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*Cover Page: North Shore Squash Club Cousin Shield
Champions & Winners/Runners Up in Men's Open Interclub*

*On this page: Gary Duberly in action at the National Championships
in Palmerston North*

Squash Auckland Board of Directors and Management Positions

Board of Directors	Bob Dey (Chairman) Tim Marshall June McCabe Paul Cameron Pam Gilbert Kirk Richardson Paul Wright	Referee Convener	Heather Findlay
		Statistician	Kaye Jackson
		Senior Selectors	Aileen Buscke Nigel Lloyd
Patron	Dame Susan Devoy	Junior Selectors	Aileen Buscke Nigel Lloyd Brian Barnett
General Manager	Trudy Englebretsen	Masters Selectors	Jenny Webster Eddie Conder Gower Dallimore
District Coach	Brian Barnett	Auditor	Hayes Knight Audit
Development Support Officer	Melita Martorana	Hon Solicitor	Michael Sumpter
Development Officer	Jason Kay		
Microcourt Operator	Tony Matthews		



*Heather Findlay
District Referee Convener & Winner of
The 2007 Referee of the Year Award*

2007 Season Highlights

National Champions

Congratulations to Auckland's National Champions:

Auckland Senior Womens Team, Auckland Junior Womens Team, Auckland Junior Mens Team, Kashif Shuja, Lui Syder, Lance Beddoes, Lana Harrison, Remuera D Grade Ladies, Henderson E Grade Mens, Gary Duberly, Kaye Jackson, Richard Purser, Patsy Fleming, Maurie Peters, North Shore Cousin Shield Team , Remuera Mitchell Cup Team.

NZ Caps

Kerry Wickett, Lana Harrison, Lisa Cowlard, Gary Duberly.

Sponsorship and Funding

Squash Auckland has had an outstanding year with funding, receiving a total of \$200,857 in grants. We thank the trusts for their significant contribution which has greatly benefited the organisation.

Rongopai Wines has merged with Babich and continued to support Squash Auckland clubs by offering discounted wine to clubs and members. This is the second year Rongopai/Babich has supported Squash Auckland, clubs and members.

Tass Print has sponsored Squash Auckland for over a decade. They are very generous with their time, services and support.

Thank you to Black Knight for their ongoing sponsorship and support.

Website

Squash Auckland will be launching its new website in December. This will include a portal system for clubs to host their own website, promote the club to potential players and to act as a communication tool for existing players and members. The new website will also allow individual members to log on and select various information options. This will ensure players and volunteers can access information about the topics that are relevant to them.

Stage two of development is due for completion in 2008. Stage two is an online Interclub system which allows entries and results to be processed online by club administrators or team captains. The entering of results online will eliminate errors on interclub cards, in particular player codes, and therefore ensure players' points are sent to the National Statistician for much faster processing.

Chairman's Report

A year ago Squash Auckland got five new board members and a new Chairman, followed by a new General Manager, and soon after that the beginnings of a new direction.

Two of the new board members, Paul Cameron and Kirk Richardson were co-opted onto the board shortly before the 2006 Annual General Meeting, joining elected members June McCabe and Tim Marshall, who continued through this year. The three newly elected members were Bob Dey, who became Chairman, Pam Gilbert and Paul Wright.

Also appointed just before the 2006 annual meeting but starting work in December was our new General Manager, Trudy Englebretsen. Trudy arrived with fresh ideas and a desire to bring the benefit of her considerable knowledge in sports organisation management to bear.

One of our first tasks was to review the strategic plan, which had been put in place in 2005 by Squash Auckland's first board after the change from having an executive committee. I wanted to see a less complicated version of it with clear targets to be achieved. What happened, after considerable discussion at board level, was a completely new strategic plan exercise which involved facilitated stakeholder sessions, visits to clubs and discussions with individuals and small groups.

Out of this exercise, which ran through to June, we have produced a strategic direction inclusive of five goals running through to 2012. These goals are:

- Drive innovative systems for the delivery of squash
- Facilitate the development of modern facilities that attract players
- Improve the capability of club people to deliver
- Make relevant competitions happen, and
- Market for real growth

All very well, you may say. People have been making plans to revive squash in the region for at least 15 years,



Bob Dey, Chairman

but not making much progress. What's different this time?

Under each strategic goal there's a target to aim for, a yardstick to measure progress and a date for completion. By the time the strategic plan was completed and a business plan written for the General Manager to implement, only two months remained of our financial year (September 30), so you haven't seen outcomes yet.

The strategic plan brings a change in focus away from selected high-performance players and strongly on to clubs – to support clubs and their players, to encourage new players and to encourage clubs to create an attractive environment. To achieve this aim, Squash Auckland will employ a Development Manager focused on supporting clubs.

Squash Auckland is a small organisation – currently a General Manager and a part-time Development Officer administering Interclub, with some valuable support from volunteers. Out of the strategic plan exercise it became evident there was strong support for Squash Auckland to administer and to provide organisational support more than to provide direct coaching. It seemed the best approach to coaching would be for most of it to be provided through clubs, or in some cases by individual coaches for high-performers. For that to happen clubs need support and more coaches need to be coached.

This is a fundamental shift in approach which has understandably led to some disquiet and some acrimony. But it's the path the Board felt was best to strengthen the organisation, the clubs and the sport, and to improve the opportunities for more people to play squash.

A change in approach to what Squash Auckland should do also means a change in budget, but that couldn't happen until the strategic and business plans were put in place. Because of the somewhat chaotic state of a large change in board membership, change in management and change in direction, our budget for this year was set only at a special meeting in February and followed the lines of the budget prepared late in 2006.

Since then, however, there have been numerous changes in activity, funding applications and staff changes, so the components of budget and actual are quite different. On the bright side, Squash Auckland has ended the year in the black.

