

# The Drop Shot



The Latest in Nelson Bays Squash  
News and Events—July 2010

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## All ahead full!



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Hi everyone, I hope you are already well underway with your squash for the 2010 season at whatever level you play. Inter-club is now in full swing having played 10 weeks already. Team numbers are down from last season and there are many players who regret not getting their registrations in sooner...

The Open tournaments have all been well supported with all clubs hosting large entries and good representation from players across the district.

Celtic Squash are holding their first C grade tournament on the 23-24th of July. Keep an eye on your tournament calendar for other national / regional events. See you club admin for a guide, or come and see me for one.

### Dates to Note:

- \* Celtic C Grade 23 July
- \* Wellington Junior Age Groups 23 July
- \* Nelson Masters/Juniors Combined 30th July
- \* Marlborough College Open 20th August
- \* Wellington Junior Open 27th August
- \* Rai / Roosters Shield Waimea 5th September

Nelson Bays Squash wish to recognise the community funding from **NZ Community trust** and **Canterbury Community Trust** for their support of the Squash Development role. The funding contributes to organising tournaments, coaching, club development and promotion of our sport - Thank you.

## Masters / Juniors Weekend

Nelson Squash Club are hosting their annual Masters and Juniors combined tournament later this month, Tawa squash club are bringing across a team to play in this event and we hope to give them some strong southern competition. Get your entry in early to ensure a place in the event: [nelsonsquash@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nelsonsquash@xtra.co.nz) or call the office 03-5489275



## CLUB K - TIP OF THE DAY



### SQUASH TIP: Taking Forward

A simple rule to base your game around – when you are behind your opponent, and behind the T, you need to defend. When you are in front of them, and you get a loose ball, that is when you want to attack, by taking them forward.

When defending, the safest shot is down the wall as opposed to cross court, as you have a better angle, or a bigger window to get the ball through and past your opponent. Mix it up with a few cross court length shots, but generally you are going to be better served with the straight shot.

When you have got your opponent behind you and they hit a weak shot, that is the time to look for the drop, or volley drop, or the attacking boast, or a kill shot to drag them forward.

Happy squashing,  
Rob Walker

## NBS JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE SQUADS

Monday 2nd August A Squad Training Session (6.00pm at Waimea)

Monday 2nd August Reserve Squad (5.00pm at Waimea)

Tuesday 3rd August Boys Development Squad (4.00pm at Nelson)

Tuesday 3rd August Girls Development Squad (5.30pm at Waimea)



## BLACK KNIGHT D & BELOW SERIES FINALS

Following Waimea and Motueka's inaugural D and below squash series; Vicky Gargiulo (D1) took a series final win at the Nelson Squash Club on Saturday without dropping a match in all three tournaments across the Nelson Bays region. Gargiulo stated that she was "delighted with the series concept and how it catered for middle level squash players and provided a competitive environment outside of open division tournaments".

Gargiulo cruised through the first round taking out Anne Shee 3-1, then defeated third seed Tania Tepu 3-1 in the final; with Tepu going on to runner up in women's first division.

Other strong performers in the series were Nelson's Steve Petrie, Waimea's Gary Tobin, and Motueka's Kara Simkin coming in at second equal for overall points.

The Black Knight D and Below has attracted good numbers of players who are more freely able to enter the series of one day events without having to commit a whole weekend to competing.

### Results of Nelson Squash Club D and Below:

Men's Div One: Winner - Steve Petrie, Runner Up - Mike Gargiulo. Men's Div Two: Winner - Geoff Seymour, Runner Up - Eddie (the hammer) Westrupp. Men's Div Three: Winner - Gary Tobin, Runner Up - Paul Ladbrook. Men's Div Four: Winner - Glen Marshall, Runner Up - David Hall.

Women's Div One: Winner - Vicky Gargiulo, Runner Up - Tania Tepu. Women's Div Two: Winner - Kara Simkin, Runner Up - Paula Bavin. Women's Div Three: Winner - Penny Hamilton, Runner Up - Anne Harvey



*Vicki Gargiulo with spoils of D & Below Squash*

## B GRADE SUPERCHAMPS

Marlborough Boys won the B grade Superchamps and will be going through to the Nationals.

The Waimea Boys didn't get the wooden spoon and managed to beat the Marlborough B team but lost to Marlborough, Mitchell Park, and Mana. Waimea ladies beat Marlborough Stadium 5/0 and Marlborough College 5/0 which is a satisfying enough victory in itself! but lost to Red Star and 1/4, and Khandallah 0/5! Very strong - Khandallah beat Red Star (Masterton) in the finals and we all had a great weekend.

Waimea Women's team: Me, Christine Castle, Jodie Rutherford, Sue Netto, Christine Palmer, Kate Swanson

Waimea Men's team: Marcus Rose, Mike Bensemman, Brendon Osborne, Brendon Whitley, Wayne Aldred, Sean O'Connell, Josh Wood

**Waimea Mens** vs Mana - lost 3/2, vs Mitchell Park - lost 4/1, vs Marl A - lost 5/0, vs Marl B - won 3/2

**Waimea Womens** vs Marl MSRC - won 5/0, vs Red Star - lost 4/1, vs Marl SRC - won 5/0, vs Marl B - lost 5/0

**Great effort folks & well done to the team organisers lets give the district another good run for their money next year!**

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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS UPDATE

Congratulations to Callum Seymour (D1) of Motueka who came second in the South Island Age Groups squash tournament. Callum went down in the age group final to Sam Sayes (C2) of Whangarei in Christchurch over the holidays.

Chris Collins (C1) came 6th in North Islands Age Groups U15 and 5th in U15 in South Islands. Reece O'Connell managed to finish at 11th in the NI and SI boys U19 draw.

