

## 2015 Presidents Report

2015 has come and almost gone, so let us reflect on the past twelve months.

Matamata united squash club has had a busy year. Starting with business house squash in February, this has always been popular and is a good way to introduce new blood into squash, which intern will create more members. We had twenty teams this year run over Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

March is the month of the Matamata open, this tournament is a big event and also very popular with a lot of New Zealand players; Being one of the first opens on the calendar and with some very good prize money. This year we attracted 112 players thanks to the hard work of Chantel,, this tournament ran very smoothly. sponsors for the open are Matamata New World and J Swap Contractors. I thank them very much for supporting us.

April is the start of the winter inter club competition. We had five men's teams and two woman's teams all doing very well with several teams making the semis and finals. We also had two collage teams in the school competition, they also did very well coming 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Club nights are well under way by May however this years numbers were slightly down compared to previous years with an average of about 40 turning up. The club membership is also down a little this year with 110 adult members and 30 junior members. This is an area where the committee is trying to improve for the coming year.

Our juniors have had a busy year with coaching on Monday nights which as gone well this season. We have modules that the juniors follow, making it easier for parents and helpers. The top juniors have done very well in tournament played all over New Zealand. The club has helped with travel and accommodation costs at some national events held in Invercargill and Wellington. I thank the parents for getting involved as it takes a lot of organising and commitment to get to those events.

Masters junior tournament is next on the calendar there were 45 entries and was sponsored by super liquor ,imatec ,and apple cross dentist .

June is the month for our B grade tournament. Another very successful competition attracting 68 entries. The sponsors for this event were Matamata Veterinary services and Fairview Motors.

July was a busy month with Spring inter club starting, we had 4 men's teams and 1 woman's team.

We also hosted the waikato C grade eliminations in which our C grade men's team won and went on to the Nationals held in Taumarunui We were seeded 7<sup>th</sup> and came 6<sup>th</sup> ;the club helped with accommodation costs.

We were also the host club for the woman's D grade eliminations where we came Runner up ,we all so were the host club for the waikato junior open held in August.

In September Korina Brown won waikato champion of champions lady's B grade. We also hosted a junior one day tournament .The callcutter was played over several nights and was enjoyed by all. We also had a member of the club play in the New Zealand masters teams for Waikato , being yours truly, this was played in Napier.

Club champs was played in October this year, sponsors for this are Matamata sports world ,redoubt bar and eatery and stihl shop Matamata , this was later than anticipated but the clubs calendar was very full and we could not fit it in early. Next year we will try and go for mid July which I think would suit more members.

As you can see the club is very active in all areas of squash at local and national levels .

The council are the owners of our squash club which we rent from them at a cost of \$1500/annum which is a very good rate.

The down side is that the public can use our courts, they hire them off the council who keep the proceeds .I am trying to work closely with council with regular meetings .I am also trying to have a council representative attend our monthly meetings .The council are very happy with United Matamata squash club and are willing to make improvements over time,I will be getting quotes for new carpet for behind the courts and a quote to have the front wall of court 1 replaced ,I hope this will happen over the next 12months . If you have any other ideas on how the club can be improved please put them in the suggestion box on the bar . We have two committee members standing down this year Donna and Irene ,Irene has been on the committee long along time and has held many positions over the years and I thank her and Donna for all the time and effort they have put in to the club.

With membership down we made a small loss this year. However our club is still in a strong financial position with money held in contingency.

I hope you all had a good squash season and am looking forward for what's to come next year.Have a merry Christmas and a safe new year .

Richard Grayling