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SQUASH NEW ZEALAND OFFICIALS 1998 -1999

PATRON:

The Hon. Sir David Beattie

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:

Dave Bassett [Chairman], Gerard De Courcy, Jan McAra,
Jim O'Grady, Debra Rodgerson, Neven Barbour [resigned July 99]

PROGRAMME DIRECTORS:

Doubles: Butch Gifford
Gradings & Statistics: Steve Scott
Junior/Youth: Hank Scott
Masters: Gower Dallimore
National Events: Alan Simpson
Refereeing: Joss Urbahn

SELECTORS:

Junior & Senior

Wendy Browne, Nigel Lloyd, Jenny Norton, Ross Titchmarsh

Masters: Gower Dallimore, Ray Southey, Sandra Tinkler

NATIONAL STATISTICIANS:

Women: Vivienne Brumby

Men: Peter Singer

PLAYERS REPS:

Jenny Bell, David Friery

NATIONAL OFFICE:

Chief Executive: David Knowles

Administration Manager: Vivienne Brumby

High Performance Manager: Wayne Werder

Project Manager: Francis Scordino

Receptionist: Jan Lewis

Contract Accountant: Glenn Mossman

HON. SOLICITOR:

Michael Sumpter

AUDITOR:

McGregor, Bailey & Co.

1999 Awards

Personality of the Year

Trevor Johnston

Club of the Year

Okato Squash Club

Most Improve Junior Players:

Female

Kylie Lindsay (Matamata)

Male

James Vincent (Browns Bay)

Most Improved Senior Players:

Female

Hayley King (Herne Bay/Ponsonby)

Male

George Crosby (Christchurch Football)

**Derek Cook Memorial Trophy
For Refereeing**

Gavin Whyte

**Squash Players of the Year
(Winners of the Revelation XX Series)**

Leilani Joyce

Ian Higgins



Winner National Men's F Grade Teams – Waerenga-a-Hika
Sean Mackle, Dean O'Connell, Daniel Newman, Adam Broadie, Hayden Jones, Craig Pritchard
Kerry Corbett (Coach), Mike Newman (Manager)

Chairman's Review

Dave Bassett



It has been another productive year in the drive to reposition squash as the sport for the new millennium. I'm pleased to be able to report that there have been successes but it is a campaign by no means complete. Squash people, at every level of the game, have been required by a changing leisure environment to rediscover the qualities of the "boom years," namely, enthusiasm, daring and a commitment to self-help. That's what built the game in New Zealand and those same qualities will help re-build the sport.

Leading an organisation of any kind involves balancing a host of special and sometimes competing interests. Squash New Zealand is no different. How do you reconcile the interests of players (competitive and causal), coaches, referees, clubs, districts, funding agencies, media and sponsors? And how do you encourage all these sections of the game to understand and support the global goals? In the face of real pressures it isn't easy.

I would like to think that the Executive Council has chosen its priorities wisely. It is worth remembering the fundamental principle that underpins "A Good Tomorrow" – simply, that growth is the only sustainable solution to the problems that face our member clubs. More members mean more money, more human resource and more options. It should go without saying that the responsibility for "growing the game" must be shared by all sections of the sport.

Happily the signs are there that clubs are prepared to confront the changing leisure market. The quality of entries for this year's "Squash Club of the Year" was impressive and there were many more of them as well. Congratulations to the Okato Squash club for winning the award ahead of tough competition from Whakatane and Tawa in particular. Interestingly, where there is effective leadership at club level there is no shortage of volunteers.

At District level, too, there has been a greater willingness to accept responsibility for more than mere administration. The strategic plans being developed in places like Wellington, Canterbury and BOP acknowledge that Districts can develop plans which are compatible with that of the National Association but which also take account of local needs. If there is a lesson for sports groups (of any code) in recent times, it is that they must become more proactive in marketing their game.

The Executive Council faces the same challenge. This year, it established Squash Dynamics Ltd as its marketing arm and appointed Neven Barbour to lead the company. In doing so, Squash New Zealand secured the rights to import the German ASB court systems and can now offer clubs state-of-the-art facilities at the best-possible price. Decisive changes of this kind don't just happen: there has been an enormous workload, much of it unseen, in building this capability. The appetite among clubs Neven's comprehensive knowledge of the management and marketing of squash has been demonstrated throughout the country.

Express Squash, designed for television but ideal for recreational players, has been a major success. Screened on Sky in April, featuring coloured courts, simpler rules and time-bound matches, it has been quickly adopted by clubs and the feedback from tournaments has been unfailingly positive. New Zealand's presentation at the AGM of the World Squash Federation in Cairo made a big impact and there is now international interest in the Kiwi game.

On the communications front, a revitalised magazine and a comprehensive website have made information more readily available to individual members in their own homes and, I hope, stimulated club committees to contemplate change and innovation. It's worth noting that more than 35,000 visitors have found their way to the Squash New Zealand website.

After a two-year investment, the Executive Council reviewed the regional development strategy. Districts and the Squash Development Officers were invited to assess the impact of having paid professionals working to "grow the game" at community level. There's no doubt that the SDOs have made a difference but to measure growth it is necessary to know the baseline membership figures, club by club and district by district. Sadly, there are some clubs unable or, worse, unwilling to provide this essential information. In future, I believe Districts must insist that their member clubs comply with the constitutional requirements and that the SDOs are able to prove that they can achieve increased playing numbers.

Financially, Squash New Zealand has finished another year in surplus. The platform which now exists for further development can be traced back to our appointment of David Knowles in 1997. We had hoped beyond hope for someone with his vision and leadership. He came to us at our point of crisis and is now achieving what was then a very distant dream. Because of his skills it is no accident that Squash New Zealand is respected by other codes (here and overseas) and why much of our recent development is closely monitored by other national sporting organisations.

On a more sombre note, however, the deaths of Allen Johns and Eve Sutherland, wonderful servants of the game, saddened squash people everywhere.

Looking back over the last three years in particular, I am heartened by the crucial decisions made at Board level, often in difficult circumstances, and the new and exciting opportunities that have arisen from those strategic choices. I want to formally thank Debra Rodgeron, Jim O'Grady, Gerard De Courcy and Jan McAra for their intelligent discussion and debate of key issues. They have been an unusually well-balanced Executive Council. I want, also, to recognise the special contribution of Neven Barbour, first as Chairman and now as the driving force behind Squash Dynamics. Squash is fortunate to have people with this vision, business acumen and passion working for the good of the sport.

Chief Executive

David Knowles



Six months ago a student writing an essay on business management asked me about the role of a Chief Executive of a National Sports Organisation. I explained that my work was to manage a complex set of relationships. Among the many stakeholders were Executive Councillors, staff and programme directors; development officers, District officials and club volunteers; players, coaches, referees, sports scientists and team managers; sponsors, suppliers and funding agencies; contractors, tournament directors, schools and the media. I suggested that satisfying them all wasn't easy because they had their own legitimate aspirations and the push-and-pull of these (sometimes) competing interests made up the political dimension of a Chief Executive's work. "Apart from that," I said, "a Chief Executive has to deliver key strategic objectives and, of course, balance the books!"

Fortunately, Squash New Zealand has achieved surpluses in consecutive years and the platform now exists for further development of the game. From those reserves I expect the Executive Council to make a contribution of \$200,000 to the National Squash Centre project. Squash currently lacks a headquarters and a state-of-the-art facility on the busy Unitec campus will give a new focus to the game.

This year's surplus of \$55,000 has been achieved by tight budget controls and by managing the National Office with a very small team. Vivienne Brumby copes admirably with an enormous administrative burden, Wayne Werder has accepted the challenge of reorganising the High Performance programme at a time when the New Zealand Sports Foundation funding is reduced by half, and Francis Scordino works in a part-time capacity. It is a very small team by any standards.

With help from WINZ funding, Doug Flint and Jan Lewis carry out important clerical work. Contractors Charmian Hayes and Glenn Mossman are responsible for data management and accounting services respectively while, outside the office, Programme Directors Steve Scott, Joss Urbahn, Gower Dallimore, Alan Simpson and Hank Scott faithfully supervise specialist areas of activity. Their voluntary service is invaluable and, perhaps, sometimes overlooked.

During the year I was sorry to see Paul Wright resign as National Coach. However, he has retained his connections with Squash New Zealand and accepted contract work involving our leading players and coaches. He has also been available to Districts and Clubs so his expertise has not been lost to the game in New Zealand and he has been invited to accept a position as coach of the Unitec Certificate of Athlete Development (Squash) course starting in February next year.

In a busy year there have been a number of special highlights. Leilani Joyce continued her rise up the international rankings and has given squash a public profile it would otherwise lack. Express Squash was launched in Auckland and Squash Dynamics Ltd was established as a marketing arm of Squash New Zealand. The Invercargill Licensing Trust agreed to include the squash courts the new Invercargill Leisure Centre and, further north, the Auckland clubs committed \$500,000 to the National Squash Centre project.

Out in the districts, the Regional Development strategy continued to exert a positive influence at a local level. Peter Gearing (Northland) and Jill Theodore (Hawkes Bay Gisborne) joined the SDO network during the year. The thrust of the strategy is to "grow the game" and in future it is essential that District Associations be more involved in the collection of club membership information. At a combined annual cost to the national and district associations of \$300,000, it's a substantial commitment and its effectiveness must be measurable.

Several Regional Sports Trusts have been generous in supporting SDOs and I want to recognise the help squash has had from Murray Gutry (Sport Waikato), Paul Lewis (Sport Manawatu), Paul Cameron, (Sport Wellington), Paul Allison (Sport Otago) and Ian Donaldson (Sport Southland) during the year.

At community level it's clear that some clubs have worked hard to put themselves on a sound business footing. The Lion Foundation *Squash Club of the Year* award was more keenly contested than in previous years and I congratulate the Okato Club for winning the award. If the quality of the entries for this year's award are anything to go by, then squash people can be proud of the intelligent and productive work being carried out at by club committees.

At the risk of overlooking people who have made valuable contributions, I want to thank several individuals in particular. As if he didn't have enough to do, Mark Devoy built new and better microcourts in perspex and co-ordinated the tour by French Youth team. Rob Walker once again produced an outstanding result at Club Kelburn and the success of the inaugural *Express Squash* tournament was a credit to his creative thinking. Donna Newton and Philippa Beams were efficient managers of our women's teams overseas and, at home in domestic competition, I admired Dean Eager for setting a standard in team selection and sticking to it. Grant Blythen at Honda Cars (North Shore) helped without hesitation when Squash New Zealand needed vehicles for the touring French team.

The work of Bill and Ann Murphy in preparing the History of Squash for this, the last report of the twentieth century, has been outstanding. It was, as you would expect, a labour of love, carried out with care and balance, and I want to thank you on behalf of the squash community for producing a valuable record of what was gone before.

Finally I want to thank the Executive Council. Governance of sports organisations is not the same as for businesses because it depends on a more subtle relationship between a small number of paid professionals and many, many unpaid volunteers. Squash New Zealand has been fortunate to have leaders like Neven Barbour and, later Dave Bassett. They have been supportive Chairmen giving freely of their time and business expertise and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Debra Rodgerson, Jim O'Grady, Gerard De Courcy and Jan McAra. Not all sports organisations are fortunate to have Board members of their calibre.

High Performance

A new role

My new role as High Performance manager has forced me to view squash from a different perspective. As a player you take a lot for granted and I must admit this year has been an eye opener as to how much work goes into administering a sport. It has also allowed me to see the divide between those who know it all but are not prepared to deliver and those who are prepared to give up their time for the good of squash. Those who get involved put in a tremendous amount of work at great personal cost and it is these people who will ensure squash re-engineers itself for the new millennium. The High Performance role has been very enjoyable thus far and although difficult at times I am happy with the progress made this year.

Highs

For me the highlights of 1999 were the developments at Unitec. The National Squash Centre project can only benefit the High Performance programme. This coupled with the development of a full time squash course that incorporates both squash and academic study has got many people excited about the game again. Although both these projects are still in their infancy they show that squash is confronting new challenges. Leilani Joyce's effort in reaching number three in the world and her dedication and drive to reach number one has to be commended and is a lesson to other players. Shelley Kitchen's commitment to the game which now has her in the position to rise up the rankings, and the introduction of George Crosby to the world stage were also highlights of 1999.

The contact between neighbouring squash nations and the number of visits (and return visits) is proof that relations are strong. The Trans Tasman test series next year looks likely to be extended to include two Asian countries, which is a positive development. The Revelation Series, in its second year, was very successful also. It attracted overseas players, increased the number of New Zealanders playing the circuit and provided access to World Ranking points. The challenge is to improve the circuit again in 2000.

Lows

Funding cuts of \$140,000 have meant the year 2000 will be difficult in many respects. However this hardship has forced a creative, and more focused approach to the delivery of High Performance squash which in itself may be a blessing. The results of our teams were generally poorer than previous years and the continued slide is a worry. If you take into account all of our World Championship results we have established ourselves as the 12th ranked squash nation in the world – we are better than that!! The introduction of younger players to our teams is the first step towards ensuring we firstly, don't slip any further and secondly, start improving.

Visits

It was an action-packed year for our teams. The Junior Women's team competed in Belgium, the Senior Men in Cairo, Senior Women in Stuttgart and a World Cup team competed in Amsterdam. A youth squad played four tournaments in Australia as well as two test matches while ten Junior Men played in the Australian Junior Open.

Visitors

New Zealand proved a popular destination for overseas visitors this year. Among the visitors were two groups from Hong Kong, a group of Tasmanian juniors; a number of leading Australians, Englishman Iain Higgins and a French youth team on a Rainbow Warrior exchange.

World Rankings

The Revelation XX Series and the tour of Australia have allowed our top players access to world ranking points. All our players have established themselves on the list, the challenge now is for them to climb further.

PSA World Rankings (1 Nov 99)

131 (210)	George Crosby
132 (204)	Allan Crome
153 (242)	Peter Wyatt
167 (222)	Nathan Sneyd
226 (244)	Jared Conning
244 (248)	Phil Anderson

WISPA World Rankings (1 Nov 99)

3 (6)	Leilani Joyce
34 (67)	Shelley Kitchen
64 (119)	Hayley King
66 (119)	Lara Petera
67 (119)	Louise Crome
()	beginning of 1999

Certificate of Athlete Development (Squash)

Next year Squash New Zealand and Unitec will join forces to offer a comprehensive one-year academic course – the Certificate in Athletic Development (Squash) – which has been designed expressly for young squash players. Squash New Zealand has been actively involved in the design of this course and endorses it to aspiring squash professionals. This is a step towards a more holistic approach in athlete development and in many respects is an entry point to a career in squash, but it also serves as a gateway to other tertiary training opportunities.

Junior Events

The Junior tournament scene was well supported with the three major tournaments all receiving large entries. Thanks must go to all the clubs, their administrators and the parents who commit a large amount of time to ensure the junior players are catered for. Jared Conning and Kylie Lindsay won the major titles at the National Junior Champs held in Ashburton, while Auckland cleaned up the team's event to make it a clean sweep of all titles this year (senior and junior).

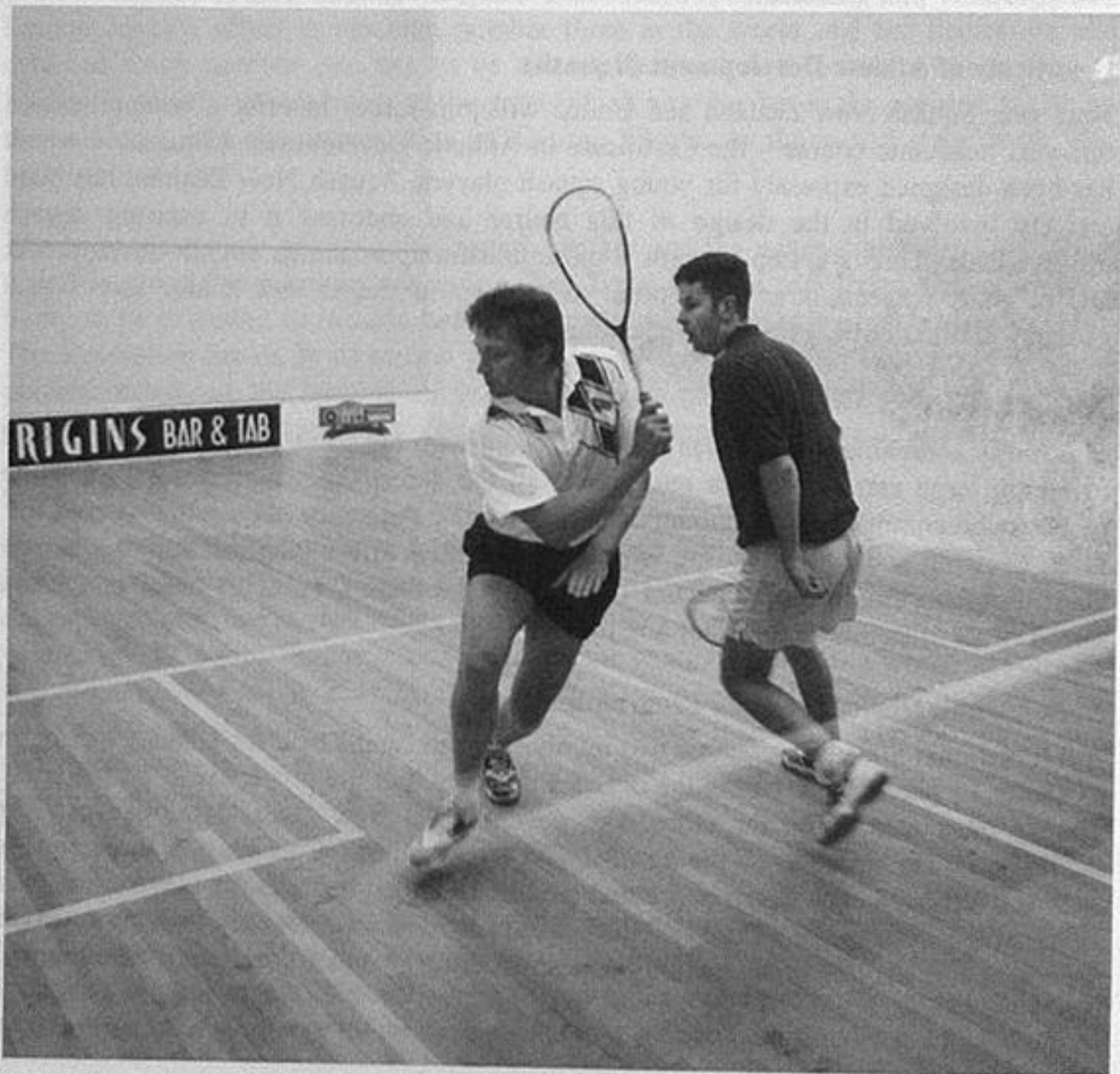
National and Regional Squad Programme

A full National Squad programme was involved seven camps held for Under 21 through to Under 13 players. Thanks to the coaches involved and the players who participated. Thanks must also go to the clubs who gave Squash New Zealand the use of their facilities for the duration of the squads. The five Regional Coaches ran three squads each and although each coach encountered problems in their districts the players involved all benefited from the programme. These squads are designed not only to bring together the top junior players in the nation but also to bring together coaches so all can gain valuable "hands on" experience.

Selectors

The new criteria for team selections are a positive move. In the past it was good enough to beat others going for the team, now players must prove they are of an international standard or show they have potential to be. A quick scan of past junior teams shows that very few of our NZ reps have taken their squash to the next level or are even still playing. Selecting teams not only on results but also potential may be considered less objective but it is necessary if we are to develop players for the future. It is a massive investment sending a team away, an investment that needs to return either results or build a platform for the future.

It is only since I started my role as High Performance Manager that I have been able to see the amount of work that some people put into squash at great personal expense. The selectors are part of this group and on a purely voluntary basis they put in many hours for the good of squash. Ross Titchmarsh has done a superb job after taking over the Convenor's role and has helped me out immensely. Thanks to all the selectors – it's a thankless job at times but I hope it has been rewarding.



National Champion Paul Steel playing Steve Dunbar
at NZ National Championships, 1999

International Events

Senior Women's World Champs

Team: Leilani Joyce, Philippa Beams, Sarah Cook, Shelley Kitchen

Manager: Donna Newton

The Senior Women's team finished third after losing to England in the semi-final. Leilani Joyce established herself as a potential world champion winning all her games before losing to world number 1 Michelle Martin in five sets.

Results – Finished 3rd

New Zealand beat USA 3-0 Leilani Joyce beat D.Holleran 3-0 Sarah Cook beat E.Pierce 3-0 Shelley Kitchen beat I.Pochoda	New Zealand lost Australia 0-3 Leilani Joyce lost M.Martin 2-3 Sarah Cook lost S.Fitzgerald 1-3 Shelley Kitchen lost C.Owens 0-3
New Zealand beat Germany 2-1 Leilani Joyce beat S.Schoene 3-2 Philippa Beams lost S.Baum 0-3 Sarah Cook beat S.Suck 3-0	New Zealand beat Netherlands 3-0 Leilani Joyce beat V.Atkinson 3-0 Philippa Beams beat N.Beumer 3-0 Sarah Cook beat D.Jelgersma 2-0
New Zealand lost England 1-2 Leilani Joyce beat S.Wright 0-3 Philippa Beams lost L.Charmain 0-3 Sarah Cook lost J.Martin 0-3	New Zealand beat South Africa 2-1 Leilani Joyce beat N.Grainger 3-1 Philippa Beams lost C.Nitch 0-2 Sarah Cook beat A.Clifton-Parks 3-0

Senior Men's World Champs

Team: Paul Steel, Daniel Sharplin, Allan Crome, George Crosby.

Manager: Neven Barbour

The New Zealand Men's squash team narrowly lost to Ireland in the final round and in doing so held their seeding of 14. The teams ranked 8-24 were all very competitive so to finish 14th was a reasonable result. One objective of these World Champs was to expose two new players to international competition and George and Allan have responded very positively to the experience.

Results – Finished 14th

New Zealand lost Scotland 1-2 Paul Steel lost John White 1-3 George Crosby lost Neil Franklin 2-3 Daniel Sharplin beat Stuart Cowie 3-0	New Zealand lost France 0-3 Paul Steel lost Thierry Lincou 0-3 Allan Crome lost Jean-Michel Arcucci 0-3 Daniel Sharplin lost Renan Lavigne 2-3
New Zealand beat Switzerland 2-1 George Crosby lost Andre Holderegger 2-3 Paul Steel beat Reto Donatsch 3-0 Daniel Sharplin beat Lars Harms 3-0	New Zealand lost Sweden 0-3 Allan Crome lost Johan Jungling 1-3 Paul Steel lost Daniel Forslund 0-3 Daniel Sharplin lost Anders Thoran 0-2
New Zealand beat Denmark 2-1 Paul Steel beat Mikkel Krosberg 3-1 George Crosby beat Morten Sorensen 3-1 Daniel Sharplin lost Michael Hansen 0-2	New Zealand lost Ireland 1-2 Paul Steel lost Derek Ryan 0-3 George Crosby lost Steve Richardson 0-3 Daniel Sharplin beat Patrick Foster 3-0

World Cup

Team: Leilani Joyce, Daniel Sharplin, Glen Wilson

Manager: Todd Wilson

The New Zealand team held their seeding in finishing 9th at the World Cup of Squash held in Amsterdam. The team beat Austria before losing to defending Champions Australia and France. Leilani pushed World number 1 Michele Martin to five sets against Australia.



New Zealand Men's Team – World Championships Egypt 1999

George Crosby, Paul Steel

Neven Barbour (Manager), Daniel Sharplin, Allan Crome



New Zealand Women's Team – World Championships Germany 1998

Leilani Joyce, Donna Newton (Manager), Sarah Cook

Shelley Kitchen, Philippa Beams

Results - Finished 9th

New Zealand beat Austria 3-0 Glen Wilson beat Clemens Wallishauser 3-0 Daniel Sharplin beat Gerhard Schedlbauer 3-0 Leilani Joyce beat Pamela Pancis 3-0	New Zealand lost Australia 0-3 Glen Wilson lost Dan Jensen 3-0 Leilani Joyce lost Michelle Martin 2-3 Daniel Sharplin lost Rodney Eyles 0-3
New Zealand lost France 1-2 Glen Wilson lost Thierry Lincou 0-3 Leilani Joyce beat Corinne Castets 3-0 Daniel Sharplin lost Revan Lavigne 0-3	Final - [4] ENGLAND bt [2] SCOTLAND 3-0 Simon Parke beat Martin Heath 3-1 Mark Chaloner beat John White 3-0 Linda Charman beat Pamela Nimmo 3-1

Junior Women's World Champs

Team: Jenny Gearing, Kylie Lindsay, Catherine McLeod, Jaclyn Hawkes
Manager: Philippa Beams

The Junior Women's team completed the teams event of the World Championship finishing 17th. This was always going to be a tough tournament for our girls and although not a great result compared to past years, the team did gain valuable experience. Three of the four are eligible for the next World Champs in two years time and it is then that the results will hopefully come.

Results - Finished 17th

New Zealand 0 Hong Kong 3 Kylie Lindsay lost Elise Ng 0-3 Catherine McLeod lost A. Hazari 1-3 Jaclyn Hawkes lost Karen Lau 0-3	New Zealand 1 Denmark 2 Kylie Lindsay lost Line Hansen 0-3 Jaclyn Hawkes beat Kira Petersen 3-0 Jenny Gearing lost Dagmar Feddern 2-3
New Zealand 1 U.S.A. 2 Jenny Gearing lost Louisa Hall 0-3 Catherine McLeod lost Alexandra Pearson 1-3 Jaclyn Hawkes beat Michelle Quibell 1-3	New Zealand 0 England 3 Catherine McLeod lost Amina Hela 0-3 Kylie Lindsay lost Diane Lloyd-Walker 0-3 Jaclyn Hawkes lost Jenny Duncalf 0-3
New Zealand 3 Wales 0 Catherine McLeod beat Joanne Ttophi 3-0 Kylie Lindsay beat Anna Vaughan 3-0 Jaclyn Hawkes beat Hayley James 3-0	New Zealand 2 India 1 Catherine McLeod beat Pia Abraham 3-0 Jenny Gearing lost Deepali Anvekar 0-3 Jaclyn Hawkes beat Vaidehi Reddy 3-1



New Zealand Junior Women's Team – World Championships, Belgium 1999
 Jennifer Gearing, Kylie Lindsay, Philippa Beams (Coach/Manager), Jaclyn Hawkes, Catherine McLeod

Australian Tours

Youth Tour

Nine of New Zealand's top youth squash players took on the best in Australia in October. Playing in a series of world ranking tournaments and two test matches culminating in the Australian Open in Melbourne. This tour was also another step in building closer relationships with Australia to provide invaluable competition for our players. Highlights of the tour included the tournament run by Jason McLauchlan in Sydney that saw the glass court on Manly Beach attracting over 150,000 spectators. Other highlights included Louise Crome making the final at the Victorian Open and Lara Petera making the semis at the South Australian Open. The tour was a huge success for our players and has provided a platform for our youth players to advance onto the world circuit.

