

Island Bay Tennis & Squash Club

# Annual Report

For the year end ended 30 June 2025



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# President's Message

Andrew Munkacsi, President

Kia ora, talofa lava, welcome everyone. Thanks to a high-functioning management team, I can report here that 2024/25 was a good year for our club. Our membership numbers and finances have remained relatively healthy.

Again, I would like to thank each person on the management team. Our club would not be so great without you. Thank you Lauren Wash, Renee Bell, Gerard Elkind, Michael Chung, Charlotte Bell, Christina Vellasamy, Kristen Davison, Paul Hodder, Ramon Das, Helen Scobie, Rob McDonald, Brianna See, Kath St Amand, and Dayne Far. There will be opportunities this year for others to join this committee and contribute to the running of our club.

Thank you Michael---it's great to see squash doing so well. Club Night on Monday night is looking great with so many people playing tennis when we have our committee meeting. Thank you Charlotte and Christina---it's great to see so many people playing tennis at all times of the day on their own as well as organised events.

On the courts, our Tennis and Squash interclub teams had many successes this past year. Congratulations to all players. Let's keep it going next year!

A big thanks to our Tennis coaches Dave Knight, Ayla Giesen, Aryav Bhawan, Kate Bolton, Alice Bolton, Tom Bolton, and Lucy Skogstadt for all your hard work over the year and the wonderful job you do with our Junior and Senior players who continue to represent us strongly at Interclub level as well as regionally and nationally. We all wish you the best Alice and Aryav playing college tennis in the USA.

Thank you also to everybody who helped with the coaching programmes and the running of the intraclub and interclub leagues and tournaments; we truly appreciate your assistance. Thank you in particular to Charlotte Bell/Christina Vellasamy and Michael Chung for all they do with organising events as well as maintaining facilities for tennis and squash, respectively. They have all done great things in their time for the functioning of our club as well as the reputation of our club locally as well as nationally.

We were fortunate to secure a few grants and donations this past year that helped cover the costs for renovations in our club as well as updating the Hello Club software that manages club membership, club access, and court bookings. Thank you to Paul Hodder, Phil and Charlotte Bell, Lauren Wash, Adele Pryor and many others for writing these grants. Also thank you to many of our club members who applied for these grants as well as

organised and played roles in the various quiz nights and movie nights that helped raise funds for club projects.

Thank you to Paul, Dayne and others on the committee who helped work out the best way forward for our club's insurance policy. The premium from our usual supplier increased dramatically and we had to find a good option moving forward. The good news here is we found a better option with a different insurance company. This is something all clubs are dealing with at the moment.

Thank you to Dayne and others for their work maintaining the bar in our club. Having a bar in our club is a nice luxury. Thanks also to Brooklyn Northern United for sharing the club room during their football season. Having football players diversifies our club and we very much appreciate your fiscal contributions to our club as well as helping with aspects of club maintenance.

Finally, a huge thank you to our sponsors---your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to your continued support as well as support from new sponsors.

It is my honour to be a part of 54 Years of squash and 111 Years of Tennis in Island Bay. Please feel free to contact me and talk about anything. Let's make this great club even better!

