Canterbury Secondary School Championships tournament which this year is being held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May (1<sup>st</sup> game late afternoon) & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May (all day). To register you must see your school sports co-ordinator and entry fee will be charged to your school account. This is a great opportunity to represent

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your school in squash, and in the past I have ran A, B and C grade divisions to cater for all levels of players. This tournament does qualify for Squash New Zealand grading points if your opponent is also graded with Squash New Zealand. Register with your school now as I understand entries will open early April. This is a great lead up for those wishing to participate at the South Island Squash Secondary School Cup and Carnival on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the Timaru Squash Club, and also the New Zealand Secondary School Squash Championships at the Devoy Squash and Fitness Centre in Tauranga from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

### **FREE Girls Squash Sessions in the April School Holidays**

I am excited to advise in the upcoming school holidays starting on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April both Squash Canterbury and some local squash clubs will be running FREE 1hr squash sessions open to our junior girls of any grade. I would love to encourage all of our existing female players to bring along a friend or group of friends to any of the sessions on offer in the school holidays to give them an opportunity to “have a go” at squash. Keep an eye out on the Squash Canterbury website and on our social media for dates and times of available sessions. Fun, fitness and friendship is what our junior programmes offer.

### **Autumn Interclub**

A reminder to please register with your club if your child is interested in playing Junior Interclub in Term 2, as I expect many players to return to the Junior Interclub competition as summer sports wrap up this term. Registering early will ensure you child secures a spot in Term 2.

### **Spectator / Parent Code of Behaviour**

1. Applaud the performance of both players
2. Be positive with the officials & acknowledge their efforts
3. Let the players play their game, not your game
4. Praise efforts, not results
5. Set an example for the players
6. Use appropriate and acceptable language

This is from School Sport Canterbury’s Codes of Behaviour guidelines, lets support our kids as best we can.

See you court side soon.

**Di McCoy** | Junior Development Officer for Squash Canterbury

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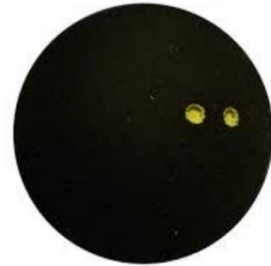
# WAIMEA SQUASH OPEN

16th - 17th April  
(Friday & Saturday only)

8 Draws  
Part of the SBA Accounting  
Tournament Road  
Entry Fee: \$35.00  
J Grade draws: \$15.00  
(if enough entries)

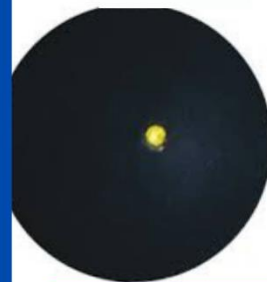
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Entries Close: 8th April  
Enquiries: [squashclubwaimea@gmail.com](mailto:squashclubwaimea@gmail.com)

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### News

#### Canterbury Representative Teams

Squash Canterbury has now updated the Representative Teams Booklet for 2021, which can be found on our website at [www.squashcanterbury.co.nz](http://www.squashcanterbury.co.nz). The selectors have identified the pool of players that are eligible for representative team selection in 2021, and these players have now been contacted by Squash Canterbury to inform of this. Those that received an email are required to confirm whether or not they wish to be considered for selection by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April. However, even if individuals were not in the initial pool of players they are still eligible for selection depending on their results throughout the season.

We have a number of vacancies within the selectors, convenors and managers panel, and are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- 2 x Senior Women team selectors
- 1 x Masters National team Manager
- 1 x Masters Convenor
- 1 x Masters Men selector
- 1 x Junior Convenor
- 1 x Boys Junior Nationals Team Manager
- 1 x Girls Junior Nationals Team Manager
- 1 x South Island Junior Teams Manager

The selectors, convenors and managers currently holding a position are:

- Senior Convenor – Craig Hibbert
- Senior Men Selectors – Rod Hayes, Lawrence Skurr
- Senior Men's Nationals Team Manager – Craig Hibbert
- Senior Women's Nationals Team Manager – Rod Hayes
- Junior Boys Selectors – Charlie Barker, Jayden Millard
- Junior Girls Selectors – Kate Fox, Emma Cormack
- Masters Women Selector – Sue Wasley
- Quadrangular Team Manager – Kristy Havill

#### **CHRISTCHURCH SQUASH CLUB**

## **Doubles Tournament**

**14 to 15 May 2021**

\$15 Entry Fee per player per grade

Mens, Womens & Mixed grades

No Prizes – JUST LOTS OF FUN

Limited Teams

Enter via iSquash

Enter your partners names on comments.

All enquires to Lawrence Skurr  
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### Malvern Open

We welcomed the return of a club Open to Darfield, as the Malvern Squash Club hosted their first Open in a few years from 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> March. 40 participants competed in the tournament and enjoyed a BBQ on Saturday night after the finals. Well done to Matt, Brendan and the Malvern Squash Club for a successful event and for the work you put in to hosting it.