In the many changes during the year, our District Coach, Brian Barnett, Development Support Officer Melita Martorana and Microcourt Operator Tony Matthews resigned. We have debated the comparative value of encouraging children into squash through microcourt visits to schools, versus getting smaller groups on to real squash courts at clubs, and also the best age group to encourage into squash. These are issues to be dealt with in the Development Partnership between Squash Auckland and the clubs. Among other issues which clubs may want to discuss further in the next few months are security and access, both of which have been worked on by Squash Canterbury. A pilot access-card programme has been started. This ties in with moves towards smarter court use, increased membership and income.

The Board has begun steps towards a closer involvement of Squash Auckland in the affairs of the National Squash Centre on the Unitec campus, which was set up with \$500,000 of Squash Auckland money, funding contributions from Squash New Zealand and the contribution of land from Unitec. The centre's café operator has quit the premises, involving litigation, but a replacement is expected to take over soon. One of Squash Auckland's two original nominees on the centre trust, Mike Sumpter, also handles legal matters for the trust. The other original nominee, Mike Greig, also remains on the trust.

Squash Auckland has considered moving office to the National Squash Centre, and also other office moves, with no decision made yet.

The board has been a strong unit during the year, debating robustly and examining financial matters closely. I've been grateful to Tim Marshall and Paul Cameron for their work on remuneration and employment matters, Paul Cameron and Kirk Richardson on audit and the National Squash Centre, Pam Gilbert for the value of her Club Manager's perspective, Paul Wright for input on coaching and June McCabe for putting theories to the test.

I'd also like to thank Trudy Englebretsen for her sterling performance in a trying first year as General Manager, and Paula Browning at Sport Auckland for her sterling work on our accounts.

Bob Dey
Chairman

Board Attendance – Financial Year 2007

	15/11	13/12	24/1	14/3	16/5	20/6	15/8
Bob Dey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tim Marshall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Paul Cameron	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Kirk Richardson	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Paul Wright	✓	✓				✓	✓
Pam Gilbert	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
June McCabe	✓			✓			
Trudy Englebretsen		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

General Manager's Report

Squash Auckland has faced a busy and challenging year. There are many people to thank and many achievements to acknowledge:

The Board: Many do not see the huge contribution made by the Board to ensure the organisation has direction and is viable. The Board has been working hard to set new goals via the Strategic Plan and have held on strong to the belief that Squash Auckland needs to focus its business on assisting clubs. The Board is confident that the new Strategic Plan will deliver the support clubs need.

Each Board member has a portfolio of clubs to communicate with. Many clubs have been contacted by their respective Board member already however others will be contacted towards the end of this year. This initiative has been brought about to ensure Board visibility and to enable clubs to make contact with the Board should the need arise.

A summary of the highlights for the year includes:

The volunteers: Thank you to our volunteers. Squash Auckland could not have achieved what it did without the support of the volunteers who gave their time so generously to assist us.

Kaye Jackson (Statistician); thank you to Kaye for all her hard work and the many hours spent assisting the Squash Auckland team and educating club statisticians. Kaye is also the recipient of the Service to Sport Award at the Sport Auckland Excellence Awards. Kaye will receive this award for her outstanding contribution to Squash over the years and in acknowledgement of how much we value her.

Heather Findlay (Referee Convener) and Squash Auckland Referee of the Year; Thanks to Heather's dedication we have a newly qualified district referee, Lianna Burnett. Heather has assisted with many events this year; the time and effort she puts into her role exceeds expectations and is very much appreciated.

Dietmar Londer and Karen Hadfield (Interclub by-laws committee); thank you to both Karen and Dietmar for staying on another year to share their knowledge. Their contribution to my first year at Squash Auckland will not be forgotten.



*Trudy Englebretsen,
General Manager*

Aileen Buscke, Nigel Lloyd, Dee Styles, Graham Jamieson and Paddy Martin (Team Managers); thank you for taking time off work and managing the teams, a very tough and important role.

Aileen Buscke, Nigel Lloyd, Gower Dallimore, Jenny Webster and Eddie Conder (Selectors); thank you for keeping your eye on our potential representative team players and tracking their progress over the year.

Special thanks to Aileen Buscke who often received phone calls from staff and pleas for help and guidance. Aileen has so much knowledge about so many aspects of the game. Aileen has gone out of her way to help Squash Auckland this year.

Vivienne Brumby from Squash NZ, only a corridor away! It has been great to have Vivienne's knowledge and experience to call on in times of need. Her guidance has often been sought and always been given.

Paula Browning from Sport Auckland has helped in many ways; thank you to Paula who no matter how busy she is will always give her time. Squash Auckland is very fortunate to have someone such as Paula to not only complete the accounts but offer guidance and support in other business areas.

All others who have been involved and helped Squash Auckland - referees, coaches, players, parents, thank you. On behalf of the Squash Auckland team thanks to all our volunteers for their support, we appreciate all that you have done.

Finances: A surplus of \$36,000 for the 2007 financial year is a welcome relief from the 2 prior years that ended with deficits of \$10,000 and \$35,000 respectively. While the SEM contribution was increased this year and another increase is proposed for 2008, Squash Auckland is working hard to ensure one third of its operating budget is held in reserve to protect the organisation from funding variables that may occur.

Strategic Plan: 65% of clubs were consulted in the Strategic Plan review; the outcome, 5 new goals: Systems, People, Facilities, Competition and Growth. Squash Auckland will take on a facilitation role and focus resources on Club Development in 2008 and beyond. The key is to 'help clubs help themselves' which is a sustainable way of working together and creating change.

Coaching was an interesting area of business that came up many times during the review. Those engaged in the review were asked to rank 8 core business areas in order of importance. Coaching and high performance were 2 of the 8 business areas.