# Club Officers, Champions, and Award Winners

## Club Officers and Committee Members

**President** Andrew Munkacsi

**Vice President** Gerard Elkind

**Club Manager** Renee Bell

**Secretary** *Vacant*

**Treasurer** Paul Hodder

**Bar Manager** Dayne Far

**Squash Club Captain** Michael Chung

**Tennis Club Captain** Christina Vellasamy

**Communications** Kristen Davison

### **Management Committee Members**

Charlotte Bell, Rob McDonald, Brianna See, Kath St Amand, and Helen Scobie

## Squash Champions 2024

**Women's Open** Anna Marquis-Skepetaris

**Men's Open** Evan Michelson

**Open doubles** Dayne Far and Damien Su'a

**Men's C grade** Rob McDonald

**Women's C grade** Brianna See

**Men's D grade** Tim Foster

**Women's D grade** Hazel Davies Howard

**Men's E grade** Chris Wilson

**Women's E grade** Michaela Faisandier

**Men's F grade** Josh Greer

**MasterChef** David Sauvageon

## Tennis Champions 2025

**Women's Singles** Kate Bolton

**Men's Singles** George Lyons

**Ladies Doubles** Arlene Smith and Kate Bolton

**Men's Doubles** Andy Munkacsi and Magnus Munkacsi

**Girls Singles** Sophie Clement

**Boys Singles** Rasmus Stahlhoven

**Girls Doubles** *Not contested*

**Junior Mixed Doubles** *Not contested*

**Senior Mixed Doubles** Dion Basile and Kate Bolton

## Club Awards 2024

**Ken Imlach Memorial Trophy, Club Ambassador**

Charlotte Bell

**Peter Moon Trophy, Best and Fairest**

Anna Marquis-Skepetaris

**McGregor Club Pride Trophy**

Steve Riley

**Anita Thomas Memorial Trophy, Most Valuable Person Squash**

Merv Mitchell

**Bev Pierre Memorial Trophy, Most Valuable Person Tennis**

Lauren Wash

**Most Improved Squash**

Dan Clark

**Anne McGregor Cup, Most Improved Tennis Senior**

Ben Disney

**All Craig Cup, Most Improved Tennis Men's Junior**

Blake Gould

**Anne McGregor Cup, Most Improved Tennis Women's Junior**

Zoe Lind-Thomas

**Mid Week Ladies Cup Most Improved Tennis**

Pip Boon

**Gumboot**

Michael Chung



# Membership Report

Renee Bell, Club Manager

**Total membership** has increased from 267 to 292

**Squash membership** has increased from 70 to 80

**Tennis membership** has increased from 55 to 73

**Joint membership** (family/junior/student/life) saw a slight drop from 142 to 139

|                            | Last year: July 2024 |           |            |                     | This year: July 2025 |            |            |                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
|                            | Total                | Female    | Male       | Other / Unspecified | Total                | Female     | Male       | Other / Unspecified |
| <b>Squash</b>              |                      |           |            |                     |                      |            |            |                     |
| Associate                  | 7                    | 1         | 6          | 0                   | 11                   | 2          | 9          | 0                   |
| Couple                     | 3                    | 2         | 1          | 0                   | 5                    | 4          | 1          | 0                   |
| Couple Partner             | 3                    | 1         | 2          | 0                   | 5                    | 2          | 3          | 0                   |
| Midweek                    | 3                    | 2         | 1          | 0                   | 5                    | 4          | 1          | 0                   |
| Senior                     | 54                   | 11        | 43         | 0                   | 54                   | 11         | 43         | 0                   |
| Squash subtotal            | 70                   | 17        | 53         | 0                   | 80                   | 23         | 57         | 0                   |
| <b>Tennis</b>              |                      |           |            |                     |                      |            |            |                     |
| Associate                  | 3                    | 2         | 1          | 0                   | 2                    | 1          | 1          | 0                   |
| Couple                     | 3                    | 2         | 1          | 0                   | 5                    | 4          | 1          | 0                   |
| Couple Partner             | 3                    | 1         | 2          | 0                   | 5                    | 2          | 3          | 0                   |
| Midweek                    | 2                    | 2         | 0          | 0                   | 8                    | 7          | 1          | 0                   |
| Senior                     | 44                   | 21        | 23         | 0                   | 53                   | 26         | 27         | 0                   |
| Tennis subtotal            | 55                   | 28        | 27         | 0                   | 73                   | 40         | 33         | 0                   |
| <b>Tennis &amp; Squash</b> |                      |           |            |                     |                      |            |            |                     |
| Family                     | 16                   | 12        | 4          | 0                   | 17                   | 10         | 7          | 0                   |
| Family Partner             | 16                   | 3         | 13         | 0                   | 18                   | 6          | 11         | 1                   |
| Junior 12-18               | 37                   | 18        | 19         | 0                   | 35                   | 16         | 19         | 0                   |
| Junior Under 12            | 54                   | 11        | 39         | 4                   | 41                   | 11         | 30         | 0                   |
| Social                     | 1                    | 1         | 0          | 0                   | 3                    | 2          | 1          | 0                   |
| Life                       | 14                   | 5         | 9          | 0                   | 14                   | 5          | 9          | 0                   |
| Student                    | 4                    | 3         | 1          | 0                   | 11                   | 9          | 2          | 0                   |
| Tennis & Squash Subtotal   | 142                  | 53        | 85         | 4                   | 139                  | 59         | 79         | 1                   |
| <b>Totals</b>              | <b>267</b>           | <b>98</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>4</b>            | <b>292</b>           | <b>122</b> | <b>169</b> | <b>1</b>            |

# Club Strategy

## Management Committee

Our club strategy is reviewed every year by the management committee and displayed on our club noticeboard.

The strategy for the 2025/26 financial year, is shown below, our mission and priorities are still valid for the upcoming year.

A graphic titled "Island Bay Tennis & Squash Club Strategy 2025/26" featuring the club's logo on the left and right. The background is a photograph of a tennis court with several people playing. The graphic contains several text boxes with the following content:

**Island Bay Tennis & Squash Club Strategy 2025/26**

**Our Vision**  
To sustain and grow the club as a high-performing tennis and squash facility and an integral part of our South Wellington community

**Mission**

- Ensure long term sustainability of the club
- Enable participation and on-court success in local, district, and national competitions
- Provide a valued and safe range of club and community activities and services

**2025/26 Priorities**

- Enhance the quality of club services
- Progress upgrades to facilities
- Maintain linkage with partner clubs and BNU
- Engage local community and attract more families to the club

**Key Measures**

- Number and turnover of members
- Member satisfaction measured through surveys and other feedback
- Financial measures, ensuring revenue streams are maintained to ensure the upkeep of the building, courts, and the provision of future services

# Treasurer's Report

Paul Hodder BCA, CA, Treasurer

Following are the accounts of the Island Bay Tennis and Squash Club Inc. for the year ending 31st March 2025.

For the year ending 31st March 2025, we have made a surplus of \$8,381 compared to a surplus of \$7,672 for the previous year. Revenue remained stable and insurance costs increased by \$11,734 offset by lower expenditure on R&M.

Thanks to Maria Buchanan and Renee Bell who take on some of the accounting administrative tasks and have done a great job.

## ISLAND BAY TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB INC.

Statement of Financial Performance for year ending 31st March 2025

|                                | <u>2025</u>   | <u>2024</u>   |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b><u>INCOME</u></b>           |               |               |
| Net Bar Income                 | 18,183        | 21,482        |
| Net Tennis & Squash Income     | 31,404        | 29,751        |
| Grant Donation Insurance Rcvd  | 26,282        | 28,595        |
| Fundraising                    | 652           | 1,882         |
| Interest                       | 1,682         | 2,449         |
| Other Income                   | 9,739         | 5,217         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>            | <b>87,942</b> | <b>89,376</b> |
| <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>         |               |               |
| Accounting Package Fees        | 656           | 615           |
| Bank/Paypal/Eftpos Fees        | 786           | 825           |
| Cleaning                       | 5,592         | 6,112         |
| Club Manager Contract          | 10,435        | 10,435        |
| Depreciation                   | 7,836         | 6,280         |
| Entertainment & Functions      | 327           | 699           |
| General Expenses               | 506           | 0             |
| Insurance                      | 26,689        | 14,955        |
| Power                          | 10,617        | 10,797        |
| Repairs & Maintenance          | 11,291        | 25,000        |
| Software & Website             | 1,269         | 2,479         |
| Telephone/Internet/TV          | 1,371         | 1,323         |
| Wgtn CC Ground Lease           | 2,184         | 2,184         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>          | <b>79,560</b> | <b>81,704</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b> | <b>8,381</b>  | <b>7,672</b>  |

**ISLAND BAY TENNIS & SQUASH CLUB INC.**

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025

|                                     | <b><u>2025</u></b>    | <b><u>2024</u></b>    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>               |                       |                       |
| Cash & Bank Accounts                | 105,008               | 86,289                |
| Accounts Receivable                 | 3,079                 | 4,046                 |
| GST Receivable                      |                       |                       |
| Inventory                           | 4,547                 | 4,547                 |
| Prepayments                         |                       |                       |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>         | <b><u>112,634</u></b> | <b><u>94,882</u></b>  |
| <b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>           |                       |                       |
| Building                            | 182,026               | 182,026               |
| Furniture & Fittings                | 18,275                | 19,798                |
| Plant & Equipment                   | 147,434               | 129,705               |
| <b>TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>     | <b><u>347,735</u></b> | <b><u>331,529</u></b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                 | <b><u>460,369</u></b> | <b><u>426,411</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                  |                       |                       |
| Accounts Payable / Accrued Expenses | 4,500                 | 2,685                 |
| GST Payable                         | 2,877                 | 854                   |
| Grants Received in Advanced         | 21,739                | 0                     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>            | <b><u>29,116</u></b>  | <b><u>3,539</u></b>   |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                   | <b><u>431,253</u></b> | <b><u>422,872</u></b> |
| <b>Represented by:</b>              |                       |                       |
| Accumulated Funds Brought Forward   | 422,872               | 415,201               |
| Current Year Surplus(Deficit)       | 8,381                 | 7,672                 |
| <b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>      | <b><u>431,253</u></b> | <b><u>422,872</u></b> |

# Club Management Report

Renee Bell, Club Manager

I'd like to begin by thanking our members for their continued support throughout the year. Whether it's attending events, lending a hand at working bees, or simply being part of our club community, it's our members who make the club thrive.

A big thank you also to our hardworking committee for the time, energy, and commitment you bring to the club — it truly makes a difference. I'd like to give special thanks to Lauren Wash and Paul Hodder, who have given their time and support to both the club and myself in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer.

Following a dip in membership last year, it has been encouraging to see steady growth across both squash and tennis. Family memberships have remained stable, and we've welcomed many new faces into our club community. This year also marked a change in how we manage new memberships: the pro-rata system was discontinued, and all new memberships now commence from the date of sign-up.

A major highlight this year has been the upgrade of our club website. A big thank you goes to Kristen Davison, who led this project with expertise and dedication. Since going live, the new site has contributed to a noticeable increase in enquiries for both club memberships and programmes such as junior coaching and Squash 101.

