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Jason Fletcher, Kelly van der Burg and Sean Le Marquand—SquashGym's Management Team

2011 has been another very successful and busy year for SquashGym! At the beginning of the year we introduced to our team Jason Fletcher who came onboard as the "Club Coach and Development Manager". Jason has been the driving force behind the "Squash in Schools" Program and is now heading the Club Academy. With our previous Club Manager Michael "Willy" Williams leaving I have now stepped into the Managers role.

The highlight of 2011 would have to be our Club winning 3 National teams titles with the Men's B and F Grade Super Champs teams and our Club Masters team, and then Kaitlyn Watts winning her 2nd consecutive U'11 National Title. This is a fantastic result for the Club and these individuals. Another notable achievement was the fact that we sent away 7 teams to compete in the National Super Champs event across the 10 grades, all of which impressively beat their seedings to finish in the top 4 nationally.

I'd like to thank everyone that has supported me in taking on my new role as Manager, especially our fantastic committee, fellow staff and to everyone else that has helped out over the year. Your time and support is much appreciated.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope to see you all back on court or in the Gym in 2012!

Kind Regards, Kelly van der Burg.

### CLEAN SWEEP FOR SQUASHGYM AT CENTRAL SQUASH AWARDS.

The Central Squash Awards held earlier this month summed up a very successful year for SquashGym winning all of the "Premier Awards" that were up for grabs. The club Academy proves that it's a force to be reckoned with, with Kaitlyn Watts and Corbin Faint winning the "Most improved Junior Boy and Girl", Danielle Fourie winning "Player of the Year", and Grant Watts picking up "Coach of the Year".

Paul Blatchford who was a member of the D Grade team that finished 3rd at Nationals won the "Most Improved Senior" award. 2011 has been a huge year for Paul who has shot up the grading list 915 points! Grant Smith won "Administrator of the Year" for his mammoth efforts with the 2010 Women's World Champs and SquashGym won the over all "District Club of the Year" award after just missing out on the National Club of the Year award.



Back: Corbin Faint, Jason Fletcher, Paul Blatchford, Grant Watts, Grant Smith. Front: Kaitlyn Watts and Danielle Fourie.

### GOLF DAY Thurs 8th March 2012

Our annual Golf Day fundraiser is set for Thursday 8th March, 2012. This year our Golf Day will be held at the Manawatu Golf Club. If you are interested in entering a team and/or sponsoring a hole, please contact Kelly in the Pro Shop.



Club President Lindsay Petterson the "Samurai" and wife Joan at this years S&G Club Dinner

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE LINDSAY PETERSON

Another year has zoomed by and it seems not very long ago we appointed Kelly as our Club Manager. Kelly has slipped very easily into this role with her friendly, caring and very efficient, approach to all that has faced her over 2011, well done.

To the Clubs committee a big thank you with the running of the Club in all things great and small. The appointment of Jason Fletcher as Club Coach also proved to be a great success for the Club. He has brought to the Club some fresh new initiatives and I know he has some exciting plans in the pipeline for 2012!

The Club has had a great number of success stories this year in the winning of a number of National titles. Well done to those who have worked hard towards these and to all the coaches, managers and parents who travelled away with these teams and individuals.

A special thanks to Kerry Gemmell our Treasurer and Grant Smith our Vice President for the many unseen hours that go into your Club.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Regards, Lindsay Petterson.

**Christmas and New Year's sale now on until the end of January 2012  
at the Pro Shop  
Up to 30% of selected rackets and shoes!**





## Our 2011 National Title holders and Representatives...



### B Grade Men's Team - National Champions

After at least 15+ years of attending Nationals and coming painfully close to victory a number of times our B Grade men finally won, beating the #1 seeds Hamilton Squash Club in the finals.

Back: Grant Smith, Jason Burton-Brown, Yeshan Ekanayake. Front: Regan Smith Dylan Tasker, Jason Fletcher Justin Brown.



**Danielle Fourie** - Member of the NZ Junior Women's team that travelled to Boston to compete in the Junior Women's World Championships in August and finished 2nd in the U'18s at Nationals this year.

### COACHES CORNER:

Congratulations to all the Academy players who have achieved some impressive results in 2011. Main highlights include; Danielle Fourie making NZ Junior Women's team to travel to the World Champs in Boston USA and being named NZ Most Improved Junior Girl. Kaitlyn Watts North Island and NZ U'11 titles two years running and is now graded C1 at only 10 years of age. Regan Smith made the NZ Secondary Schools Team, other players in NZ squads are Dylan Tasker and Luke Jones.



SquashGym Academy with 5 times National Champion Kashif Shuja

I would like to thank Bernard and Sue Higgins, Inspire Net and Prince for their support with the Academy and Grant Watts and Karl Fraser with the coaching support.

Our Squash in Schools program in association with Sport Manawatu & KiwiSport, was a major project that engaged Intermediate School aged children. We hosted 1500 kids in an introduction to Squash and a further 700 repeat visits or elective classes. This was a massive project which we plan to repeat again next year.



"Women & Wine" was another new project this year with 24 ladies signing up for the 6 week coaching programme, finishing off with a one day tournament. This was highly successful and we will repeat this again in the New Year. Don't worry Guys we will also have one for you too!

On the coaching side we have another big year ahead with a number of programmes and projects on the go. Mainly the Talent Development Centre for U11 & U13 players from the lower Nth Island and another project with Massey University—watch this space!

As a final note I would like to thank all the coach's that have helped out throughout the year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Regards, Coach Fletch.



### F Grade Men's Team - National Champions

The future of our Club is looking promising with this very young F Grade team winning Nationals in Taumararui

Josh Claridge, Ben Gunning, Mark Gunning (Coach) Timothy Petterson, Eli Jamieson, Liam Gunning



### NZ Club Masters - National Champions

Our Club Masters Team had a home court advantage back in June winning the final over Hamilton's Lugton Park Squash Club in a convincing fashion.

Sharon Patterson, Sheryl Curtis, Ian Nation, Joe Murphy and Grant Smith



**Kaitlyn Watts** - 2 x U'11 National Champion (2010 & 2011). Currently graded C1.

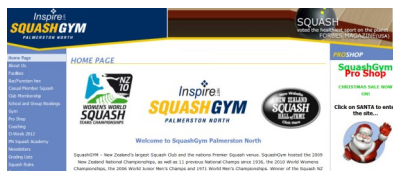
### SPEIGHT'S CHAMPIONS LOUNGE BAR

Looking for somewhere to hold your next conference or birthday party? Then look no further! Our bar is available for private functions. If you are interested in booking our upstairs bar for your next function then please contact one of the Pro Shop staff for more information.



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