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# Squash Auckland World News

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## Developing the Game at All Levels

Squash Auckland continue to work with a number of partners to develop and grow the game of squash in the Auckland Region. The support we get from various grants organisations and regional sports trusts is amazing, they enable us to provide support at so many levels of the game and the community.

Coaching Courses such as “Small Nicks” equip coaches with an appropriate level of skill, knowledge and resource to enable new coaches to encourage participation, support and effective player development in a fun and safe environment. Additional programmes are targeted to maximize the delivery of the sport to players, officials and volunteers.

Our additional programmes include Discovery Squash for Men, How to Coach, Junior Development, Women in Squash, Girls on Court, Refereeing and

Statistician Workshops and Club Squash Rules nights are just a few of the courses provided by Squash Auckland.

### Squash Auckland Junior Jets Competition.

Squash Auckland are enhancing our Junior Jets Program. Squash Auckland are putting more resource into future players. Currently we have approximately 150 juniors playing in our Jets Competition across Auckland. Paul Cornish has been appointed to organise the competition across Auckland and already we are getting clubs entering more teams. Our goal is to double the number of junior squash players competing in the competition.

By developing the junior players in a competitive “fun” competition we are providing stepping stones to a more active participation in the sport of squash.

Feedback from parents has been fantastic and we are seeing many offer their time in a volunteer capacity at the various clubs to support the junior competitors.

Pictured below boys (Browns Bay Buccaneers) and girls (Belmont Park Girls ) Winning Teams from the Northern Jets competition held in term 1, 2011.



## Squash Auckland Profile

Recently appointed General Manager for Squash Auckland Philip Vodanovich has a very clear perspective on where the sport of Squash is heading. Philip says “we have a wonderful game that has a history of excelling on the world stage, Ross Norman, Susan Devoy, Carol Owens as World Champions and today's Commonwealth Games Champions, Jackie Hawkes, Joelle King and Martin Knight.

Developing the game at a grass routes level is about developing players and supporting clubs with meaningful and practical tools to enhance the sports offering to the wider community.”

“With 28 affiliated clubs in the greater Auckland area Squash Auckland have an infrastructure that offers exceptional membership services and supports future growth in player numbers “ “We know it is a very competitive marketplace and our

philosophy is to provide value to all stakeholders and where ever we interact in the community.”

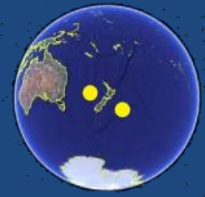


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## Sporting Endeavour's

Recently the Auckland Age Group team won for the second consecutive year the annual Triangular Tournament held between Auckland, Waikato and Bay of Plenty. The team was made up of (2) girls and (2) boys in various age groups . Under 11,13,15,17,19.

Selection for the team was made after two regional training camps which were held at the National Squash Centre in Auckland.

The tournament was held in Matamata April 8-10. The team did extremely well to win against some top opposition.

One of the great things to come out the trip was the concept of future leaders. The team shared four rooms with one from each age group per room. The under 19's many of who had worked their way through the age groups were room leaders and showed

considerable leadership qualities in managing their younger team mates over the course of the weekend.

Learning life skills along the way :)

**NZ Junior Nationals held at North Shore Squash Club.**

Auckland players featured in both boys and girls finals at the recent NZ Junior Open

After a well earned win in the semi-final Lance Beddoes of Henderson lost to top seed Paul Coll .

13 Year Old Elle Epke of Eden Epsom defeated top seed Megan Craig in the semi final. However in the girls final Elle lost a hard fought match to 17 year old Rebecca Barnett from Canterbury .



Squash Auckland in conjunction with Harbour Sports has been working closely with NZ Chinese Youth Trust.

Squash Auckland have been supporting the youth leadership program by providing coaching courses during the recent school holiday.

In the Harbour Sports May Newsletter Squash Auckland's contribution to the program is highlighted. "Squash Auckland in particular have made a promising start to making their sport more accessible and known in the Chinese community."



## Squash Auckland – Online Court Booking

Squash Auckland is providing financial support to affiliated squash clubs to introduce the latest in online court booking systems. Online court booking systems are available in 8 of our 28 affiliated clubs currently .

Our aim is to see the advances in technology used where ever possible to support membership and participation growth in our sport.

The system provides both members and clubs with advantages:

Improved member services and satisfaction \*Less club administration \*Saves members time and money \* Increased court utilisation

\* Improved membership contact \*Make a booking from home or the office. \* Turn up on time and play - no more waiting for a court.

Technology is changing the way we support our membership with access to clubs and even lighting being activated by phone or computer.

Future applications of the online court booking platform will offer clubs the ability to enable casual use of club facilities by the public utilising online financial transactions.

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