Other highlights include:

## **Tennis:**

- Love Tennis Day 2024
- Successful interclub season with 7 teams and strong results
- Strong attendance at Junior Club Days, thanks to Dave and his dedicated coaching team
- Ongoing grant and fundraising efforts contributing to our lighting project goal

## **Squash:**

- Labour weekend One Day Tournament 2024 (in memory of Steve Riley)
- Island Bay Doubles 2024
- Club champs and Master chef Curry Night 2024
- Summer One Day Open
- Island Bay Open 2025

- Superchamps 2025

Thank you again to all our members and supporters for being part of the Island Bay Tennis and Squash Club whānau. Here's to another great year ahead.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Renee Bell  
Club Manager

# Tennis Report

Christina Vellasamy, Tennis Club Captain

I'd like to take a moment to reflect on my first year in the role of Club Captain and what has stood out to me from my time on the committee. Firstly, it has been a busy year for the committee with many activities underway from fundraising for the lights on the tennis courts to developing a new constitution for the club. There are also constant considerations of repairs and maintenance, health and safety and revenue, to name only a few of the items we cover. The committee considers and works through them all with the best outcome for the club always front and centre of any decisions made. I'd like to acknowledge the effort, and care that the committee has in its commitment to always work in the best interests of the club. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes, that we may not always be aware of as members.

Secondly, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Charlotte Bell, in particular, for her ongoing support and mentorship while I come to grips with this role. It has been hugely beneficial to have Charlotte's wisdom and experience to call on from her years as Club Captain. She has left a huge footprint to fill and I still have a long way to go, to do justice to the legacy Charlotte has created – thank you so much Charlotte.

I'm looking forward to being involved in the coming year and helping the Club achieve some of the amazing initiatives we have underway. Below are some highlights from the last twelve months as well as some other updates that may be of interest and will change the way things are done going forward as Tennis New Zealand implements changes to modernise the way tennis is managed in New Zealand, that will keep us current with what is happening internationally in the world of tennis.





## Tennis Club Championships



Our Club Champs ran over two weekends with the preliminary rounds played on 6 and 7 April and the semi-finals and finals played on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April. The weather was perfect for spectators to watch some excellent matches on the courts. Thank you very much to everyone who participated. The calibre of tennis was impressive and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you, Charlotte and Phil, for organising and coordinating all

the matches over the two weekends – it was a huge effort.

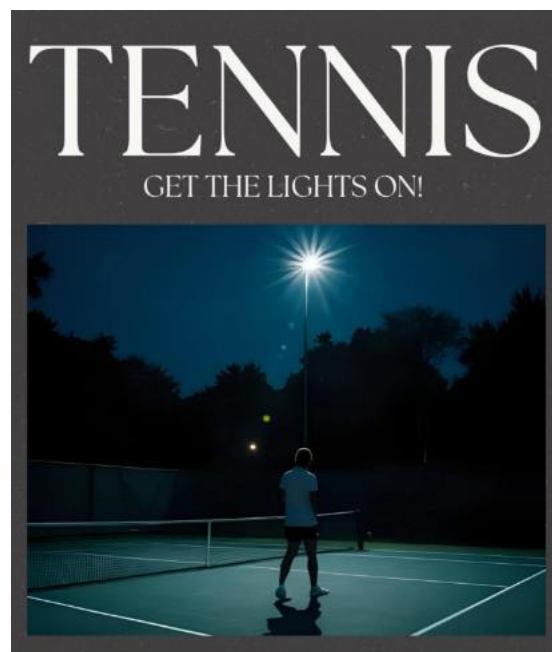
We are thinking of adding a Seniors/ Masters category for next year (for those players of a certain age and above 😊). It would be great to hear your thoughts on whether this is a good idea. You'll still be able to enter the open grade, but it will give members who may not otherwise play, an opportunity to join in the fun.

I'll also be looking to start junior and senior club ladders in the clubrooms for interest and for players to challenge themselves to improve their ranking.

### Let there be light on the tennis courts!

A major project for the club and a long-term investment that began over 5 years ago, is the installation of lights on the tennis courts to prolong playing time. The benefits of the addition of lights will be immeasurable to the club. We hit the first milestone when Wellington City Council gave consent for the installation of lights for the tennis courts. A subgroup was set up to obtain quotes and lead the fundraising activities to make this happen.

The cost to install the lights is approx. \$198,000. The total cost for the lights and to have the courts resurfaced and for acoustic engineering services is \$235,702.86. So far, we have raised \$80,000 through fundraising activities, grants and sponsorship. There is still more to do and we need your support to make this happen. Please reach out to Charlotte Bell or me, if you





have any fundraising ideas or know anyone who may be willing to support the club, or would like to be involved to “turn on the lights”. This will definitely be a team effort!

This is a huge opportunity for the club that will benefit all the members by increasing playing time by several hours after dark throughout the year. The addition of lights will make tennis a year-round sport (weather permitting), instead of only being a summer-season sport during daylight hours. This will increase our offerings to our members and our local community as well as keeping us competitive for attracting new memberships.

### **Interclub Rating System Change - World Tennis Number**

Starting at the beginning of September 2025, Tennis New Zealand will officially adopt the ITF World Tennis Number (WTN) as the new national ratings system for all Interclub competitions nationwide.

The transition from the MatchHub S&D rating system to the new platform is intended to provide the best possible framework for players to enjoy, improve, and benchmark their skills. The WTN is a global rating system developed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF). It provides a unified rating for all players regardless of age, gender, or playing level, from beginners to elite athletes.

You can find out more information here: [Tennis NZ » ITF World Tennis Number \(WTN\)](#) and follow up with me or the senior or junior conveners if you have any queries.



### **Senior Interclub tennis**

Charlotte Bell

We provided a strong showing during the 2025 interclub season in the last year with teams across a range of grades.

#### Premier 1 - Men's

Alex Calder - Henri Lyons - Andrew Munkacsi - Kurt Hollis - Joe Bryant - George Lyons - Tim Lyons - Brent Mathews - Jeremy Guy - Ramon Das - Tom Bolton - Magnus Munkacsi

#### Premier 3 - Women's

Helen MacKay - Charlotte Bell - Lucy Skogstad - Rosie Keay - Amber Lyons - Pip Boon - Emma Dobbs - Reserves (Megan Cameron - Rebecca Wash - Fiona Bawden)

#### Premier 4 - Men's

Andrew Munkacsi - Ramon Das - Hunter Howe - Magnus Munkacsi - Brent Mathews - Kurt Hollis - Mike Sansom

#### Women's 2

Lauren Wash - Rebecca Wash - Eshana Dullabh - Fiona Setford - Rosie Blackwood - Anne De Geus - Jane Leverington

#### Men's 4

Greg Spencer - Mike Slade - Joey Wongpown - Rasmus Stahlhoven - Dion Basile - Tim Stephenson - Mike Sansom

#### Men's 5

Andrew Cameron - Sean O'Connor - Ben Disney - Trent Kokich - Phil Bell - Alex Ahlers - Watson Irving

#### Mixed D

Cynthia Pfeffer - Maria Buchanan - Melissa Pfeffer - Peter Pfeffer - Watson Irving

Reserves (Trent Kokich - Dion Basile - Rosie Blackwood - Rosie Keay - Sue Domanski - Lauren Wash)

#### Women's B - Tuesday Night

Charlotte Bell - Amber Lyons - Helen Mackay - Lauren Wash - Rosie Keay - Pip Boon (reserve)

#### Women's C1 - Tuesday Night

Fiona Setford - Sue Domanski - Briony Bradley - Juliet Sorenson - Jane Leverington - Anne De Geus

Women's C2 - Tuesday Night

Madelee O'Connor - Emma Nelson - Kath St Amand - Alex Hill - Emma Dobbs

## **Love Tennis 2024**

Charlotte Bell

The sun shone and our refined version of our annual 'Love Tennis' open day in September 2024 was brilliant! We welcomed many visitors of all ages and offered a range of activities both on-court and in the clubrooms. Our amazing team of volunteers made visitors feel the IBTSC friendly vibe, picked up a racket to join them for a hit or welcomed them with coffee and baking in the clubrooms.