Australian Junior Open

Ten of our leading Junior Men competed in the Australian Junior Open held in Brisbane in September. The tournament was played in difficult circumstances where Australian organisers struggled to deal with the 280 entries. Sleeping on floors and struggling with the heat and lack of organisation provided the ideal introduction to what life is like on the squash circuit. Best results came from Jarod Conning who finished 7th after pushing the eventual winner of the Under 19's in the quarter-finals. Callum O'Brien (7th), James Vincent (8th) and Graeme Wilson (9th) all improved their seedings in the Under 17's.

Trans Tasman Test Series

Team: Jenny Gearing, Kylie Lindsay, Catherine McLeod, JennyMae Englebretson
Larrisa Stephenson.

Manager: Phillipa Beams

The Australian Junior Women's Squash team wrapped up the Trans Tasman test series with a win in the third and final test to complete a 3-0 win in the series. Australia won the first two tests 5-0. However, Kylie Lindsay of Waikato impressed with a victory in the final test while another to impress was Catherine McLeod of Auckland who produced three gutsy performances and was unlucky not to win a match. All tests were played in front of enthusiastic Bay of Plenty crowds who provided great support for the young New Zealand team.

TEST 1 – Whakatane NZ 0 AUSTRALIA 5 Jenny Gearing lost Dianne Desira 0-3 Kylie Lindsay lost Sarah Dubois 1-3 Jennymae Englebretson lost AnneLee Starr 0-3 Larissa Stephenson lost Amelia Pittock 0-3 Catherine McLeod lost Karen Kronemeyer 0-3	TEST 2 – Tokoroa NZ 0 AUSTRALIA 5 Jenny Gearing lost Sarah Dubois 0-3 Kylie Lindsay lost Dianne Desira 0-3 Jennymae Englebretson lost Amelia Pittock 0-3 Larissa Stephenson lost AnneLee Starr 0-3 Catherine McLeod lost Karen Kronemeyer 1-3
TEST 3 – Tauranga NZ 1 AUSTRALIA 4 Jenny Gearing lost Dianne Desira 0-3 Kylie Lindsay beat AnneLee Starr 2-3 Jennymae Englebretson lost Sarah Dubois 1-3 Larissa Stephenson lost Karen Kronemeyer 0-3 Catherine McLeod lost Amelia Pittock 0-3	

Revelation Series

Leilani Joyce and Iain Higgins were convincing winners. Over 300 players competed and received points in the 'open' section of the series. Next year Squash New Zealand has committed to continuing the series and there is the possibility of establishing a similar series for the juniors.

LIGHT ICE WAIKATO OPEN - Hamilton 21-23 May

Final

Iain Higgins (England) beat Scott Harrison (Herne Bay) 9/3 9/2 9/8
Leilani Joyce (Hamilton) beat Carol Owens (Australia) 9/7 9/3 9/0

LION FOUNDATION AUCKLAND OPEN - Remuera 28-30 May

Final

Iain Higgins (England) beat Jason Randall (Australia) 9/1 9/3 9/2
Carol Owens (Australia) beat Leilani Joyce (Hamilton) 4/9 9/7 10/8 9/1

HORSE & HARVEST NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS - Napier 4-6 June

Final

Iain Higgins(England) beat George Crosby (Chch) 9/2 9/2 9/7
Leilani Joyce (Hamilton) beat Sarah Cook (Chch) 9/4 7/9 9/4 9/2

WELLINGTON OPEN - Mana 9-11 July

Final

Iain Higgins(England) beat Ben Gould(Australia) 9/7 9/6 9/2
Leilani Joyce (Hamilton) beat Sarah Cook (Chch) 9/4 9/4 9/2

RUSSLEY HOTEL CANTERBURY OPEN - Christchurch FC 16-18 July

Final

Iain Higgins (England) beat Ben Gould (Australia) 9/5 10/8 9/4
Leilani Joyce (Hamilton) beat Sarah Cook (Chch) 9/7 9/2 9/2

ASCOT PARK SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS - Invercargill 23-25 July

Final

Iain Higgins (England) beat Ben Gould (Australia) 9/6 9/2 9/1
Leilani Joyce (Hamilton) beat Shelley Kitchen (Herne Bay) 9/6 9/2 9/5

OCEAN LODGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Nelson 4-11 September

Final

Paul Steel (Whakatane) beat Daniel Sharplin (Ashburton) 9/7 9/2 5/9 9/5
Sarah Cook (Christchurch) beat Shelley Kitchen (Herne Bay) 9/2 9/4 7/9 9/3

Men - Final Points

1.	I. Higgins	Browns Bay	14000
2.	A. Crome	Remuera	11400
3.	W. Werder	Panmure	11100
4.	G. Crosby	Ch. Football	10900
5.	N. Sneyd	Red Star	9500
6.	P. Wyatt	Browns Bay	7900
7.	M. Burke	Australia	7700
8.	N. Lloyd	Herne Bay	7300
9.	B. Gould	Australia	5300
10.	J. Conning	Titirangi	5100

Women - Final Points

1.	L. Joyce	Hamilton	12600
2.	S. Kitchen	Herne Bay	10900
3.	L. Crome	Remuera	9900
4.	H. King	Herne Bay	9700
5.	S. Cook	Christchurch	9200
6.	L. Petera	Herne Bay	8900
7.	S. Lovelock	Panmure	7400
8.	F. Dean	Remuera	6700
9.	J. Casbolt	Sumner	6100
10.	M. Galloway	Tauranga	6000

Gratings & Statistics

The Grading System is the major part of the National Club Member Register and contained 17,750 graded players at the end of September 1999. In addition, the register contained a further 14,650 leisure/casual club members, making a total club membership of 32,400 players at the end of the season

However, independent research by the Hillary Commission indicates that over any four week period approximately 65,700 adults participate in the sport of squash and further, that over a 12 month period approximately 123,500 adults participate in the sport of squash. Given that the 65,700 adult players over a four week period are "regular squash players", and after allowing for those that use commercial courts, there seems to be a large discrepancy between the "registered club members" and actual regular participants in the sport of squash.

Although a number of clubs are reporting increased membership numbers, graded player numbers have fallen slightly over the past two seasons. This is probably due to two factors, firstly that clubs have become more conscientious in the maintenance of their grading lists, and secondly, that those clubs are reporting membership increases are placing more emphasis on "participation and enjoyment" (the social side of the sport), with "new" players not yet taking up the competitive challenge.

As is the case with all sports, the number of people participating in the sport squash has a direct bearing on the ability of the sport, at all levels, to attract outside support and revenue. I cannot stress strongly enough that all clubs must ensure that all of their "members", regardless of membership category or the manner in which regular players access club courts, must be registered with the club, the district and Squash New Zealand. The maintenance of full and complete database of all players who use club facilities on a regular basis is of immense benefit to the sport, at every level.

The operation of the grading system during the 1999 season saw the continuation of the operational policies of the previous five seasons, the prime purpose of which was to gradually spread players across the B to F grades

Total Players by Grades (Men & Women combined)

	Oct. 99		Nov. 98	Nov. 97	Nov.96	Nov.95	Nov.94	
A1	27	.15%	26	29	25	24	20	.1%
A2	179	1.0%	191	163	148	131	118	.6%
B	2373	13.4%	2358	2276	2053	1779	877	4.5%
C	3493	19.8%	3560	3719	3765	3829	1558	8.1%
D	3811	21.5%	4055	4396	4766	4989	3234	16.7%
E	5195	29.1%	5501	5863	6247	6282	6242	32.3%
F	2665	15.0%	2896	3054	2956	2677	7297	37.7%
	17,743		18,588	19,500	19,960	19,711	19,346	

Graded player numbers across all grades show that the policy has had the desired effect. The change in the age-group statistics over the past seven years provides some interesting figures:

	99		97		95		93	
Seniors (19 to 34 years)	6,611	37.3%	8,022	40.6%	9,618	46.4%	9,600	45.5%
Masters (35 and over)	9,477	53.4%	10,031	50.7%	9,482	46.3%	10,240	48.5%
Juniors (Under 19)	1,655	9.3%	1,728	8.7%	1,498	7.3%	1,255	6.0%
Totals	17,743		19,781		20,498		21,095	

Numerically, the senior numbers have fallen the greatest (as seniors have either moved into the masters ranks or left the sport). Likewise actual masters numbers have fallen, but as a percentage of total players they have increased - probably something to do with being "hooked" by 35. On the other hand, the juniors have increased their ranks, both in terms of actual numbers and as a percentage of total graded players. While this in itself is very pleasing to see, regrettably the number of juniors entering the sport still appears to be insufficient to replace the natural loss of seniors and masters. Its obvious that juniors are the long term future of the sport and every effort must be made to attract and retain new junior players

The major innovation to the grading system over the past twelve months was not to the system itself, but to the manner in which the Grading List is now published - on the Squash website and the successful publication of the April Grading list on the website was the culmination of a substantial amount of work on the part of Mark Arnerich, Charmian Hayes, Clive Brumby and Steve Burgoyne.

The Grading System continues to be the backbone of competitive squash in New Zealand and the successful operation of the system is due to the considerable input of volunteer time and effort by club and district statisticians. Thanks must be extended to them for their work which benefits individual players and the sport of squash as a whole.

Finally, it is with sadness that I record death of Eve Sutherland during the season. Eve was the Waikato Women's Statistician for over 15 years. Despite being unwell for the past couple of years, Eve continued her very active participation in the sport. She was "one of the originals" as far as the statistician's side of the sport is concerned, and contributed immensely to the sport with her knowledge and experience both at both Waikato and National levels. Eve will be sadly missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing and working with her over the years.

Steve Scott
Director - Gradings & Statistics

National Squash Centre

Exploratory discussions early in 1999 identified the potential for a joint venture partnership involving Squash Auckland, Squash New Zealand and Unitec. It was acknowledged, informally, that together (and for their own different reasons) these three organisations could create a modern "theatre" for the game of squash. As a result, the opportunity now exists to build a state-of-the-art squash complex on the campus of Unitec in Auckland.

Not only does the project offer Auckland a new and modern squash facility, it will also serve as a model of the second-generation of squash facilities yet to be built in New Zealand. The complex will showcase the latest ASB court technology, provide a venue for elite squash tournaments, and position squash as a modern game face-to-face with its future market. It will provide something special for players, sponsors and the media and act as a promotional focus to "grow the game."

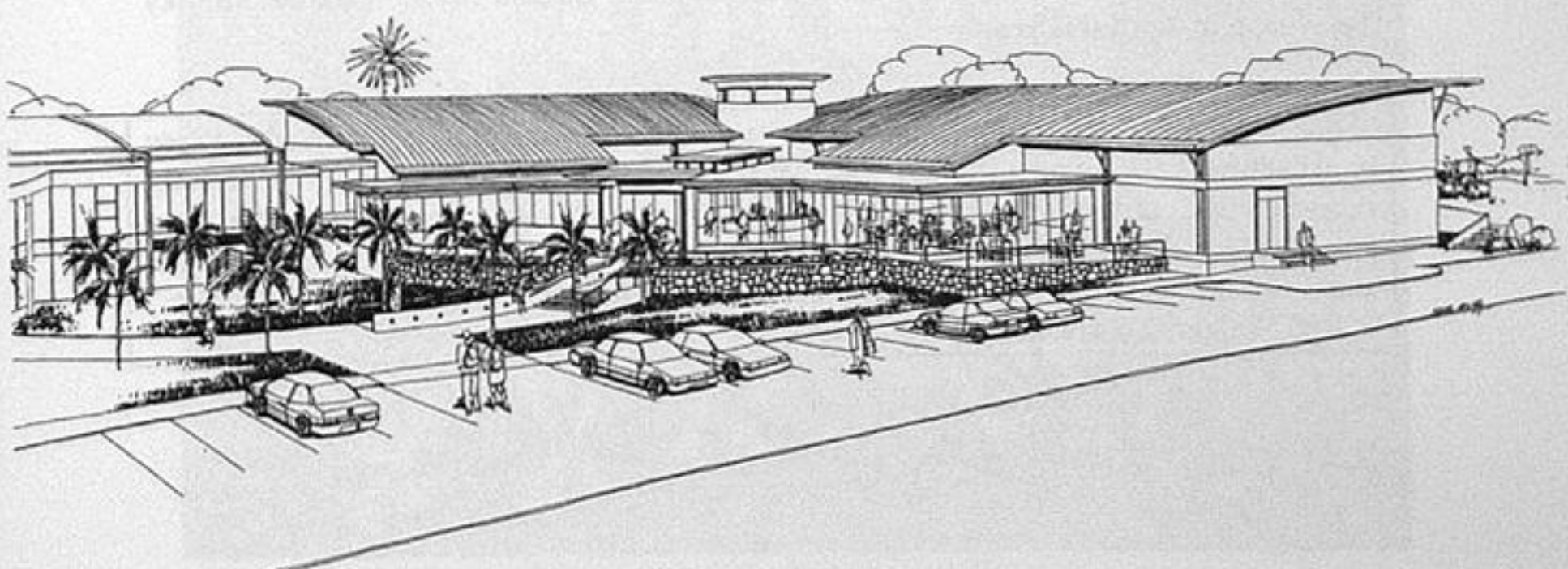
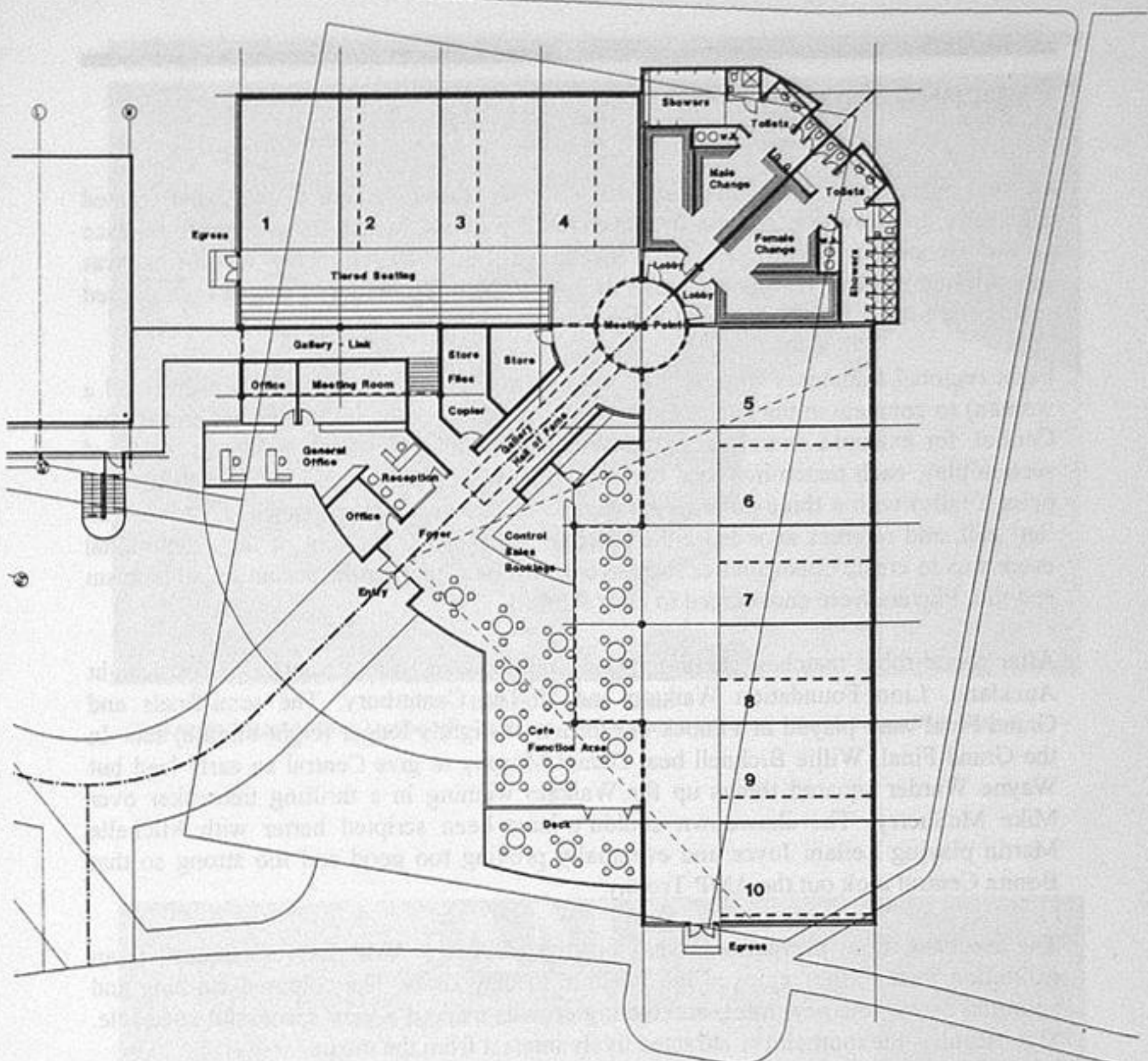
Historically, its importance to the game of squash in New Zealand cannot be underestimated because unless the sport is repackaged and re-presented to reach a new leisure audience, its future as a major sport cannot be assured.

A modern squash complex situated on a major educational campus will serve several important purposes. For Squash Auckland and Squash New Zealand, it will provide a new ten-court facility in the Auckland District, a high performance centre for the national Academy programme, a high quality venue for national and international tournaments, an administrative headquarters for Squash Auckland and Squash New Zealand and a showcase for the game of squash.

From a Unitec perspective, there are real benefits in having a modern squash complex linked to the proposed Squash Academy programme (to be launched in February 2000) with leading coaches, athletes and professional administrators based on campus.

In a joint venture project of this kind, all parties recognise that the project is not a commercial enterprise and any returns should be understood in terms of public (rather than financial) good, and that to qualify for public sector funding, the project must be able to demonstrate wide community involvement and deliver educational benefits.

There is an enormous amount of work still to do to make the dream a reality. The Squash Centre Trust will be established to own & manage the facility and Dame Susan Devoy, Mike Sumpter, Mike Greig, Bruce Davidson, Andrew Codling, Ken Rapson and Michael Barnett have been invited to serve as founding trustees.



PERSPECTIVE

PROPOSED NATIONAL SQUASH CENTRE AT UNITEC

Express Squash

Express Squash is a Kiwi invention. It's a shorter, faster version of the game created especially for television and the first-ever AMP Express Squash tournament took place at the Henderson SRC over the weekend of 13-14 March. This world-first was orchestrated by Rob Walker on behalf of Squash New Zealand and staged on coloured courts and filmed for television by independent film-maker Graham Veitch.

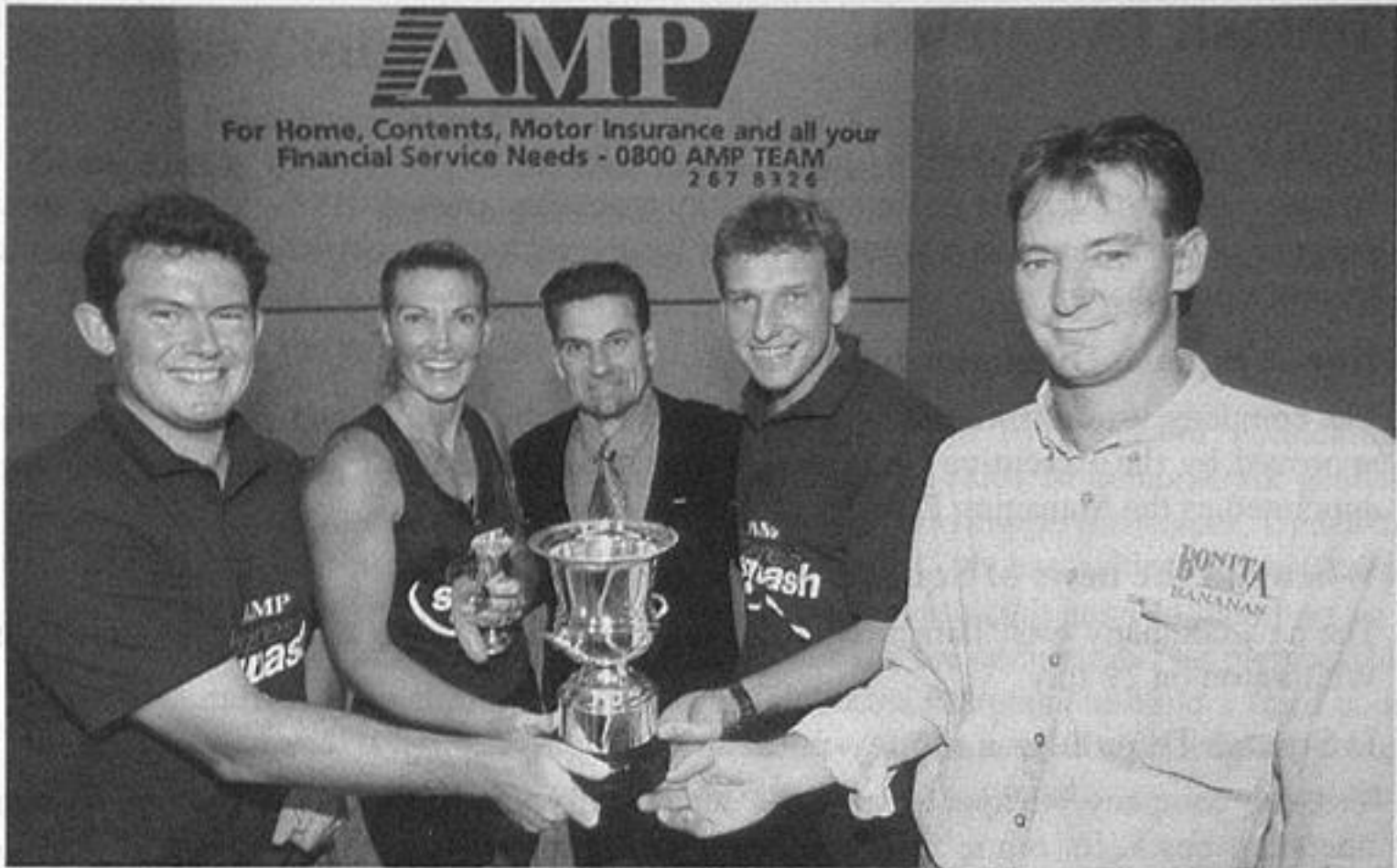
Eight regional franchises were invited to select teams of three players (two men and a woman) to compete in the event. Each team was allowed one import player and Bonita Central, for example, imported World Women's Number 1 Michelle Martin. In pool section play, each match involved two six-minute sets, played to American Rules (i.e. point a rally) with a three-point tie-breaker to decide deadlocked games. There was no 'let' call, and referees awarded either 'stroke' or 'no let.' The aim of the promotional event was to create opportunities for players with flair, putting the accent on athleticism and fun. Players were encouraged to clear the ball.

After round-robin matches, the four semi-finalists were Bonita Central, Black Knight Auckland, Lion Foundation Waikato and Hi-Tec Canterbury. The semi-finals and Grand Final were played in a knock-out format of slightly longer (eight-minute) sets. In the Grand Final, Willie Bicknell beat Daniel Murphy to give Central an early lead but Wayne Werder squared things up for Waikato winning in a thrilling tiebreaker over Mike McSherry. The showdown couldn't have been scripted better with Michelle Martin playing Leilani Joyce and eventually proving too good and too strong so that Bonita Central took out the AMP Trophy.

The feedback from players was very positive. Because AMP Express Squash is an exhibition format, they enjoyed the freedom to play shots. The coloured clothing and coloured courts, the new rules, and the big crowds made it a very successful spectacle. Significantly, the tournament attracted lively interest from the media.

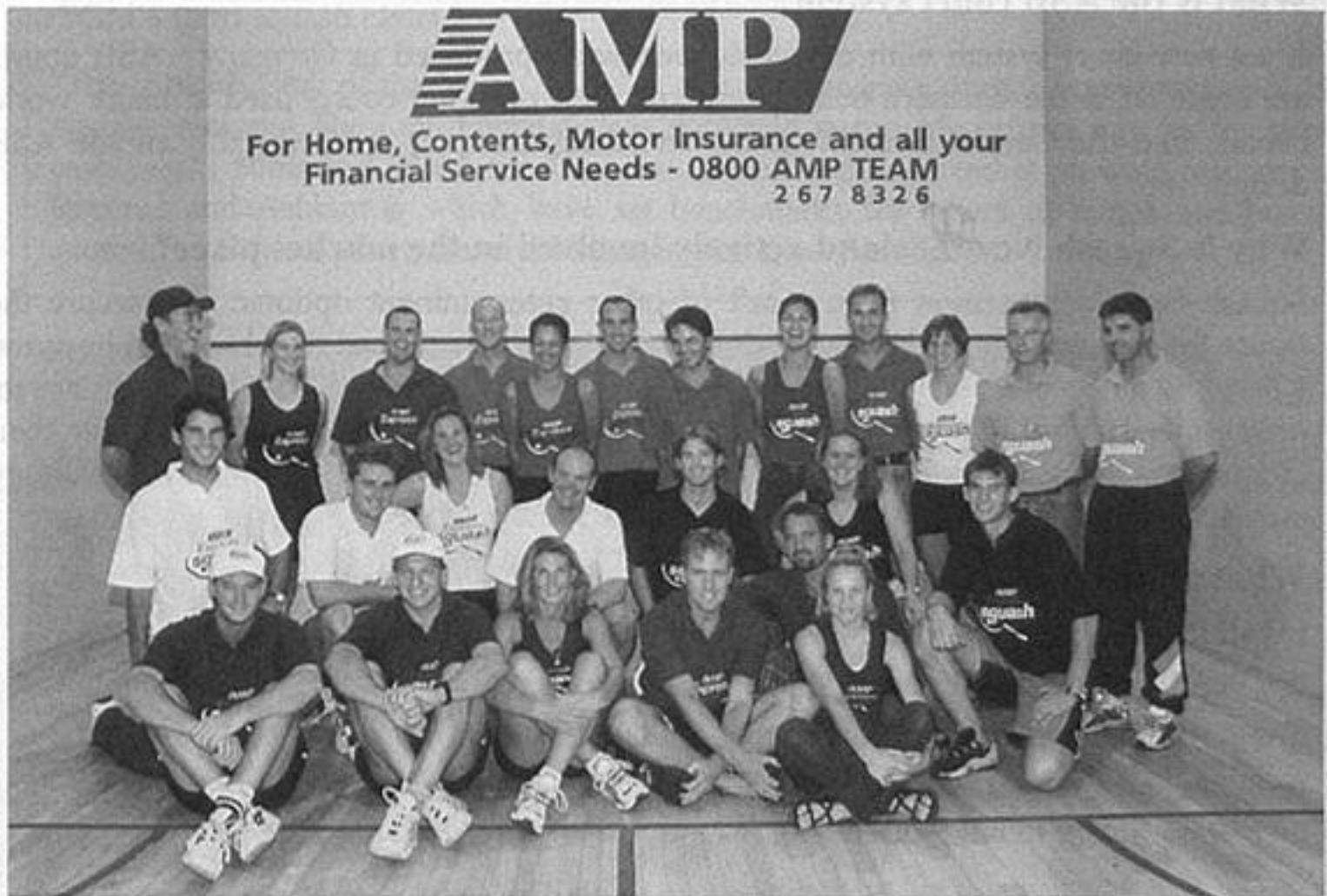
Three one-hour programmes of the AMP Express Squash were featured on Sky Television in April this year.

