

# Squash Eastern Newsletter 2019

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### This week's newsletter includes:

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- Meet Murray Sutherland, Squash New Zealand Board Member
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### Squash Eastern Calendar

Check what's next in the calendar, both locally and Nationally, by clicking [here](#).

This is a snapshot of all our local tournaments, highlighting the Squash Eastern Pay2Play Player Series event.

As the pocket & wall calendars are no longer being produced, you can access the annual calendar on [Team Up](#) – or download the App to your phone.

2019 SQUASH EASTERN CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
23 February	Newbegin Shield (Squashgym)	19-21 July	HBSRC Open
17 March	Junior Challenge v Central (HBLT)	26-29 July	Superchamps Eliminations (HBSRC)
21-23 March	Waipukurau Open	2-4 August	Hastings Open
12-14 April	Hastings Open	10-12 August	HBLT Open
19-22 April	HBSRC Easter Open	23-25 August	Hastings Masters
2-5 May	G&H Pot (HBLT)	30 August-1 September	HBSRC Open
10-12 May	HBLT Open	6-8 September	Champion of Champions District (HN)
17-19 May	Havelock North Open	13-15 September	Havelock North Open
7-9 June	Surf City Open	11-12 October	HBLT Doubles
21-23 June	Eastern Open (HBSRC)	15-16 November	Hastings Doubles
6-8 July	North Island Age Groups (HN & Hastings)		

Other Tournaments
Tournament Circuit
Doubles
Team Events



### New Zealand Senior Nationals

Entries are now open for this, the most prestigious event in the New Zealand squash calendar.

This will be held at the National Squash Centre in Auckland from 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Entry fee: \$50

Entries close on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

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**HAWKE'S BAY SQUASH RACKETS CLUB**  
**Easter OPEN TOURNAMENT**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Entries close 5pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Locals may be required to play Thursday night  
Normal NZSRA tournament rules apply  
PAR scoring  
Predominately Round Robin  
Only one playing restriction, please  
Please advise arrival time for first game

ENTRY FEES	
F Grade and above	\$40
J Grade	\$15

For further info & entries contact:  
Jeff Silvester, Club Manager  
admin@hawkesbaysquash.co.nz

64 Niven Street, Onekawa, Napier  
Ph: 06 843 4222 Cell: 022 411 0979  
www.hawkesbaysquash.co.nz

Or enter on  
iSquash

### HBSRC Easter Open

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Always a favourite as it is predominantly a round robin event, so you know exactly when all your matches are scheduled

Entries are open on iSquash -

<https://www.squash.org.nz/sit/tournament/manage>

Remember, entries close on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Please keep to their request of one restriction only

This is a tournament in our Squash Eastern Pay2Play Player Series.



2019 G & H Training Pot

**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> – SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY**

Hawke's Bay Lawn Tennis  
& Squash Club

**OPEN TO ALL SQUASH EASTERN CLUBS  
ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN FROM  
EACH GRADE**

A full set of rules is available from your Club  
Administrator or Club Captain

All entries to be sent to:  
Jacquie Sutherland  
Cell: 021 802 883  
Email: [admin@squasheastern.co.nz](mailto:admin@squasheastern.co.nz)

Entries close at 4.00pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### G&H Pot

Thank you, once again, to Geoff Goodchild and his team for sponsoring this annual Eastern Club Challenge.

For those who have not taken part in this before, it is a seriously fun event between all the Eastern clubs who field one man and one woman and one reserve of each from each grade.

Hawke's Bay Lawn Tennis & Squash Club are the 2019 hosts.

Entries must be submitted by 4pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April to [admin@squasheastern.co.nz](mailto:admin@squasheastern.co.nz). No late entries will be accepted.

Click on this link [to our website](#) for further information and details:

- Full set of rules
- Poster
- Entry form

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### Squash Eastern **Pay2Play** Player Series

A reminder to get your entries into the qualifying tournaments if you want a shot at the end of season prize pool

[Link to poster and full details](#)

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### Superchamps Update

There has been some tweaking to the rules to bring these in line with the Cousins Shield/Mitchell Cup rules. The ones to be most aware of pertain to:

- Player Eligibility (Rule 2.2)
- Grading Eligibility (2.2.3)
- Team Playing Order (Rule 4.1)

So read the rules carefully before putting together a team. Following the National guidelines, from a District perspective if you, as a club, cannot make up a team without asking players from other clubs, you can apply for dispensation. This will not be granted if it is perceived that there are sufficient players of that grade who are willing to play already at your club on the appropriate grading list.