Growth & Development and Club Best Practice consistently came out on top with coaching sitting on an average rating of 4 and high performance consistently ranked as the lowest priority. It became clear through the consultant-facilitated sessions and club meetings that club people believed that coaching was an area of business that the clubs should be undertaking and that high performance is Squash NZ core business, not Squash Auckland's.

With this change it was evident that the District Coach position should not be re-advertised, but rather the organisation should appoint a Development Manager whose role is to help clubs address the larger issues they face such as facility maintenance, insolvency and membership retention and growth. These are key to the future of the game and must take priority.

Investment follows priority and the above outlines the change required in human resources to achieve the goals of the new strategic plan. The 2008 budget also reflects change.

Coaching and High Performance are still very much a part of what Squash Auckland does and this is reflected in the budget whereby 10% of expenditure will be on High Performance and Coaching.

The biggest change in the budget is the increase in expenditure proposed in Growth and Development and a decrease in Management and Operations expenditure.

Squash Excellence Awards: Thank you to North Shore (Club of the Year for the second year running) for hosting the 2007 Squash Excellence Awards. It was a great night of fun and entertainment and a fantastic way of celebrating the success of our top performers. Congratulations to all our award winners.

High Performance: A great year for representative teams and Auckland players. We celebrated the improving form of our Junior Boys Representative team and retention of the Senior and Junior Women's team titles. Successful PSA events were run by clubs and Auckland's top players are continuing to improve on their 2006 world rankings. Congratulations to our NZ Caps.

A final thank you to the Squash Auckland staff, Brian Barnett and Melita Martorana for their contribution to the organisation in 2007. Following the resignations of Melita and Brian, Jason Kay was appointed as Development Officer and we will welcome Steve Hodges as our new Development Manager in November.

The past 12 months have seen significant change in Management and staff at Squash Auckland and a new approach to business. The progress we have made this year stands us in a good position moving into 2008. There is still a lot of work to do. We have only just begun...

Trudy Englebretsen
General Manager

Development Officer's Report

Interclub 2007

It has been a competitive and exciting season of interclub. There has been some very close and hard fought squash in all of the Junior, Senior, Master's, and Open interclub grades. Special thanks must be given to Tass Print for their continued support of interclub in Auckland.

Junior Interclub

The junior interclub competition was run in terms 2 and 3. There were 24 teams entered in term 2. At the completion of this, feedback was sought from clubs regarding the format and timing of the competition. As a result of this a change from interclub being held on Friday night to a Sunday afternoon has been introduced, with 30 teams being entered for term 3. Further consultation will be sought with clubs and junior convenors in the new year to determine the best format to continue with next season.

Open Interclub

The Open Men's interclub title was competed for by 6 teams from Browns Bay, North Shore, Remuera, Royal Oak, and Titirangi. Played over two rounds, the first used conventional scoring before changing to a "point a rally" format for the second round and play offs. The final was played by the two teams from North Shore, with the North Shore 2 team achieving the honour of Men's Open Interclub winners. The crowd which gathered to watch the final play-offs were treated to top quality squash and some thrilling rallies.

Senior Interclub

After a slight drop in entries for the autumn and winter competitions, strong interest in the spring competition has ensured the total number of teams entered has equalled last year of 637.

Masters Interclub

The popularity of the masters interclub competition is growing and is demonstrated by an increased number of entries in both the winter and spring competitions. The master's competition continues to provide a mixture of very competitive squash with a fun and social atmosphere at the end of play.

Thank you

Even though I've played interclub for a number of years I had little idea of how much work goes on behind the scenes to ensure it runs smoothly. I must thank the following people for being generous with their time and advice throughout the season. Karen Hadfield and Dietmar Londer volunteered to be on the interclub committee which rules on protests and rules queries. Both Karen and Dietmar have been excellent with their patience and help as they have been bombarded with many emails during the season. Rowena Mortimer, Pat McHugh, and Aileen Buscke have been great with their assistance and advice for the winter interclub competition. Their knowledge of the players involved and their abilities was invaluable for ensuring teams were placed in appropriate divisions.

*Remuera Rockets Interclub Team
Pennant winners in Autumn Div 10
and 2nd in Winter Div 10*





2007 Black Knight Super Champs

A strong level of entries made for a very successful super champs. There were 43 men's and 22 women's teams entered, an overall increase of 4 teams from 2006.

The B2 division yet again had strong entries with 9 teams entered in the men's draw. This was only topped by the 11 teams entered in men's C grade.

Hosting a grade for the super champs requires a lot of time and effort from the venues. Thank you to the host venues Henderson, Herne Bay, Manurewa, North Shore, Panmure and Remuera. I would also like to thank the Club Committees, Managers and Tournament Controllers who contributed to a well-run event.

Thank you also needs to be mentioned for Black Knight's continuing support of Squash Auckland and the superchamps competition.

Congratulations to the following teams who were the Auckland champions and went through to the national finals.

Grade	Men's	Women's
B	Panmure	Panmure
B2	Remuera	No Contest
C	North Shore	Remuera
D	Browns Bay	Remuera
E	Henderson	North Shore
F	Eden Epsom	Henderson

From these teams the Remuera D grade women and the Henderson E grade men were crowned national champions.

Jason Kay
Development Officer



*Remuera D Grade
Ladies' National Super Champs Winners*

Auckland Open Report

The North Shore Squash Club was privileged to be asked to host the Auckland Open again in 2007.

This year the event was even more prestigious with the men's open falling under the auspices of the PSA and being graded a 1 Star event with prize money of US\$10,000 making it the richest tournament held in New Zealand for many years. Thank you to Squash New Zealand for sponsoring the PSA draw and making it possible to see world class squash in New Zealand again.