"Squash New Zealand wanted a pre-season promotion and saw this tournament as a way to get squash back on television. I was rapt when AMP Insurance picked up the naming rights and the entry of Michelle Martin, the world's number one woman, gave the event a real boost. The aim was to create exciting fast squash with a strong regional flavour and I'm sure now that we've seen it played that Express Squash has a real future."
- Rob Walker, Tournament Director.



Bonita Central Team

Grant Smith, Michelle Martin, Damian Von Dem Leux (AMP Marketing Manager), Mike McSherry, Willy Bicknell



Participating Teams: Sean Madden, Louise Crome & Dean Smith, Daniel Murphy, Leilani Joyce, Wayne Werder, Peter Wyatt, Shelley Kitchen, Scott Harrison, Carol Owen, Paul Viggers, Robbie Wyatt, George Crosby, Campbell Barbour, Sarah Cook, Michael Alfred, Allan Crome, Fiona Dean, Nathan Sneyd, Mike McSherry, Willie Bicknell, Michelle Martin, Grant Linton, Hayley King, Rodney Bannister

Squash Dynamics

What is Squash Dynamics?

Squash Dynamics Ltd is a limited liability company owned 100% by Squash New Zealand. Essentially, it is a marketing arm for the national association and dedicated to spearheading change.

How is Squash Dynamics funded?

The company was established by a grant from Squash New Zealand. Seed funding was approved by the Executive Council at a meeting on 28 May and Neven Barbour was appointed as the Managing Director of *Squash Dynamics Ltd*.

When did the news of Squash Dynamics become public?

The new company was "launched" at the mid-year meeting of the District Presidents in Wellington on 29 July.

Is Squash Dynamics a money-making venture?

Yes, the company is expected to trade successfully and to be able to recover its own operating costs. Its prime function, however, is not to make a profit but to provide services to the squash community of New Zealand.

Why was it necessary to establish Squash Dynamics?

First to protect the national association (and its member clubs) from any financial risk in business ventures involving the construction of squash court complexes and, second, to secure the exclusive New Zealand rights to import the ASB court system.

What is the ASB court system?

It's a new court system with moveable side walls produced in Germany. ASB courts are common in the northern hemisphere and the exhibition courts used at major world events, like the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, are invariably of the ASB design.

Why is Squash New Zealand actively involved in the market place?

Squash faces competition from a raft of other entertainment options. To secure the future for the sport, Squash New Zealand needs a vehicle to lead the change in how and where the game of squash is presented in the new millennium. The ASB court system offers a flexible design (by way of moveable side walls) so that clubs can upgrade their facilities and exploit new revenue streams. The versatility of the ASB court technology may also enable squash clubs to join new multi-sport complexes.

What advantages are there for member clubs?

It will make the latest ASB court technology available at the best-possible price.

It will provide technical advice about court construction, ventilation and heating.

It will offer training and support to squash club managers.

It will explore other business opportunities on behalf of squash clubs (e.g. cost savings by buying power in bulk, discounts on nationally endorsed products etc.)

Squash Club of the Year

The 1999 Lion Foundation "Squash Club of the Year" award has been won by the Okato Squash Club. A two-court club in the Taranaki farming community, Okato has set an example that many bigger clubs will want to follow. It hasn't happened by accident. A new committee of seventeen has been busy, all with job descriptions, and not afraid to break new ground. For example, the Okato Club organises the inter-club competition for the whole of the Taranaki province.

The annual competition, with a \$2,000 prize sponsored by the Lion Foundation, recognises excellence in club management and requires clubs to demonstrate growth, show evidence of innovation and achieve "significant" playing performances. Under the leadership of Dean McEldowney, the Okato Squash Club has achieved outstanding results in all three areas. In a town of 500 people, the squash club has 174 members so it has positioned itself as a sporting and a social focus for the community. Its membership has grown dramatically at junior level and the club now has plans to build a third court to meet the demand. It has been equally successful with Business House leagues (which operate 46 weeks of the year) and has developed new competitions for Secondary School students and Masters.

The club has also strengthened its financial situation, turning a recent deficit into a \$13,000 surplus, and upgraded its facilities in the 1999 year. It offers flexible membership options so that "first-time" players are attracted into the club environment and there is a strong focus on social activity for people of all ages. Two of its emerging young players, Courtney Sim and Chris McEldowney, won the New Zealand Under 13 titles this year. The club plans to use the \$2000 prize money to kick-start its campaign to build a third squash court.

"The 'Squash Club of the Year' Award is a very smart promotion of best practice in club management and The Lion Foundation is delighted to provide prizemoney for the winner each year. I commend Okato for this year's award and I remember previous winners like Reporoa and Ashburton which have set benchmarks for others to match and possibly exceed." – Brian Corbett, General Manager, The Lion Foundation.



Refereeing

1999 has been a fairly quiet year on the refereeing front.

On the International scene our two World and one International referees have had no appointments. This has to be a concern as they need these appointments to keep up with the rest of their peers.

On the home front only one successful workshop has been held — at the South Island Championships in Invercargill. Another at the Waikato Open had no attendees, it was fortunate that we had enough National referees there to be able to turn it around into an assessment workshop for them. An assessment workshop was also held at the Canterbury Open.

Gavin Whyte has again been instrumental in producing new manuals for our teaching workshops, but unfortunately we have not yet been able to trial them.

Congratulations to Sandra Tinkler and Gavin Siegal who have upgraded to National 1 Referees this year.

To all referees who have made themselves available this year I thank you. To those who have helped in their own District well done. It is a pity that Refereeing does not appear higher in the priority list but then everyone knows the rules of squash – don't they!!!! Thanks to all who have attended national events this year, I do appreciate your help and support.

Joss Urbahn

Programme Director Referees

Referees

World: Chas Evans, Peter Highsted; **International:** Gavin Whyte; **National: Grade 1:** Michael Allred, Pauline Boyle, Gary Hutchison, Nigel Lloyd, Barrie Mathews, Gavin Siegal, Nichol Taylor, Sandra Tinkler; **Grade 2:** Maihi Tana, Mathew Tana, Dave Conza, Kaye Jackson, Doug Flint, Peter Robinson, Neven Barbour, Denise Ferguson, Mark Devoy, Richard Coxon, Kevin Housiaux, Dru Reid, Judy Harrison, Ray Foster, Steve Scott, Paul Sneyd, Wayne Munro, Tim Cook, Kay Gilray, Naeomi Gunn, Mike Irving, Russell McQuarters, Wayne Smith.

Squash New Zealand appreciates the contribution of these volunteer referees who are so important in competitive squash.



Winner National Men's E Grade Teams - Palmerston North

Jon Phillips, Matt Kidby, Tim Johnston (Captain)
Peter Read, David Pacheco, Steve Collie, Dave Brandon (Manager), Tom Davis (Coach)

Club Kelburn

This last year has been an excellent year again for Club Kelburn. Our core business of selling casual squash court time was steady, though 2% down on last year. Gym membership grew by around 7%, and our extensive proshop business continued at slightly up on last year. Having a web site "www.clubk.co.nz" so that people can purchase products from our extensive proshop nationwide has been a significant benefit. The only area of expenditure that was much different than last year was rental, which increased by almost \$16,000. A net surplus of \$114,160 on a business with a capital asset value of only around \$200,000 represents an extraordinarily good return to Squash New Zealand.

My thanks go to my staff especially Glen Williams, my Gym Manager, and Anna and Nathan Sneyd (Nathan has now moved on), for their commitment to making Club Kelburn a great place for people to spend their recreational dollar. Excellent results do not come about without passion and commitment.

We have plenty of challenges to face in the next 12 months. We opened a four-bay golf driving range at Club Kelburn in October, to round off the all-purpose leisure club theme and initial interest in this has been encouraging. Now the challenge is to once again revitalise Club Kelburn and our Squash programmes and gym business for the year 2000 and beyond. January will see the courts being repainted, sanded and other areas freshened up. An increased emphasis on the personal touch in service, and a more "Club-type" feel is being worked on. People have so many choices to spend their discretionary dollar today, and our mission of "being the best part of your day" has never been more pertinent.

On a personal note, having the opportunity to put together the AMP Express Squash tournament in March was great fun. It was a thrill to feel the excitement from the players and spectators and it is this sort of innovation that all clubs need to look for to freshen up the look and feel of squash which, to me, was, is, and always will be the best damn game in the world.



Rob Walker interviewing Michelle Martin (World No.1) after the Express Squash final

Coach Education

Training Programmes

In 1998 Squash New Zealand entered a relationship with the Sport, Fitness, Recreation Industry Training Organisation (SFRITO). A great deal of time and energy was placed on developing squash specific unit standard based training programmes for coaches and referees.

Changes to SFRITO's funding policy this year prevented Squash New Zealand continuing with these programmes. This was a major disappointment because these new training standards promised an increase quality of courses and increased opportunity for those achieving accreditation.

The door to this project will remain open and given international trends we may see further development in unit standard based training in the future.

Coaching Database

Almost 1000 coaches are now registered and recorded on the national database. As course accreditation is completed, names are recorded and numbers relayed to the Hillary Commission. Though overall coach accreditation numbers have declined this year, there has been an increase in the number of active coaches.

New Resources

With the assistance of Squash Australia, we are developing a new level one coaching course that will be available at the beginning of 2000. This is an updated version of our existing course and the focus is more on court action rather than theory and sport science.

New versions of the Kiwisquash and Level O courses will follow with particular emphasis on teacher training and increased opportunity for young coaches.

Junior Squash Policy

Also available from Squash New Zealand is the new Junior Sport Policy which follows the lead of the Hillary Commission's "Moving Through Sport" guidelines. The youth playing squash are the future of our game and we must embrace them and ensure they continue to play for many years.

Recruitment and retention of players at this level will grow our game and develop the coaches, officials, players, administrators and supporters that will keep the game strong and prosperous.

Coaches Count

Squash New Zealand has continued to be a part of the Coaches Count campaign that aims to bring greater profile to our coaches and programmes. Over 1000 booklets were distributed around the country through the Squash Development and Regional Sport networks.

Particular thanks should go to the network of Squash Development Officers around the country who have become an integral part of the coach education programme. Their efforts have greatly increased the awareness of squash coaching opportunities and their recruitment of new coaches at district level is vitally important to the success of our programmes.

Francis Scordino Project Manager



Winner National Men's B Grade Teams – Khandallah
Sponsored by Jays Bar & Café, Johnsonville
Graeme Wilson, Graham Bedford, Steve Roughan, Gary Aukett
Wayne Taggart, Owen Foskett (Manager), Rob Clay. Absent: Graeme Sumner



Winner National Women's F Grade Teams – Palmerston North
Kester Oliverona (Manager), Kirsty Knobloch, Cathy Russell, Joanna Marshall, Don Carter (Coach)
Maree Rigby, Sandra Olivercrona, Andrea Flavel



French Youth Team

Andre Delhoste (Manager/Coach), Gregory Gaultier, Amaury Fribourg, Pierre Canto, Vanessa Florens, Noellie Boden



National Secondary Schools Championships – Westlake Girls & Westlake Boys High School
 Emma Winstanley (holding trophy), Rachel McLeod, Catherine McLeod, Larissa Stephenson, Jenny Parker
 James Vincent (holding trophy), Steve Miller, Mike Daley, Anthony McLeod, Richard Notter
 Coaches, Tony McLeod, Paul Ferner, Christine Maud (Manager)

HISTORY OF NEW ZEALAND SQUASH

(Compiled by Bill Murphy, Life Member, former Chief Executive and Ann Murphy, former Administration Manager)

Preface and Acknowledgements

Over 80 years of activity cannot be covered completely in the limited manner offered by any Annual Report and it would be appropriate if Squash New Zealand in the very early future commissioned a detailed history so that what has become a great New Zealand sport can be appropriately chronicled.

Nonetheless this hopefully gives a suitable interim snapshot of our dynamic game established in this country during the early twentieth century. It is arranged in four sections, being Personalities, Growth and Infrastructure, the Decades and Reflections.

Special acknowledgement is made of those personnel who wrote excellent contributions to the 50th Jubilee publication in 1988, which forms the basis of this update. These people being Squash New Zealand stalwarts and Life Members, (the late) Allen Johns, Don Green, Bryden Clarke, Murray Day and Michael Sumpter. Thanks also to Don Cotter, for his ever perceptive observations in viewing the sports evolution in New Zealand.

I Was There

On 23 November 1919 Herbert N Watson wrote from Palmerston North to his kiwi friend D.H Riddiford, then in England, on a series of matters, including golf and racing. He penned the letter having just returned from the New Zealand Cup in Christchurch where he had sailed by boat. He said he 'did not turn a hair on the trip' thanks to having previously got rid of his 'inside fat' by STRENUOUS SQUASH PLAYING.

This letter is in the 1998 publication 'I Was There' a recording of dramatic first hand accounts of New Zealand history.

So is established possibly the first reference to squash being played in New Zealand, as it is known that Herbert Watson has his own private court at his home in Palmerston North.

It wasn't until the 1930's however that the sport began to evolve on a broader base.



H.N. (Doggie) Watson

PERSONALITIES

Susan Devoy – Unsurpassed

It is a lay down misere that everyone in New Zealand from early school age upwards knows who DAME SUSAN DEVOY is, even though they may not all be aware of her amazing squash record.

Susan's deeds on and off the court unquestionably stamp her as the greatest personality to emerge in our sport's history and along the way the game has reaped immeasurable benefit from her exploits. In addition she has also become, arguably, New Zealand's greatest sportswoman of the century. A superb achievement for the "girl from Rotorua" as she has often called herself.

"To be honoured Dame Commander of the New Zealand Order of Merit – at just 34 years of age – was an outstanding mark of respect, unparalleled in the squash history of this country," said SNZ Chairman Neven Barbour in his Annual Report to the Association in 1998.

Over a period of 15 years from 1977 when she won her first national event in the under 13 championships through to her retirement from the game immediately following her fourth world championship title in 1992, Susan strode the court virtually unbeatable. Vicki Cardwell – herself one of Australia's very best players and one of Susan's interminable foes on court – rated her as the *"greatest woman squash player of all time even ahead of the legendary Heather MacKay"*.

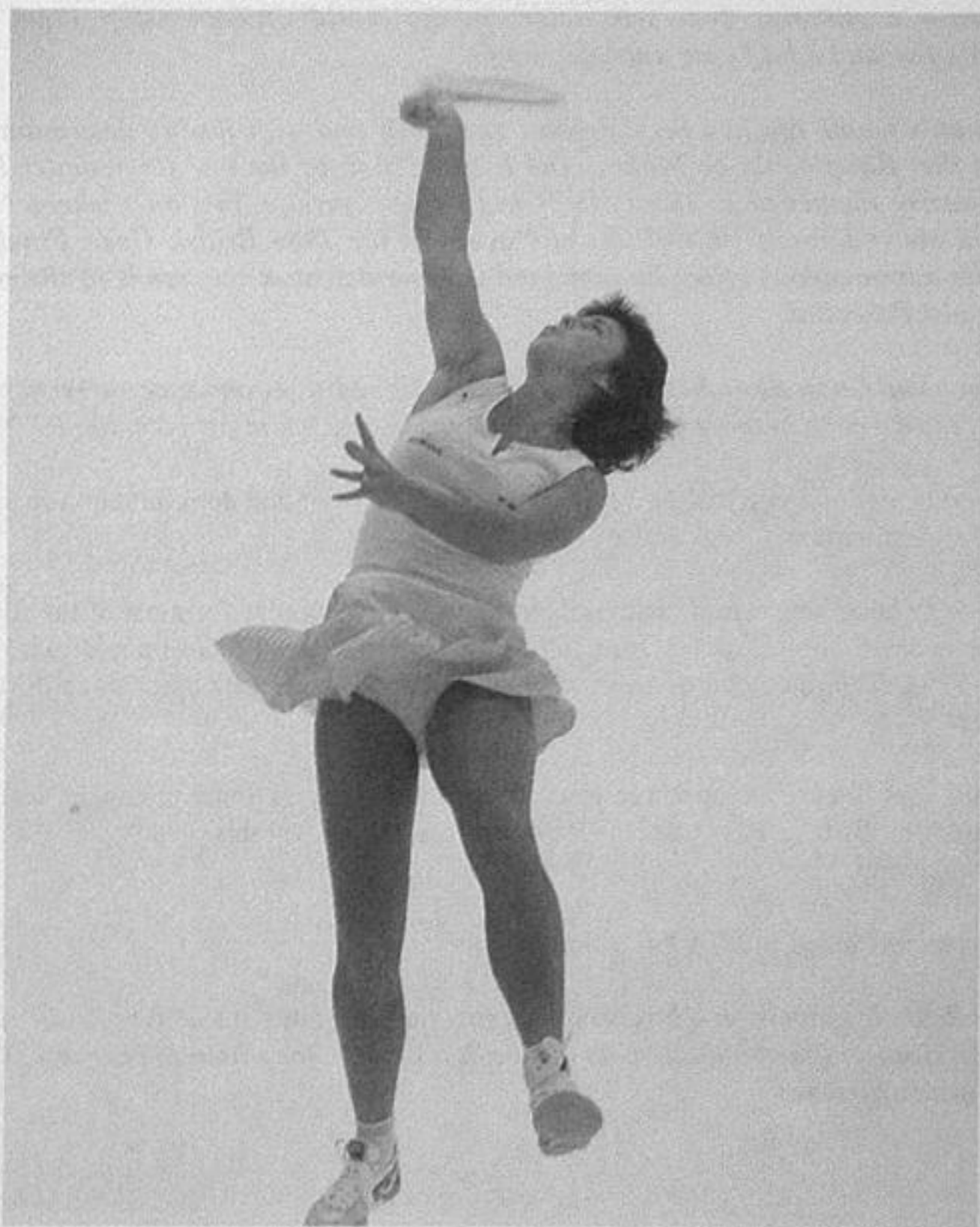
Don Cotter, Chairman of Squash New Zealand when he welcomed Susan back to New Zealand after the 1992 World Championships, summed up the feelings of all squash people.

"You leave the sport with unparalleled achievements from your first New Zealand senior title in 1983 to your fourth world title last week, you have amassed a record that will never be surpassed. You will be remembered in particular for what makes great champions – pride, total dedication, mental toughness, single mindedness and superlative skills and fitness – yet for all that you still remained mum's girl. You have carried yourself with great dignity, humility and compassion, and have rightfully earned the respect of all New Zealanders. You have been, and will continue to be, a magnificent role model for all New Zealand sportswomen. To leave the sport at the pinnacle of your achievements and powers must surely give you the ultimate satisfaction.

No retirement is more deserved. New Zealand Squash is confident that out there somewhere we have another world champion, but there will never be another Susan Devoy."

THE GLITTERING CAREER OF THE WORLD GREAT

- Four World Championship titles – 1985, 1987, 1990 and 1992
- Eight British Open titles– 1984 to 1990 and 1992
- Eight New Zealand Open titles – 1984 to 1990 and 1992
- Ten New Zealand National Championship titles – 1983 to 1992
- Every other major international event including the Australia, Swedish, Scottish, Irish, Swiss, French and Dutch Open titles.
- New Zealand Squash Personality of the Year 1983–1985, 1987–1992
- Inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame 1993
- Honoured as MEMBER OF BRITISH EMPIRE (MBE) 1986
- Honoured as COMMANDER OF BRITISH EMPIRE (CBE) 1992
- Honoured as DAME COMMANDER OF THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT, 1998.



Ross Norman – Maker of a Legend

During the eighties Susan Devoy's exploits dominated the headlines, but in November 1986 Ross Norman carved his name permanently into the very top echelon of New Zealand sporting history achieving a remarkable victory. In a fitting tribute at the time, then Chief Executive Robin Espie wrote –

“With a forehand drop shot on a squash court in Toulouse Ross Norman's life took on a new dimension. No longer would he be just a highly-respected, brilliant international squash player. He had now become one of a tiny elite group of people – a World Champion.

A writer of stories could not have wished for a better fairytale. After years of struggling on the ill paid amateur circuit, a parachuting injury which almost permanently ended his career, a gritty fight back into the international rankings, a lengthy spell as the perennial second behind the legendary Jahangir Khan, then the reward – a glittering four sets victory in the World Championship Final ending Khan's five and a half year unbeaten reign.

Norman's whole life had been devoted to squash and with lasting determination he knew that Khan could be beaten. And he wanted to be the one (to conquer him). It had nearly happened in the 1985 World Championships in Cairo where Norman played above himself yet still lost and again in the 1986 British Open Final which despite a tremendous effort he sustained another defeat at the hands of the superbly equipped Pakistani.

Yet he would not allow himself to become resigned to acceptance of second place. Every hard match became a new opportunity to break Jahangir's dominance.”

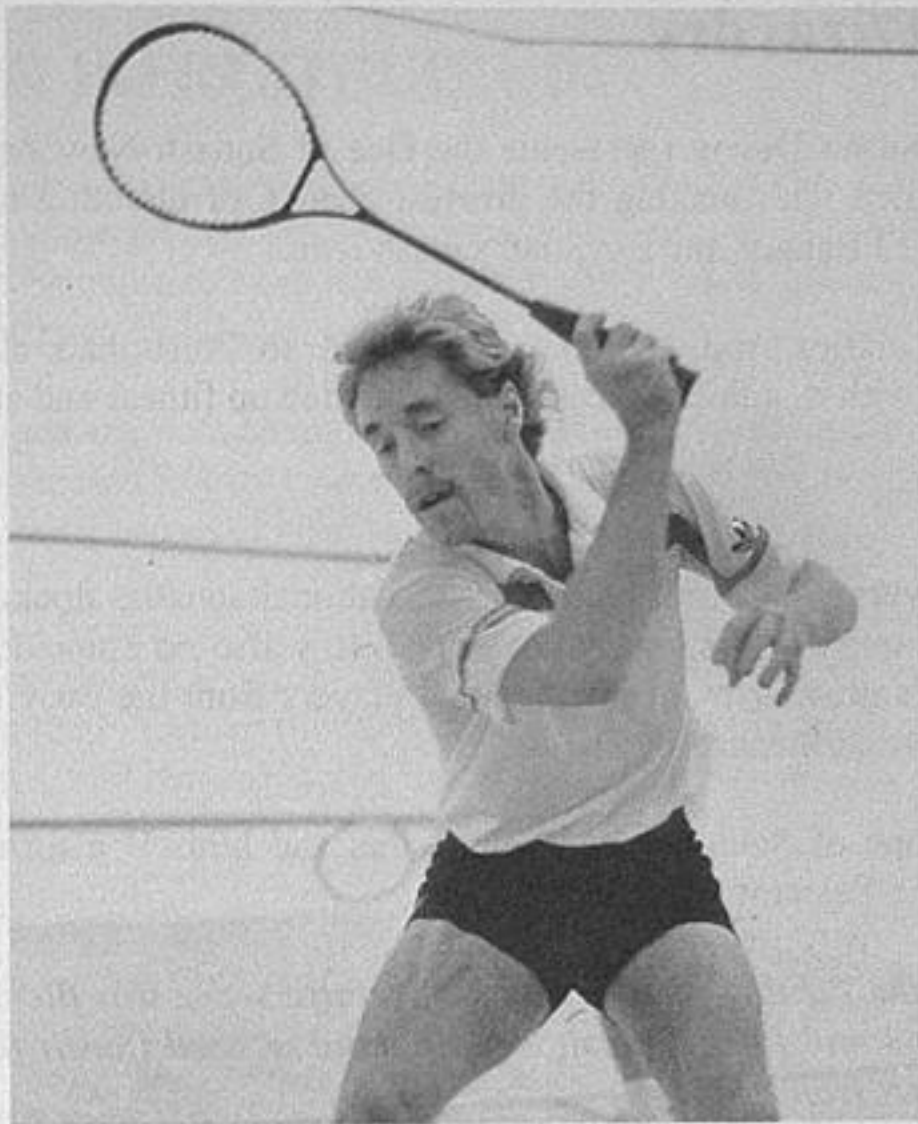
And, so in Toulouse on that November day Norman's grit and determination reached an historic culmination.

As well as becoming world champion Norman led his country for most of the five years he represented New Zealand from 1978, until his retirement from international play in early 1994. This included competing at seven world teams championships during that period.

Having kept himself competitive since finishing the international circuit he went on to capture the British 35+ title in 1994 and as recent as this year, the World 40+ Championship.

As Espie concluded in his 1986 tribute

“The Ross Norman legend has become a further milestone in the New Zealand squash history. Congratulations to this brilliant player for whom the highest praise is only just sufficient.”



A classic action shot of New Zealand's greatest male player 1986 World Champion Ross Norman



First Week long Squash School for future squash players conducted by Dardir, circa 1965

Egyptian Wizardry

While to many, Susan Devoy represents the face of Squash New Zealand, the person who can be credited with making the greatest change of direction to our sport is the legendary Dardir El Bakary, the Egyptian squash icon.

Up to the mid sixties, top NZ players aspired to Australian state and national competition, and with it, a fairly 'basic' game founded on fitness and strength.

Dardir changed that.

Coaches and players alike from club level to national squads, flocked to his sessions throughout the country as his legacy developed. It is also no coincidence that virtually all New Zealand's great array of international players from the early seventies through to the nineties were influenced by Dardir.

Bryden Clarke, one of Squash's great characters and himself a former New Zealand Representative and Selector wrote in 1988,

"I am sure that the turning point in our competitive scene was the arrival of Dardir. After visits in 1963 and 1965, Squash New Zealand secured Dardir for what was to be an initial two years from 1967.

This little man with a big heart and serious approach showed us how to use all the court, to volley, to boast, to lob and vary the pace from blistering drives to the softest of floated drops. He taught the coaches of NZ their technical knowledge and many of the junior players of his era went on to be coaches, including Bryce Taylor, Susan Devoy's early mentor on the international circuit

That we eventually had over twenty years from Dardir is unique in the volatile world of such sporting connections. He deserves our warmest thanks."



GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE

The Association's history has progressed from a small amateur body with a few club courts, as well as some pioneer ones at service bases, to one of the world leaders. And to a sport whose champions have been acknowledged throughout the sporting world where the game attracts millions of participants in virtually every corner of the globe.

Early explosive growth has naturally waned. However, progress has consolidated, especially in the last 10-15 years where, with modern initiatives, the Association and the sport is now well poised to head into the new millennium.

Major Participant Sport

Registered club members peaked in 1984 at just under 54,000. At the same time it was reliably estimated that a further 100,000 – 125,000 played the game casually at various commercial centres, and non-registered courts throughout the country including schools and community centres.

In the late 1980's the progress of club development and participation slowed and the dynamics of the sport began to change. As a result registered club membership (similar to most sports) has slipped back to a figure a little over 32,000 on the eve of the new millennium. However the number of affiliated clubs remains strong at 231, after peaking at 259 in 1989. The positive aspect of the registered membership is that a resurgence has emerged over the last three years, after dropping in 1996 to a low at half of the 1994 peak.

Current Hillary Commission figures show that of individual sports only Bowls, Golf and Tennis have more registered members than Squash. Latest survey figures (1997) by the Commission record 124,000 participating in the sport. Notwithstanding that nine team sports rate higher membership numbers, when the overall picture is taken into account Squash ranks as a *major* participant sport, with a very strong platform, developed over 70 years, to continue that way.

Courts Everywhere

Squash Courts and Clubs have sprung up virtually everywhere throughout the country over the years. From single courts on farms (viz Waikite and Maketu) to multi complexes such as city clubs Henderson, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Timaru and Invercargill. Most rural areas, small and large, boast courts and every sizeable town has at least one club. Schools have erected courts. Community centres have seen the value of incorporating courts into their facilities and the Service bases around the country have a long tradition of their own courts.

Sprung wooden floors and concrete block (or brick) walls have been the popular construction methods while some courts in the early days (eg Timaru) had wooden back walls. Some even had entry doors in the side wall! Solid concrete walls became popular from the seventies onwards as did glass insert back windows, and eventually all glass back walls became an everyday feature.

Already underway, the future will be with flexible courts providing moveable walls, both for doubles and multi-sport utilisation. Plain concrete and natural timber hues have

in more recent cases been replaced with coloured floors and walls, adding vital ambience to the sport.

Gallery Courts

In the early years spectator viewing was very limited and in many cases non-existent. The progressive Hamilton Club changed this face of the sport when building its revolutionary 'bear pit' gallery court for the 1971 World Championships.

From the mid seventies numerous glass backed gallery courts sprung up throughout the country, especially where clubs were adding new courts. However the supreme complex would belong to Henderson, where on a new site in 1979, the club erected an ultra modern six court complex highlighted by a centrally positioned television court.

The eighties also saw the invention of **all glass** or **perspex** courts overseas and Squash New Zealand purchased its own perspex court in 1986. That has subsequently been erected in numerous strategic public facilities to make the viewing of the sport more accessible to the population at large.

Family and Social Sport

While squash inherited a somewhat 'elitist' culture with its introduction from England, the advent of professional and business people into clubs in the early years established a very sound planning foundation for its subsequent growth. As new clubs sprung up the fabric of club membership eventually broadened, with the entry of women members, junior players and converts from many other sports, be it rugby, tennis or badminton.

Subsequently the sport has become very family orientated and multicultural. Clubs have also developed strong social histories, with most, famous for their "aftermatch" festivities. From the time women became more involved (late 50's onwards) in both the game and in club activities, female membership has remained constant and strong, at around 35% of participants.

The sport also quickly became popular with "broken down" rugby players looking for a continuance of activity. The very nature of the sport has over the years suited the New Zealand personality and 'psyche', where contact, while minimal, is of sufficient 'presence' to be enjoyable, without being separated by a net as in other racket sports.

Timing during the sixties and seventies aided the sport, as Squash Clubs often came along into communities at the time when many football clubs and tennis clubs were struggling for interest after their earlier heyday years.

Commercial Squash

Unlike most other countries, especially Australia, the United Kingdom, Europe and the United States, commercial squash centres have not flourished in any great numbers in New Zealand.

However most major cities have commercial centres in various capacities and in the peak of the eighties there were over 20 complexes, comprising around 100 courts in total.

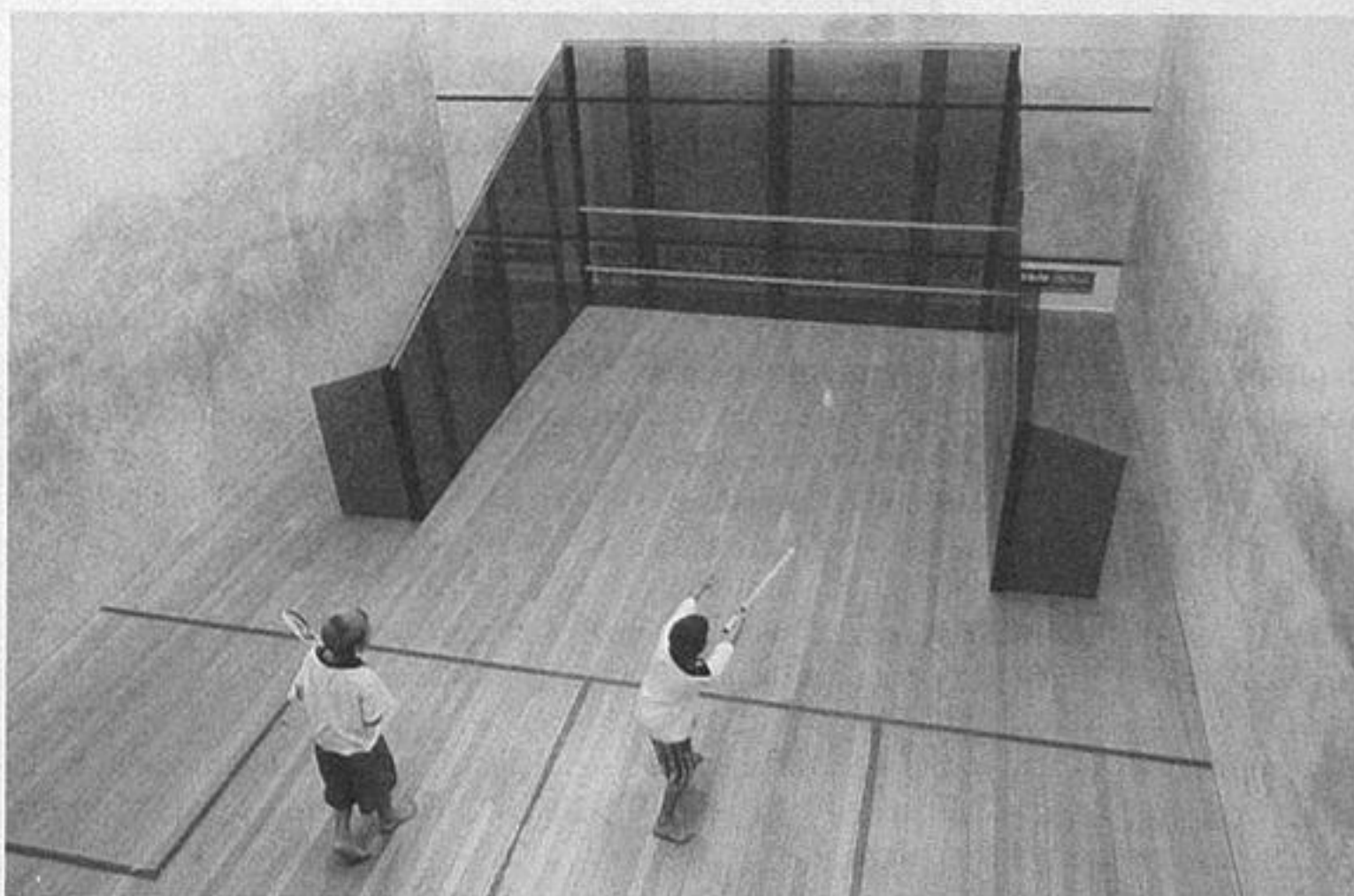
John Reid, the legendary NZ cricketer, established the first commercial complex in Wellington in 1962 and SNZ purchased this 8 court facility in 1978, subsequently expanding to 12 courts. It now operates as Club Kelburn under the proactive management of Robbie Walker and continues to play a major part in the SNZ operation.

Junior Squash

While initially the sport was played by many 'converts', the development of the family orientated clubs saw, in tandem, the impact of young people exposed to the sport early in their lives.

Subsequently junior squash became an integral part of club, district and national activity. Although the first junior national champion (Les Milne) was found in 1950, it was the early seventies before younger age group events became a regular feature, down to under 13. The sport owes a huge debt to the likes of Jack Tyler, Dawn Dryland, Colin & Lorna Brownlee, Doug Lawrie, (the late) Bruce Owen, Lois Smith, Marge Forrester and many others in clubs who pushed this vital aspect of the sport so strongly during the formative years.

Junior activity has carried on through ever since. Over the last 10-12 years, the Micro Court, initially developed by Butch Gifford and later modernised by Mark Devoy, has introduced literally thousands of youngsters to the sport, either through schools, shopping malls or other community facilities.



New Perspex Micro Court

No Let!

One of the features in the development of the game has been the need to be a referee (of at least some nature!) to play. Some have taken it much further and a very active refereeing society has evolved over the years, under the auspices of Squash New Zealand.

Tireless work by a great number of people has been put into educating referees and developing the rules and refereeing programme to where there are approximately 300 qualified referees at various levels around the country. The movement became organised in the seventies headed by the late Derek Cook and followed by a number of dedicated personnel including Dennis Winch, Gavin Whyte, Peter Highsted and Joss Urbahn.

Undoubtedly the personality of this fraternity has been the much-travelled Chas Evans who has carved his own niche by becoming one of the worlds most competent and respected referees, as well as playing a major part in the national programme over the years.



Life Begins At 35

Squash initially had its 'veterans' of the sport mainly as a hangover from its English roots and/or tennis structure. However in the early eighties, in conjunction with Australian counterparts, Masters squash evolved, banding various five year age groups. As a result the sport has been able to maintain significant numbers of older players and importantly club members. Masters represents close to half of current members.

Annual test battles with Australia have become a feature of the 35+ 'grey power brigade' as have masters tournaments which feature nationwide.

The enthusiasm of Kiwis and Australians to Masters squash saw the international body adopt age group squash for mature players officially in 1993 and more latterly world events have regularly taken place.

Personalities (for example John Wesley) have loomed large in the Masters field, none more so however than the two long-serving, effervescent, national directors Robin Roche and Gower Dallimore.

A Grade or F

Golf has its world-wide handicap system, cricket its batting and bowling averages and baseball its numerous batting and pitching statistics – but Squash New Zealand has its grading system. The system was introduced in the seventies by Wellington statistical boffins and eventually adopted nationally. It has proved itself by surviving the passage of time and has remained almost unique, even though a number of other countries have tried to adopt a similar system in some shape or form.

Computerization has enhanced the system and under the vigilant eye of the indefatigable Steve Scott every competitive player in the country is networked into the national programme. Club and district statisticians have become icons in their own areas and the popular system has retained its 'human face' through manual adjustment at top player level. The system has, however, required strong analysis at all levels and two very hardworking and long time national directors over the years have been Mike Birch and Vivienne Brumby.

The Pursuit Of Excellence

The natural development of any sport leads to wanting to produce the best possible results, aimed at world achievement, along with a viable coaching and development programme. Organized coaches and coaching started to emerge in the fifties and picked up pace in the mid sixties, through a professional coaches body headed by Ken Mackwell and later by Peter Dibley. Other prominent coaches, at the time included Norm Coe and Doug Laurie in the South Island.

The expansion continued, particularly in the Dardir era, with Dardir himself the flag bearer for the professional coaches. The professional association however never quite evolved like some other sports and an amalgamation of the pro coaches with Squash New Zealand in the seventies came about. This saw Ken Mackwell, Colin Brownlee, Rob Crothall and Butch Gifford as respective national directors over the next 25 years. Dardir was the national coach during much of this period until he retired in the late eighties. (The late) Shane O'Dwyer was destined for the top echelon of coaching but tragically died soon after his engagement as national director in 1985. Top English Coach Paul Wright was appointed National Coach in 1996, heading the programme for three years and remains closely associated with the high performance programme. Five Regional Coaches now operate nationwide and in total, including District and Club coaches, there are 970 active throughout the sport.

The association, with the backing of the New Zealand Sports Foundation and commercial sponsorship (at the time) established a High Performance Programme in 1990. This involved operating an Institute of Squash, with 25 inductees, based at the All Seasons Squash Centre in West Auckland. The programme produced a number of top juniors through the ensuing years but has been modified in recent times, due to the reduced number of opportunities for fulltime players overseas. High Performance, however, remains an integral part of Squash New Zealand operations.

Around The Table

Management, direction and the promotion of the sport nationally has rested with committees over the years, almost exclusively on a voluntary basis. More recently some of the larger clubs, most of the districts and certainly Squash New Zealand as the national body have employed part or full-time personnel to carry out the day to day requirements.

Employment however only became a feature from the early seventies as the demands of growth necessitated and now there would be an estimated 400+ people earning remuneration in some shape of form. Nonetheless, there would also be between 5,000 and 8,000 people continuing to put voluntary time into promoting the sport on a daily basis.

The need for change over recent times has caused a number of clubs to establish boards to replace the more traditional committees. Some of the eleven districts (since their evolution in the seventies) have changed their structure also and at national level Squash New Zealand has seen major change.

From its first 'home' when a Palmerston North based management ran the Association during the fifties, the sport progressed onto a national committee with district representatives. Then in 1992 it changed to a board of management comprising six elected directors, the President and the Chief Executive. The new position of Chairman of the Board was introduced and the President position altered to that of an advocate of clubs, until 1998 when the post was phased out.

The national secretary position, previously voluntary, became a part-time job from 1971 to 1978 when a fulltime Executive Director was appointed. The post was then upgraded to the position of Chief Executive in 1989.

Warning Signals and Restructuring

From its earliest beginnings through to the mid-eighties when squash grew and expanded, facilities generally remained suitable to the membership, who in the main were active and competitive players. The latter half of the eighties however saw warning signs appear and for the first time clubs were faced with declining membership. New or potential members seemed not to be so attracted to the sport. Much of this could be attributed to changing lifestyles and the great upsurge of other recreational opportunities.

Squash New Zealand management decided in 1992 to undertake a comprehensive study of the sport and, early in the following year, Peter Crellin was commissioned to undertake the research. A market research programme was immediately put into place throughout the country and Peter Crellin prepared his evaluation of the situation to Squash New Zealand.

Essentially it found that the market had changed, in conjunction with the life styles of New Zealanders and concluded that the Association (Squash New Zealand and its member clubs) while having achieved many significant milestones had lost touch with the market, by being focussed on the *game* and not on the *general players*. At the same time member's facilities had aged and regular players were also ageing while new (younger) ones were not being retained.

In short, Peter Crellin reported that *"the sport showed the classic signs of being at the end of a life cycle"* and that Squash New Zealand needed in the future to be in the business of *"fun and fitness"*, promoting to the leisure and recreational market.

The findings represented a significant challenge to the Association and the Clubs in particular. Changes were set underway in late 1993 aimed at encouraging clubs to "buy in" to a new marketing thrust, and this has been ongoing through to the eve of the new millennium. A number of clubs are already underway with this reconstruction, the best example being the Ashburton Club in the South Island, headed by President Trevor Johnston. For his efforts he has been awarded the Squash New Zealand "Personality of the Year" Award.

National Squash Centre

In a major initiative plans are underway for a National Squash Centre envisaged to be operative from the year 2001. It is proposed to comprise 10 ASB designed courts and is a joint venture between Squash New Zealand, Auckland Squash and Unitec. This will act as the home to continue the national High Performance Programme and also as a headquarters for secondary school squash. It will further provide an alternative venue for major tournaments and will be available as a community facility. In a farsighted move Auckland Clubs have sanctioned investment capital for the proposed centre, not only to assist their own development but importantly the national programme.

Squash Dynamics

1999 has seen the introduction of Squash Dynamics, as a wholly-owned and limited liability business venture by Squash New Zealand. It has been established as the "marketing arm" of the association and as such is an agency to promote the European designed ASB variable court system. Its other vital function is to develop and promote the products and management systems needed in the modern leisure and recreational market that is facing clubs.

Squash Development Network

Through a joint investment with Districts, commenced in 1998, nine Squash Development Officers are now networked throughout the country focussing on assisting clubs with promotion and marketing of the game. This is aimed at helping clubs meet the changing environment identified from the earlier market research and subsequent Crellin report.

Acting as a "sales force" for the sport the Development Officers will eventually link closely with Squash Dynamics.

THE DECADES – The Forties

The late Allen Johns (life member) was an outstanding figure over a great number of years in the sport. He was a double national title holder in 1947, represented his country in 1958 and 1959, and was manager of the New Zealand team in the world championships in South Africa in 1973. As well he was a chairman of the Management Committee when it was based in Palmerston North in the fifties. He wrote the following contribution to the 1988 Jubilee booklet.

Introduced from England

The sport was first introduced to New Zealand by players who had encountered the game in England.

And even though Squash had been played competitively since 1932, records are sparse, no doubt due to the intervention of the Second World War (1939-45). Squash was however first played on a national basis in November 1932, at the Christchurch Club which along with the Devonport Naval Base (Auckland) two courts, were the only ones available for competitions at the time.

First Champions

The 1932 champion and first winner, the late G.E.F Kingscote was recognised as the father of the New Zealand game having played extensively at the Bath Club, England! He is credited with having introduced the drop shot to New Zealand and later the technique of making the ball die in the crack – the “nick” shot.

The first New Zealand Association in 1932 was unincorporated with Mr Vivian Riddiford of Wellington as Patron, Mr Kingscote as President and Mr H N Watson (Palmerston North) as Vice President. Mr P D Hall was first secretary and held office until 1936 when Mr T.A. Gresson (later Mr Justice Gresson) succeeded him. During the war the Association acted only to organise New Zealand tournaments. Some important firsts are recorded for this period – 1933 the opening of the first Public (or Open) Club at Timaru and in 1934 the first visit of New Zealand Players to the Australian Championships at the Royal Melbourne Tennis Club courts when D W J Gould (Christchurch) reached the semi-final, and P D Hall the final. Both were beaten by Harry Hopman of Davis Cup fame.

Incorporated

The New Zealand Squash Rackets Association, (as it was known until the early nineties,) was formally incorporated in 1939 with the initial fifteen members being divided into three classes. Open Clubs, were those with open membership namely Timaru, Palmerston North, Hamilton and Oamaru. Closed Clubs were those with restricted membership, notably Wellington Club, Christchurch Club, Devonport, Naval Base, South Canterbury Club and Fernhill Club (Dunedin) and there were several private court owners – P.D. Hall, J.E.F. Vogel and others.

G.E.F. Kingscote who hailed from Christchurch was also the first President of the Incorporated association holding office until his retirement in 1947 when he was succeeded by the late Roy J Mitchell. The names Riddiford, Kingscote and Mitchell are perpetuated through the following trophies and competitions:

Riddiford Gold Cup – National Men's Championships
Kingscote Plate – National Men's Plate Competition
Mitchell Rose Bowl – National Womens Championship
Mitchell Cup – National Teams Competition



New Zealand Championships 1946

Ake Malcolm, Hamilton; Bill Renton, Timaru; Pete Long, Palmerston North; Bill Lewis, Timaru

Indebted

During the Second World War the game naturally stagnated and up to this time the only national tournament was the NZ Championships (Men). This was suspended after 1939 and resumed in 1946. The venue alternated each year between Timaru and Palmerston North until 1951.

During 1946 a Special General Meeting was held in Christchurch and the first recorded Annual General Meeting was held in Timaru. The revival and promotion of Squash were main items for discussion at these meetings. The sport was however essentially still men only with the Womens Championship being first competed for in 1951.

In 1946 there were 20 courts in New Zealand affiliated or available to the national Association. These included clubs at Hamilton, Palmerston North, Timaru, South Canterbury (also at Timaru), Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill. As well as Armed Services courts at Devonport Naval Base, and the RNZAF Stations at Whenuapai, Ohakea, Woodbourne and Invercargill. In addition there were two private courts at Christchurch. It was probably not until 1952 that further courts were known to be built.

One of the earlier private courts in New Zealand was at the home of the late H.N. (Doggie) Watson of Palmerston North. The court was smaller (shorter and narrower) than the standard court and the ball provided by the host was harder and very much faster than the present ball. It was basically a drive and volley game but good fun and Allen Johns was a regular invitee to the court on a Sunday afternoon back in the pre-war years. "Doggie" Watson as he was affectionately known because he was seldom without the company of his two small Sydney Silky dogs, was a widower at that time. He was the typical English Squire. His home was to match, set in spacious grounds with a long tree-lined entrance driveway. Fresh scones, jam and cream provided by his housekeeper were the ritual for afternoon tea for the small group of invited players and spectators.

Limited

There was limited tournament play during this period and only the occasional inter club visit, due to the long distances between clubs.

Allen Johns' earliest recollection of an interclub match was Palmerston North versus Hamilton in Hamilton, then a one-court men-only club. This was probably 1937 or 1938 and the Palmerston North team having to travel by train (The Limited Express) arriving in Hamilton around 7am Saturday.

"We were met by our hosts at the station and taken to Mr Wally King's (solicitor) residence for whiskeys & milk and breakfast. The good old days."

The situation in the South Island was much the same although interclub visits were more regular from 1946 onwards with the courts at Timaru, Oamaru, Dunedin and Invercargill.

EXPANSION PERIOD – The Fifties

Don Green (Life Member) won the National Championship Title in 1956. He was an irrepressible figure in the sport and was President of the Association in 1972 and 1973 and represented New Zealand on the International Federation for a number of years. He reflected on the fifties in the Jubilee publication.

Important Sport

The fifties heralded the beginnings of Squash Rackets as an important sport in New Zealand. The number of clubs almost doubled but more significantly open clubs appeared in Christchurch, Hawkes Bay, Invercargill, Auckland and Henderson. The game was becoming available nationwide and on a non-restricted basis, catering for men and women. The platform for the dramatic growth in the sixties was being put in place. It must be said that "open" in this context was not always what it seemed. For example Timaru known as an open club excluded women members for many years.

In the early fifties the main functions of the Association were to maintain liaison between clubs and to run the New Zealand Championship Tournament which incorporated the final of the Cousins Shield for the mens interclub teams event, the winners of the South Island sections being previously determined. In 1951 the tournament included the Womens Individual Championship (the first) and in 1958 the Womens Club Teams final (Mitchell Cup). 1950 saw the Junior Championship for Men (Lewis Cup) and a Junior Womens Championship (Childs Vase) was begun in 1956.

At first the Squash New Zealand secretariat moved to the club holding the NZ Championships. Thus P.W. Young (Timaru 1950), R.O. Haddon (Palmerston North 1951) and P F Black (Oamaru 1952) held the secretariat position. However as the game grew so did the administrative requirements and in 1953 R.O. Haddon became secretary with a management committee in Palmerston North. It is invidious to select individuals when obviously so many have contributed, but Roy Haddon, ("Mr Squash") merits special mention. Roy had a vision of the future of squash and his personality, entrepreneurial skills, initiative and enthusiasm, although ruffling a few feathers at times, were not to be denied and the game in New Zealand will always be indebted to him. He provided the catalytic force required and took enormous delight from the development of the game.

Long Serving

A.D. Long, E.H. Christmas and A.M. Johns were long-serving members of that Management Committee and their efforts and those of many others working quietly behind the scenes kept the Association moving forward.

Mention should also be made of Mr Roy Mitchell who was President right through the fifties and whose interest and generosity befitted squash throughout his lifetime and later through the Mitchell Trust. He also donated the Mitchell Rose Bowl (Womens Championship) and Mitchell Cup (Womens teams) which now help keep his memory alive.

Player Power Shift

The fifties proved to be the decade marking the end (at least for some time) of players from the South tending to dominate the North. The Cousins Shield was for example won by South Island Clubs seven times in this period. Coaching was certainly not available on an organised way in those days, but in most clubs there was always someone willing to help or advise. Many players from the Timaru Club who went on to National honours were fortunate to be introduced to the game by Mr R G "Wozzie" Wilson, a master at Timaru Boys High School, who was an astute coach and tactician. Squash was fortunate also because leading players in all clubs actively helped and encouraged younger players ensuring the game would prosper.

Many players brightened the squash scene over these years and helped to raise the standard of play. Mentioning some by name is not to overlook the contribution that others have made.

Mr John Gillies came to New Zealand from England to reside in Invercargill, and won the NZ title in 1950, 51 and 52. John had been runner-up in the British Amateur Championship before the Second World War and brought a new dimension to the game here with his variety of shots, wrist work and deception and not the least by setting a standard to be challenged.

Hashim The Great

Perhaps the greatest individual contribution by a player came through the visit of Hashim Khan in 1952. Possibly the greatest player of all time, this "World Champion" toured New Zealand in a demanding schedule which no-one would accept today. Hashim appeared constantly on court throughout the country and was prepared to play anyone for a few minutes – a little longer if there was some talent. People literally queued for hours for the opportunity to "have a hit" with Hashim. He attracted hundreds

of people who knew nothing about the game to come and watch. His patience was amazing and his stamina unreal. At one stage on his South Island tour his playing hand was badly blistered but he insisted on continuing his programme. It is certain no world ranked (or locally ranked) player of today would take part in such a gruelling tour or carry it out with such enthusiasm and cheerfulness leaving behind such a feeling of goodwill. It was a tremendously successful public relations exercise. Hashim returned in 1957 this time with Roshan Khan and played a very successful series of exhibition matches.

In 1954, Miss Janet Morgan and Miss Sheila Speight, both from Great Britain toured New Zealand playing both men and women and giving exhibitions. Again these players showed an expertise not matched here before and opened new horizons for our own exponents.

International Challenges

The fifties also saw the start of international squash for New Zealand. In 1953 a team of promising players, Peter Vesty, Les Milne, Murray Gunn and Don Mochan toured Australia. Vesty and Mochan were both later to win the NZ Championship, Mochan three times. Also in 1953 an Australian Womens Team, led by Mrs R Maddern, was the first overseas team to visit New Zealand and an international match was played in Palmerston North.

The NZ team was Mesdames N. New (PN), M. Kennedy (Oamaru), P. Hunter and D. Gilbert-Smith (Ham). Mrs Maddern won the NZ Womens Championship defeating Mrs New in 1951, 52, 54 and 55. 1954 saw Mrs New, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Gilbert-Smith travel to Australia. In 1958, Bryan Stuart and Vic Toohey came to New Zealand with the first visit from an Australian Men's Team. Allen Johns, Graeme Bird, Don Green and Bryden Clarke toured Australia and played in the interstate series.

