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President / Committee Column

Hello everyone! The committee have had their final meeting for 2025 and would like to wish all of our members a safe and happy festive season. 2025 has been a big year for the club, between hosting multiple tournaments, ramping up the social events, fundraising efforts, installing a new heat pump and kitchen equipment, new merch and celebrating our club members successes. With 2026 fast approaching I'm excited to see more of the same next year with Football hosting the biggest squash tournament in the country in August (New Zealand Secondary Schools) and the New Zealand Junior Open in March, alongside the Festival of Squash.

Security of the Club - Over the holiday period we ask all members to be more aware of the safety of our club ensuring you check all doors are locked, all lights including in all changing rooms, the lounge and hallways are off as you leave the club, even if you have not used these areas yourself, as there may not be anyone coming in after you that day. Additionally, if you are unable to use your court booking please release it as this allows other members to be able to book the court for their use.

From a bar perspective please ensure all chiller doors are completely closed so that the chiller efficiency is not compromised, and the bar door is locked as you leave. It would also be appreciated if no cash outs are processed on eftpos over the next month as there is limited cash received over this period.

If you have any issues over the Christmas/New Years period please contact Bianca (0276686444). The football email will be checked periodically during this time however there will be a delay over the holiday period. We appreciate your understanding.

Join the 2026 Committee – there are 8 current committee members re-standing which leaves 5 positions available on the committee for next year. Multiple roles are available and we ask you to consider if you are able to be involved with the running of the club next year, in particular if you have an interest in **funding or juniors, or our club in general!** Nominations will need to be in by early January so we can advise all members prior to the AGM. Contact footballsquash@gmail.com or Bianca (contact details as below) to state your interest. We are also looking for general helpers next year so get in contact if you are interested in helping around the club external to the committee.

AGM date is the 28th of January 2026, 7.30pm. We aim to have the AGM agenda and annual report out in early January. We would love to see you there!

It has been wonderful seeing everyone around this year, so as the final comms for 2025 have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we all look forward to seeing you around the club in 2026!

Cheers,

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Football Prizegiving 2025

Way back in October the club held our prizegiving celebrating our members. We had a really good showing and had a lot to celebrate! We had a themed prizegiving (as it coincided with Halloween, which explains the odd costume or two), which was really successful and well enjoyed by those that attended. The club was also gifted a precious taonga by Henare & NHEW committee as a gift for hosting the Ngā Hau e Whā Māori Squash Tournament (NHEW), held at our club back in 2013. This presentation and blessing was incredibly special and added an extra layer of celebration to our prizegiving. This taonga is greatly appreciated by the club and will be treated accordingly.

Club Champs:

- Junior Girls Champion - Maria Coade
- Junior Boys Champion - Rory Forsythe
- Womens E Grade - Hannah Scoones
- Mens E Grade - Rocky Hudson
- Womens D Grade - Arihia O'Driscoll
- Mens D Grade - Jamie Brook
- Womens C Grade - Maria Coade
- Mens C Grade - Aaron Warner
- Mens B Grade - Mike Taylor
- Womens Club Champ - Emma Cormack
- Mens Club Champ - Ethan Peddie

Junior awards:

- Club Junior Player of the Year: Maria Coade
- Most Improved – Arihia O'Driscoll, Tom Wilson
- Coach's Awards:
 - Award for Dedication - Paddy Gould
 - Award for Junior Interclub - Elliott Scott
 - Award for Attitude - Ben Clark
 - Award for Leadership - Asher Clark
- Bennett Family Trophy - Arihia O'Driscoll

Senior awards:

- Club Senior Player of the Year: Beth Giles
- Most Improved – Felicity Mills, Jamie Brook
- Team Captains of the Year – Molly Allen, Iain O'Rourke
- Team of the Year – Mitchell Cup Team (Emma Cormack, Brigid Peddie, Hannah Peddie, Georgia Robcke, Kate Fox, Jemma Erceg, Moriya Karati), Interclub Football 2 – Autumn (Nathan Arscott, Haydn Clark, Paddy Gould, Matthew Arscott, Iain O'Rourke, Hamish Jamieson)
- Contributions to Football: Darren Kett, Roger Syme, Pete Arscott, Helen Benington, Brian Partridge, Brigid Peddie.





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- Senior Personality of the year - Bob Warner
- Good Bastard Trophy – Andrew Hawkey
- Bryan South Trophy – Mark Forsythe





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STELLAR 2025 Squash Canterbury Awards

In late November the Squash Canterbury Awards, sponsored by STELLAR, were held at the Papanui Club which was well attended by all the regions' clubs. I'm proud to say that the Football contingent was the largest and loudest on the night! We would like to congratulate the recipients from Football Squash, as this is an awesome recognition of the hard work our members have put in during the 2025 season! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what the 2026 season holds for you!

Winners:

- **Most Improved** – Junior Boys – Tom Wilson 229%
- **Most Improved** – Senior Women – Felicity Mills 138%
- **Most Improved** – Masters Women – Hannah Scoones 64%
- **Player of the Year** – Senior Woman – Georgia Robcke
- **Services to Squash** – Brigid Peddie
- **Development Coach of the Year** – Bianca Malcolm

Nominees:

- **Volunteer of the Year** – Mark Forsythe
- **Most Improved** – Junior Boys – Paddy Gould





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Thank You Committee BBQ

In late November we held a BBQ at the club as a way to say thanks to members that have put a lot of time into the club this year and to recognise the work they have put in. This club wouldn't run without the time and effort of countless volunteers in the various forms this comes in whether its first round marking, club night and Thursday League management, building fixes and help, or committee commitments. Thank you so much to all of our volunteers we are so thankful for you as a club!