The PSA draw was of 12 nominated with a qualifier's draw of sixteen providing the additional 4 places. The Kiwi boys did well with both Chris Lloyd and Jared Conning making the cut.

The main draw held special interest for Club members with Australian Mike Corren seeded third and Martin Knight seventh. Mike was resident at that time in Auckland, playing out of North Shore as was Martin. New Zealand's number one, Kashif Shuja, was there along with Josh Greenfield, Campbell Grayson, Sam Atkins, Graeme Wilson and the 2 qualifiers completing the Kiwi contingent.

The first round saw the demise of six of the Kiwis leaving only Kashif and Campbell to carry the flag. Unfortunately they met in the quarter-finals where Campbell was beaten in four. The semi-finals saw Kashif through without too many problems. Mike Corren outplayed and outlasted the second-seeded Steve Finitsis to take his rightful place in the final and what a final it was!

The score will show that Kashif won 11/9 13/11 5/11 14/12 but it really could have gone either way. Tension was very evident on court with referee Nigel Lloyd copping quite a bit of the on-court commentary. At one stage Mike, a long-time friend of Nigel's, was heard to exclaim (after losing a stroke) – "I'll never invite you to dinner again" and Kashif, Mr Silence himself, to proclaim (upon losing a stroke, surprise, surprise) – "Nigel, I can't believe you have ever played squash!"

*Kashif Shuja,
Auckland Open/PSA Champion*

The women's draw was not aligned to WISPA so it featured local players only although two of these, Jackie Hawkes and Kylie Lindsay, are both international players, the former ranked within the top 20 in the world.

Shelley Kitchen was unavailable as was Louise Crome so the field was contained within an eight-draw. Jackie was not expected, in terms of her ranking, to be overly tested and this proved to be the case when she beat Kylie in a comfortable three games in the final.

With well over 110 players, an international mix of cultures and excellent tournament control from Sam Swain and Pat McHugh and their crew which ensured games were on time and that there was always time for a drink. The tournament proved an unqualified success and a pleasure for North Shore to host.

Thanks to Bar Manager, Johnny Kavanagh, for keeping the players and spectators hydrated throughout and to Barbara and Wayne Quinn of Feta Caterers for providing the perfect counter to Johnny's re-hydration process.

North Shore Squash thanks Squash Auckland for this opportunity.

Martin Thomas
Tournament Director – North Shore Squash Club



Masters' Nationals Report

The 2007 Masters Nationals, featuring the New Zealand/Australia Test Series was held at North Shore Squash Club from the 17th October to 25th October. The individual event was played on from the 19-22 October, followed by the teams event from the 23rd to 25th.

Outstanding performances were put in by Auckland players who won 5 individual titles.

Winners were Gary Duberly 40-44, Kaye Jackson 60-64, Richard Purser 65-69, Patsy Fleming 65-69 and Maurie Peters 75+. Lisa Cowlard finished runner up in the 35-39 age group, beaten by an Australian in a very close 5 games.

Thanks go to the North Shore Squash Club for their efforts over a hard week. Martin Thomas, Pat McHugh and their crew are to be commended for a great job well done.

5 Districts competed in the teams event, with Auckland seeded 3rd. Teams to beat were Bay of Plenty and Canterbury and both ties went down to the last matches, each with a 4-6 scoreline. Very exciting, and a little heartbreaking in the end, to finish so close with 5 setters deciding the outcome. Finals day saw the team with a 6-4 victory over Waikato, having already beaten Central Districts earlier in the week 7-3. Final placing: 3rd. Teams Event Winner: Canterbury 7-3 over BOP.

Outstanding Auckland contributions: Lisa and Gary spearheading our campaign, with 4 wins out of 4.

Richard's mammoth effort against a more youthful Wayne Seebeck, Nancy twice winning 10-9 in the 5th (not good for the manager's nerves!), Patsy's determination in taking the NZ representative to 5 games, and blitzing her BOP opponent when we needed a 3-0 scoreline. Everyone for their support of each other, and their commitment to playing their best, and giving the others a run for their money. And of course the brilliant team effort in the skit!

Once again it has been a pleasure to be at the helm of a committed group, who played hard on the court while having a lot of fun off it. Thanks Team.

Paddy Martin
Masters Manager

Service to Masters

Back in 1982 the first Masters Nationals were held in Nelson following the enthusiastic efforts of a small group of slightly older squash players. They were led by Rob Roche - a long-standing and vital member at Remuera. He was officially known as the Convener of Mature Age Group Squash. At last week's Championships at North Shore the audience was told how Rob not only agreed to lend his name to a trophy for Meritorious Service to NZ Masters Squash, but offered to pay for it.

Rob came to the 2007 prizegiving to award this special trophy to the winner; a person who had played Cousins Shield squash, had organised tournaments, trips and teams, had won two NZ and one Australian Masters titles; had been a racketeer and a raconteur; and a popular figure with players. What he hadn't anticipated was that the winner would be announced as being Dr Robin Roche. The audience response made it obvious that the surprise choice was a welcome one. Congratulations Rob!



2007 Auckland Masters' Team

Senior Nationals Report

Auckland Women's Team

The Auckland Women's Team continued their dominance in retaining the National Teams title again at the New Zealand Championships in Palmerston North in September. This is the 26th time Auckland has won this event since its inception in 1972.

The 2007 team members were Louise Crome, Kerry Wickett, Lisa Cowlard, Amy Alison and Sarah Agi, all of whom comfortably won all matches without ever looking threatened. In the final they beat a young, talented Central District Team - 4 matches to nil.

The Individual Championships, played prior to the teams, produced some very satisfying results.