Leah Orr (B2) improved her ranking by 2 places after taking out the second seed in the first round, Leah went on to finish 4th in Girls U19. Sophie O'Connell (C1) finished 4th in girls U15. Great to see Rosie Peat (J3) and Josh Dow (J3) playing in their first SI Junior Champs - they didn't win any matches but both improved heaps as they went, both going to 5 setters in their last matches.

Josh King (A2) of Waimea performed well at the South Island Men's competition making it to the semi finals. He came up against World #42 Martin Knight (A1) of Wellington and lost in straight sets but went on to win the third place play off against second seed Scott Gardiner in the fourth set. Good luck to Josh for the Cousins Shield event this weekend in Hawkes Bay!

Megan Craig (A2) of Marlborough also cleaned up at the South Islands taking out the women's open championship with straight sets in the final against second seed Jutta Tuunanen. Craig also went on to win the Men's sec-

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## INTERCLUB POSITIONS GOING INTO SEMIS

**Positions are listed in order of points from highest to lowest.**

MEN'S DIV ONE: Nelson 1 (109), Celtic 1 (96), Waimea 1 (96), Waimea 2 (81).

MEN'S DIV TWO: Nelson 1 (155), Celtic 1 (118), Waimea 1 (117), Nelson 3 (103), Waimea 4 (96), Waimea 2 (92), Waimea 3 (91), Nelson 2 (68).

MEN'S DIV THREE: Takaka 1 (146), Nelson 1 (131), Motueka 1 (113), Waimea 1 (110), Nelson 2 (85), Waimea 2 (58).

WOMEN'S DIVISION: Celtic 1 (161), Waimea 1 (129), Nelson 1 (113), Waimea 2 (101), Waimea 4 (101), Nelson 2 (96), Motueka 1 (104), Waimea 5 (104), Motueka 2 (88), Waimea 3 (83).

**MEN'S SEMI FINALS 27th JULY**

**WOMEN'S SEMI FINALS 28th JULY**

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## J GRADE ROOKIE SERIES—CELTIC SQUASH

Congratulations to all Junior Squashers who took part in the Celtic J Grade tourney over the weekend.

1st Division Winner: Felix Murray, Runner Up: Oliver Reiter.

2nd Division Winner: Jack Scott, Runner Up: Oliver Waterworth.

3rd Division Winner: Josh Dow, Runner Up: Alana Behringer.

4th Division Tied Winners: Harry MacDonald, Ashleigh Martin, Jacob Linn.

5th Division Winner: Jack Shee

# TEAM NELSON RECLAIM HEAPHY SHIELD

Nelson Bays Squash has reclaimed the Heaphy Shield for 2010 after defeating West Coast and Marlborough in Greymouth at the weekend. The Heaphy Shield is the regions' premier squash tournament where each regions' top four men and women play four matches each over the weekend. Nelson has dominated the event in past years with four consecutive wins since 2005, but reluctantly surrendered the Shield last year to a very strong Marlborough team. This year a full strength women's team won 14 out of 16 matches for the Nelson Bays team during the weekend, which took the pressure off the men who faced particularly strong competition from Marlborough. The men picked up the other 8 matches to take the total of Nelson Bays wins to 22. West Coast helped out by winning 8 matches overall, picking up some good wins against Marlborough who won 18 matches.

Player/coach Nick Wiffen got the team off to a great start by defeating arch rival Grant Craig from Marlborough 3/1 in the first match of the competition on Friday night. Wiffen went on to win 3 out of 4 of his matches, losing only to Josh King, (who still holds a Marlborough grading even though he is living in Nelson.) Mark Kerr at number 2 for Nelson Bays pushed his opponents hard and was unlucky to lose 2/3 to Grant Craig after an epic battle. Kerr picked up a good 3/0 win against Ian Pattinson (West Coast). Tristan Palmer picked up 2 useful wins out of 4 for the team during the weekend against Jimmy Campbell (West Coast) and Kevin Stevenson (West coast) and did well to push A grader Paul Roughan to 5 sets on Saturday morning. New cap Brendon Monk made a memorable debut for the Heaphy Team, also defeating Campbell and Stevenson. But it was his match against Peter Flynn (Marlborough) that will be unforgettable for a while. Monk was up 2/1 during last match of the tournament on Sunday and running Flynn ragged in the 4th when his Achilles tendon ruptured during a massive rally, leaving both players sprawled out on the floor and Monk out of action for at least 6 months.

Katrina Palmer made the journey over from Christchurch where she is studying to take the number 1 spot for the Nelson Bays women's team and comfortably won 3 out of 4 matches. Ironically the match she lost to A graded Erin Dippie (West Coast) was probably the best match of the women's competition to watch. The match was fast and furious with both players retrieving the ball from every corner of the court. Palmer won the first game and was unlucky to lose the second match 15/13 but Dippie's superior fitness gave her the edge to keep retrieving and Dippie won 3/1. Maree Smith made a confident comeback to representative squash after having a few years off with injuries. Smith had 3 good wins out of 4 matches, losing only to Dippie. Susan O'Connell at number 3 also made a return to Heaphy shield after a few years break due to injuries and Christine Castle was very strong in the number 4 spot, with both players bringing a lot of experience to the bottom order. O'Connell and Castle dominated, each winning 4 out of 4 matches.

## Results:

Squash - Heaphy Shield 2010 July 9 -11

Round 1: Nelson 5, Marlborough 4, West Coast 3.

Round 2: Nelson 6, Marlborough 4, West Coast 2.

Round 3: Nelson 6, Marlborough 5, West Coast 1.

Round 4: Nelson 5, Marlborough 5, West Coast 2.

Final Result: Nelson 22, Marlborough 18, West Coast 8.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TEAM NELSON !