### Nelson Open Results

96 participants across 8 Men's Divisions, 3 Women's Divisions and 2 Mixed Junior Divisions competed in the Nelson Open that was held across the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March. The tournament was also the first stop on the SBA Accounting Tournament Road 2021 calendar. It was great to see individuals travelling from the Central and Wellington Districts, and the award for furthest travelled would be to players coming from Southland. With a bumper field there was some fantastic squash played and overall was a hugely successful event, so a huge well done to Chris and the Nelson committee for hosting a brilliant event. The results are as follows:

#### *Men's Open*

Championship Winner	Tom Marshall	Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
Championship Runner Up	Lucas Rosa	The Thornton Club, Wellington

#### *Women's Open*

Championship Winner	Anna O'Connor	Makarewa Squash Club, Southland
Championship Runner Up	Karen Walton	Christchurch Squash Club

#### *Men's Div 1*

Championship Winner	Jacob Dudley	Makarewa Squash Club, Southland
Championship Runner Up	David Schultz	Christchurch Squash Club

#### *Women's Div 1*

Championship Winner	Hannah du Toit	The Thornton Club, Wellington
Championship Runner Up	Jasmine Palmer-Bensemam	Waimea Squash Club

#### *Men's Div 2*

Championship Winner	Jack Frisken	Marlborough College Old Boys Squash Club
Championship Runner Up	Martin Krafft	The Thornton Club, Wellington

#### *Women's Div 2*

Championship Winner	Lee-Ann du Toit	The Thornton Club, Wellington
Championship Runner Up	Tracey Widdon	Marlborough College Old Boys Squash Club

#### *Men's Div 3*

Championship Winner	Scott Endres	Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
Championship Runner Up	Billy Smith	Waimea Squash Club

#### *Men's Div 4*

Championship Winner	Simon Dornan	SquashGym, Central
Championship Runner Up	Jem Howden	Kaikoura Squash Club

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### *Men's Div 5*

Championship Winner	Jack Gibb	Waimea Squash Club
Championship Runner Up	Rex Bowden	Takaka Squash Club

### *Men's Div 6*

Championship Winner	Bryn Woolley	Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
Championship Runner Up	Sam Dunfoy	Kaikoura Squash Club

### *Men's Div 7*

Championship Winner	Max Benge	Marlborough Squash Rackets Club
Championship Runner Up	Manu Andrew	Marlborough College Old Boys Squash Club

### Marlborough Open Results

Another strong field fronted up the following weekend at the Marlborough Squash Rackets Club for the Marlborough Open on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, which was the second fixture on the SBA Accounting Tournament Road 2021 calendar. 85 participants competed in 7 Men's Divisions, 2 Women's Divisions and 1 Junior Division before enjoying a function on Saturday night at Bidy Kate's. Again it was great to see squashies travelling from away to compete, including from Palmerston North and Kapiti. Thank you to the MSRC Committee for organising and facilitating another great tournament as the squash season well and truly kicks into gear. Provisional results from iSquash are as follows:

### *Men's Open*

Championship Winner	Joseph Williams	Christchurch Squash Club
Championship Runner Up	Matt Nation	SquashGym, Central

### *Women's Open*

Championship Winner	Emma Cormack	Christchurch Football Squash Club
Championship Runner Up	Julie Brown	Marlborough Squash Rackets Club



### *Men's Div 1*

Championship Winner	Hannes Schoeman	Christchurch Squash Club
Championship Runner Up	Chris Hebbard	Marlborough Squash Rackets Club

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### *Women's Div 1*

Championship Winner Victoria Moran Marlborough Squash Rackets Club  
Championship Runner Up Jennifer Bromley Kapiti Squash Club, Wellington

### *Men's Div 2*

Championship Winner Wayne Thomas Kaikoura Squash Club  
Championship Runner Up Scott Endres Marlborough Squash Rackets Club

### *Men's Div 3*

Championship Winner Shaun Nelson Marlborough Squash Rackets Club  
Championship Runner Up Dave Brown Marlborough Squash Rackets Club

### *Men's Div 4*

Championship Winner Jethro Moran Marlborough Squash Rackets Club  
Championship Runner Up Michal Winter Hoon Hay Squash Club

### *Men's Div 5*

Championship Winner Bryn Woolley Marlborough Squash Rackets Club  
Championship Runner Up Barry Gardiner Burnside Squash Club

### *Men's Div 6*

Championship Winner Ben Rush Marlborough Squash Rackets Club  
Championship Runner Up Max Bengé Marlborough College Old Boys Squash Club

### *Junior Open*

Championship Winner Ryan Chisholm Marlborough College Old Boys Squash Club  
Championship Runner Up Hamish Young Marlborough College Old Boys Squash Club

### **Club Resources**

#### ***Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund***

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa is the new Sport New Zealand fund, replacing KiwiSport, that provides funding for initiatives that deliver sport, active recreation or play to children and youth. This fund has a particular emphasis on delivering outcomes for those living with a disability, those in higher deprivation communities, and also girls and young women. Projects targeting these groups will be prioritised for funding. Sport Canterbury and Sport Tasman are encouraging collaborative applications with other clubs from the same sport or from different sporting codes, so please do get in touch with clubs nearby in order to pool your resources. Keep an eye out for new funding rounds now that 2021 has begun.