Auckland number one Louise Crome comfortably reached the finals before going down to titleholder and top seed Shelley Kitchen. Although the match produced some long and varied rallies, Shelley, currently world number 10, proved too strong, winning 9-1 9-4 9-4 in 45 minutes.

There was disappointment in the women's draw with the late and unfortunate withdrawal of second seed Jackie Hawkes. On the eve of the first round matches, she was struck down with a serious virus and on medical advice was immediately defaulted. Both Jackie and Louise have achieved career highs in the world WISPA rankings this season, 19 and 27 respectively, and it was carded to have been an interesting clash.

Other individual efforts were as follows;

Kerry Wickett – 4th placing, Lisa Cowlard – winner of the Classic Plate (5th placing), Sarah Agi was a finalist in the special plate, Amy Alison was a semi finalist in the special plate.

Another highlight was Lisa Cowlard being awarded the Most Improved Player for 2007. It was not only a popular win but a well deserved one as well. She has made giant strides in the rankings this season, finishing in 5th place in the Nationals and is an Auckland and New Zealand Masters representative. This is the first time the MIP award has been given to a Master.

The team this year was a happy and supportive one which had a great team spirit. Once again I enjoyed being part of it.

Auckland Men's Team

The men had some excellent performances in the Individuals played prior to the team's event. Individual placings were as follows;

Kashif Shuja beat Campbell Grayson to win the National Championship title, leaving Campbell with 2nd placing. Graeme Wilson placed 7th=, Jared Conning placed 13th=, Gary Duberly placed 24th= and Nigel Lloyd placed 25th, winning the Consolation Plate.

Kashif had a reasonably comfortable run to the final and a convincing win over Josh Greenfield in the semi-finals. The semis and finals were played on the glass court which plays a little differently from the normal courts. The final had a good crowd and TV coverage by Maori Television. Kashif took the first quite comfortably but Campbell came back and took the second game with some great short play and retrieving. The third was a closer game but Kashif managed to keep ahead and win it. The fourth game was a bit faster as the work Campbell had done in the third took its toll and Kashif took it out 9-1. Campbell had a great tournament and his best match was taking out the second seed (Martin Knight) in the semi-finals (also on the glass court).

Unlike the women's team, the men's team did not retain the National Teams title this year. The team started well in pool play. They played Bay of Plenty first up and won all four matches 3-0. Jared had picked up a slight strain so he was reserve for the rest of the teams event. Next the team played Hamilton where only one set was lost. Then the team played Central Districts and won 3 games to 1.

The team then prepared for the final against Wellington. Gary Duberly was first on court and played the up and coming Evan Williams. Gary started well but dropped the first game, he won the second game but the speed of the game took its toll and Auckland lost the match 5/9 9/5 1/9 4/9. Campbell Grayson played Willie Bicknell in the second match. As usual Campbell got on with the job and never let Willie get into the game winning the match 9/3 9/2 9/1. The third match in the final was Kashif Shuja against Martin Knight. Martin had lost to Josh Greenfield in the morning pool play, so he really wanted this match. Martin came out firing and took the first easily, Kashif lifted for the second game but Martin was running everything down and Kashif dropped this set 7/9. The last set was a long one and it could have gone either way but all the matches Kashif had over the week had taken their toll on his body and he dropped the game 6/9.

Into the deciding match Graeme Wilson was playing Shane Johnston. Auckland had to win this match and only drop 1 set or less to be up on points for a count-back. Shane came fast and was retrieving everything Graeme was throwing at him and Shane took the first set 9/4. Graeme played more patiently and put together some fantastic rallies but Shane was just soaking up the pressure and took it out 9/7. Graeme went on to win the next three games 9/2 9/1 9/0 but Wellington had the extra set they needed and took out the title. Wellington had some outstanding performances in this tie.

All the players were very dedicated to what they were there for and a pleasure to manage. It makes it so easy when they are focused on the task. They put in their best effort and that is all we can ask.

Aileen Buscke and Nigel Lloyd
Senior Team Managers



*Auckland Women's
Representative Team - 1st Place*



Auckland Men's Representative Team - 2nd Place

Junior Nationals Report

The 2007 Junior Age Group & Teams Event was held at Hawkes Bay Squash Club in Napier.

Individuals

Auckland Juniors had a successful year again in 2007 with Lui, Lance and Lana all winning their respective age group titles.

Kerry and Cameron placed second in their age groups while Alex, Michael and Crystal placed 3rd in their respective age groups.

Georgina placed 5th and Elizabeth placed 7th. A great effort from all team members.

Teams Event

The players produced great results in the individuals and looked promising for the teams' event that followed. Auckland were top seeds for both the boys and girls teams' event. Unfortunately Kerry was injured during the final of the individuals but continued to play a big part in helping the girl's team off court.

A very strong all round performance. Some very good squash was played, all players took the competition seriously and stayed focussed throughout the teams event. A successful and enjoyable trip.

The Boys Team

The boys were the top seeds and welcomed new team member Michael Blanchard. The team brought home gold this year after placing 3rd last year. The team members were:

Cameron Jamieson
Lui Syder
Alex Grayson
Lance Beddoes
Michael Blanchard

The Girls Team

The girls were also the top seeds with all five players having represented Auckland in 2006. They played outstanding squash and once again brought home the winning cup.

Team members were:
Kerry Wickett
Lana Harrison
Crystal Tahata
Georgina Shelton-Agar
Elizabeth Graham

Gifford Cup

There was no disputing the Auckland team as the winner of the Gifford Cup - with 2 titles they had the best overall team results and were awarded the cup once again.