Unfortunately Bryden Clarke was injured early on and was replaced by Norman Coe. This team also played against a British team of R. Wilson, M. Oddy, N. Broomfield, D. Hughes and J. Lyons which was in Australia at the same time. Later this British team toured New Zealand and Michael Oddy beat Nigel Broomfield in the final of the NZ Championships. Looking back it is interesting that the NZ players were pleased that members of the visiting teams played in the NZ Championships. The "open" nature of the events was not questioned.

Although the NZ teams lost all the team matches in this period the experience gained was invaluable and the lesson was soon learnt that overseas players were not unbeatable. Thus goals were again raised to improve performance. As part of the selection for the 1959 team a round robin tournament was held in Christchurch between players from the North and South Islands and out of this evolved the North-South match in subsequent years. One comment must be passed. Bryden Clarke had his eyes set on selection for this team and had trained so hard (and successfully) that when he arrived in Christchurch in his transformed 'sylphlike' form a South Island player believed the North had fielded a substitute.

Maturity

In essence the fifties saw squash in NZ mature. It also saw the beginning of the explosive development of courts and clubs open to men and women. The game owes much to a few dedicated, farsighted people who saw squash expand on club lines and

many countries envied the basic structure. 1953 also saw the introduction of the first Association levy on players and started squash on the right lines – to stand essentially on its own.

ADOLESCENCE & EXPANSION – The Sixties

One of the most infectious characters in NZ Squash has been Bryden Clarke, former New Zealand Rep, national champion runner up, team manager, management committee member, national selector and life member. His enthusiasm reflected the sixties period when squash started to extend its earlier growth phase. On a working holiday in Britain during 1988 he penned this contribution to the Jubilee Booklet.

“I have just witnessed my first British Open at the 3,000 seat Wembley Centre and what a far cry from the days of forms, tables, nail boxes and planks and about ninety people who could squeeze in, stand or “hang from the roof” to view the matches in 1959. My pride and nostalgia caused a moist eye as the kaleidoscope of people and events flashed by eventually focusing on the characters that made it possible for the end results to occur.”

The Sixties in my mind was the period of adolescence, conceived pre-war in a man's world, a quiet pregnancy and birth attended by many professional men, with women occasionally included! The 1959 inexperienced child in the form of the NZ Mens Team of A.M. Johns, D.G. Green, G. Bird, N. Coe and B. Clarke was severely thrashed by Australia in Sydney, who in turn were whitewashed by Great Britain. We were tennis players playing squash and lacked technique. From this point the NZ Management willingly and hand in hand with the players and clubs began the expansion phase. The sixties saw 1,700 players grow to almost 17,000. Court construction leaped from 37 to 194 and clubs from 17 to 81. Phenomenal progress in 10 years.

Motivation

The motivation to give the players international competition never wavered and generous application of funds saw annual visits by Australian Women's teams and then annual visits to Australia by our Women's team in the latter sixties. Oamaru's Ann McKenzie (Stephens) took three of her six National titles, Dot Linde (Deacon) (an ex pat Aussie), Pat Mills (Taylor) from Hamilton, Megan Burmeister (Waugh) and Val Milligan (Biss) Palmerston North and Pam Buckingham (Guy) Cambridge were champions. In 1965 a quiet young Australian, Heather Blundell (McKay) took the title as she embarked on her amazing dominance of World Women's Squash. The men's game was dominated by Palmerston North, with Charlie Waugh (five consecutive titles), Trevor Johnston (2) and Don Burmeister (2) having 9 of the 10 titles between them. What a ruckus ensued when an over-enthusiastic Management Committee gave Australian Dick Carter 50 pounds towards his expenses to get to Masterton which stopped Waugh's inevitable sixth title.



Charlie Waugh – along with Pam Guy, the most capped NZ Champion up to 1987

Club Champions

Timaru so long a major force fought back to end Palmerston North's dominance of three wins in a row in the Cousins Shield.

The drift to the North of their players prompted Timaru to coin "we breed them, you use them". The inevitable strength of Auckland's men emerged in 1965 when Remuera kept out Oamaru, Timaru, Hamilton and Palmerston North for the first time. Remuera's women had matured somewhat earlier with their Mitchell Cup victory in 1959. Noel Cashmore deserves mention for his vigorous efforts to get Remuera established once the Motorway had sliced off half of their original complex.

Henderson, fuelled by copious quantities of Corban wines, surged off the mark with the first three court club and unrivalled hybrid enthusiasm from its Dalmatian community. To the fore was Dr Tom Childs so ably supported by his first wife Alison. This man of medicine, wine, food, guns, dogs, ducks and pheasants and great persuasion, as NZ President cajoled and inspired Squash New Zealand into progress through international competition. Neville Rykers deserves mention as a leading character including the 1979 establishment of Henderson's international facility and national reputation through his Presidency, cartoons and "odd stag party". These men and their teams could scarcely have foreseen the strong position Henderson and New Zealand were to take in World Squash in later years.

Stepped In

Murray Day stepped into the Squash New Zealand ring and his efficiency immediately challenged long-standing Secretary, Roy Haddon. Roy rose to this challenge and even greater efforts ensued. After initial jousting Murray's abilities were accepted and his contribution as President to NZ and then to the World as International Squash Rackets Federation (ISRF) President were immense. His club, Hamilton, so long a major force on the national scene, relocated with a modern luxurious building and three courts in 1960 as the headquarters of the Waikato, which included Bay of Plenty through to the seventies.

Palmerston North continued through the decade as the home of the Management Committee, conducting the day to day affairs in conjunction with the President and Vice Presidents, but it has to be said that the amazingly energetic Roy Haddon held and drove the Association with unflinching enthusiasm and foresight. It was a golden decade for Roy when Palmerston achieved so much for New Zealand.

The Palmerston North members of the Management over the decade were then Pete Long, Ted Christmas, Allen Johns, Innes Rowland, Jack Tyler, Trevor de Cleene and Bryden Clarke. Presidents and Vice Presidents were a spread of South and North, away from Palmerston North to keep the balance.

Commercial Development

The rise of squash in New Zealand was all Club orientated until John Reid (in Wellington) and Colin and Lorna Brownlee in Rotorua introduced commercial courts. Squash New Zealand were apprehensive about this development and exactly what part they had to play. Their fears never materialised as the Reids and Brownlees were such enthusiastic sports people that they accommodated the non-profit amateur sport in a manner complementary to the sports cause despite their need to profit.

Resisted Pressure

The South Island with Christchurch and Dunedin always active and resisting the pressure from the North had an admirable stalwart in Don Green. During his Presidency Don's knowledge as a sportsman and his strength of character won many battles at management level including the friendly tugs of war that the imbalance of population and factors of distance created between North and South.

Competition Set the Standard

New Zealand could not have reached today's standards without competition. Just in behind the champions of the decade were many memorable competitors from within New Zealand: young Graeme Bird, durables Norm Coe and Ivan Easton, Margaret Naylor and Ailsa Tietjens, Laurie Greene, John Stevens, Cecilie Fleming, Theresa Lawes, John Isaacs, John Walker, Larry O'Neill, Helen Hargreaves, Lorna Brownlee, Marnie Meldrum, Peter Dibley, Jocelyn Legg, and Heather Corporal, Julie Hislop and Aileen Buscke, the late Shane O'Dwyer, Jenny Webster. And from overseas came Australians Owen Parmenter, Dick Carter, Cam Nancarrow, Aftab Jawaid, Fran Marshall, Lyle Hubinger. Ken Hiscoe and the great champions Geoff Hunt and England's Jonah Barrington who graced our courts. Along with many others including London's (nowadays) squash and leisure entrepreneur Mike Corby, Australia's character Ted Hamilton, South Africa's and Indian's men's teams and SRA Secretary John Horry. A passing parade of riches, vital characters and the World's best.

Insatiable Energy

Finally as the decade closed three youngsters with insatiable energy, bounced around the courts in Rotorua and Whitianga. Bruce Brownlee, serious and dedicated, went on to make the first major breakthrough by later taking the British Amateur title for his sports loving family and supporters. Little did they realise in 1969 the personal triumph and the tragedy of an injury-shortened career that was to follow.

From Whitianga, Mercury Bay, Ross Norman a very short, wiry blond imp with a flying father, overcame a twisted foot, a parachuting disaster and eventually Jahangir Khan to become World Champion. At Rotorua a tiny wisp of a child with legs like matchsticks

scurried around, encouraged by older brothers, Mum, Dad and the Brownlees. Little did they realise that this seven or eight year old was to become World Champion to fulfil and embody the hopes and dreams of the squash players of NZ and to richly satisfy the ambitions of the Squash New Zealand.

THE EXPLOSION –The Seventies

It was no co-incidence that life member Murray Day saw in the seventies era as President from 1969–71, following previous years on the Management Committee, during which the sport boomed both in club growth and playing numbers. Day then followed his stint as New Zealand president by expertly leading the World Squash Federation for 6 years from 1975-81, as the global march of the sport started to explode under his skilful guidance.

He wrote at the time of the 50th Jubilee:

Without doubt the explosive decade in the history of New Zealand Squash was the seventies. From a humble membership of: 81 clubs, 7 districts, 194 courts, 16,629 affiliated members at the commencement of 1970, to a very impressive: 185 clubs, 9 districts, 476 courts, 48,304 affiliated members, by the end of the decade.

Statistically most impressive figures, but did the Management structure and the playing ability move with this growth?

In 1970, the registered office of the Association was at Palmerston North where it had been sited since 1953 when Roy Haddon was elected Secretary, a position he held until 1971. The Messiah of New Zealand Squash held the position of Secretary for some 21 years as he had previously been Secretary in 1949 and 1951. Also when the Secretariat moved annually with the Championships, Roy Haddon and Palmerston North were synonymous with Squash Rackets. In recognition of his services to the sport he was elected a Life Member of the Association in 1966.

Presidential Run

During this decade, four Presidents laid the foundation for the future of New Zealand Squash. Firstly Murray Day who was President from 1968-71 served an extra year to allow for continuity of administration for the ISRF Championships which were awarded to New Zealand in 1971.

Don Green, a former New Zealand champion assumed the Presidency in 1972 and 1973 and was the first President to bring international playing experience to the administration table.

Michael Sumpter followed. His legal background set the scene for the sport continue its expansion into the 80's. At the end of his term, Michael assumed the role of Secretary of the ISRF when the headquarters moved to New Zealand.

A second Michael (Fenton) took over the mantle for the period 1977-79. Being from the deep south of Invercargill he gave the squash scene the depth of geographical stability which ensured that parochialism of administration departed from the New Zealand scene. He was the leader behind the purchase of the commercial complex from John

Reid which became established as the New Zealand Squash Centre (later to become Club Kelburn) then so ably managed by Nick Cass.

In 1971 Don Massam assumed the role of Secretary to the Association, a position which he so capably held for seven years. The sport had expanded so much that in 1979 it was agreed that the association required an Executive Officer and in that year Bill Murphy established a new headquarters in Tauranga where it resided through to 1989.

Foremost in World

Without a doubt the administration of New Zealand Squash was then the foremost in the world. New Zealand led the way in so many facets of the sport and above all had one administration to cover both women's and men's Squash.

Many administrators were instrumental in nurturing the participants in the sport to international standing. Day always believed that the strength of our sport was (and remains) that administrators get involved at the grass roots as most of them are mixing and playing with players at tournaments.

As if paralleling the rise of the administration, Bruce Brownlee placed New Zealand firmly on the World Map in 1976. He captured the prestigious British Amateur title, recognised then a "world title" and one of the most sought after by players from all over the world.

Championships retained

The decade began where the previous one ended with Don Burmeister retaining his New Zealand crown and Teresa Lawes securing the women's title. The following year was the period highlight when New Zealand was awarded the ISRF World Championships. The New Zealand titles were held just prior to the ISRF Championships and probably contained one of the most international fields ever with players from Australia, Egypt, India and Great Britain, the winner was the colourful player from Egypt, Asran.

Pam Buckingham (Guy) avenged her 1970 defeat and added the 1971 title to her 1969 victory. Her name reappeared on the Mitchell Rose Bowl in 1973, 75 and 78 for a total of five championships.

Cecile Fleming won the coveted title in 1972 and Jane Ashton, a visitor from England, in 1979.

The only other title holder during the decade was Jenny Webster who won the crown in 1974, 76 and 77. While Webster and Guy dominated the scene during the 70's, only Neven Barbour amongst the men was able to hold the crown more than once, in 1973 and 74.

Following Asran's win in 1971 the title was captured the next year by Hamiltonian, Laurie Greene. Then after Barbour followed Trevor Johnston, Howard Broun, Bruce Brownlee, Phil Kenyon from the UK and Frank Donnelly from Australia.

Top players from previous decades still made their mark on the Squash scene during the 70's and they included Cecile Fleming, Kathy Graham, Viv Hargreaves, Don Preston, Robin Roche, Ann Stephens, Ken Turnball, Charlie and Megan Waugh and Ros Woodhead. (Some of who remain active today in Masters Squash).

Up and Comers

But, the up and coming players were starting to work through the rankings and they included Robyn and Craig Blackwood, Stu Davenport, Susan Devoy, Karen Lever, Dean Lovett, Ross Norman, Annette Owen, Paul Viggers and Joanne Williams (Milne).

It is not only champions who make a championship but the other unheralded players who fill up the draw, win the odd event and "make" the tournaments the world renowned successes that are the envy of overseas players. Unless we forget, these players included, Graham Bird, Heather Corporal, Peter Dibley, Butch Isaacs, Murray Lilley, Larrie O'Neill and John Stevens, and a number of other very talented exponents of a rapidly expanding sport.



New Zealand 1976 Womens Team to First World Championships, Brisbane
Jane Wood, Jenny Webster, Alison Childs (Manager), Pam Buckingham, Annette Owen

THE PEAK? – The Eighties

Life Member Michael Sumpter has been one of the most progressive and experienced administrators Squash New Zealand has been fortunate to have during its history. Involved with the management committee for a number of years, he was President in 1972 and 1973 and has provided advice and assistance for over 35 years, including the last twenty-five as Honorary Solicitor. His following summary of the exciting period for Squash during the eighties was published in the Jubilee booklet.

Prior to 1980, with the exception of professional coaches who had made their own contribution the sport in this country was basically amateur but this pattern changed when at the 1979 meeting of the ISRF in Brisbane the sport became open. Before this decision of the ISRF the amateur and professional sides of the game had co-existed but in New Zealand the emphasis was on the amateur although Bruce Brownlee and Murray Lillie after the World Amateur Championships in Canada in 1977 had made their mark as professionals.

The six year period of New Zealand providing the ISRF officers who were responsible for the administration of the sport throughout the world finished in 1981 and by then Murray Day as Chairman had gained respect as an administrator throughout the world. He and his fellow officers had laid the foundation for a growth in squash so that it was well established in all worldwide regions. His achievements entitle him to the ranking of the Administrator of the half century, although the pioneering efforts and dedication of Roy Haddon and others were an integral part of subsequent developments.

World Championships

Two World Championships were staged here during the 1980's. The first one in 1983 was based at the Henderson complex which also played a significant part in the women's tournament held in 1987. The latter stages of the individual event in that year were in the YMCA complex on the clear view court which the Association had acquired as a partner in a commercial venture with the Harvard Group.

As championship directors, Rod Sturm and Susie Simcock were able to attract enthusiastic and efficient committees whose efforts successfully led to both championships receiving glowing tributes from visiting players, officials and administrators. The time and dedication blended with humour and understanding of the requirements of top-class professional athletes typified the spirit of New Zealand administrators in their willingness to give their time and energy without seeking reward or accolades.

The National administration faced more challenges and demands than in any previous decade as the high profile of the sport with its world stars created new dimensions. The National administrators responded to these challenges and the sport was well served by the various presidents who held office, supported by other management committee personnel. If any one individual deserves a special mention it had to be Bill Murphy who served as the country's first paid official as Executive Director between 1979 and 1986. His grasp of the needs of both world-ranked players and the grass-root members of clubs throughout New Zealand and his willingness to both be available at all times for consultation and advice, whether he was in his office in Tauranga at the time or attending a major championship were just some of his attributes.

It has to be acknowledged that the growth in new clubs was not a feature of the 1980's although some of the premier clubs such as Henderson in particular have facilities that are fit to rank with any comparable facility in any part of the world. At the same time they have provided a hospitality and atmosphere that have been envied by many overseas visitors.

Denied True Greatness

If Susan Devoy with her two World titles, five British Open crowns and Ross Norman with his 1986 World Title triumph were the great achievers (in the eighties), Stuart Davenport who attained third ranking in the world must not be overlooked. All three made an impact beyond their mere playing achievements. Devoy with her speed, agility, drop shots and incredible will to win had not lost a major title since her first British Open win in 1984 before she stumbled in 1989 in Holland in the World Championship final. Although Norman has been overshadowed by Jahangir and subsequently Jansher Khan in the world arena his World Title in 1986 and his other achievements due to his consistency, skill and courage have made him the country's best ever men's player.

Both Devoy and Norman accepted the responsibilities of being world champions in a manner befitting their titles. Davenport was perhaps denied true greatness by a physique that was probably not best-suited to the rigours of the sport at its top level with its great demands on fitness but his natural talent arguably surpassed both Norman and Brownlee. He and Norman, at their peak, too seldom clashed at home and when they did Norman was usually the victor. However, for this writer probably the most sparkling and fascinating match seen in New Zealand was in the teams championships final in Hamilton 1986 where after over two hours, which saw both players use all their skills and finesse in a wonderful exhibition with barely a dull rally, Davenport prevailed.



New Zealand's greatest trio of Squash Players
Stuart Davenport, Ross Norman and Dame Susan Devoy

Capable Leaders

Six Presidents led the association in extremely capable fashion during this very active period, all as the culmination of lengthy involvement with management, namely Michael McCarthy (Dunedin), Bruce Davidson (Wellington), Andrew Doig (Palmerston North), Michael Greig (Auckland) and Alan Watton from Napier.

Great Kudos

Although individual achievements were the most spectacular in the decade, the National teams competing in the world championships gained great kudos. The men's team finished runners-up in 1985 and 1987 to Pakistan on each occasion. This contrasts with the earlier championships in the period when fifth was the norm. Although the women finished third in 1987 and 1989 the gap between them and England and Australia, who finished ahead, was slight.

In accordance with the country's policy, junior teams participated in their world events with distinction even if their results suggested that the country's competitors matured later than some of their international rivals.

Publicity

Squash undoubtedly benefitted from the media publicity it attracted in this period and television accepted and recognised that the sport could attract the interest of both the devotees and the general viewing public. Radio coverage expanded while the print media also was well served by enthusiastic and skilled journalists.

Such publicity was essential for squash to maintain a high profile and attract sponsors who were an essential part of the modern sporting environment and success.

A future projection

Michael Sumpter concluded his coverage of the eighties with the following:

"The challenge of the 1990's is to provide players to emulate Devoy, Norman, Davenport and others and to avoid the fate of some sports which tend to reflect on the golden years rather than plan for the future that lies ahead.

This may not be as easy as it sounds as the sport has suffered some decline in popularity for a variety of reasons. Although great encouragement has been given to juniors for many years the drop out level is disappointing although probably inevitable.

Whilst one factor that has undoubtedly attracted many sports men and women to the sport has been the opportunity to be involved in competitive play in either tournaments or interclub this may not be the dominant feature of squash, as we head towards the year 2000. It is possible that this emphasis on competition may lead to too great an intensity that discourages some. As leisure becomes more and more essential in the day to day life of New Zealanders a greater element of relaxation should be encouraged.

The need to attract the young and in particular school children from intermediate age onwards is already being recognised. The development of the micro court could well provide the introduction to squash which will provide the base for ensuring that the second fifty years of the NZ Association's history will not only retain the present high image of squash, but lead to even greater consolidation and success."

CHANGING DIRECTION – The Nineties

The success of the eighties carried through to the early nineties in particular, notwithstanding that numbers playing the sport had continued to decline.

End of an era

1992 saw the end of the 'Susan Devoy era' when she retired after capturing her fourth world title. Susan also won her eighth British Open and her tenth successive national title that year, bowing out on the highest possible note after returning from what had been, by her standards, a relatively quiet 1991 year.

With Ross Norman (and other Kiwi professionals) based in Britain and not returning for the New Zealand National Championships after 1985, a group of young players emerged as champions. Stephen Cunningham had won four successive titles from 1986 to 1989 and he was followed in 1990 and 1991 by New Zealand's first champion from Maori descent, Glen Wilson. This exciting young Wellington protégé showed exquisite touch and went on to represent New Zealand throughout the nineties.

Stole the limelight

It was Bay of Plenty's Paul Steel however, who stole the limelight during the decade remaining unbeaten for eight years as national champion, from 1992 through to the close of the century. In doing so he eclipsed Charlie Waugh's long standing five-year run achieved between 1960-1965.

The South Island's Philippa Beams emerged as the first 'new face' on the womens championship trophy winning successive hard-fought finals over another young star Leilani Joyce, in 1993 and 1994. Hamilton's Joyce turned the tables in 1995 and then won back-to-back titles in 1997 and 1998. During 1996 two very highly talented juniors Sarah Cook of Christchurch and Wellingtonian Jade Wilson contested the final, with Cook the victor. She also won in 1999, in the absence of the, by now, dominant Joyce.

Extra ordinary

New Zealand's international performances, while not as prominent overall as during the eighties, have been punctuated with some extraordinary achievements during the last decade.

What would probably rank as the best ever women's team performance came at the 1992 Championships when Susan Devoy, Donna Newton, Philippa Beams and Marie Pearson stole the show by upsetting the highly-fancied English team in the semi finals, only to go down in a hard-fought final against Australia. Key to the upset victory was Donna Newton's famous win over English No 2 and former World Champion Martine Le Moignan. This ended up also being Newton's swan song for New Zealand, after a long and wonderful career dating back to 1980 when she first competed in the World Junior Individual Event.

Runner up for the women in 1992 followed third place in 1990, with fourth being recorded in both 1994 and 1996 and a bronze medal again in 1998.

Triumph and Tragedy

Junior womens teams events had commenced bi-annually in 1985 and from inception New Zealand had third and fourth placings, through to 1991. In Malaysia, in 1993, two of New Zealand's best ever junior players Sarah Cook and Jade Wilson, with team mates Glenda Knox and Katrina Black, led the Kiwis to second place. This was repeated in 1997 in Brazil when Shelley Kitchen, Lara Petera, Hayley King and Tania Tatana finished runnerup to England, and the performance reflected the excellent work of new national coach Paul Wright who had only recently joined SNZ, after a notable career coaching England's national teams.

In between times, in 1995, the New Zealand junior womens team finished third in the Sydney World Championships in 1995, but in that year's individual event (the late) Jade Wilson created history becoming the country's first (and to date only) World Junior Squash Champion. Her victory stamped her as one of the world's best junior players ever.

During the following two years Jade went on to turn professional and reach No 18 in the world rankings representing New Zealand at senior level. It was one of the sports greatest tragedies when Jade took her own life in the late evening of May 14, 1998.

No Joy

Men's squash, in comparison to the women, has not had many international highlights in the nineties. The Senior men, led by Ross Norman, on both occasions, recorded gritty fifth placing in both the 1991 and 1993 championships, slipped to 7th in 1995 followed by 11th in 1997 and to 14th in Cairo in 1999. The Junior men have fared along similar lines, the best being 5th in 1990, ending the decade in 15th place in 1998 in the USA.

Doubles Squash Success

The introduction of World Doubles squash in latter years has added to New Zealand successes. Philippa Beams and Leilani Joyce won the coveted inaugural women's world title in 1998. That year also saw squash introduced to the Commonwealth Games for the first time and Sarah Cook and Glen Wilson captured the bronze medal in the mixed doubles.



Leilani Joyce and Philippa Beams – Women's World Doubles title



Sarah Cook and Glen Wilson, Bronze Medals, Commonwealth Games

Marketing Executive Dave Bassett, of Wellington, took over and is set to see in the new millennium. His involvement as the leader of Squash New Zealand follows a busy period with Squash since 1992 when he started utilising his expertise by assisting with the research and subsequent new marketing thrust.

Sylvia Wesney from Nelson was elected to the Presidential position in its new capacity, from 1993 and served through to 1996. Barry Gardiner (Christchurch) the long time South Island squash identity and World Masters Champion carried on for two years. Afterwards the position was discontinued.

Bill Murphy retired as Chief Executive in 1994, having overseen the major changes in the previous five years. He was followed by Grant Scoones for two seasons and in 1997 David Knowles moved into the role, bringing with him a wealth of experience in both sport, leisure and recreational activity. In his relative short time in the drivers seat he has stamped his mark by steering the introduction of the proposed National Squash Centre, the Squash Dynamics business venture, Express Squash and the Squash Development Officer network.