David and his coaching team ran awesome on-court activities for children and adults. The very talented Jonty Giesen served up a storm as visitors and members attempted to return his serve. Hand-eye skills were tested with targets on our hitting wall and green-screen technology saw cool photographs being taken of visitors with their favourite star players. Activities included a bubble machine, 'guess how many balls in the basket' game, face-painting, a disco on court and more! Thank-you to existing members who came along to help with this event and who interacted with members of the community in a friendly way.

Our social media guru, Kristen Davison, showcased the event and our club in the lead-up and in real time on the day. We also included a calendar available on the website that outlined all our offerings to new and current members from September- April. Retaining new members from the open day special offer is a vital part of our membership strategy. If you haven't checked out our new website yet, please do- it is amazing! Thanks so much Kristen.

We also thank Mel Jansen and Flo Perret from Tennis Central who provide advice, merchandise and advertising for the 'Love Tennis' event. Tennis Central do an amazing job promoting Tennis in our region and we really appreciate their energy, enthusiasm and support in helping us in many ways throughout the season.

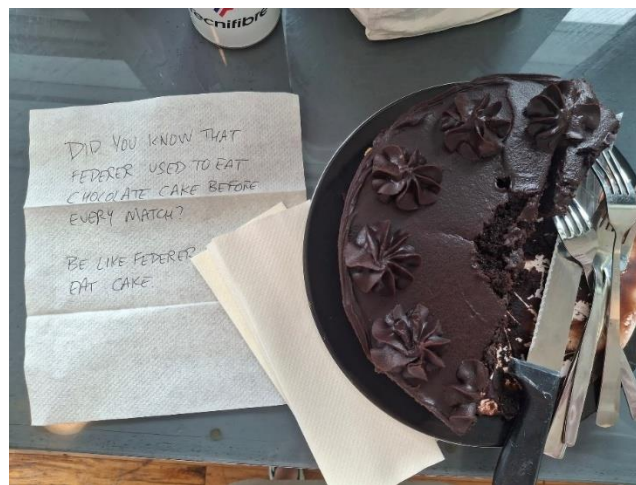


Planning is well underway for this year's event on Sunday 7 September. It is the major event in our calendar to attract new members, and we hope many of you will be able to come along to this event in 2025 on Sunday 7 September to join in the fun and help to promote our club and our sport to potential new members.

### **Social tennis**

Charlotte Bell

We love our social-competitive tennis and our members can enjoy this year-round at IBTSC, at no extra cost. Every Sunday year-round Club Day is held from 2:00pm for families and 3:00pm - 5:00pm for seniors. Senior Club Night runs during term 1 and term 4 each Thursday evening from 6pm-8pm. If you haven't been coming along to these or would like to bring a friend along who might be keen to start playing some tennis-please do!



### **Collaboration with other clubs**

We have successfully collaborated with Karori Lawn Tennis Club this year through two Social Slam tournaments that included their members. We hosted one together at the Renouf Tennis Centre and were hosted at Karori Lawn for the second. We will continue to look for opportunities to connect with other clubs and players in social-competitive way in the 2025/2026 season.



## Social Slam Tournaments



We offer our members opportunities to come along to fun, organised tournaments so that they can have some healthy competition with each other. This is at no cost, and we get great turn-out, particularly with our Social Slam tournaments which we run once a month. This has also included Family/Parent-Child Social Slams. We encourage new members to join us at these events as they are a great way to meet other members at the club. We finish the afternoon with a shared afternoon tea and a drink, and members enjoy this too.



We ran a Family Social Slam on August 17 at the club and have a pre-season sizzler tournament planned for the middle of September to give our competitive players a chance to get ready for the pre-Christmas interclub season.

If you have any ideas about other social activities we could be organising, please get in touch with Charlotte Bell.

### **Junior Tennis Club Day**

Junior Tennis Club Day happens each Friday afternoon during terms 1 and 4, at no extra cost to our junior members. Our younger players have a great time honing their skills through fun games. Thanks so much to David Knight who always provides quality young coaches who work brilliantly with these kids every week.

### **Junior Disco and Games evening**



We try to provide social events for our young members, and we ran a disco and games evening on Friday 1 August. 12-year-old and under junior members boogied away while over 12-year-old interclub players were treated to a pizza and games evening. This included the Bolton family (Arlene (parent), Kate, Tom and Alice) attending to share their insights, advice and experiences as young players who have been to Universities in the United States of America through Tennis Scholarships. Thanks so much for your time and sharing your knowledge Bolton family. Creating fantastic options and pathways for our junior players is very important to our club and club strategy. Thanks to our Junior Tennis Convenor, Elizabeth Clement for helping to organise this event.



# Tennis Coaching Report

David Knight, Head Tennis Coach

Two of my core philosophies as a coach are that:

- i) the person comes before the player and
- ii) participation precedes performance.

When I reflect on these, it is the coaches I work alongside at Island Bay who demonstrate this best. Of the 100 + tennis players accessing our coaching services at Island Bay over 2024-25, it is our group of coaches who often become the main contact point or connection to the Club. These could initially be four year olds getting their first taste of the sport through patience driven twenty minute private lessons or red stage Hot Shots groups, right through to retirees refinding their love for the game through our Rusty groups.

Many of the coaches who work at the Club are people who I seriously admire for their people skills and leadership as opposed to their killer backhands or daunting kick serves. I've had the pleasure of coaching many of them myself (a handful for over half their lives)! I believe in them as people and their ability to walk the next group of budding tennis players through the gates of the club and on a journey that can be so challenging but also build so much in terms of character. The skills of self-sufficiency, problem-solving, honesty and resilience are built organically through our sport and this is reflected in each of you. So, to Kate Bolton, Alice Bolton, Ayla Giesen, Jeremy Guy, Lucy Skogstad, Ary Bhawan, Gracie Aitken, Samuel Podmore, Amber Lyons, Tom Bolton and Maddie Petersen; THANKS so much for inspiring and bringing enthusiasm to what you do. Although I'm particularly passionate about performance level tennis coaching, I'm even more proud of seeing the responsible leaders that some of you have become and I'm fully aware that any performance work is only a layer on top of tonnes of groundwork that happens first. The reality of attempting to run a small business across a long coaching pathway is that it requires a strong team effort.