Thank you

Thanks must go to George Mein and Lindsay Walters for helping out between games for giving good advice. Thanks also to the three senior boys, Cameron, Lui and Alex for helping to guide the two younger boys, Michael and Lance. The boys worked well as a team. Thanks also to the parents of the team members who were there for us if needed. Thank you to Aileen Buscke and Vivienne Brumby for their help and advice. Thank you to Squash Auckland. Just like the volunteers down in Napier, it was not just on the days of the tournament that the work was done, it was all the preparation over the preceding weeks and months and of selecting teams and booking ahead. I know the players appreciated it. It has been a privilege to be associated with the Junior team this year.

Graham Jamieson and Dee Styles
Junior Team Managers



Auckland Junior Representative Teams - both National Champions

Secondary School Report



College Sport would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the Squash Clubs in the Greater Auckland region for allowing College Squash to play on your courts. Without your courts we would have 900 students unable to participate in this sport.

This year 157 teams entered into the Auckland Secondary School squash weekly competition. Games started in early May and continued until the end of term 2. This year we had about 5 new schools join the squash sport. Well done to the new schools.

In the Auckland Secondary School Intercollegiate Squash teams Champs we had 37 teams enter. It was a full 2 days of intense squash and we required a third venue to be able to accommodate all teams. Some great squash was played! In Division One we had 7 boy's teams and 6 Girls teams that both played at Eden Epsom Squash Club, Division Two Boys had 10 teams and they played at the National Squash Centre, the Division Two Girls had 14 teams and they played at Henderson Squash Club.

The winners were:

Boys Division One: Auckland Grammar 1st Mt Albert Grammar 2nd,

Girls Division One: St Cuthbert's College 1st, Epsom Girls Grammar 2nd

Boys Division Two: Birkenhead College 1st, Takapuna Grammar 2nd

Girls Division Two: Rosehill College 1st, Kings College 2nd

The results at the nationals for Auckland schools were very good with the boys' final going to Auckland Grammar Schools again and also St Cuthbert's College retaining their title from last year. Auckland Grammar and St Cuthbert's both achieved the trifecta by winning the weekly competition, Intercollegiate Teams 2 day tournament and the national title. Well done to our Auckland and National Squash champions for 2007.

Premier Finals weekly competition

The Auckland Secondary School Squash Season has finally come to an end with Auckland Grammar Boys and St Cuthbert's College both winning the AKSS Premier Squash title. Auckland Grammar 1 managed to

squeeze out Mt Albert Grammar in the final on Friday, by Auckland Grammar winning this game Saint Kentigerns College came 2nd and Mt Albert Grammar 3rd, and St Cuthbert's College against Epsom Girls Grammar had very hard fought matches. 3rd place in the Girls division went to Diocesan School for Girls.

Senior A Boys

1st Auckland Grammar School 1
2nd Kings College

Senior B Boys

1st Birkenhead College 1
2nd Glenfield College

Junior A Boys

1st Auckland Grammar School
2nd Kings College 1

Junior B Boys

1st Auckland Grammar School 1
2nd Mt Albert Grammar 1

Senior B Girls

1st Kings College
2nd Avondale College

Senior C Girls

1st Orewa College
2nd Takapuna Grammar School 1

Junior Girls

1st Diocesan School for Girls
2nd St Cuthbert's College

Collette Amai
College Sport

Auckland Affiliated Clubs Details

		No.of Courts
Auckland Squash Centre	Karaka St, Newton	12
Belmont Park Racquets Club	133 Bayswater Ave, Bayswater	3
Browns Bay T & SRC	Freyberg Park, Browns Bay	4
Devonport SRC	Wairoa Rd, Devonport	3
Eden Epsom T & SRC	1 Penrhyn Rd, Mt Eden	5
Franklin SRC	Franklin Rd, Pukekohe	4
Grammar SRC	C/ Remuera Rackets	0
Henderson SC	63a Buscombe Ave, Henderson	6
Herne Bay Ponsonby T & SC	10 West End Rd, Herne Bay	4
Howick SRC	Meadowland Drive, Howick	4
Kumeu SC	Access Rd, Kumeu	3
Manurewa SRC	Weymouth Rd, Manurewa	5
Maramarua SRC	Maramarua Golf Course, Maramarua	2
North Shore SRC	Shea Tce, Takapuna	7
Panmure SRC	Lagoon Dr, Panmure	5
Papakura T & SRC	Cnr Green & Queen St, Papakura	4
Red Beach SL & SRC	Ngapara Rd, Red Beach	2
Remuera Rackets	Dilworth Ave, Remuera	6
Royal Oak RC	116 Symonds St, Royal Oak	5
RNZAF SRC	RNZAF Base, Whenuapai	2
RNZNSC	Naval Base, Queens Pde, Devonport	2
Shepherds Park RC	Cresta Ave, Beach Haven	4
Silverdale United SRC	State Highway 1, Silverdale	3
Te Papapa RF & SC	Fergusson Park, Olea Rd, Onehunga	3
Te Kauwhata SRC	Mahi Rd, Te Kauwhata	2
Titirangi T & SC	1 Ava Ave, Titirangi	5
Waiuku SRC	Racecourse Rd, Waiuku	3
Warkworth SRC	Shoesmith St, Warkworth	2
Weymouth	Sykes Rd, Weymouth	4

Honours Board

Squash Excellence Awards 2006

Sportsman of the Year	Kashif Shuja (RM)
Sportswoman of the Year	Kerry Wickett (PK)
Administrator of the Year	Leanne Roberts (HB)
Coach of the Year	Paul Cornish (DV)
Referee of the Year	Pat McHugh (NS)
Personality of the Year	Wiremu Manaia (WM)
Club of the Year	North Shore Squash Club