Remarkable Service

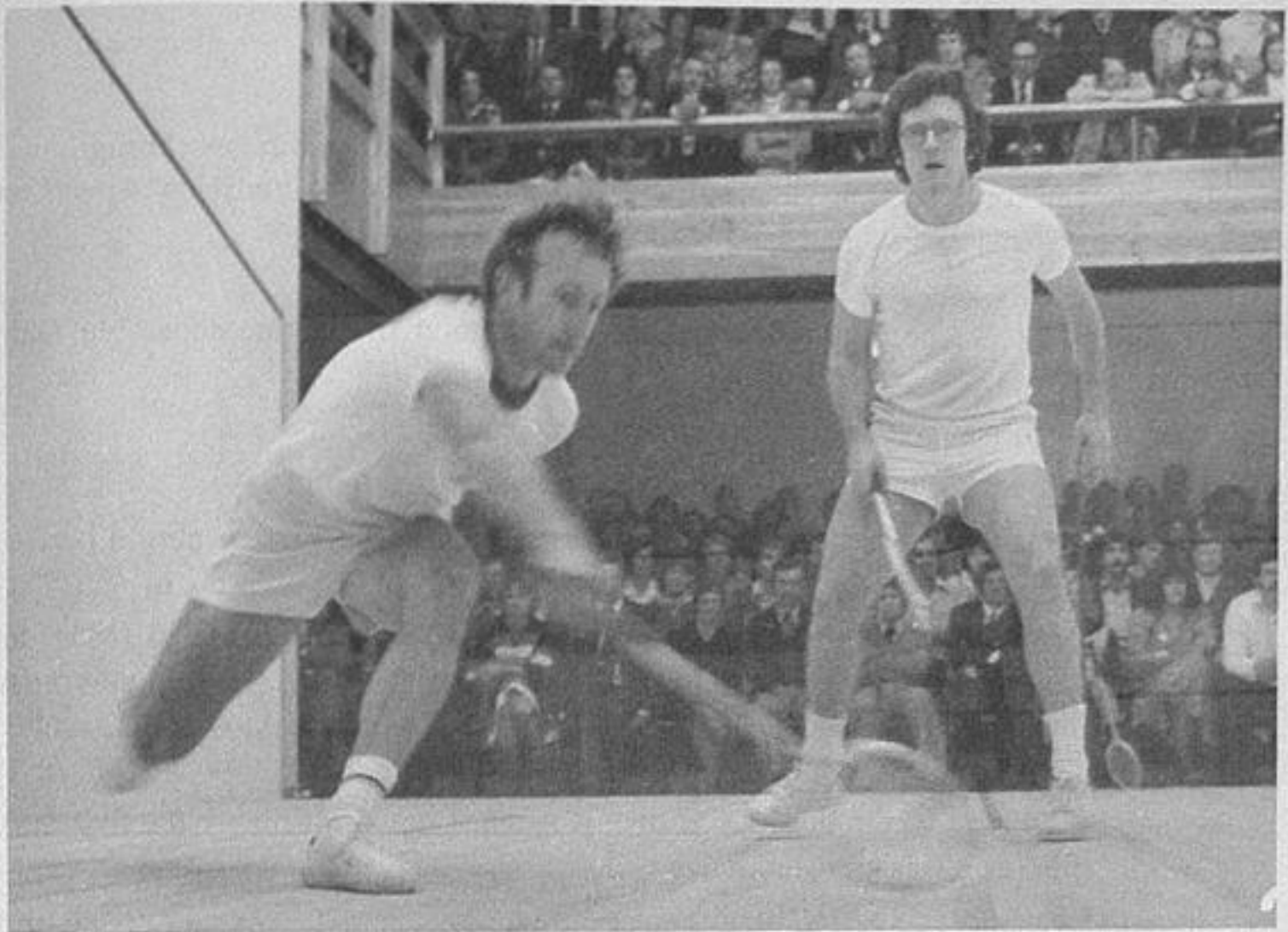
Butch Gifford's retirement from the Association at the end of the 1995 season brought to a close a remarkable period with the sport spread over nearly 30 years. He first came to Squash New Zealand management in the early seventies and during his ensuing involvement was a national selector, director of coaching and education officer. Beyond that he was also one 'advisor/mentor' to many young players and permanently enriched youth squash with his invention of the Micro court.

An emerging personality through the nineties has been Mark Devoy, based in the Waikato. He has been the flag bearer for the new microcourts. As part of his involvement with youth squash he has also stood out as a coach and national team manager.

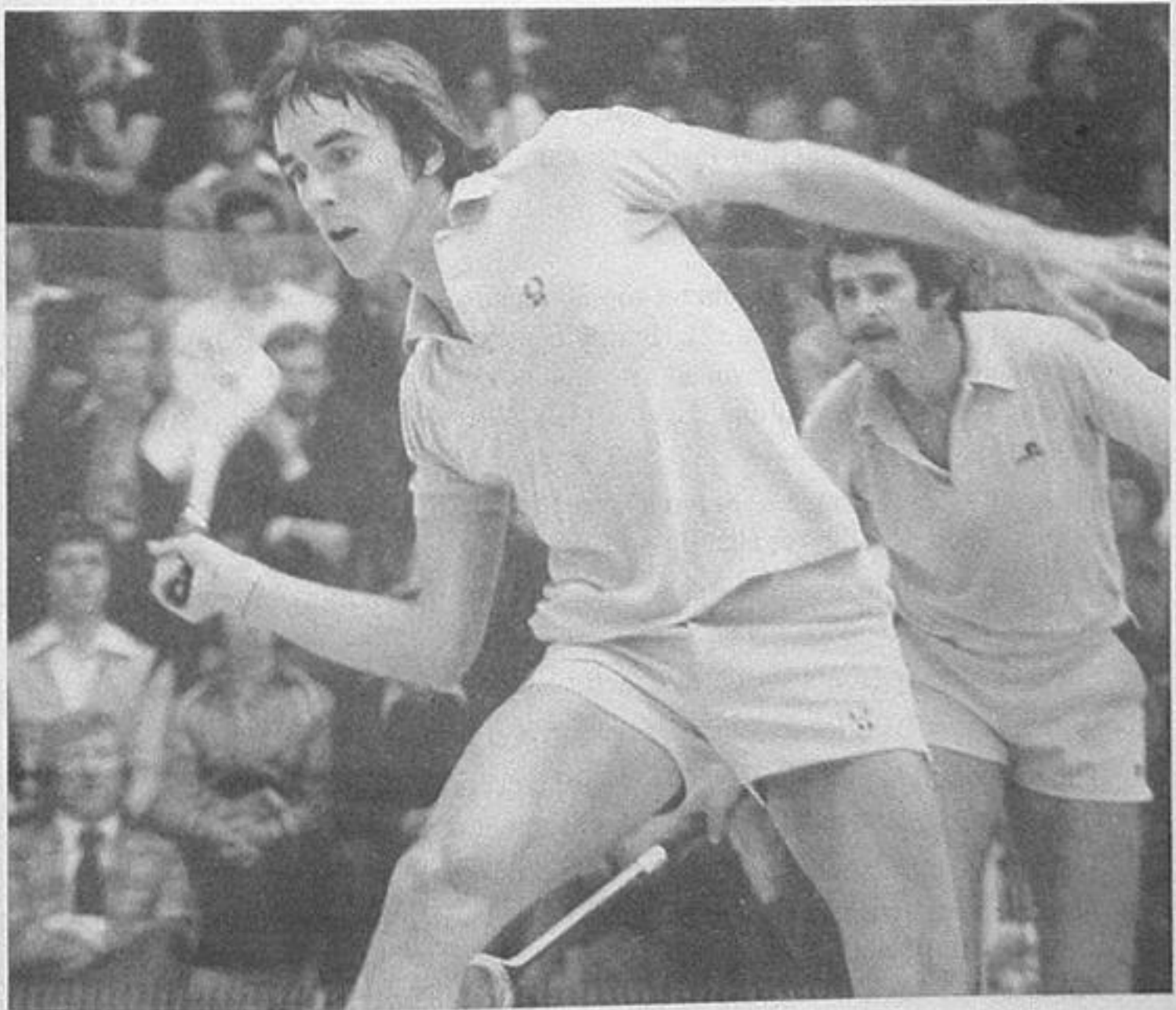
1996 saw the appointment of a second New Zealander (following Murray Day), namely Susie Simcock, as President of the World Squash Federation, bringing a significant honour to sport in the country, a position which she retains at the closing of the century. Nationally ranked in the top ten in her playing days, Susie Simcock was a very successful New Zealand team official during the eighties when she managed three teams to successive world championships, all finishing in top positions.

Her personnel and management skills further came to the fore in 1987 when she headed up the highly-regarded Womens World Championships event in Auckland. Around the same time she also became the inaugural leader of the fledgling World Womens Association and saw it through to merger with the men's Federation in 1988.

The New Zealand Sports Foundation have also recognised Susie Simcock's attributes, appointing her to their Board of Governors and to its powerful Athlete Grants Board. This followed on from her success with the establishment of the New Zealand Squash Institute and related high performance programme.



Opening of Henderson Squash Complex 1979
Stalwarts of Henderson and New Zealand Trevor Colyer and Neven Barbour



Bruce Brownlee – 1976 British Amateur Champion

REFLECTIONS

Squash New Zealand has many rich memories and wonderful moments throughout its relative short history. There have been however some especially significant aspects and truly great performances achieved along the way. These include:

- Four world championship titles and the Knighthood of the incomparable Dame Susan Devoy.
- Ross Norman's famous world title victory over Jahangir Khan.
- Dardir El Bakary's dynamic and long-lasting impact on the sport.
- The performance of New Zealand's teams, especially in the 15 year period between 1977 and 1992.
- Hosting of the three senior World Championships in 1971 (Men), 1983 (Men) and 1987 (Women). The Masters World Championships in 1991 and the Junior Womens World Championships and the Junior Mens World Championships respectively in 1989 and 1994.
- Bruce Brownlee's win in the 1976 British Amateur Championships – the first major 'world' title (as it was known then) by a Kiwi.
- Stuart Davenport's unbeaten performances in New Zealand Teams and his climb to No 2 in the world rankings.
- Leilani Joyce's recent elevation to No 3 in the World and now clearly the second best women player produced by New Zealand.
- Donna Newton's shock win over Martine Le Moignan in the 1992 World Championships which brought New Zealand within grasp of (a so far) elusive World Teams title, for either men or women.
- New Zealand's first-ever victory over Australia in 1975 – led by the indomitable Trevor Colyer.
- No less than 13 players to achieve top 20 rankings in World Squash namely – Susan Devoy (1), Ross Norman (2), Stuart Davenport (2), Leilani Joyce (3), Robyn Brownlee (3) Bruce Brownlee (4), Joanne Williams (7), Donna Newton (11), Murray Lilley (10), Philippa Beams (12), Rory Watt (13), Paul Steel (15), Jade Wilson (18).
- The epic Ross Norman – Stuart Davenport clash in the finals of the Interdistrict Teams Championships at Hamilton in 1986.
- Medals in 1998 to Philippa Beams and Leilani Joyce (Gold) in the inaugural world doubles and Glen Wilson and Sarah Cook (Bronze) in the Commonwealth Games.
- The late Jade Wilson's World title victory at the 1995 Junior Championships.
- British Under 23 titles to Stuart Davenport and Annette Owen.
- The introduction of the sport to New Zealanders as early as 1919 (or even before) by Herbert N. Watson and the initial establishment of the national association in 1932.
- The unique infrastructure developed by 'club squash'.
- The establishment of a unique grading system, which no other country has been able to successfully emulate.
- Purchase of the New Zealand Squash Centre (now Club Kelburn) in 1978 – a significant financial platform to the sport ever since.

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- The research undertaken at the time and subsequent 'Crellin Report' in 1994 that created the climate for the major directional changes now underway for the sport, to meet the future and the new millenium.
 - The continued success and popularity of the National Graded Teams Event.
 - The outstanding contribution to New Zealand and World Squash by Murray Day (OBE) and Susie Simcock.
 - Fervent messiahs, including (among many others) Roy Haddon for his foresight and direction in the formative years, Tom Childs, Norm Coe, Bryden Clarke and Colin Brownlee and more latterly Mark Devoy for their unabashed promotion of the cause at all times.
 - Sir David Beattie's long association with the sport as a player, North Shore Club President and dedicated Patron of the national body since 1981
 - As a final reflection the immense contribution to our sport by Neven Barbour must be acknowledged

His "squash history" remains an ongoing chapter however. Neven has made his mark in every facet of the sport, including, at different times

- National Champion and New Zealand Representative
- Pioneer in Squash fitness programmes
- New Zealand Team Manager
- Players representative on national Management Committee
- Developer of modern commercial complexes and facility advocate Board Member, key proponent and ongoing watchdog over Club Kelburn
- Co Programme Manager and Board Member of Squash New Zealand High Performance Programme
- Board Member and Chairman of Squash New Zealand
- Squash New Zealand Representative to World Squash Federation
- Managing Director of Squash Dynamics

Made a life member of Squash New Zealand in 1990, Neven has continued his enthusiasim for the development of the sport, and in many ways is now more involved than ever as the driving force of Squash Dynamics. In this role he is charged with the responsibility of the thrust into the leisure market foreshadowed in the Crellin Report earlier in the nineties, as vitally necessary for the sport to survive in the future.

His undoubted business and marketing skills will be tested to the limit but there is nobody more capable or suited to do the job.

THE FUTURE

Heading into the new millenium, the final words should perhaps be left with Neven Barbour, encapsulated in his Chairman's Review to the members in the 1998 Annual Report

"Leadership is about setting an example that other people will want to follow.

While there has been good work carried out at a national level, the destiny of squash still lies in the hands of the clubs. They deliver squash to those who play the game. The club's front door is the critical threshold where the product meets the customer. If the game is to flourish again, the example set by Squash New Zealand (in acknowledging new leisure trends and investing to grow the game) must convince club administrators to re-examine the way they offer squash in their own communities.

The theme of the 1998 Annual General Meeting, "Competing in a New Environment", defines the essential change which all sports face – what was popular and successful in 1978 may no longer excite the imagination of a discerning sport and leisure public. Squash has to ready itself to compete in this new environment and first of all it must accept the need for change."

Masters

I am pleased to report that Masters Squash is very healthy throughout the country. Membership numbers are on the increase, now 53.4% of nationally grade dplayers (46.3% in 1995), and we now have 3 x A1 and 31 x A2 in the Men and 1 x A1 and 26 x A2 in the Women's sections. These figures are particularly pleasing as they endorse our mission of:

Encouraging the retention of squash players 35 years and over and providing them with social and competitive participation in a friendly and compatible environment.

World Championships

The 5th World Championships were held in England in August and Ross Norman (Men's 40) and Barry Gardiner (Men's 60) did not drop a game in winning their World titles.

Australian Tour

The Trans-Tasman Test Series resumed in Melbourne after a two-year break, and it was one of the most exciting series yet in our twelve encounters since 1985. After winning the 1st test 6-5 and losing the 2nd test 4-7, the series outcome hinged on the result of the final match of the 3rd test where Eddie Conder (Men's 60) was beaten 1-3 by the World No. 1 Fred Howell.

The team was very disappointed at the final outcome but justifiably proud of its overall performance. However, we were pitted against the strongest team Australia has ever fielded and the outcome of the series hinged on some luck and one or two points not going our way.

While in Australia the team also participated in the Victorian State Championships where the players continued their good form by winning six titles and three runners-up prizes.

National Masters Club Teams Event

The inaugural National Championship Event was held at Palmerston North club over the weekend of 17-19 September 1999. Eight teams participated in the event which was contest in two pools with cross-over ranking matches on the final day. The inaugural winner of the NZ Veterans Team Trophy is Kawarua Park, the top seeded team which prevailed over the number two seeded Collegians team by four matches to two.

The other finishing positions were Palmerston North (3) Mt Maunganui (4), Lugton Park (5), Palmerston North No. 2 (6), Hawkes Bay Lawn Tennis (7) and Fielding (8).

The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and there is strong support from those who attended the event to continue and for it to grow into a bigger and more widely representative tournament.

New Zealand Championships

This very popular event was held at the Henderson Club over Labour Weekend and provided the highest standard of squash we have even seen at this event. The individual event attracted 190 entries and the Inter-Districts Event was won by second seeds Auckland which defeated the title holders Canterbury by a comeback on games 20-17 in the final.

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge the work and support carried out by the Masters Committee, District Convenors, National Selectors and staff at the National Office who have given freely of their time to help Masters Squash. It has been greatly appreciated.

**Gower Dallimore
National Director, Masters Squash**



New Zealand Masters Team to Australia
Eddie Conder, Barrie Matthews, Lawrence Skurr, Mark Gribben, Ron Marshall, Richard Purser, Gower Dallimore (Mgr)
Karen Walton, Carol Chard, Jenny Webster, Donna Newton, Kay Glenny



**Auckland Winning National Interdistrict Teams
Junior Boys & Girls, Senior Men & Women, Masters**

Junior-Youth

The Upward Trend

This year has seen the continuing trend towards increased participation at major junior events. Over 170 players took part in the North Island championships in Papakura and a similar number attended Christchurch for the South Island event. The nationals in Ashburton saw the numbers just short of 200. Squash New Zealand again expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Donna and Graeme Vincent (Papakura Squash), Wayne Henderson and Ross Smith (Christchurch Squash) and Chris Hart of Ashburton for the tremendous effort they put in to ensure the junior tournaments they hosted were a success. We now look forward to Kawaroa Park for the North Island, Invercargill for the South Island and North Shore for the national championships in the first year of the new millenium.

The resignation of the National Coach was unfortunate and surprised and disappointed many who were training under his regime. It now seems inevitable that the programme managed by Paul Wright will change.

More Visitors

We were delighted with the visits from Junior squash teams from overseas during the year. They played exciting and challenging squash against special selections from Auckland down to Christchurch.

(a) The Australians

A small and young but very competitive team of juniors from Tasmania visited New Zealand in April. Their participation in the North Island junior championship and the training camp that followed gave valuable insights and experience to our players. Jarod Conning's success in the U19 was especially meritorious when it was against the top U17 junior from Queensland.

(b) The French

In August a classy mixed squad from France were hosted in New Zealand – playing their first match in Auckland before moving south to Mark Devoy country and playing against a number of invitation squads around the Waikato. The tour took them to Palmerston North and Wellington where the top U17 had too much class for even the seniors. Thanks to Warwick Gay of the NZ Secondary School Squash Association and Mark Devoy for their work in co-ordinating the tour.

(c) Hong Kong

A mixed group of senior and junior players came to NZ in August and took part in some of the regional championships. Again Mark Devoy did a great job liaising with the team and management so that suitable competition could be arranged for the benefit of all teams involved.

World Championships

The junior women's team attended the world event in Belgium and found the challenge very demanding. It is important to recognise that this was the youngest team to represent SNZ in many years and there is no doubt that they have yet to reach their full potential. But the valuable experience gained by the team and the guidance provided by the coach Philippa Beams will provide a sound platform for launching a stronger team to compete at the first of the new millennium competition in 2001. Our junior women have generally performed with real credit in recent times and I expect that the Executive

Council's decision to participate in world championships (despite New Zealand Sports Foundation funding) will prepare players for similar success on the world scene in the months ahead.

Eyewear

A rule change passed at the 1998 AGM made it compulsory for juniors to use protective eyewear gear. There is no doubt that the rule was long over due and the introduction of eye-wear at the South Island junior championships went surprisingly well with most opting for the spectacle type of eye-wear. The second occasion in Ashburton saw the views favouring the shield. At the end of this tournament, it was obvious that one could not go onto a court without protective gear. But clearly we need to promote to a wider audience the use of eye wear if we are to succeed with all juniors. I hope Districts and clubs will make eye-wear mandatory for all their junior events. We also need to make it clear to coaches and supporters that eyewear is important for everyone involved in coaching and training within junior programmes.

The Coaching Programme

This year's format has drawn on a variety of new coaches with talent to offer and its pleasing to see the fraternity of national and regional coaches continuing to grow. It was also good to see former international players continuing to give a helping hand with the junior program. Their experience is invaluable. Mark Devoy, Graham Randolph and Philippa Beams have been allocated responsibilities for the national junior development squads in the new season.

We thank and farewell Wendy Browne as she leaves the junior selection panel. She has performed with meticulous care the important task of sorting the seedings and rankings of all players before and after a major event.

Player Discipline and Education: An important feature of the high performance training camp is the ability to cope under the intense regime of the coaching programme. However, it is a matter of real concern that some players show limited personal discipline. Some may even have inappropriate attitudes. In this situation, valuable coaching time has to be spent on matters probably best developed elsewhere long before a player arrives at the training camp. In essence some of our raw talent needs a little more training in "etiquette" and attitude if they are to get more out of the camp. Some talented players are at risk of being ignored and possibly rejected if they cannot make the grade in the rigorous environment of the training camp. In summing up, I can report that the national training camp still provides the best environment for setting standards for both players and coaches. Players benefit when management understands their particular needs – strengths and weaknesses. Likewise, coaches give their best when there is respect and appreciation of what they do for players.

New Developments:

Squash New Zealand continues to seek new activity and perhaps more intense challenges for players. The High Performance manager is currently negotiating sponsorship for a junior Revelation Series in the year 2000. Negotiations are also continuing over the possible involvement of two further international teams in the annual Trans-Tasman series. Wayne Werder is also considering the option of setting up a development base for players in the UK.

Squash New Zealand and Unitec of Auckland have forged a new initiative resulting in the establishment of an "academic" training course where squash players who wish to continue their education can do so while still developing their game under elite coaching conditions. It's great to see Paul Wright's involvement as head coach.

B H Scott
Junior-Youth Director



Winners Interdistrict Junior Teams Event – Auckland Boys & Girls

Anthony McLeod, Jackie Hawkes, Andrea Venczellak, Richard Notter, Larissa Stephenson, James Vincent, Brendon Wright

Catherine McLeod, Jared Conning, Roxanne Jackson, Kerry Torrie (Manager), Tony McLeod (Manager)

Squash New Zealand wishes to acknowledge the following sponsors:



Dunlop Slazenger
 Australasia



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 30th September 1999
NEW ZEALAND SQUASH (INC)

	Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
Accumulated Funds			
Opening Balance as at 1 October		803,424	598,800
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		55,460	206,340
Prior Year Adjustments		-	(1,716)
Total Accumulated Funds		<u>858,884</u>	<u>803,424</u>
Represented By :			
Current Assets			
Cash on Hand		310	350
Current Accounts		158,960	63,091
On Call Accounts		351,479	739,764
Term Deposits		308,531	5,973
Accounts Receivable		76,771	204,316
GST Receivable		1,621	-
Stock on Hand	1	29,226	31,884
Work in Progress	1	32,060	-
Payments in Advance		-	29,488
Total Current Assets		<u>958,958</u>	<u>1,074,866</u>
Investments			
Loans to Clubs	3	22,500	40,000
Total Investments		<u>22,500</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Non-current Assets			
	4	288,289	280,929
Total Assets		<u>1,269,747</u>	<u>1,395,795</u>
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		184,316	346,261
GST Payable		-	21,979
Sundry Accruals	5	90,433	62,683
Income in Advance	6	57,000	160,730
Squash Wellington		-	718
Current Portion - UDC Lease	7	13,424	-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>345,173</u>	<u>592,371</u>
Term Liabilities			
UDC - Photocopier Lease	7	65,690	-
Total Term Liabilities		<u>65,690</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>410,863</u>	<u>592,371</u>
Net Assets		<u>858,884</u>	<u>803,424</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the year ended 30 September 1999
NEW ZEALAND SQUASH (INC)

	Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
Income			
Levies & Subscriptions			
Affiliation Levies	8	414,562	435,344
Grading Levies		20,436	21,130
Associate Memberships		8,462	6,515
Total Levies & Subscriptions		<u>443,460</u>	<u>462,989</u>
Public Sector Grants			
NZSF Academy/Sport '2000'		150,000	154,800
ANZSEP		29,860	5,640
NZSF - Personal		8,750	19,250
NZSF - General		123,245	80,825
Hillary Commission National Funding		136,313	134,000
Total Public Sector Grants		<u>448,168</u>	<u>394,515</u>
Other Grants			
Mitchell Trust		6,549	5,307
Lion Foundation		-	6,481
SFRITO		59,000	95,222
Total Other Grants		<u>65,549</u>	<u>107,010</u>
Sponsorships			
		42,684	51,423
Investments			
Club Kelburn	9	114,160	130,089
Squash Dynamics Limited	10	(35,825)	-
Interest Received		19,883	23,838
Total Other Income		<u>98,218</u>	<u>153,927</u>
Total Income		<u><u>1,098,079</u></u>	<u><u>1,169,864</u></u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
for the year ended 30 September 1999
NEW ZEALAND SQUASH (INC)

	Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
Expenditure			
Management & Operations			
Governance		61,668	38,697
Salaries & Fees		206,185	177,613
Overheads		77,355	57,531
Abnormal Items		-	43,705
Total Management & Operations		<u>345,208</u>	<u>317,546</u>
Promotion & Marketing			
Regional Development		66,131	34,715
Education & Development		134,368	146,124
Gradings & Rankings		91,407	116,247
National Events		45,218	46,181
High Performance Programme		43,181	29,741
		297,144	256,259
Total Expenses		1,022,657	946,813
Depreciation		19,962	16,711
Total Expenses after Depreciation		<u>1,042,619</u>	<u>963,524</u>
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		<u><u>55,460</u></u>	<u><u>206,340</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS for the year ending 30 September 1999

Statement of Responsibility

As Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of New Zealand Squash (Inc), we accept responsibility for the preparation of these financial statements. The statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. As part of the Association's financial management systems, effective controls have been implemented and maintained to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting. We are satisfied that these financial statements fairly reflect the financial position and operation of the Association for the reporting period.

David Bassett
Chairman

David Knowles
Chief Executive

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of Accounting Policies

Differential Reporting

New Zealand Squash (Inc) is the New Zealand national sporting organisation responsible for the control, advancement and regulation of the game of squash throughout New Zealand. New Zealand Squash (Inc) is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

The Association qualifies for differential reporting as it is not publicly accountable and does not qualify as "large", as defined within the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand's framework for differential reporting. The entity has taken advantage of all the differential reporting exemptions available to it.

Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been followed. Accrual accounting is used to match income and expenditure.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance, and of financial position have been applied:

Operating Leases

Operating lease payments, where the lessors effectively retain substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased items, are included in the determination of operating profit in equal installments over the term of the lease (refer Note 3).

Finance Leases

The Association leases certain office equipment. Finance leases, which effectively transfer to the entity substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership over the lease term, are capitalised at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The lease assets and corresponding liabilities are disclosed and the leased assets are depreciated using the maximum rates allowable by the Income Tax Act 1994.

Stock

Stock has been valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Due allowance has been made for slow moving stock.

Goods & Services Tax

The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

Construction Contracts

Profits on construction contracts are determined using the percentage of completion method. Profits are recognised only when the outcome can be reliably estimated.

Foreseeable losses on a contract are recognised immediately.

Fixed Assets

All fixed assets are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation to date. Depreciation has been provided at the maximum rates permitted by the Income Tax Act 1994.

Investments

Investments are loans advanced to clubs for renovations and development and are stated at cost.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in previous years.

2. INVENTORY COMMITMENTS

No inventories are specifically and separately pledged as security for liabilities. Inventory is subject to retention of title clauses.

3. INVESTMENTS

Christchurch Squash Club (Inc)		\$2,500
Advancement Date :	13 September 1995	
Terms :	Five Years	
Repayment Date :	13 August 2000	
Interest Rate :	9% per annum, reviewable annually	
Security :	The advance is secured by a mortgage over the property at 182 Chester St East, Christchurch.	
Heme Bay Ponsonby Rackets Club (Inc)		\$20,000
Advancement Date :	12 June 1996	
Terms :	Original Term Five Years increased to 7 Years	
Repayment Date :	Original Date of Repayment 12 June 2001 extended to 12 June 2003	
Interest Rate :	10% per annum	
Security :	The advance is covered by an "Instrument by way of Security" dated 7 August 1996"	

4. FIXED ASSET & DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

Description	Cost	Opening Book Value	Additions/ (Disposals)	Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Closing Book Value
Trophies	500	500	-	-	-	500
Motor Vehicles	32,992	13,922	-	2,653	21,723	11,269
Plant, Equip & Fittings	207,940	67,026	80,755	19,908	160,822	127,873
Computer Software	1,000	840	8,801	4,627	4,787	5,014
Sports Equipment	109,085	48,516	16,989	21,548	82,117	43,957
Buildings	650,402	79,402	-	32,520	603,520	46,882
Leasehold Improvements	157,628	70,723	-	17,930	104,835	52,793
Total	1,159,547	280,929	106,545	99,186	977,804	288,289

5. SUNDRY ACCRUALS

	1999	1998
High Performance Programme	25,000	-
Regional Development Programme	65,000	57,000
Club Kelburn Café Rental	433	433
Provision for Increased Rental	-	5,250
Total Sundry Accruals	90,433	62,683

6. INCOME IN ADVANCE

	1999	1998
Hillary Commission Grants	20,000	20,000
NZSF - Grants	25,000	81,730
Sponsorships	8,000	-
SFRITO	-	59,000
Other Grants	4,000	-
Total Income in Advance	57,000	160,730

7. FINANCE LEASE

Finance leases are secured over the assets they relate to. Interest rates on the outstanding lease agreement is 8.9%. This rate is fixed through the life of the lease. The term of the lease is 60 months.