**Coaching Group 2014-2015 (Lucy and Alice (left) both served as 2024/25 coaches)**



Although summer can be fantastic, writing this in the middle of winter is tough, but again, makes me reflect on both the members and coaches who are willing to persevere to keep our sport going with a realistic coaching window of two hours after school (light) and wet courts approximately 50% of the time (term two was a shocker!). Thanks so much to those who have grabbed a squeegee, done footwork lessons inside or are willing to train in the middle of the weekend or at other facilities so we can keep in operation. It is during these times that we all learn things that aren't necessarily in the coaching manual! The determination, adaptability and positive perspectives of both players and coaches do not go unnoticed.

I think these outlooks are critical to making Clubs go forward. We are in a constantly evolving and challenging battle to attract people to Club sports programmes (or sport in general) and it takes special characters to drive the innovation that makes things happen and broadens our offerings to the community. From where I sit, a massive thanks goes to the Bells who continue to selflessly drive projects which are for the better of tennis. I think one of the greatest tennis lessons of all can be taught to someone willing to persevere against a hitting wall. Additionally, in the past year Liz Clement has taken on Junior Convener and Adele Plummer has taken a lead with some of the grants' work for the lights project - the work of you both is much appreciated and apologies if you didn't foresee this level of responsibility when your kids joined the club for lessons! A special mention too to Kristen's work, noticeably on the new website which has been massive and helped bring our coaching business into the 2020's!

So, although my accountant may not always agree with the way things are done, it is a pleasure to serve as a coach for the Club alongside some really fantastic people. I may occasionally inspire a better backhand, but you all inspire me in much larger ways. Thanks to everyone who has supported us through 2024/25.

# Junior Tennis Report

Elizabeth Clement, Junior Tennis Convener

Junior tennis has been a little quiet post-Christmas for a number of reasons, but we have a couple of events in the calendar, including a Disco and Games evening and our Family Slam. We hope more juniors will step up to interclub or novice leagues next summer as this is a great opportunity to develop their game once they are able to rally.

There are lots of playing opportunities for our juniors. In summer, Dave Knight and his coaching team run free coaching sessions on Friday afternoons. Players can enrol in group lessons which are a fun way to learn some more technical skills with friends. We have family club day on Sunday afternoons and the odd family slam tournament for those wanting a bit more competition. For those able to rally, there are a number of beginner and more advanced interclub opportunities, as well as winter interclub competitions. Finally, we have also had a few strong juniors step up to senior teams, adding strength to our adult offerings and providing another pathway for players to get more competitive matches.



## Notable Successes

Congratulations to Sophie Clement and Elsa Prior, who represented the Central Region at U12 Nationals and came first, beating tough competition from both Auckland and North Shore. Raf Hogan was originally selected to be part of this team but couldn't travel due to injury. The Central U12 team also won Team of the Year at the Capital Coast Tennis Awards.

Honourable mentions go to Magnus Munkacsi and Georgia Clement, two of our juniors who played their first year of Premier Interclub and were awarded Premier Rookie Male and Premier Rookie Female of the Season at the Capital and Coast Tennis Awards.



## Interclub results

A huge thank-you to the managers who helped look after our interclub teams each week – Guido Stark, Vanessa Howell, Hema Dullabh and Bindi Roberston. We could not enter teams without a committed parent to put their hand up and volunteer for this role.

Unfortunately, we only entered one boy's interclub team this year – Ben Shelton. A couple of players pulled out for the post-Christmas round so our thanks go to Hannah Stark and Sebby Green who made sure we could field a team every week. Ben Shelton finished second on the table post-Christmas.

We had two teams in the Girls A grade pre-Christmas with Coco Gauff winning their grade – congratulations! With a couple of players not returning, we combined them into one team post-Christmas, where they came runner up. We also entered a girls B grade team who played at a higher level than they were originally expecting so well done to those girls.

## Our interclub players Pre- and post-Christmas were:

### Ben Shelton

Pelle Price

Sebby Green

Hunter Sweetapple

Zachary Elliot

Hannah Stark

Caleb Stark

Blake Gould

Toby Martin

**Iga Swiatek**

Ahaana Tyagi  
Anna Scott  
Johanna Stahlhoven

Charlotte Howell  
Clemi Kane  
Iris Kiddle

**Coco Gauff**

Summer Robertson  
Rebecca Wash  
Megan Cameron

Vita Ede  
Eshana Dullabh

**Aryna Sabalenka**

Sienna Robertson  
Zoe Lind-Thomas

Sophie Clement  
Shreeya Dullabh

There are opportunities to grow our junior programme, particularly through the schools, and we want to make sure we are keeping our juniors involved and enjoying their tennis. If you have ideas on what we can do to improve our programme, please feel free to get in touch.

Finally, thanks to all those parents, club members and coaches who support our junior programme. It's important we can offer something to all ages and abilities, and so we must thank Dave Knight and his team of coaches – Kate and Alice Bolton, Ayla Giesen, Ary Bhawan, Jeremy Guy, Lucy Skogstad, Gracie Aitken, Samuel Podmore, Amber Lyons and Maddie Peterson.

# Squash Report

Michael Chung, Squash Club Captain

While the theme of last year was ‘rebuilding’, I could describe the theme for this year as ‘consolidating’. The focus this year was on retaining both our long-term members as well as our newer members. There was also a big emphasis on encouraging the newer members to get more involved at the club whether it be social internal events like intraclub or the club ladder, or playing more competitive squash like tournaments and interclub.

Thanks to everyone for getting stuck in and creating a warm, positive environment which encourages people to get involved!

## Representatives

3 of our members were called up to the Wellington and Central Masters representative teams to play in the Inter-District Masters Teams Competition at Tawa in October 2024. Anna Marquis-Skepetaris and Evan Michelson represented Wellington while Mike Donald represented Central.

Unfortunately, Evan had to withdraw from the team event after suffering an injury in the individuals’ event (classic Masters) but Anna and Mike put in some very strong performances all tournament. Anna and Mike played 7 and 5 matches over 4 days across the individual and team events – I thought Masters was supposed to be easier on your body!

Anna’s strong performances at the event, along with her earlier success at winning the Wellington Masters, resulted in her winning the Squash Wellington Women’s Masters Player of the Year! Congratulations Anna!

## Club Champs 2024

Congratulations to our 2024 Club Champs:

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Junior Boys          | Lachlan Sayer             |
| Junior Girls         | Olivia Paterson           |
| Masters Men          | Charles Kingston          |
| Masters Women        | Anna Marquis-Skepetaris   |
| Open Masters Doubles | Dayne Far and Damien Su’a |
| Men’s Open           | Evan Michelson            |
| Women’s Open         | Anna Marquis-Skepetaris   |
| Open Doubles         | Dayne Far and Damien Su’a |
| Men’s C Grade        | Rob McDonald              |



|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Women's C Grade | Brianna See         |
| Men's D Grade   | Tim Foster          |
| Women's D Grade | Hazel Davies Howard |
| Men's E Grade   | Chris Wilson        |
| Women's E Grade | Michaela Faisandier |
| Men's F Grade   | Josh Greer          |

As always, we finished off our Club Champs with the annual Masterchef Curry competition. Dayne wasn't able to defend his title giving David Sauvageon the opportunity to swoop in and claim the Masterchef crown for 2024.