TASSPRINT Squash Excellence Awards 2007

Sportsman of the Year	Kashif Shuja (RO)
Sportswoman of the Year	Lisa Cowlard (RB)
Young Sportsman of the Year	Cameron Jamieson (TT) & Lance Beddoes (HD)
Young Sportswoman of the Year	Lana Harrison (RM)
Most Improved Female	Lisa Cowlard (RB)
Most Improved Male	Cameron Jamieson (TT)
Judges Special Award	Abbie Palmer (WW)
Coach of the Year	Ricardo Stanley (PK)
Referee of the Year	Heather Findlay (GR)
Master of the Year	Lisa Cowlard (RB)
Personality of the Year	Gary Duberly (NS)
Club of the Year	North Shore Squash Club

Auckland Open 2007

Men's Open	Kashif Shuja (RO)
Women's Open	Jackie Hawkes (RM)

NB: Graded Championships were not played in 2007



*Abbie Palmer
Auckland U13 Champion,
New Zealand U11 Champion*

Auckland Masters Age Group Championships 2007

	Men	Women
35-39	Aaron Smail (RM)	Lisa Cowlard (RB)
40-44	Gary Duberly (NS)	Sarah Haydon (EE)
45-49	Graham Denysschen (NS)	Renee Lubbe (NS)
50-54	Mark Waldin (BB)	Nancy Godfrey (HW)
55-59	Chris Prentice (NS)	Francy Stephenson (NS)
60-64	Ian Gunthorp (RM)	Judy Cooper (LP)
65+	Richard Purser (RM)	

Auckland Junior Age Group Championships 2007

	Boys	Girls
U19	Lui Syder (EE)	Paige Benioni (PM)
U17	Lance Beddoes (HD)	Crystal Tahata (MR)
U15	Bradley Robinson (PK)	Kelila Perry (EE)
U13	Scott Darroch (PU)	Abbie Palmer (WW)
U11	Cameron Webster-Styles (HD)	Siobhan Murray (BB)



*Garry Samuel
President of North Shore Squash Club
accepting the 2007 Club of the Year Award*

Cousin Shield

Champions: North Shore Squash Club
 North Shore claimed the Cousin Shield title for the first time in 60 years of the competition, posting 4-1 victories over Titirangi and Palmerston North, before beating Remuera 5-nil in the final.

Mitchell Cup

Champions: Remuera Rackets
 Remuera has now won the Mitchell Cup 29 times; 2007 was the 9th year in succession. They beat North Shore in the final.

Black Knight Graded Teams Event (Super Champs – District Eliminations)

	Men	Women
B Grade	Panmure	Panmure
B2 Grade	Remuera	No contest
C Grade	North Shore	Remuera
D Grade	Browns Bay	Remuera
E Grade	Henderson	North Shore
F Grade	Eden Epsom	Henderson

Super Champs National Finals

Remuera D Grade Women and Henderson E Grade Men won their respective National Super Champs Finals.

Auckland Team Placings at the National Super Champs Finals

	Men	Women
B	Panmure 4th	Panmure 2nd
C	North Shore 7th Herne Bay 4th	Remuera 2nd Eden Epsom 4th
D	Browns Bay 2nd	Remuera 1st
E	Henderson 1st	North Shore 3rd
F	Eden Epsom 2nd	Henderson 2nd



Henderson E Grade
 Men's National Super Champs Winners

Senior Spring Interclub Pennant Winners – 2006

Men	Women
M01 Howick	W01 Te Papapa
M02 Herne Bay	W02 Henderson
M03 North Shore	W03 Maramarua
M04 Howick	W04 Warkworth
M05 AKL Squash Centre	W05 Howick
M06 Maramarua	W06 Weymouth
M07 Panmure	W07 Panmure
M08 Titirangi	
M09 North Shore	
M10 Devonport A	
M11 Franklin	
M12 North Shore	
M13 Weymouth	

Winter Open Interclub Pennant - 2007

Winner	North Shore Squash Club 2
Runner Up	North Shore Squash Club 1

Both North Shore teams made it through to the Auckland Open Interclub final. The North Shore 2 team of Mike Corren, Gary Duberly, Shaun Sansom and Nick McHugh narrowly defeated the North Shore 1 team of Martin Knight, Brent Lewis, Paul Cameron and Matt McHugh.

Masters Spring Interclub Pennant Winners - 2006

- MS01 Panmure
- MS02 Browns Bay B
- MS03 Franklin
- MS04 Eden Epsom
- MS05 Manurewa
- MS06 Henderson
- MS07 Shepherds Park
- MS08 Silverdale
- MS09 Remuera
- MS10 Shepherds Park

Autumn Interclub Pennant Winners – 2007

Men	Women
M01 Howick	W01 Eden Epsom
M02 Silverdale	W02 Royal Oak
M03 Royal Oak	W03 Manurewa B
M04 Panmure	W04 Royal Oak
M05 Belmont Park	W05 Remuera
M06 Panmure	W06 Warkworth
M07 AKL Squash Centre	W07 Titirangi
M08 Papakura	W08 Howick
M09 North Shore	W09 Panmure
M10 Remuera	
M11 Remuera	
M12 Browns Bay	
M13 Te Papapa	
M14 Franklin	
M15 Devonport	
M16 Weymouth B	
M17 Silverdale	
M18 Titirangi	



Henderson, Winter Masters Div 10 Winners

Winter Senior Interclub Pennant Winners – 2007

Men		Women	
M01	Silverdale	W01	Eden Epsom
M02	Herne Bay A	W02	Te Papapa
M03	Warkworth	W03	Royal Oak
M04	North Shore	W04	Maramarua
M05	Te Papapa	W05	Franklin
M06	Remuera	W06	Panmure
M07	Red Beach	W07	Weymouth
M08	Kumeu	W08	North Shore
M09	Eden Epsom	W09	North Shore
M10	Herne Bay	W10	Devonport
M11	Weymouth A		
M12	Browns Bay		
M13	Franklin		
M14	Henderson		
M15	North Shore		
M16	Henderson		
M17	Weymouth D		
M18	North Shore		
M19	Titirangi		
M20	Te Kauwhata		