The lease is repayable as follows :

	1999	1998
Current Liability	13,424	-
Non - Current Liability	65,690	-
Total Finance Lease Obligations	79,114	-

8. LEVIES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Affiliation levy income for the 1999 year was calculated on an SEM rate of \$25.50 plus GST.

9. CLUB KELBURN

The following is a summarised Statement of Financial Performance for Club Kelburn for the year ended 30 September 1999 :

	1999	1998
Income :		
Trading Profits	95,635	94,891
Court Fees	222,384	226,326
Gear Hire	10,413	10,222
Gym, Aerobics, Sauna & Sunbed	167,692	159,686
Restaurant Rental	5,200	5,200
Sponsorship & Promotion	4,519	8,228
Interest Received	6,874	8,989
Other Income	4,983	4,033
Total Income	517,700	517,575
Less : Expenditure		
Bank Fees	4,217	3,629
Depreciation	79,099	83,521
Insurance	7,510	7,616
Management & Sundry	232,570	227,132
Power & Utilities	26,402	28,971
Rent & Rates	40,781	24,935
Repairs & Maintenance	12,961	11,682
Total Expenditure	403,540	387,486
Net Surplus	114,160	130,089

10. SQUASH DYNAMICS

The following is a summarised Statement of Financial Performance for Squash Dynamics Limited for the year ended 30 September 1999 :

	1999	1998
Income	32,060	-
Less : Expenses		
Advertising and Promotion	3,914	-
Management & Contract Fees	38,500	-
Operational Expenses	11,389	-
Professional Fees	5,217	-
Travel & Accommodation	8,865	-
Total Expenses	67,885	-
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(35,825)	-

11. CAPITAL & LEASE COMMITMENTS

Capital Commitments

There is no capital expenditure contracted for at Balance Date.

Operating Lease Commitments

Lease commitments under non-cancelable operating leases :

	1999	1998
Current	54,267	65,317
Non-current	142,946	212,517
Total	197,213	277,834

12. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

New Zealand Squash (Inc) had no contingent liabilities as at 30 September 1999.

AUDIT REPORT

To the readers of the financial report of New Zealand Squash (Inc).

We have audited the financial reports as presented. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of New Zealand Squash (Inc) and its financial position as at 30 September 1999. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies as set out.

Squash New Zealand (Inc) Responsibilities

The Executive Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial report which gives a true and fair view of the financial position of New Zealand Squash (Inc) as at 30 September 1999 and of the results of operations for the year ended 30 September 1999.

Auditor's Responsibilities

It is our responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Executive Council and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

1. the significant estimates and judgments made by the Executive Council in the preparation of the financial report, and
2. whether the accounting policies are appropriate to New Zealand Squash (Inc) circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand except where our work was limited as explained below. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial report.

Other than in our capacity as auditors we have no relationship with or interest in New Zealand Squash (Inc).

Qualified Opinion

Control over cash sales for Club Kelburn prior to being recorded is limited. There was no system of control over such sales on which we could rely for the purpose of our audit and there were no satisfactory audit procedures that we could adopt to confirm independently that all cash sales were properly reconciled. In this respect alone we have not obtained all the information and explanation that we have required.

In our opinion, except for the adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning cash sales at Club Kelburn, the financial report as presented

- complies with generally accepted accounting practices ; and
- gives a true and fair view of the financial position of New Zealand Squash (Inc) as at 30 September 1999 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

Our audit report was completed on 11 November 1999 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

McGregor Bailey & Co

11 November, 1999

Honours Board

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

from 1932 - 1980 the event was open to all comers

Men's Championship (Riddiford Gold Cup)

Year	Venue	Title Winner	Club
1932	Christchurch	G.E.F Kingscote	Christchurch
1933	Christchurch	P.D Hall	Christchurch
1934	Christchurch	P.D Hall	Christchurch
1934	Christchurch	P.D Hall	Christchurch
1935	Christchurch	P.D Hall	Christchurch
1936	Timaru	W.R Fea	Hamilton
1937	Timaru	W.R Fea	Hamilton
1938	Timaru	W.E Renton	Timaru
1939	Devonport	W.E Renton	Timaru
1940-1945	No Contest		
1946	Timaru	A.H Malcolm	Hamilton
1947	Palmerston North	A.M Johns	Palmerston North
1948	Timaru	M.J Souter	Timaru
1949	Palmerston North	A.M Johns	Palmerston North
1950	Timaru	J.A Gillies	Invercargill
1951	Palmerston North	J.A Gillies	Invercargill
1952	Oamaru	J.A Gillies	Invercargill
1953	Palmerston North	D.D Mochan	Palmerston North
1954	Invercargill	P.R Vesty	Timaru
1955	Remuera	D.D Mochan	Palmerston North
1956	Timaru	D.G Green	Dunedin
1957	Palmerston North	D.D Mochan	Palmerston North
1958	Oamaru	J. Cheadle	Australia
1959	Napier	M.O Oddy	Great Britain
1960	Timaru	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1961	Hamilton	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1962	Palmerston North	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1963	Christchurch	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1964	Henderson	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1965	Masterton	R. Carter	Australia
1966	Timaru	T. Johnston	Palmerston North
1967	Hamilton	D. Burmeister	Palmerston North
1968	Palmerston North	T. Johnston	Palmerston North
1969	Christchurch	D. Burmeister	Palmerston North
1970	Remuera	D. Burmeister	North Shore
1971	Lower Hutt	M. Asran	United Arab R.
1972	Dunedin	L.M Greene	Hamilton
1973	Napier	N. S Barbour	Henderson
1974	Hamilton	N. S Barbour	Henderson
1975	Christchurch	T. Johnston	Geysers City
1976	Palmerston North	H. Brown	Remuera
1977	North Shore	B. Brownlee	Rotorua
1978	Timaru	P. Kenyon	United Kingdom
1979	Hamilton	F. Donnelly	Australia
1980	Whakatane	F. Donnelly	Australia
1981	North Shore	B. Brownlee	Geysers City
1982	Hamilton	R. Norman	Panmure
1983	Timaru	S. Davenport	Khandallah
1984	Napier	R. Norman	Panmure
1986	Timaru	S. Cunningham	College Rifles

Women's Championship (Mitchell Rose Bowl)

Title Winner	Club
Mrs N. New	Palmerston North
Mrs N. New	Palmerston North
Mrs R. Maddern	Australia
Mrs N. New	Palmerston North
Mrs N. New	Palmerston North
Miss A. McKenzie	Oamaru
Miss A. McKenzie	Oamaru
Miss A. McKenzie	Oamaru
Miss B. Patterson	Hamilton
Miss A. McKenzie	Oamaru
Mrs A. Stephens	Hamilton
Miss P. McGlenaugan	Australia
Mrs A. Stephens	Hamilton
Mrs D. Deacon	Henderson
Miss H. Blundell	Australia
Miss P.A Mills	Hamilton
Mrs M. Waugh	Henderson
Mrs V. Biss	Palmerston North
Mrs P. Buckingham	Remuera
Miss T. Lawes	Mitchell Park
Mrs P. Buckingham	Hamilton
Miss C. Fleming	Auckland
Mrs P. Buckingham	Hamilton
Mrs J. Webster	Manurewa
Mrs P. Buckingham	Remuera
Mrs J. Webster	Manurewa
Mrs J. Webster	Manurewa
Mrs P. Guy	Tauranga
Miss J. Ashton	England
Miss A. Owen	Remuera
Miss A. Owen	Remuera
Miss R. Blackwood	North Shore
Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
Miss S. Devoy	Henderson

1987	North Shore	S. Cunningham	Geyser City	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1988	Palmerston North	S. Cunningham	Geyser City	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1989	Christchurch	S. Cunningham	Geyser City	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1990	Hamilton	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1991	Kawaroa Park	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1992	Nelson	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1993	Hawkes Bay	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss P. Beams	Panmure
1994	Henderson	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss P. Beams	Henderson
1995	Invercargill	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss L. Marsh	North Shore
1996	Kawaroa Park	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss S. Cook	Christchurch
1997	North Shore	P. Steel	Whakatane	Mrs L. Joyce	North Shore
1998	Henderson	P. Steel	Whakatane	Mrs L. Joyce	Remuera
1999	Nelson	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss S. Cook	Henderson

NEW ZEALAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men's Championship (Bruce Brownlee Cup)

Year	Title Winner	Club
1976	B. Brownlee	Rotorua
1977	C. Nancarrow	Australia
1978	G. Hunt	Australia
1979	G. Hunt	Australia
1980	Jahangir Khan	Pakistan
1981	K. Shawcross	Australia
1982	Jahangir Khan	Pakistan
1983	Jahangir Khan	Pakistan
1984	R. Norman	Panmure
1985	R. Norman	Panmure
1986	R. Norman	Eden Epsom
1987	R. Martin	Australia
1988	Jansher Khan	Pakistan
1989	C. Dittmar	Australia
1990	Jansher Khan	Pakistan
1991	C. Dittmar	Australia
1992	H. Wiens	Germany
1993	P. Steel	Whakatane
1994-95	No contest	
1996	No contest	
1997-99	No contest	

Women's Championship (Murphy Rosebowl)

Title Winner	Club
Mrs P. Buckingham	Remuera
No contest	
Miss B. Wall	Australia
No contest	
Mrs J. Webster	North Shore
Miss V. Hoffman	Australia
Mrs V. Cardwell	Australia
Miss R. Blackwood	North Shore
Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
Mrs R. Lambourne	Australia
Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
Miss M. Martin	Australia
No contest	
Miss S Fitz-Gerald	Australia
No contest	

NEW ZEALAND PLAYER SERIES

Men (Khandallah Cup)

Year	Title Winner	Club
1981	S. Davenport	Havelock North
1982	C. Blackwood	Panmure
1983	R. Hayes	Manurewa
1984	P. Viggers	Sumner
1985	A. McMurtrie	Hamilton
1986	B. Beesin	England
1987	D. McQueen	Geyser City
1988	G. Wilson	Royal Oak
1989	M. McSherry	Titirangi
1990-98	No contest	
1999	I Higgins	England/ Browns Bay

Women (Khandallah Cup)

Title Winner	Club
Miss R. Blackwood	North Shore
Miss R. Blackwood	North Shore
Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
Mrs J. Williams	Taihape
Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
Miss D. Gurrin	Remuera
Mrs J. Williams	Eden Epsom
Mrs J. Williams	Matamata
Mrs L. Joyce	Hamilton

VOGEL ROSEBOWL

Presented by J.E.F Vogel (Wellington)
for the Most Improved NZ Male Player

Year	Title Winner	Club
1960		
1961		
1962		
1963		
1964		
1965		
1966		
1967		
1968		
1969		
1970	G. Stewart	Kawarua Park
1971	S. O'Dwyer	Collegians
1972	T. Colyer	Henderson
1973	H. Broun	Hamilton
1974	B. Brownlee	Rotorua
1975	M. Lilley	Kawarua Park
1976	B. Barnett	Cambridge
1977	R. Norman	Panmure
1978	C. Blackwood	North Shore
1979	P. Viggers	Hawkes Bay
1980	D. Lovett	Hamilton
1981	S. Davenport	Havelock North
1982	A. McMurtrie	Hamilton
1983	D. McQueen	Geyser City
1984	J. Mills	Khandallah
1985	S. Cunningham	Geyser City
1986	R. Watt	Hamilton
1987	M. McSherry	Nelson
1988	P. Steel	Whakatane
1989	S. Harrison	Ponsonby
1990	G. Wilson	Royal Oak
1991	W. Werder	Hamilton
1992	C. Sunde	Red Beach
1993	W. Werder	Hamilton
1994	D. Sharplin	Ashburton
1995	S. Madden	Blues
1996	B. Horler	Waimate
1997	A. Crome	Remuera
1998	D. Sharplin	Midlands
1999	G. Crosby	Christchurch F'ball

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S PLATE

Presented by the Australian Womens Association
for the Most Improved NZ Women Player

Title Winner	Club
Miss V. Miligan	Palmerston North
Mrs J. Lever	Henderson
Mrs H. Hargreaves	Henderson
Christchurch Wmns Tm	
Mrs M. Waugh	Remuera
Miss M. Rippon	Remuera
Miss C. Fleming	Eden Epsom
Mrs P. Buckingham	Cambridge
Miss M. Lynch	Palmerston North
Miss N. Dunning	Hawkes Bay
Mrs J. Webster	Manurewa
Miss J. Grieve	Hastings
Miss J. Lamb	Khandallah
Miss C. Parkinson	Rotorua
Miss J. Park	Hamilton
Miss J. Wood	Hawkes Bay
Miss A. Owen	Royal Oak
Miss S. Clarke	Palmerston North
Miss J. Milne	Otago University
Miss K. Lever	Mt Maunganui
Miss S. Devoy	Geyser City
Miss J. Oakley	Mitchell Park
Miss L. McClure	Maidstone
Miss D. Gurrin	Remuera
Miss J. Burgess	Remuera
Mrs C. Viggers	Sumner
Miss M. Pearson	Manurewa
Miss D. Ellis	Invercargill
Mrs C. Hayes	Eden Epsom
Miss L. Hati	Geyser City
Miss P. Beams	Christchurch
Miss S. Cook	Lancaster Park
Miss L. Marsh	Leamington
Miss S. Cook	Christchurch
Mrs G. Brooking	Royal Oak
Miss L. Crome	Remuera
Miss L. Crome	Remuera
Miss L. Petera	Herne Bay
Miss S. Kitchen	Herne Bay
Miss H. King	Herne Bay

NEW ZEALAND INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT

Year	Men (M.C. Day Cup)	Women (K.A Mackwell Cup)
	District	District
1972	Auckland	Auckland
1973	Wellington	Auckland
1974	Auckland	Auckland
1975	Bay of Plenty	Auckland
1976	Auckland	Auckland
1977	Auckland	Auckland
1978	Auckland	Auckland
1979	Auckland	Auckland
1980	Auckland	Auckland

1981	Auckland	Bay of Plenty
1982	Auckland	Auckland
1983	Wellington	Auckland
1984	Auckland	Auckland
1985	Auckland	Auckland
1986	Auckland	Auckland
1987	Bay of Plenty	Auckland
1988	Bay of Plenty	Auckland
1989	Bay of Plenty	Waikato
1990	Wellington	Waikato
1991	Bay of Plenty	Waikato
1992	Bay of Plenty	Waikato
1993	Bay of Plenty	Canterbury
1994	Auckland	Waikato
1995	Bay of Plenty	Waikato
1996	Auckland	Auckland
1997	Wellington	Auckland
1998	Auckland	Auckland
1999	Auckland	Auckland

NEW ZEALAND SQUASH PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

1974	Trevor Johnston (Geyser City)	1988	Susan Devoy
1975	Pam Buckingham	1989	Susan Devoy
1976	Bruce Brownlee	1990	Susan Devoy
1977	Bruce Brownlee	1991	Susan Devoy
1978	Neven Barbour	1992	Susan Devoy
1979	Murray Day	1993	Paul Steel
1980	Ross Norman	1994	
1981	Stuart Davenport	1995	Jade Wilson
1982	Robyn Blackwood	1996	Susie Simcock
1983	Susan Devoy	1997	Leilani Joyce
1984	Susan Devoy	1998	Chas Evans
1985	Susan Devoy	1999	Trevor Johnston (Ashburton)
1986	Ross Norman		
1987	Susan Devoy		

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men	(Wyndham Hooper Memorial Cup)	
1948	A.M Johns	Palmerston North
1949	A.H Malcolm	Hamilton
1950	A.M Johns	Palmerston North
1951	A.H Malcolm	Hamilton
1952	A.G Perigo	Palmerston North
1953	A.H Malcolm	Hamilton
1954	D.D Mochan	Palmerston North
1955	A.H Malcolm	Hamilton
1956	D.D Mochan	Palmerston North
1957	A.G Robert	Remuera
1958	A.M Johns	Palmerston North
1959	R.B Clarke	Palmerston North
1960	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1961	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1962	I. Easton	Hamilton
1963	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1964	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1965	P. Dibley	Remuera
1966	P. Dibley	Remuera

Women	(Hamilton Club Cup)	
Miss N. Muir		Palmerston North
Miss N. Muir		Palmerston North
Miss N. Muir		Palmerston North
Mrs N. New		Palmerston North
Mrs N. New		Palmerston North
Mrs N. New		Palmerston North
Mrs N. New		Palmerston North
Mrs P. Hunter		Hamilton
Mrs N. New		Palmerston North
Mrs N. New		Palmerston North
Miss B. Patterson		Hamilton
Miss B. Patterson		Hamilton
Miss L. Wright		Australia
Mrs M. Naylor		Remuera
Mrs M. Naylor		Remuera
Miss D. Linde		Australia
Mrs D. Deacon		Henderson
Miss L. Hubinger		Australia
Miss P. Mills		Hamilton

1967	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North	Mrs M. Waugh	Henderson
1968	T. Johnston	Palmerston North	Miss V. Biss	Palmerston North
1969	D. Burmeister	Palmerston North	Mrs P. Buckingham	Remuera
1970	J. Issacs	Mitchell Park	Mrs P. Buckingham	Remuera
1971	C R Waugh	Henderson	Mrs P. Buckingham	Hamilton
1972	V. J Hargreaves	Christchurch HSOB	Miss C. Fleming	Eden Epsom
1973	T. Johnston	Geysers City	Miss J. Lamb	Khandallah
1974	T. Johnston	Geysers City	Miss L. Hubinger	Australia
1975	T. Cheetham	Australia	Mrs P. Buckingham	Remuera
1976	S. Hughes	North Shore	Mrs P. Buckingham	Remuera
1977	M. Lilley	Kawaroa Park	Mrs P. Buckingham	Remuera
1978	R. Norman	Panmure	Mrs J. Webster	Te Papa
1979	R. Norman	Panmure	Mrs R. Redpath	Palmerston North
1980	N.S Barbour	Henderson	Mrs J. Webster	North Shore
1981	S. Davenport	Havelock North	Miss A. Owen	Remuera
1982	C. Blackwood	Panmure	Miss R. Blackwood	North Shore
1983	R. Hayes	Manurewa	Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
1984	A. McMurtrie	Hamilton	Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
1985	P. Viggers	Sumner	Miss R. Blackwood	North Shore
1986	A. McMurtrie	Hamilton	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1987	R. Watt	Hamilton	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1988	S. Harrison	Ponsonby	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1989	S. Cunningham	Geysers City	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1990	S. Harrison	Ponsonby	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1991	P. Steel	Titirangi	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1992	W. Werder	Hamilton	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1993	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss L. Marsh	Leamington
1994	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	Miss M. Pearson	Remuera
1995	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss S. Cook	Christchurch
1996	A. Taleb	England	Miss L. Irving	Australia
1997	M. Corren	North Shore	Mrs L. Joyce	North Shore
1998	I. Higgins	Browns Bay	Mrs L. Joyce	Remuera
1999	I. Higgins	Browns Bay	Mrs L. Joyce	Hamilton

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men (Les Milne Trophy)

1949	J.A Gillies	Invercargill
1950	J.A Gillies	Invercargill
1951	M.J SOLiter	Timaru
1952	M.A Gunn	Oamaru
1953	P. Vesty	Timaru
1954	N. Coe	Timaru
1955	L.G Milne	Timaru
1956	F.N Coe	Timaru
1957	F.N Coe	Timaru
1958	D.G Green	Timaru
1959	D.G Green	Timaru
1960	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1961	I. Easton	Hamilton
1962	C.R Waugh	Palmerston North
1963	G. Bird	Timaru
1964	G. Bird	Timaru
1965	D.R Preston	Christchurch
1966	M. McKenzie	Remuera
1967	P. Dibley	Remuera
1968	G.L Bird	Timaru
1969	G. Davidson	Timaru
1970	D.R Preston	Christchurch
1971	S. O'Dwyer	Collegian

Women (K Hargreaves Trophy)

Miss L. Wright	Australia
Miss R. Robb	Australia
Mrs R. Woodhead	Christchurch
Mrs K. Graham	Otago
Mrs K. Graham	Otago
Mrs P. Leopold	Christchurch
Mrs K. Graham	Otago
Mrs R. Woodhead	Christchurch
Mrs R. Woodhead	Christchurch

1972	N.S Barbour	Henderson	Mrs K. Graham	Burnside
1973	D. Preston	Christchurch	Miss P. Lush	Christchurch
1974	I. Robinson	England	Mrs J. Webster	Manurewa
1975	I.B McNeill	H.S.O.B	Miss R. Stanton	H.S.O.B
1976	B. Barnett	Tauranga	Miss R. Stanton	H.S.O.B
1977	B. Brownlee	Rotorua	Miss R. Stanton	H.S.O.B
1978	B.J Simpson	Royal Oak	Mrs M. Holland	Sumner
1979	P. McFadzien	Canterbury Uni	Mrs K. Graham	Burnside
1980	S. Davenport	Havelock North	Mrs J. Webster	North Shore
1981	R. Hayes	Christchurch	Miss J. Milne	Otago Uni
1982	R. Hayes	Christchurch	Miss R. Blackwood	North Shore
1983	R. Hayes	Christchurch	Miss J. Milne	Sumner
1984	T. Nancarrow	Australia	Miss S. Devoy	Hamilton
1985	J. Mills	Henderson	Mrs J. Williams	Taihape
1986	B. Beesin	England	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1987	R. Watt	Hamilton	Mrs J. Williams	Eden Epsom
1988	S. Cunningham	Geyser City	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1989	S. Harrison	Ponsonbv	Mrs J. Williams	Matamata
1990	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1991	P. Larmer	Australia	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1992	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss S. Devoy	Henderson
1993	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss L. Marsh	Leamington
1994	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss S. Cook	Christchurch
1995	D. Sharplin	Panmure	Mrs J. Norton	Nelson
1996	P. Steel	Whakatane	Miss L. Irving	Australia
1997	M. Corren	North Shore	Miss J. Casbolt	Christchurch
1998	I. Higgins	Browns Bay	Mrs L. Joyce	Remuera
1999	I.Higgins	Browns Bay	Mrs L. Joyce	Hamilton

NATIONAL TEAMS COMPETITIONS

PREMIER CLUB COMPETITION - OPEN GRADE

Men (Cousins Shield)

1947	Palmerston North
1948	Timaru
1949	Timaru
1950	Timaru
1951	Palmerston North
1952	Timaru
1953	Timaru
1954	Timaru
1955	Palmerston North
1956	Oamaru
1957	Oamaru
1958	Timaru
1959	Palmerston North
1960	Palmerston North
1961	Palmerston North
1962	Timaru
1963	Timaru
1964	Timaru
1965	Remuera
1966	Remuera
1967	Remuera
1968	Remuera
1969	Henderson
1970	Henderson
1971	Mitchell Park
1972	Hamilton

Women (Mitchell Cup)

1947	Palmerston North
1948	Palmerston North
1949	Palmerston North
1950	Palmerston North
1951	Palmerston North
1952	Palmerston North
1953	Palmerston North
1954	Palmerston North
1955	Palmerston North
1956	Palmerston North
1957	Palmerston North
1958	Hamilton
1959	Remuera
1960	Remuera
1961	Hamilton
1962	Remuera
1963	Hamilton
1964	Palmerston North
1965	Palmerston North
1966	Henderson
1967	Remuera
1968	Palmerston North
1969	Remuera
1970	Remuera
1971	Remuera
1972	Remuera

1973	Hamilton	Eden Epsom
1974	Henderson	Henderson
1975	Remuera	Hawkes Bay
1976	Hamilton	Tauranga
1977	Hamilton	Remuera
1978	Hamilton	Tauranga
1979	Hamilton	Remuera
1980	Mitchell Park	Remuera
1981	Mitchell Park	Remuera
1982	Hamilton	North Shore
1983	Hamilton	North Shore
1984	Geysers City	Hamilton
1985	Hamilton	Hamilton
1986	Eden Epsom	Henderson
1987	Mitchell Park	Remuera
1988	Geysers City	Henderson
1989	Remuera	Remuera
1990	Henderson	Remuera
1991	Henderson	Henderson
1992	Titirangi	Henderson
1993	Remuera	Henderson
1994	Remuera	Remuera
1995	Royal Oak	Remuera
1996	Hamilton Squash & Tennis	Remuera
1997	Mitchell Park	Remuera
1998	Browns Bay	Heme Bay
1999	Browns Bay	Remuera

B GRADE

Men (Davis Trophy)

1968	Kawarua Park
1969	Wellington
1970	
1971	Henderson
1972	Collegians
1973	Eden Epsom
1974	Hamilton
1975	Hamilton
1976	Eden Epsom
1977	Hamilton
1978	Mitchell Park
1979	Royal Oak
1980	Tawa
1981	Remuera
1982	Hamilton
1983	Hamilton
1984	Hamilton
1985	Linwood
1986	Linwood
1987	Hamilton
1988	Kawarua Park
1989	Mitchell Park
1990	Henderson
1991	Titirangi
1992	Mitchell Park
1993	Kapiti
1994	Manurewa
1995	Hawkes Bay

Women Bouchier Cup

Palmerston North
Rotorua
Henderson
Kawarua Park
Hawkes Bay
Remuera
Whangarei
Khandallah
Palmerston North
Remuera
Panmure
Henderson
Henderson
Henderson
Hawkes Bay
Khandallah
Ponsonby
Eden Epsom
Eden Epsom
Ponsonby
Ponsonby
Lugton Park
Manurewa
Manurewa
Ponsonby
Royal Oak
Lancaster Park
Mt Maunganui

C Grade

Women (H.B.S.C. Shield)

Henderson
Gisborne
Hawkes Bay
North Otago
Havelock North
Hastings
College Rifles
Collegians
Tauranga
Christchurch
Hawkes Bay
Cambridge
Burnside
Christchurch
Manurewa
Nelson
Lancaster Park
North Shore
Whakatane
Royal Oak
Panmure
Hamilton
Geysers City
Ponsonby
Henderson
Hawkes Bay
Whakatane