### Surf City Challenge 2025

Every two years we alternate between hosting and visiting Surf City Squash Club in Gisborne for the Life Buoy trophy and so in January 2025 it was our turn to visit. Many of us learned from our mistakes in 2021 and opted to fly this time rather than make the road trip.

This year a motley crew of 16 of us made the trip up including ex-members and a couple of honorary members from Upper Hutt! Unfortunately we weren't able to secure the Life Buoy with Surf City successfully defending it 34-26 to remain unbeaten in the Life Buoy Challenge.



## **Interclub**

This year we managed to field 4 men's teams and 1 women's team in the winter interclub season including many newer members who'd played for the first time. 3 of those teams (the Overachievers, Journeymen, and Island Bayonets) are in the running to qualify for the final. Let's bring it home!

## **Spring**

Mixed Div 3 – Island Bay 1

Rob McDonald (c), Mike Donald, David Sauvageon, Dave Cox, Greg Wassell

Mixed Div 5 – Island Bay 2

Robert McKee, Stephen Corbett (c), Lars Stannard, Dan Clark, Tim Foster

Mixed Div 10 – Island Bay 3

Michael Chung (c), Gareth Bradley, Chris Paterson, David Watling, Maz Hermon

Mixed Div 11 – Island Bay 4

Chris Wilson (c), Stephen Garrett, William Philipson, Garth Hancox

## **Autumn**

Women's Div 1 – Island Bay 1

Brianna See (c), Stevie Waerea, Rebecca Lovelock, Sarah Glasgow, Hazel Davies Howard, Laura Walsh

Women's Div 3 – Island K (joint with Club Kelburn)

Michaela Faisandier, Renee Irwin, Matilda Reeves

Mixed Div 3 – Island Bay 1

Rob McDonald, David Sauvageon (c), Dayne Far, Sean Mulholland, Mike Donald, Jack Pritchard, Stephen Corbett

Mixed Div 7 – Island Bay 2

Tim Foster, Lars Stannard, Mark Swinbank, Michael Chung (c), Gerard Elkink, Stephen Garrett

#### Mixed Div 9 – Island Bay 3

David Watling, Chris Paterson (c), Chris Wilson, Chris O'Connor, Gareth Bradley, Garth Hancox

### **Winter**

#### Women's Div 4 – Island Bayonets

Hazel Davies Howard, Kate Wylie, Michaela Faisandier (c), Renee Irwin, Matilda Reeves, Rachel Brown, Brianna Burt

#### Mixed Div 3 – Island Bay Overachievers

Rob McDonald (c), David Sauvageon, Anna Marquis-Skepetaris, Dayne Far, Sean Mulholland, Mike Donald, Jack Pritchard, Greg Wassell

#### Mixed Div 5 – Island Bay Journeymen

Robert McKee, Tim Foster, Lars Stannard, Mark Swinbank (c), Jim Scott, Michael Chung, Jacob Peters, Gerard Elkind

#### Mixed Div 6 – Island Bay Grinders

Michael Chung (c), Chris Paterson, Chris O'Connor, Chance Hausman, Gareth Bradley

#### Mixed Div 6 – Island Bay Battlers

David Watling, Chris Wilson (c), Stephen Garrett, Peter Elenio, Rafe Driscoll O'Keefe, Lachlan Sayer, Chance Hausman, Garth Hancox

### **Tournaments**

As always, we're one of the most active tournament hosts in the district. The 2024 Labour Weekend One Day Tournament was a sombre one being held in memory of Steve Riley who tragically passed away in August 2024. All entry fees from this tournament were donated to the Mental Health Foundation and it was great to see so many players from around the district support this cause.

The 2024 Doubles was an unprecedented success with 28 teams across the men's, mixed and women's divisions! We even had enough teams to almost field a full 16 draw in the men's division!

The 2025 Summer One Dayer unfortunately clashed with the Tawa Women's Open this year but that didn't stop us from having a good time! The One Day format continues to be popular, especially with travellers who don't need to worry about finding accommodation.



We had several players travel from the Central district to play so it was great for our Wellingtonian players to play a few different faces!

The flagship Island Bay Open continues to be one of the most popular tournaments in the Wellington District with nearly 100 entries before the closing date! Ultimately, we ended up with 80 entries after withdrawals which is still huge for us considering our usual cap is 72. This did mean for a slightly later finish on Saturday but by all accounts, it was another huge success. Thanks to all our members for helping us maintain our reputation as being one of the most welcoming and hospitable clubs in the Wellington district with our post-tourney meal getting rave reviews again! The 2025 Island Bay Open Champions were Reagan Wakeling and Anna Marquis-Skepetaris.

We also held the Head Junior and Women's E and Below tournaments – the Women's E and Below for the first time in several years. It's so exciting seeing so much enthusiasm for these tournaments which are aimed at lower graded juniors and women – it means the future of squash is looking bright!

### **District Superchamps 2025**

This year we managed to field 4 teams in the 2025 District Superchamps competition held 25-27 July. All 4 teams put in some strong performances but unfortunately none were able to win qualification to the National Superchamps competition in September. However, all teams did the club proud with their positive vibes, strong team spirit and camaraderie, and creative (creative might be a bit generous) chants and nicknames. This was also the first Superchamps campaign for several of our members so I hope the experience this year showed you why Superchamps is the highlight of the squash season!

C grade men at Mana (finished 5th, seeded 6th of 8)

Rob McDonald, Dayne Far, David Sauvageon, Luke Brown, Mike Donald, Greg Wassell, Jack Pritchard

D grade men at Upper Hutt (finished runners up, seeded 2nd of 5)

Lars Stannard, Robert McKee, Tim Foster, Mark Swinbank, Eamonn Kelly

E grade men at Red Star (finished runners up, seeded 2nd of 6)

Michael Chung, Chris Paterson, David Watling, Chris Wilson, Chris O'Connor, Gareth Bradley

E grade women (composite with Mana) at Red Star (finished 3rd, seeded 1st of 5)

Matilda Reeves, Renee Irwin, Michaela Faisandier



### **Social squash and events**

Monday club nights continue to be popular. It is especially popular amongst newbies who are free to play a variety of different people without the seriousness of an actual game. We're averaging around 12 people a week although sometimes we can get up to 20 which is a far cry from the bad old days where we used to only have 2-3 people turn up!

Social intraclub also continues to be popular however numbers are down a bit from the peak of last year. However, it is a good way for members to get a semi-competitive game for those who don't want to get into the competitive scene.

This year we've also started up the internal club ladder where members can challenge each other to climb their way up the ladder. These games are worth points so are a good bridge between social and competitive games – it's amazing what happens when you put something on the line!

Numbers were slightly down in our Squash 101 programmes this year but we still had lots of positive feedback from those who did complete the course. Thanks to Merv, Rocket, Mark Unwin, Greg Wassell and Jason Farr for dedicating your time in developing the next generation of players and helping them to hopefully “catch the bug”.

## **Outro**

While the focus this year has been on consolidation, next year the focus will go back to growing the club so if you have any suggestions on how we can grow the club and make it even stronger just shout out!