Winter Masters Interclub Pennant Winners – 2007

MS01	Henderson
MS02	Royal Oak
MS03	North Shore B
MS04	Howick
MS05	Eden Epsom
MS06	Panmure
MS07	Remuera
MS08	North Shore A
MS09	Franklin
MS10	Henderson

Junior Interclub Pennant Winners – 2007

	Term Two	Term Three
J1	Browns Bay B	Howick
J2	Panmure A	Manurewa
J3	Kumeu	Herne Bay
J4	Howick B	Remuera 1
J5		Manurewa 1

Past Presidents

1966-71	Tom Childs
1972-73	John Austin
1974-75	Mike Sumpter
1976-77	Alison Childs
1978	Mike Louden
1978-79	John Lister
1980-81	Wilma Halling
1982-84	Mike Greig
1985-86	Sue Purdie
1987-88	Elaine Penney
1989-91	Mike Birch
1992-95	Vern Pere
1996	Neil Tuffin
1996-99	John Sangster
2000	Nigel Fitzgerald
2001	Geoff Dimes (acting)
2002-04	Arthur Fickling
2005-06	Marcus MacDonald

Chairman

2007	Bob Dey
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Life Members

Alison Childs
Gower Dallimore
Mike Greig
Wilma Halling
Elaine Penney

Farewell to Nigel Nathan

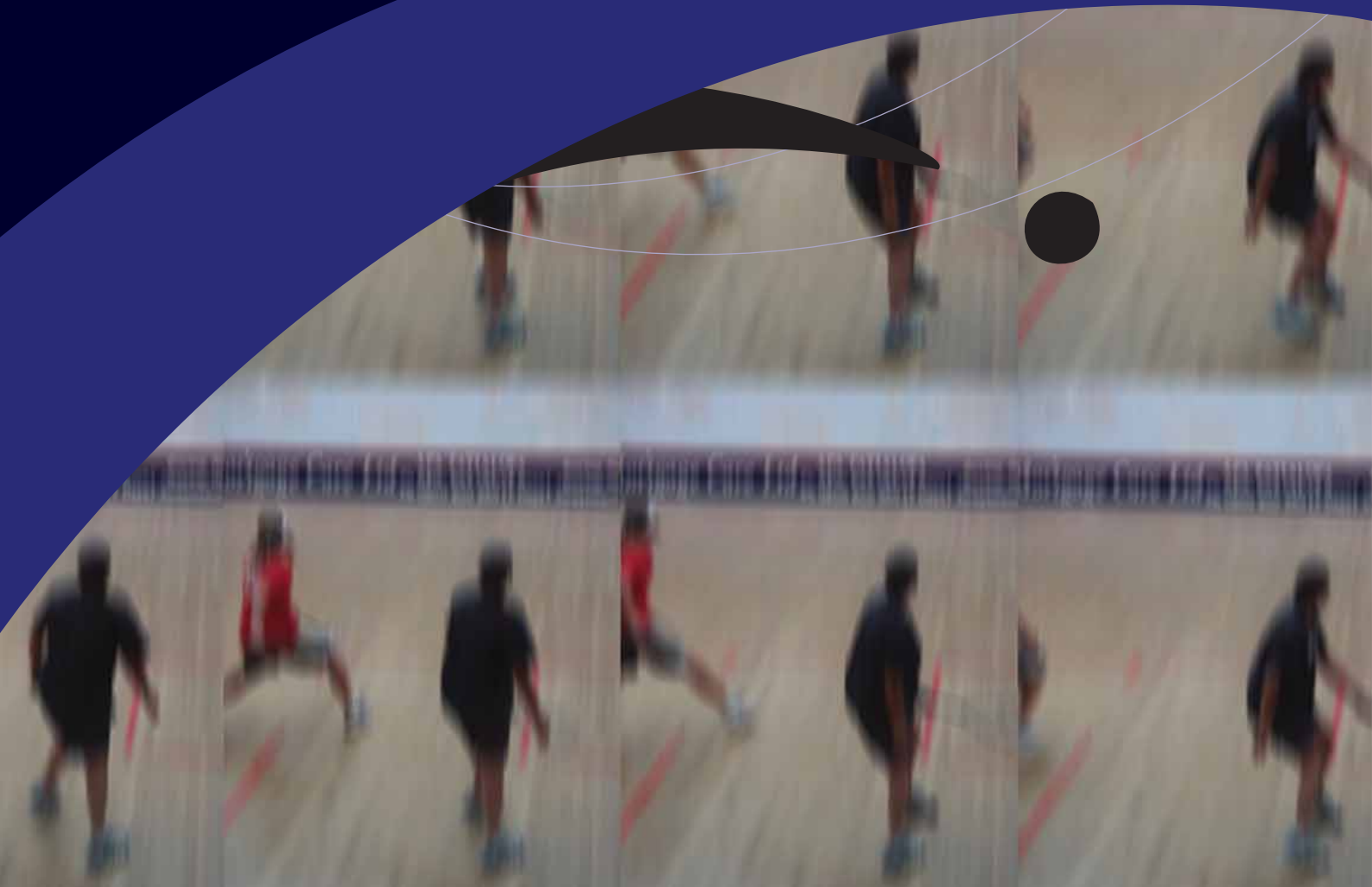
It was with great sadness that Remuera Racket's popular president of five years Nigel Nathan unexpectedly passed away on May 21st of this year.

Nigel was very passionate about all sports, particularly his squash. He was a well-known face around the Auckland squash masters circles and a much loved member of Remuera.



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