For clubs in Canterbury and West Coast, details here:

<https://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/T-Manawa-1>

For clubs in Nelson Bays, Marlborough and Kaikoura, details here:

<http://www.sporttasman.org.nz/Funding/Tu-Manawa>

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### **Display of coaching activities on club noticeboards**

Squash Canterbury held their Board meeting at Burnside Squash Club earlier in the month, and I just wanted to share the easy-to-read posters that they have displayed on their noticeboards that outlines what sort of coaching is available to members and new players.



It doesn't have to be on social media or anything fancy – there's nothing quite like a hard copy poster!

### **Squash New Zealand Online Coaching Modules**

Are you interested in giving back to your club by doing some coaching, or becoming a fully-fledged squash coach? The first step along the coaching pathway in New Zealand is to complete the Squash NZ online coaching modules and complete practical workshops that put those modules into practise. The three coaching stages on the pathway are Foundation, Development, and Performance. In order for Squash New Zealand to provide facilitators to host the practical modules around the District, they are looking for as many people as possible to complete the online modules in order to make the finances and resources allocated to facilitating the modules as worthwhile as possible.

The link to the Squash New Zealand website that has more information about the online modules and how to start them is: <https://www.squashnz.co.nz/coach/index.cfm>

### **Pay2Play**

If your club is interested in exploring a new revenue stream, Pay2Play are offering an outstanding deal to help as many sports clubs as possible install a user pays system for casual users. Casual play has been dramatically increasing across all sports over the last few years, and in 2018 Squash Canterbury installed Pay2Play at Squash HQ which has allowed members of the public to book a court for \$10 per 30 minute slots. Not only has this boosted the use of the Squash HQ facility and introduced more people to the sport of squash, it has also provided extra income each year for Squash Canterbury. The Pay2Play offer consists of installing the online booking system at no cost – the features of which include member management, booking system, payment method, administrative features for members and casual users, and much more. This is a fantastic deal designed to reduce the financial barrier for clubs, and the costs associated with installing the electronic keypad for entry into the building can be covered by grant funding. If you would like to find out more please contact Kristy at [info@squashcanterbury.co.nz](mailto:info@squashcanterbury.co.nz), or contact Pay2Play directly at [info@pay2play.co.nz](mailto:info@pay2play.co.nz)

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**Marlborough College Masters**  
Friday 9th April - Sunday 11th April

**Waimea Open (Tournament Road #3)**  
Friday 16th April - Saturday 17th April

**Hokitika Open**  
Friday 23rd April - Sunday 25th April

**Football Open (Tournament Road #4)**  
Friday 30th April - Sunday 2nd May



**Kaikoura Open (Tournament Road #5)**  
Friday 7th May - Sunday 9th May FULL  
**Christchurch Doubles Tournament**  
Friday 14th May - Saturday 15th May

**Junior 2100 Tournament #2**  
Saturday 15th May - Sunday 16th May  
Hoon Hay Squash Club

**Harvest Open**  
Friday 21st May - Saturday 22nd May

**Canterbury Secondary School Championships**  
Saturday 22nd May - Saturday 23rd May  
Hoon Hay Squash Club

**Linwood Open (Tournament Road #6)**  
Friday 28th May - Sunday 30th May

**Canterbury Junior Open**  
Friday 28th May - Sunday 30th May  
Christchurch Football Squash Club

### **Volunteer of the month**

Aaron Worner – Christchurch Football Squash Club

Aaron Worner is Vice President at the Christchurch Football Squash Club having been on the committee for a couple of years. Aaron has been proactive for the club by updating the club's constitution, as well as being the main contact on the committee for property issues. This has ranged from continuing to develop the club's relationship with the rugby club that has facilities across the carpark, looking at the road signage and keeping up to date with rugby club developments.

Aaron led the club's COVID-19 response by assisting with the practicalities around closing the club during the lockdown period, ensuring the club had hand sanitiser and appropriate cleaners available when re-opening, and was instrumental in getting the Wage Subsidy and the Wage Subsidy extension for our part-time employees. Aaron is also focused on encouraging new members and is developing an introductory programme to advertise the club in the wider community and to introduce new members into the club during 2021. The programme will include a period of group coaching and meeting other members to encourage them to not only start but continue with squash.

Thank you Aaron for your time, energy and service to the club and to the squash community, it is much appreciated and does not go unnoticed!

Got someone at your club who does outstanding work behind the scenes that deserves some recognition? Now more than ever, it is important to be acknowledging and thanking our volunteers who put in their time and effort to keep our clubs ticking over.

Get in touch with Kristy at [info@squashcanterbury.co.nz](mailto:info@squashcanterbury.co.nz) with a small bio and a photo, and she will put it in next month's newsletter!