# Grants, Fundraising, and Sponsorship

Charlotte Bell, Management Committee Member

In keeping with our club vision and strategic plan our Management Committee members and other dedicated members of IBTSC have worked hard to gain the following through grants, fundraising and sponsorship efforts over the past year.

It is our goal to maintain high quality facilities for our members to ensure the long term sustainability of our club.

## Grant applications:

2025 has been a successful year for grant applications. We have received the following towards the Tennis lights and court-upgrade project.

|                          |           |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| NZCT                     | \$ 10,000 | Court upgrade                     |
| Lion Foundation          | \$ 10,000 | Noise plan; and court resurfacing |
| Grassroots Trust Central | \$ 5,000  | Resurfacing                       |
|                          |           |                                   |
| Bobby Foundation         | \$ 10,000 | Full lighting costs               |

We have other grant applications to submit over the coming months and hope to have success with these.

## Fundraising:

We raised \$470 towards our Tennis Lights and court-upgrade project through a movie fundraiser at Empire Cinema and Eatery in Island Bay.

We have a quiz coming up at Waitoa Bar on Victoria Street for the Tennis lights and court-upgrade project which will include a raffle and auction items. A range of items have been generously donated by local businesses and artists, and we really appreciate their willingness to support our club.

## Sponsorship:

Over 2024/25 year we have been grateful for the ongoing support from New World Island Bay who provide us with \$500/annum for club festivities including our annual club Christmas party and awards. Please support them in return.



The Island Bay Squash Open was sponsored \$1000 for prize money by Renovations and Redesigns. We are very grateful for this contribution.



In establishing a partnership with Black Knight our members get an exclusive 30% discount on Black Knight squash gear in return for using Black Knight as its exclusive uniform supplier.

### **Can you help?**

If your business needs some fresh, new advertising, we have a current opportunity for both Gold and Bronze sponsorships.

Email our club manager Renee Bell on [isbtsclubmanager@gmail.com](mailto:isbtsclubmanager@gmail.com) for more information.

We can provide flexible options based on what works for you or your business.

With nearly 300 members and popular social media outlets a new website on its way we have a wide-reaching audience.

The Committee would like to thank our members who have supported our fundraisers or helped around the club. Without this help, we simply would not have the funding to provide the facilities, activities and programmes for our community.

### **Special mention to:**

- An anonymous Tennis member who has so generously donated \$10,000 towards our Tennis Lights project
- Milne print for printing the copies of the Annual Report
- Anne De Geus from Andy G Just Sew for tennis net repairs

- Supreme Coffee for supporting our Love Tennis Open Day
- Andrew Cameron for his ongoing garden maintenance around the tennis courts
- Kath St Amand and Phil Bell for their work sorting the Council consent for our Lights Project
- Adele Pryor, Jane Leverington and Christina Vellasamy for their assistance with grant applications for the Lights Project
- Stan Szalkowski for our electrical fixes throughout the club

# Infrastructure and Maintenance

Gerard Elkink, Vice President

The past year has been about maintaining what we already have. Whilst not very exciting to look at, the results of this work nevertheless represent a lot of work on the part of the people looking after them and they deserve our sincere thanks.

## **Tennis Court lights**

Provision of lighting for the tennis courts is our biggest and only ongoing project at the moment. This is mainly about fundraising to a point where we can start installation.

Our resource consent allows 4 more years to get started.

## **Roof**

The roof over the Services Club is also the observation deck. There has been some deterioration of the surface and it requires application of new traffic guard. This work is under action by BNU as part of their agreement to assist with maintenance.

The preparation work has flagged some problems of potential rot in the window frames which will need to be kept under observation.

## **Tennis Gate**

With the Hello Club entry system working well, the gate showed up as the weak link in controlling entry for tennis players. This is to be addressed by installation of some sheet metal on both the gate and the latch. This should prevent people trying to by-pass the tag system by putting their hands through the gap to unlock it manually.

## **Water Issues**

A couple of months ago, days before we were hosting a squash tournament, the showers stopped working. Investigations revealed that the header tank on the roof had never been properly installed and finally stopped feeding water to the hot water cylinder. The system was repaired so that the showers were working, but a long-term solution is still required. This will possibly require a different H/W cylinder, and even a shift from gas to electricity for heating the water. The committee will need to consider the costs and benefits of all the options.

In conclusion, business as usual for the past year. Thanks to all committee and club members who put in the work in ensuring that our facilities are up to scratch.

## Bar and Social

Dayne Far, Bar Manager

The bar continues to be able to provide a diverse range of choices to members and visitors to the club; thanks to strong patronage from club members, visitors and BNU. If you're looking for a venue to host a private event, remember that the club is an option. Just reach out to me if you wish to make any enquiries.

As a general reminder to members, please remember that the bar is for all members. So, keeping the bar tidy and fridges stocked should be everyone's responsibility. If you're using the bar, please remember to turn the glass washer on when you open the bar so any glasses can be put through it before you leave. It only takes a couple of minutes to run the cycle, so if you're unsure please ask someone. Also, if you can have a quick look and restock the fridges while you are there it would mean that members coming in after you aren't greeted with an empty fridge. It only takes a few minutes to do and ensures that we are actually making proper use of our stock. Note that product should not be tucked up against the single door fridge as this restricts airflow. Any excess stock should be by the gap in-between the door and the main fridge, or in the cupboards underneath the sink.

PayWave has become the main payment at the club, with the majority of bar purchases utilising this method now. The Commerce Commission are currently reviewing fees on transactions, and we hope that these will be reduced or abolished. At this stage we haven't made any changes to this as we are awaiting the outcome of the Commerce Commission review.

Our partnership with Double Vision Brewing (as part of my desire to support local breweries) has been a good one so far, as they provide competitive pricing and great service in terms of deliveries. I was hoping to get them down to the club for the Island Bay Open, but they were about to open the DVB Hub, so the timing didn't work out. They've also just recently been named the official beer for WOAP 2025 which is great to see support for a local brewery. I'm still hopeful of getting them along soon and seeing if we can't engage in some events at the club. As they've been great for the club, I'd highly recommend you get down and support them at either DVB Hub Island Bay (163 The Parade) or over in their original locale in Miramar (128A Unit E, Park Road).

There are also still upgrades that the bar needs with a new fridge and glass washer the highest priorities. We now have a new iPad running Spotify and a speaker for music. We also have some mics to get the Karaoke going – we just need a screen now for the lyrics! The iPad/speaker setup is currently situated outside the bar so that it can be used by any



members. I just ask members not to install other programs/use it for other purposes. If it is misused, then it'll get removed or turned into a kiosk (like the Helloclub computer downstairs which only has a singular purpose).

We have now instigated Servewise requirements for bar access as required under our bar licence with WCC. If you would like to have bar access, you need to complete the Servewise qualification and send through the certificate to me and I can arrange access. It takes about an hour, but really helps us all keeping the bar open. The bar now has whiteboards to indicate people on site that have the qualification. Note that it is a licence requirement that we have a minimum of 1 Servewise qualified person on the premises (and not on the courts) for the bar to be open.

From a purely financial perspective, total revenue from the bar in 2024 was \$49,781.80. BNU contributed \$21,075.50, squash tournaments contributed \$7,744.50 and we took in over \$2,900 in Jan/Feb – largely contributed by those who helped out doing the squash court painting. We only had a couple of private functions last year which contributed around \$1,800. We're hoping to improve on that in the 2025 year, and have a couple of big functions coming up in September/October.