Critical dates:

13 <sup>th</sup> June:	any club transfers to be completed
14 <sup>th</sup> June:	Grading Lists run by SNZ to determine player eligibility
5 <sup>th</sup> July:	Entries for Eastern Eliminations close
26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> July:	District Eliminations to be held at HBSRC
9 <sup>th</sup> August:	Winning teams to submit entries to Nationals to District
23 <sup>rd</sup> August:	Eastern to send entries to host clubs for Nationals
30 <sup>th</sup> August:	Grading Lists run by SNZ to determine playing order

A full set of the rules have been sent to the clubs along with the entry forms and information. [Click on this link for further information.](#)

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**Congratulations to Paul Coll who has risen in the World Rankings to a career high of No 5. He is the highest ranked male player from New Zealand since Ross Norman in 1993.**

**Congratulations, also, to Joelle King who remains at No 5**

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### Referees Exams

Both the Club and District Referees Exams are now online.

Club Referee Exam:

<http://nzsquash.co.nz/survey/training.cfm>

District Referee Exam:

[https://squashnz.formstack.com/forms/district\\_referee\\_exam](https://squashnz.formstack.com/forms/district_referee_exam)

Remember to play Superchamps, Senior Inter District Teams or Junior Inter District Teams, you must have sat and passed the Club Referee exam by the Monday prior to the event. The qualification is valid for two seasons e.g. if you sat the test in 2017 the exam will have expired by 2019. Squash New Zealand will verify that all players in teams representing their district have gained this qualification. Any matches played at these events by players that have not passed this test by the Monday prior to the event will count as 3/0 losses for their team, with grading points lost.

As District we would like to encourage all those taking part in District Eliminations to sit and pass the Club Referee Exam prior to the weekend of 26-29 July. A suggestion is that the clubs entering teams arrange a referee night; this is a great way to learn the rules as a group and bounce questions off each other.

Also, as Districts are now looking after major events (for instance this year Eastern are hosting the North Island Junior Age Groups), it would be great to have some qualified referees in our District. The online process is just the first part of the assessment. Anyone interested would then be required to pass a practical assessment. Before the practical assessment is carried out, the candidate needs a 100% pass rate online.

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### Meet Murray Sutherland, Squash New Zealand Board Member and Eastern Junior Academy Coach

My squash career started after I became rather overweight in 1975. After leaving high school and deciding not to continue my rugby career, after being concussed twice in my last season at Heretaunga College in Upper Hutt.

They say squash can be addictive, and so it came to pass with me. After a couple of seasons at, the now defunct Maidstone squash club, I was persuaded by



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Chas Evans my long time mate and squash adversary, to join Upper Hutt SRC. One season, (78 or 79 I think) we played 26 tournaments in one season travelling all around the southern half of the North Island and beyond.

In 1983 I departed on my OE, travelling though Aussie, Singapore, India, Italy and Germany before setting up in London. I ended as an assistant coach under the tutelage of Ian McKenzie at the once famous, now non-existent squash club, Stripes in Ealing. It was the training venue for the NZ men's team to the World Champs in 1985, in Cairo. This is where I really became interested in developing my coaching skills, realising that I was never going to be a world beater in the competitive game!

1986: Back to good old NZ, I found myself with a job in Hawke's Bay and joined the hardened crew at Hawke's Bay SRC in 1987. Great fun playing with these guys, HB legends, Keith Redman, Murray Compton, Paul Gardiner and Malcolm McBain. We never did win the Nationals but we never came last either!!

1990: Decided to head back to the UK after getting married to a Pom, (my wife Jacquie), thinking we would be away about 18 months to two years. This turned into eighteen years! Seven in the UK working in my dream job as a salesman for Nike Inc. All the while playing a little and doing some coaching at various clubs in the UK's South East.

1997: Transferred by Nike to the Netherlands, for supposedly, a two-year strategic sales role working on the Footlocker account with 400 doors across ten countries in the EU. Two years turned into three-and-a-half and still no sign of heading back to the UK. Instead I was promoted to Category Product leader for children's footwear a roughly \$400US Million business.... Scary stuff!

2004: Promoted again to my absolute dream job of Category Product Leader for court sports. Where I was privileged to work with the likes of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, developing new footwear products for these and other European Nike athletes.

2007: Return to Hawke's Bay. After a stint as Junior Academy coach at Hawke's Bay SRC for four years, I moved to my current location at Havelock North SRC where I am one of the coaches for the Eastern Junior Academy and the Havelock North Junior Development squad. I am on the committee at the club, mainly looking after the interests of the Junior club. I also run small Pro shop at the club and a restring service.

2018: I was privileged to be elected to the Squash NZ board where, as a novice, I will endeavour to assist in advancing the game across NZ.

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### Volunteers

We cannot do without our volunteers and oft as not the "same old same old" people put their hands up.

We cannot operate without these amazing people but are they thanked to the full and how do we attract more and younger volunteers?

The motivation of a volunteer can vary considerably, for example they may want to:

- Gain new skills/knowledge
- Contribute to the club or District
- Enhance employment potential
- Meet new people
- Achieve personal growth
- Get work experience or explore new fields of work

Remember volunteers should feel needed and valued. Express gratitude for and recognise the help you may have received from a volunteer.

Also don't be a moaner and then decline to be a part of fixing the problem; volunteer to help.

*"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope"*

Barack Obama

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