1996	Hawkes Bay	Herne Bay Ponsonby	Royal Oak	Logan Park
1997	Titirangi	North Shore	Wanganui	Wanganui
1998	Geysers City	Christchurch Football	Wanganui	Ellerslie
1999	Khandallah	Invercargill	Hamilton	Gisborne

D Grade

Men (Tawa Cup)

1971	Palmerston North
1972	Collegians
1973	Ponsonby
1974	North Shore
1975	Burnside
1976	Hawkes Bay L Tennis
1977	Henderson
1978	Tokoroa
1979	Masterton
1980	Christchurch F.S.R.C
1981	Blues
1982	Manurewa
1983	Remuera
1984	Lancaster Park
1985	Christchurch
1986	Nelson
1987	Nelson
1988	Hamilton
1989	Mitchell Park
1990	Panmure
1991	Blues
1992	Kapiti
1993	Otago University
1994	Henderson
1995	Panmure
1996	Hastings Squash
1997	Hastings
1998	Gisborne
1999	Te Puke

Women (Tawa Cup)

Panmure
Cambridge
Cambridge
Whakatane
Tauranga
Hamilton Old Boys
Hamilton
Timaru
Henderson
Khandallah
Cambridge
Hamilton
Hamilton
Timaru
Palmerston North
Levin
Nelson
Masterton
Motueka
Taupo
Hawkes Bay
Ponsonby
Red Beach
Whakatane
Hastings Squash
Mana
Tokoroa
Gisborne
Ashhurst-Pohangina

E Grade

Men (Southern Cup)

Royal Oak
North Shore
Linwood
Canterbury University
Cambridge
North Shore
Fraser Park
North Shore
North Shore
Manurewa
Hawkes Bay
Christchurch
Christchurch
Taupo
Invercargill
Tokoroa
Henderson
Fraser Park
Henderson
Palmerston North
Hastings Squash
Henderson
Remuera
Palmerston North

Women (BOP Cup)

North Shore
Ashburton
Kaitaia
Pirates
Invercargill
Marlborough
Hamilton
Henderson
Duntroon
Panmure
Taneatua
Alexandra
Kaitaia
Taumarunui
North Shore
Kawaroa Park
Matamata
Henderson
Titirangi
Lugton Park
Whakatane
Whakatane
Hawkes Bay
Eden Epsom

F Grade

Men (Cashmere Club Trophy)

1978	Cashmere
1979	Lancaster Park
	(First two years South Island clubs only)
1980	Henderson
1981	Henderson
1982	Taiari
1983	Cambridge
1984	Henderson
1985	Taumarunui
1986	Island Bay
1987	Mitchell Park
1988	Henderson
1989	Tokoroa
1990	Henderson
1991	Royal Oak
1992	Otago
1993	Henderson
1994	Taihape
1995	Henderson

Women (Lancaster Park Club Trophy)

Gore
Hokitika
Mt Maunganui
Kaitaia
Kamo
Gisborne
Tokoroa
Gisborne
Kawerau
Hawera
Gisborne
Henderson
Kamo
Leamington
Tokoroa
Tauranga
Dargaville
Kaitaia Tennis & Squash

1996	Blues	Waerenga-a-Hika
1997	Eden Epsom	Taihape
1998	Geyser City	Mt Maunganui
1999	Waerenga-A-Hika	Palmerston North

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men 70 years + (Mt.Maunganui Cup)

1997	C. Francis	Herne Bay
1998	K. Turnbull	Hamilton
1999	K. Turnbull	Hamilton

Men 65 years + (Canterbury Cup)

1988	A. Andrews	Napier
1989	No Contest	
1990	D. Neeley	Whakatane
1991-92	No Contest	
1993	L. Reese	Christchurch
1994		
1995	K. Turnbull	Hamilton
1996	W. Berry	Malvern
1997	W. Berry	Malvern
1998	M. Peters	Bay of Plenty
1999	R. Savage	Thorndon

Men 60-64 years (Remuera Cup)

1983	C. Rooke	Nelson
1984	J. Harrington	Masterton
1985	V. Hunt	Australia
1986	No contest	
1987	F. Green	Australia
1988	K. Turnbull	Hamilton
1989	M. Smyth	Australia
1990	K. Turnbull	Hamilton
1991	A. Wright	Remuera
1992	B. Sixtus	Nelson
1993	B. Sixtus	Nelson
1994	B. Sixtus	Nelson
1995	B. Sixtus	Nelson
1996	T. Ripon	Australia
1997	M. Kingston	Gisborne
1998	E. Condor	Titirangi
1999	D. Preston	Christchurch

Men 55-59 years (Neelev-Donald Cup)

1982	C. Francis	Ponsonby
1983	K. Turnbull	Hamilton
1984	A. Wright	Remuera
1985	R. Roche	Remuera
1986	R. Roche	Remuera
1987	A. Adarraga	Australia
1988	A. Wright	Remuera
1989	B. Sixtus	Nelson
1990	B. Sixtus	Nelson
1991	I. Hocking	Australia
1992	M. Kingston	Gisborne
1993	T. Rippon	Australia
1994	H. Shepherd	Paeroa
1995	B. Gardiner	Burnside

Women 60 years+ (Kamo Cup)

M. Forrester	Red Beach
M. Durham	Hamilton
J. Allen	Panmure
J. Roberts	Khandallah

Women 55 years + (Ashburton Cup) *55-59 years from 1996

N. Thomson	Auckland
M. Forrester	Red Beach
M. Forrester	Red Beach
No Contest	
M. Forrester	Red Beach
M. Forrester	Red Beach
J. Roberts	Khandallah
J. Roberts	Khandallah

1996	B. Gardiner	Burnside	K. Hargreaves	Burnside
1997	R. Purser	Remuera	J. Tyler	Henderson
1998	R. Purser	Remuera	J. Webster	Eden Epsom
1999	R. Purser	Remuera	J. Webster	Eden Epsom

Men 50-54 years (Hamilton SRC Cup)

1982	L. O'Neill	Hamilton
1983	L. O'Neill	Hamilton
1984	L. O'Neill	Hamilton
1985	L. Atkins	Australia
1986	B. Sixtus	Nelson
1987	T. Rippon	Australia
1988	E. Conder	Titirangi
1989	M. Perry	Australia
1990	B. Gardiner	Christchurch
1991	B. Gardiner	Burnside
1992	B. Gardiner	Burnside
1993	M. McDonald	Australia
1994	G. Moss	Eden Epsom
1995	M. Walls	Geysers City
1996	M. Samblebe	Australia
1997	R. Foster	Maidstone
1998	R. Marshall	Canterbury
1999	D. Mason	Collegians

Women 50-54 years (Nelson Cup)

E. Baldwin	Nelson
No Contest	
M. Bowers	Hamilton
No Contest	
W. Halling	North Shore
M. Bowers	Red Beach
M. Bowers	Red Beach
J. Roberts	Khandallah
J. Roberts	Khandallah
K. Hargreaves	Burnside
J. Webster	Henderson
P. Penny	Titirangi
J. Tyler	Henderson
K. Marshall	Hawkes Bay
K. Marshall	Hawkes Bay
K. Marshall	Hawkes Bay
K. Jackson	Royal Oak
K. Jackson	Royal Oak

Men 45-49 years (Tararua SRC Cup)

1982	N. Munro	Geysers City
1983	G. Lawrence	Hawkes Bay
1984	G. Lawrence	Hawkes Bay
1985	M. Perry	Australia
1986	P. Dibley	Kerikeri
1987	F. Howell	Australia
1988	R. Purser	Remuera
1989	B. Parker	Australia
1990	M. Walls	Geysers City
1991	G. Robberds	Australia
1992	J. Borren	Kapiti
1993	B. Cook	Australia
1994	J. Borren	Kapiti
1995	B. Cook	Australia
1996	B. Cook	Australia
1997	W. Seebeck	Christchurch
1998	L. Skurr	Canterbury
1999	N. Fyfe	Thorndon

Women 45-49 years (North Shore SRC Cup)

J. Brown	Remuera
M. Bowers	Hamilton
J. Roberts	Gisborne
J. Roberts	Gisborne
S. Simcock	Remuera
J. Webster	North Shore
J. Webster	North Shore
J. Webster	Henderson
J. Webster	Henderson
J. Webster	Henderson
K. Marshall	Hawkes Bay LT
K. Marshall	Hawkes Bay LT
K. Jackson	Kerikeri
P. Taylor	Hamilton
L. Wilson	Australia
F. Stephenson	Wellington
C. Lamb	Taupo
C. Chard	Kawarua Park

Men 40-44 years (Palmerston North Cup)

1982	J. Haines	Hamilton
1983	P. Worrall	Manurewa
1984	P. Wright	Australia
1985	P. Wright	Nelson
1986	L. Sparks	Marist-Ch/Ch
1987	P. Wright	Australia
1988	N. Barbour	Henderson
1989	J. Borren	Kapiti
1990	B. Cook	Australia
1991	T. Colyer	Browns Bay
1992	T. Colyer	Browns Bay
1993	I. Freeme	Australia
1994	L. Skurr	HSOB Ch/Ch
1995	L. Skurr	HSOB Ch/Ch
1996	I. Holding	Eden Epsom

Women 40-44 years (Henderson SRC Cup)

J. Webster	North Shore
A. Andrews	Nelson
L. Duthie	Putaruru
A. Smith	Australia
J. Webster	North Shore
R. Prentice	Australia
K. Jackson	Kerikeri
R. Swan	Australia
L. Gurteen	Henderson
J. Maycock	Canada
S. Taylor	Panmure
L. Gurteen	Henderson
C. Chard	Kawarua Park
C. Chard	Kawarua Park
C. Chard	Kawarua Park

1997	B. Matthews	Christchurch	C. Chard	Kawarua Park
1998	B. Matthews	Christchurch	C. Chard	Kawarua Park
1999	M. Waldin	Browns Bay	K. Walton	Clch Football
Men 35-39 years (John Angus Cup)			Women 35-39 years (Manurewa Cup)	
1982	S. O'Dwyer	Mitchell Park	K. Glenny	Thorndon
1983	M. Walls	Nelson	L. Rowe	Putaruru
1984	G. Keenan	Palmerston North	K. Glenny	Scottish Harriers
1985	B. Simpson	Kerikeri	A. Harris	Australia
1986	C. Evans	Upper Hutt	S. Taylor	Panmure
1987	W. Cornush	Australia	L. Wilson	Australia
1988	P. Sisam	College Rifles	L. Gurteen	Henderson
1989	P. Sisam	Remuera	L. White	Australia
1990	M. Tapp	Taihape	C. Chard	Kawarua Park
1991	D. Williams	Australia	C. Chard	Kawarua Park
1992	I. Holding	Howick	C. Chard	Kawarua Park
1993	T. Sparks	Australia	C. Chard	Kawarua Park
1994	C. Maylew	Eden Epsom	E. Rameka	Manurewa
1995	S. McCarroll		K. Collins	Hamilton
1996	R. Hayes	Christchurch	L. Spielman	Australia
1997	S. McCarroll	Christchurch	K. Newman	Hamilton
1998	S. Harrison	Herne Bay	D. Wilson	Wellington
1999	M. Miller	Kapiti	K. Austin	Whakatane

MASTERS INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT

(Christchurch Cup)

1985	Auckland	1993	Auckland
1986	Auckland	1994	Auckland
1987	Auckland	1995	Canterbury
1988	Auckland	1996	Canterbury
1989	Auckland	1997	Canterbury
1990	Auckland	1998	Canterbury
1991	Auckland	1999	Auckland
1992	Auckland		

NEW ZEALAND VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men (A.D. Long Cup)

Women (Broadbent Cup)

1961	A.D Long	Palmerston North		
1962	T.D.C Childs	Henderson		
1963	R.G Pattinson	Christchurch	Mrs S. Currin	Henderson
1964	R.B Lugton	Hamilton	Mrs A. Tietjens	Remuera
1965	O. Bold	Hawkes Bay	Mrs F. Howard	Hamilton
1966	O. Bold	Hawkes Bay	Mrs R. Woodhead	Christchurch
1967	A.M Johns	Palmerston North	Mrs R. Woodhead	Christchurch
1968	A.M Johns	Palmerston North	Mrs R. Woodhead	Christchurch
1969	M. Blank	Christchurch	Mrs R. Woodhead	Christchurch
1970	M. Lust	Masterton	Mrs L. Brownlee	Rotorua
1971-72	No contest		No contest	
1973	M. Lust	Masterton	Mrs D. Dryland	Wellington
1974	K. Turnbull	Hamilton	No contest	
1975	R. Roche	Remuera	No contest	
1976	K. Turnbull	Hamilton	Mrs C. McBain	Feilding
1977	K. Turnbull	Hamilton	Mrs C. Owen	Royal Oak
1978	D. Kennedy	Celtic	Mrs J. Stevens	Royal Oak
1979	V.J.W Hargreaves	H.S.O.B	Mrs A. Stephens	Hamilton
1980	N.C Munro	Geyser City	Mrs J. Roberts	Gisborne
1981	R. Sandilands	Khandallah	Mrs J. Roberts	Gisborne
1982	N. Munro	Geyser City	Mrs J. Roberts	Gisborne
1983	G. Lawrence	Hawkes Bay	Mrs J. Webster	North Shore
1984	G. Lawrence	Hawkes Bay	Mrs J. Webster	North Shore

(Veteran Championships discontinued in 1985)

NEW ZEALAND UNDER 23 CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Men		Women	
1976	S. Hughes	North Shore	A. Owen	Royal Oak
1977	B. Barnett	Ponsonby	A. Owen	Royal Oak
1978	C. Blackwood	North Shore	R. Blackwood	North Shore
1979	R. Hayes	Christchurch	A. Owen	Royal Oak
1980	R. Hayes	Christchurch	A. Owen	Royal Oak
1981	S. Davenport	Havelock North	S. Devoy	Geyser City
1982	D. Lovett	Hamilton	J. Milne	Sumner
1983	D. McQueen	Geyser City	S. Clarke	Hamilton
1984	D. McQueen	Geyser City	D. Gurrán	Remuera
1985	J. Mills	Henderson	J. Oakley	Henderson
1986	J. Watt	Hamilton	M. Pearson	Manurewa
1987	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	M. Pearson	Manurewa
1988	M. McSherry	Titirangi	M. Pearson	Manurewa
1989	M. Penman	Lancaster Park	L. Hati	Geyser City
1990	S. Adams	North Shore	L. Hati	Royal Oak
1991	G. Linton	Browns Bay	L. Marsh	Leamington
	Discontinued 1992			

NEW ZEALAND YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (UNDER 21)

Inaugurated 1992

	Men		Women	
1992	P. Boyle	North Shore	S. Cook	Lancaster Park
1993	D. Sharplin	Ashburton	L. Marsh	Leamington
1994	C. Sundae	Red Beach	F. Dean	Remuera
1995	B. Horler	Waimate	S. Kitchen	Kaitaia
1996	B. Horler	Waimate	L. Crome	Remuera
1997	A. Crome	Remuera	L. Crome	Remuera
1998	G. Crosby	Christchurch	S. Kitchen	Herne Bay
1999	G Crosby	Christchurch	S. Kitchen	Herne Bay

NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

	Boys		Girls	
1950	L.G Milne	Timaru		
1951	P. Vesty	Timaru		
1952	P. Vesty	Timaru		
1953	P. Vesty	Timaru		
1954	P. MacKenzie	Oamaru		
1955	P. MacKenzie	Oamaru		
1956	P. MacKenzie	Oamaru	W. Clarke	Palmerston
1957	G. Davidson	Oamaru	J. Cunningham	Remuera
1958	G. Davidson	Oamaru	L. Marshall	Air Force
1959	G. Bird	Timaru	J. Cleghorn	Palmerston North
1960	G. Bird	Timaru	No contest	
1961	G. Bird	Timaru	No contest	
1962	T. Johnstone	Palmerston North	P. McGlenaghan	Australia
1963	D. Burmeister	Palmerston North	No contest	
1964	B. Tietjens	Remuera	P. Kidd	Cambridge
1965	B. Tietjens	Remuera	J. Hislop	Palmerston North
1966	B. Tietjens	Remuera	J. Hislop	Palmerston North
1967	D. Cotter	Remuera	J. Hislop	Palmerston North
1968	T. Colyer	Timaru	M. Lynch	Palmerston North
1969	S. Hughes	Remuera	R. Garvey	Remuera
1970	S. Hughes	Remuera	R. Garvey	Remuera
1971	S. Kennedy	Henderson	B. Goldham	North Shore
1972	S. Hughes	North Shore	R. Stanton	Palmerston North
1973	B. Taylor	Manurewa	R. Stanton	Palmerston North
1974	B. Barnett	Cambridge	J. Park	Hamilton
1975	R. Hayes	Christchurch	R. Blackwood	North Shore
1976	R. Hayes	Christchurch	A. Owen	Royal Oak
1977	D. Oakley	Mitchell Park	J. Milne	Sumner

1978	D. Lovett	Hamilton	S. Clarke	Palmerston North
1979	P. Viggers	Hawkes Bay	K. Lever	Mt Maunganui
1980	D. Lovett	Hamilton	S. Devoy	Geyser City
1981	S. Davenport	Havelock North	M. Toone	Australia
1982	T. Fuller	Whakatane	S. Devoy	Hamilton
1983	C. Robertson	Australia	E. Irving	Australia
1984	G. Waite	Canada	L. Soek Hui	Singapore
1985	R. Eyles	Australia	L. Hati	Galatea
1986	G. Wilson	Maidstone	M. Pearson	Manurewa
1987	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	M. Pearson	Manurewa
1988	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	L. Hati	Geyser City
1989	W. Werder	Hamilton	L. Hati	Geyser City
1990	W. Werder	Hamilton	L. Marsh	Hamilton
1991	D. Sharplin	Ashburton	L. Marsh	Leamington
1992	G. Linton	Browns Bay	S. Cook	Lancaster Park
1993	C. Sunde	Red Beach	S. Cook	Christchurch
1994	C. Love	Mitchell Park	T. Kitchen	Kaitaia
1995	S. Madden	Blues	S. Kitchen	Kaitaia
1996	S. Madden	Blues	L. Crome	Remuera
1997	G. Crosby	Christchurch	S. Kitchen	Herne Bay
1998	P. Anderson	Hamilton	C. Tana	Tokoroa
1999	J Conning	Titirangi	K Lindsay	Matamata

NEW ZEALAND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS (Inaugurated 1975)

	Boys U19		Girls U19	
1975	B. Barnett	Tauranga	A. Owen	Royal Oak
1976	R. Norman	Panmure	K. Leabourn	Panmure
1977	K. Hannan	Thorndon	J. Milne	Sumner
1978	S. Davenport	Havelock North	R. Hadfield	Collegians
1979	P. Viggers	Hawkes Bay	S. Clarke	Palmerston North
1980	S. Davenport	Havelock North	S. Devoy	Geyser City
1981	J. Mills	Collegians	D. Gurrin	Edgecumbe
1982	D. McQueen	Geyser City	E. Irving	Australia
1983	D. McQueen	Geyser City	S. Wasley	Burnside
1984	M. Tapsell	Eden Epsom	J. Marriott	Sumner
1985	L. Cooper	Mitchell Park	J. Marriott	Sumner
1986	G. Wilson	Maidstone	D. Shaw	Kaitaia
1987	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	M. Pearson	Manurewa
1988	J. McLauchlan	Waimate	L. Hati	Galatea
1989	G. Wilson	Royal Oak	N. Pearson	Leamington
1990	W. Werder	Hamilton	L. Marsh	Hamilton
1991	No contest		No contest	
1992	No contest		No contest	
1993	D. Gardiner	Burnside	S. Cook	Christchurch
1994 on	Contested with open grade			

	Boys U17		Girls U17	
1973	B. Barnett	Cambridge	A. Owen	Royal Oak
1974	R. Norman	Panmure	R. Blackwood	North Shore
1975	R. Norman	Panmure	K. Leabourn	Rotorua
1976	D. Oakley	Mitchell Park	J. Oakley	Mitchell Park
1977	P. Viggers	Hawkes Bay	S. Clarke	Palmerston North
1978	D. Lovett	Hamilton	D. Kelsall	Manurewa
1979	J. Mills	Collegians	S. Devoy	Rotorua
1980	H. Leabourn	Panmure	W. Stanton	Palmerston North
1981	D. McQueen	Geyser City	A. Bennett	Titirangi
1982	R. Martin	Australia	D. Drady	Australia
1983	L. Cooper	Mitchell Park	J. Marriott	Sumner
1984	D. Nicholls	Otaki	M. Royal	Geyser City
1985	G. Wilson	Maidstone	D. Shaw	Kaitaia

1986	P. Steel	Whakatane	A. Toal	Eastern Subs Ham
1987	A. Clarke	North Shore	P. Beams	Lancaster Park
1988	T. Franklin	Mt Pleasant	K. Wilson	Turangi
1989	D. Sharplin	Hinds	L. Marsh	Hamilton
1990	G. Linton	Browns Bay	L. Rogers	Kaitaia
1991	C. Sunde	Red Beach	S. Cook	Lancaster Park
1992	G. Seymour	Tokoroa	J. Wilson	Henderson
1993	P. Cameron	Mitchell Park	T. Leevey	Taumarunui
1994	S. Madden	Blues	L. Crome	Remuera
1995	G. Crosby	Blenheim	L. Petera	Kaitaia
1996	P. Anderson	Kensington	T. Tatana	Levin
1997	W. Evans	Panmure	C. Tana	Tokoroa
1998	J. Conning	Titirangi	F. Nant	Tauranga
1999	C.O'Brien	Cambridge	J Hawkes	Remuera

Boys U15

1973	R. Norman	Panmure
1974	D. Oakley	Mitchell Park
1975	P. Viggers	Hawkes Bay
1976	S. Davenport	Burnside
1977	S. Davenport	Burnside
1978	H. Leaboun	Panmure
1979	D. McQueen	Rotorua
1980	D. Whooley	College Rifles
1981	S. Hunter	Whakatane
1982	D. Nicholls	Otaki
1983	G. Watt	Te Papapa
1984	G. Wilson	Maidstone
1985	A. Clarke	Red Star
1986	T. Franklin	Mt Pleasant
1987	M. Taylor	Whakatane
1988	C. Sunde	Red Beach
1989	C. Sunde	Red Beach
1990	G. Seymour	Tokoroa
1991	M. Anderson	Cambridge
1992	S. Madden	Blues
1993	G. Crosby	Marlborough
1994	G. Crosby	Marlborough
1995	H. Hiku	Levin
1996	J. Conning	Titirangi
1997	G. Wilson	Wellington
1998	S. Sansom	Kawaroa Park
1999	H Manson	Nightcaps

Boys U13

1973	D. Oakley	Mitchell Park
1974	S. Davenport	Burnside
1975	S. Davenport	Burnside
1976	J. Bushell	Burnside
1977	R. Wyatt	Rotorua
1978	D. Whooley	College Rifles
1979	W. Labon	Royal Oak
1980	S. O'Brien	Burnside
1981	R. Clarke	College Rifles
1982	G. Wilson	Maidstone
1983	G. Wilson	Maidstone
1984	M. Taylor	Edgecumbe
1985	M. Taylor	Edgecumbe
1986	T. Bax	Cambridge
1987	C. Sunde	Red Beach

Girls U15

K. Leabourn	Rotorua
K. Leabourn	Rotorua
K. Lever	Tauranga
J. James	Tauranga
D. Kelsall	Manurewa
W. Stanton	Palmerston North
J. Richardson	Royal Oak
A. Bennett	Titirangi
A. Chapman	Galatea
L. Soek Hui	Singapore
D. Shaw	Kaitaia
F. Townsend	Henderson
L. Hati	Galatea
N. McGeown	North Shore
J. Hill	Manurewa
L. Marsh	Leamington
S. Cook	Lancaster Park
J. Wilson	Maidstone
T. Leevey	Taumarunui
T. Leevey	Taumarunui
S. Kitchen	Kaitaia
S. Kitchen	Kaitaia
T. Anderson	Geyser City
C. Tana	Tokoroa
K. Lindsay	Matamata
K. Lindsay	Matamata
C Katene	Reporoa

Girls U13

No contest	
K. Waddell	Mitchell Park
J. Oakley	Mitchell Park
D. Kelsall	Manurewa
S. Devoy	Rotorua
K. Haeata	Masterton
K. Haeata	Masterton
H. Benner	Te Puke
H. Benner	Te Puke
F. Townsend	Henderson
A. Toal	Hamilton
L. Hati	Galatea
N. McGeown	North Shore
L. Marsh	Eastern Suburbs
S. Cook	Linwood

1988	G. Seymour	Tokoroa	A. Herewini	Te Roopu
1989	M. Anderson	Cambridge	J. Wilson	Mana
1990	S. Madden	Invercargill	T. Leevey	Taumaranui
1991	G. Crosby	Marlborough	S. Kitchen	Kaitaia
1992	G. Crosby	Marlborough	D. McCurdy	Henderson
1993	Q. Tana	Maungatoroto	P. Rameka	Manurewa
1994	J. Conning	Titirangi	F. Rika	Reporoa
1995	M. O'Brien	Australia	J. Hawkes	Remuera
1996	T. Shaw	Parkview	C. Katene	Reporoa
1997	C. Grayson	Titirangi	C. Katene	Reporoa
1998	C. Grayson	Titirangi	A. Allison	Waipu
1999	C. McEldowney	Okato	C. Sim	Okato

NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR INTER-DISTRICT TEAMS EVENT

1970	Auckland	Waikato
1971	Waikato	Waikato
1972	Waikato	Waikato
1973	Auckland	Central
1974	Wellington	Auckland
1975	Wellington	Auckland
1976	Auckland	Auckland
1977	Canterbury	Auckland
1978	Hawkes Bay/Gisb	Wellington
1979	Hawkes Bay/Gisb	Bay of Plenty
1980	Hawkes Bay/Gisb	Bay of Plenty
1981	Auckland	Auckland
1982	Bay of Plenty	Waikato
1983	Bay of Plenty	Auckland
1984	Central	Auckland
1985	Wellington	Bay of Plenty
1986	Wellington	Auckland
1987	Auckland	Auckland
1988	Midlands	Bay of Plenty
1989	Waikato	Canterbury
1990	Auckland	Wellington
1991	Auckland	Wellington
1992	Auckland	Wellington
1993	Auckland	Auckland
1994	Wellington	Northland
1995	Auckland	Auckland
1996	Auckland	Auckland
1997	Auckland	Northland
1998	Auckland	Bay of Plenty
1999	Auckland	Auckland

GIFFORD CUP

District with best overall
Boys and Girls

Auckland
Auckland
Bay of Plenty
Wellington
Bay of Plenty
Auckland
Auckland
Auckland
Bay of Plenty
Waikato
Auckland
Wellington
Auckland
Auckland
Not Awarded
Auckland
Auckland
Auckland
Auckland
Auckland