BNU is a vital component to the success of the bar; and their patronage gives us the ability to offer arguably the best selection of drinks in any club bar in Wellington. BNU figures evidence they've brought in the equivalent of 32/44/31 tennis members (or 23/32/23 squash members) in relation to their profits over the past 3 years. So they're a significant contributor to the club, and I think most people who have been in the bar while they've been there would agree they bring a lot of energy and atmosphere to the place.

If there's anything you'd like to see from the bar, or if you'd like to help out with the bar and/or functions just reach out and ask.

Cheers!

## Website and Social Media

Kristen Davison, Communications

Over the past year, our club has made significant strides in strengthening our digital presence and enhancing membership engagement through a focused effort on communications.

From growing our reach on social media platforms - Facebook and Instagram - to launching a refreshed and more user-friendly website, we have laid a strong foundation for keeping our members and wider community better informed and connected.

These initiatives have helped us share club news with you all, celebrate achievements across squash, tennis, and life, as well as promote events more effectively.

It has been an enjoyable experience for me personally branching into new areas where my experience was limited, but my enthusiasm and passion for our community could flourish. It has not been without its challenges (namely a few naive questions to our website support team at Rocketspark), and a lack of content from seemingly continual injury - but we persisted.

We couldn't have done this without your support and engagement, as well as the backing of the committee for this project.

I am always open to ideas and suggestions. If there is something you would like to see or hear more of, either on socials or our new website - please do get in touch.

Lastly I couldn't leave this without a quick plug –

Check out our website ([islandbaytsc.co.nz](https://islandbaytsc.co.nz)), follow us on Facebook, like our Instagram posts, review our upcoming events calendar and read our blog!



# 2024 AGM Minutes

**Meeting Date:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm

**Chairperson:** Gerard Elkind

**Attendees:** Andrew Munkacsi, Gerard Elkind, Charlotte Bell, Phil Bell, Mike Chung, Renee Bell, Paul Hodder, Lauren Wash, Kath St Amand, Christina Vellasamy, Helen Mackay, Rob McDonald, Brianna See, Maria Buchanan, Anne De Geus, David Sauvageon, Tom Kane, Luke Brown, Petelo Sagato, Dayne Far, John Harrison, Myles Sayer, Ramon Das

1. **Apologies:** Helen Scobie, Kristen Davison, Margot Lyons, Mick Ede, Lucy Skogstad, Arlene Smyth, Pete Wash
2. **2023 AGM minutes,** Gerald asked that they be approved as a true and accurate record, MC approved and RB seconded.
3. **The 2024 annual report** was shared electronically to all members prior to the AGM and hard copies available at the meeting, one will be left on site near the clubroom notice board.
4. **President's report** by Andy Munkacsi, nothing to add since the report was published and no questions asked. Reiterated his thanks to the hard working committee.
5. **Financial report** by Paul Hodder, highlighted that the club insurance will cost more than our income from member's fees. Separate document with more details sent out with the second AGM notice on 11<sup>th</sup> August. Noted increased insurance costs is affecting clubs and businesses all over the country. Can discuss more in other business.
6. **Membership report** by club manager Renee Bell, club membership is down by 20%. The average decrease across Wellington tennis and squash clubs is of 11 %. Family membership is the biggest loss but this can also be a change of membership types, family becoming an adult and a junior. Also we have had a high youth turnover, but this is not new, youth moving out of the area.
7. **Questions on other reports in the annual report.** No questions asked.
8. **Election on officers.** Lauren Wash has stood down as Committee secretary so that role is vacant, however she will remain on the committee. Treasurer, Paul Hodder has agreed to stay on for another year. Charlotte Bell has stood down as tennis club captain. The

9. Committee are appreciative of all her hard work and Helen Mackay also recognised Charlotte and her family's dedication and hard work in her role as club captain over the last few years. Christina Vellasamy was welcomed into the role as tennis club captain.

10. **Committee members.** Mike Chung nominated Rob McDonald and Brianna See as Committee members. Agreed by members present. Welcome.

**11. In remembrance, 2024**

- PH, spoke about the late Dave Sercombe, active club member, great family man, tricky and clever tennis player. He will be missed.
- MC, spoke about Steve Riley, an active member, remembered for his kind and gentle nature. With his family's blessing and to honour Steve's memory squashies would like to donate tournament proceeds to the Mental Health foundation.

**12. Other business**

Further discussion of insurance, Paul assured members we are insured until the end of June 25, we insured for indemnity only \$2,094,000, at a cost of \$29, 600. If we were to not have any club insurance, members reassured there would be a special meeting called.

Only 2 suppliers in the county.

Question asked if we increased excess would there be a difference in premium, no.

Queries. Do we need to cover for earthquake and tsunami? Sports clubs would not be a priority if there was a major disaster, hospitals, schools would be top priority. Recognised that other clubs only have fire cover.

Highlighted that some Christchurch sports clubs are only getting back to business, after their major earthquake.

Choices, insurance pot in the club accounts to be used to replace facilities, may look different to what we have now, i.e. single level clubrooms will be significantly cheaper.

Assured there is no WCC requirement for us to have insurance but we will need to keep them informed and any discussions on insurance must continue to include the Services club who pay 20% of the annual premium.

Major earthquake, insurance pay out may not even cover work, DF informed members there are water pipe issues under courts.

Plan either in 2025, January or Feb hold a special meeting, in hope that nationally insurance costs decrease, all members will be invited.

Committee will continue to inform members and look at options on what we insurance we may be able to reduce our current cover. Review what is happening other clubs nationwide.

HM expressed support and confidence, in committee to make the right decision on our club's insurance position moving forward.

As incorporated society, can we get away without having a secretary. There is no clause in our club constitution that we have to have certain roles filled.

**Meeting closed at 4.42pm**

**(Item 7) ELECTION - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ROLES**

| Position  | Nominee   | Nominated/Seconded                      |
|---|---|---|
| President   | Andrew Munkacsi   | Committee                               |
| Vice President  | Gerard Elkind   | Committee                               |
| Secretary   | Vacant  | Committee                               |
| Membership Secretary  | Renee Bell  | Committee                               |
| Treasurer   | Paul Hodder   | Committee                               |
| Tennis Club Captain   | Christiana Vellasamy  | Charlotte, Lauren                       |
| Squash Club Captain   | Michael Chung   | Committee                               |
| Management Committee Member<br>(health, safety, legal, conduct) | Vacant  | Committee                               |
| Management Committee Member                                     | Charlotte Bell<br>Lauren Wash<br>Kath St Amand<br>Helen Scobie<br>Ramon Das<br>Brianna See<br>Rob Mc Donald | Committee<br><br><br><br><br>Mike Chung |
| Communications and Social Media                                 | Kristen Davison   | Committee                               |

**(Item 8) MANAGEMENT APPOINTED ROLES**

| Position          | Management appointee | Management Committee member |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bar Manager       | Dayne Far            | yes                         |
| Club Manager      | Renee Bell           | yes                         |
| Club Statistician | Vacant               |                             |