



# **SQUASH SOUTHLAND INCORPORATED**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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For presentation at the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held at ILT Stadium Southland  
Surrey Park, Isabella Street, Invercargill

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at 7.00pm



## Patron's Message

As Patron of Squash Southland Incorporated, it is my pleasure to once again congratulate the association on its continuing success in promoting the sport of squash and ensuring that squash has a very high profile within the Southland District.

I would like to wish the association continued success in the 2019 season.

Yours faithfully,  
Michael Fenton  
PATRON

## **SOUTHLAND SQUASH OFFICIALS 2018**

Patron: Michael Fenton

Life Members: Derek Bulman  
Peter Adam  
Jan McAra  
Dave Madden

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President: Chris Heaslip

Board Members: Tony Wills (Vice Chair)  
Nathan Bensemann (Resigned Feb 2018)  
Luke Mason  
Marj Baker (Elected Feb 2018)

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# **Squash Southland Incorporated**

## **Chairman's Report**

2018 has been another successful year for squash in the Southland district which I am pleased to summarise in this report:

### **Junior training**

This year SS once again ran high performance and junior development squads using the two-phase program introduced in 2017. These squads were held in Otautau, Gore and Invercargill. At the end of Term 2 the squads were trimmed down to only include the players that were likely to be selected for age group and junior events. Thank you to the squad coaches Brendon Frew, Andrea Dudley, Evan Thwaites, Kelly-ann Byars, Tony Watt, Garth Cleland, and Bodean Cowley. Thank you to the Otautau and Gore T & C clubs for the use of their courts for these programs. The format will be changing in 2019 to periodic full day camps instead of weekly sessions. This format is more aligned with the SNZ approach to training and should work better for parents and particularly those that have to travel longer distances to the training courts.

### **Squash NZ personnel changes**

There have been a lot of personnel changes at Squash NZ over the past 12 months. Jamie Tong has taken over as Chief Executive from Jim O'Grady, Fleur Townsend is the new Finance & Administration Manager, Daniel Grant is the Participation Manager, Shelley Kitchen is the High-Performance Manager, Deanna Forsyth is the Events Manager and Colleen Porath is in charge of Communications & Marketing. We look forward to working with this new SNZ team in 2019 to grow the game in the District at all levels.

### **Squash NZ Board**

The District was fortunate to have a member on the SNZ Board, namely SS Past Chairman Kevin Muir (SC) in 2018 and we thank him for the time and energy he has devoted this year to the administration of the game on a national level.

### **Tony McAra**

It was with sadness that we acknowledged the passing in 2018 of the patriarch of a Southland squash family, Tony McAra. Tony was the husband of one of Squash Southland's Life Members, Jan McAra, and father of Squash Southland and Squash NZ Past Chairman Neil McAra.

### **Teams Events**

The Inter-District competitions attended by Southland teams this year included the South Island Age Group tournament in Dunedin, the SI Quadrangular tournament in Timaru and the NZ Masters Teams Event in Tauranga. The results of these competitions are included in the Development Officer's report but a big thank you to all of the players, coaches and managers who represented the District proudly at these events. Your performances, attitude and behaviour are appreciated and bring respect to the District.

Unfortunately, we were not able to field teams for the Junior or Senior Teams Events in 2018. Being able to do so in the future continues to be an objective of SS. We did however get permission this year to field a Southern composite girls' team with Otago and Midlands where we were represented by Anna O'Connor and the team finished in a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> place. Anna also played in the Senior National Teams as a pick up player for Midlands.

### **Interclub competitions**

The interclub competitions continue to form the backbone of squash activity in the District. Strong senior competitions in Eastern Northern, Central Western and Metropolitan areas continue to be well supported and enjoyed by players of all levels. Thanks to Bruce Thirkell, who now organises all of the senior Interclub competitions, for a job well done. The Junior Interclub competition was run successfully again this year with significantly more teams involved than in 2017. Thanks to Netta Wilton (OT) for organising this competition in her usual efficient way.

### **Squash Southland tournaments**

Squash Southland runs five tournaments each season and relies on member clubs to provide venues and volunteers to make these events happen. Thanks to Squash City for running the Southland Open, the Southland Juniors and providing the venue for the Southland Doubles Tournament. Thanks to Makarewa for running the Southland Masters' Tournament as well as the Southland Champion of Champions Tournament. Thanks to the southland Masters team for running the Southland Doubles event. Thanks to Gore T & C for providing a venue for the 2018 Awards' night, organising food and entertainment and helping to make it a very successful evening. Congratulations to all of our tournament and award winners as listed later in this report and a special mention goes to Anna O'Connor who won the Women's B-Grade title at the 2018 National Champion of Champions Tournament in Ohakune.

### **Club commitment**

Thanks to the committee members and volunteers of all of our 18 affiliated clubs for your time and effort running your clubs, organising and running tournaments and working with Squash Southland on the administration of the sport throughout the year. Our combined efforts have resulting in club affiliated player numbers rising to 996 from 914 last year which is a 9% increase. Graded players numbers in the District have risen by 41 from 814 last year to 855 in 2018 which is a 5% increase and is the highest number of graded players we have had in the district in the last seven years or more. Total player numbers are still less than 1% of the District population, however, so there is considerable scope for further growth.

### **Club challenge**

The Club Challenge continued to tick over through the season. This competition provides a good opportunity for players from different clubs and with a range of abilities to meet, play, socialise and share ideas. Opportunities were explored during the year on how the Club Challenge could be expanded as a result of suggestions from the floor at the 2018 AGM. It was decided that we would try running the competition throughout the whole year with the exception of January and this will be implemented in 2019, pending buy-in from the clubs. The full calendar of tournaments

and Interclub competitions during the season precluded increasing the frequency of the challenges. Various clubs have also set up annual challenges with other clubs and these events also help promote interclub engagement.

## **COTY, VOTY**

Congratulations to the Makarewa Club for winning the Southland Club of the Year award for the second year running, albeit uncontested. We would like to see more entries for this award in 2019. Unfortunately, there were no nominations for the Volunteer of the Year award which was disappointing given how many dedicated volunteers we know are out there running clubs and building the game in the district. I urge committees to nominate deserving club members for this award in the coming and future years because even just nominating someone demonstrates the club's appreciation of their efforts.

## **SNZ coaching modules**

Unfortunately, we were not able to find anyone interested in delivering the SNZ coaching modules in the District in 2018. We hope to fill the position in 2019 so that this valuable program can be delivered to clubs around the District. Having a pool of trained and qualified coaches is pivotal to the success of the game in the District and beyond.

## **Coach Force**

Funding limitations did not allow SS to bring down a Coach Force coach in 2018 and this situation looks likely to continue in 2019. High performance coach Nick Mita has, however, visited the District on several occasions in a private capacity and has delivered player coaching at a club level.

## **Club tournaments**

It was good to see an increasing number of well-run senior and junior club tournaments in 2018. Congratulations to Nightcaps for running a Men's E & F grade tournament in May which was their first tournament for several years and hopefully the first of many. Thanks to Marj Baker for helping Nightcaps out with the organisation of same. This event was proof that a tournament does not have to be an Open to be successful.

## **One day junior tournaments**

A short round of one day junior tournaments was run in the latter part of the season. These tournaments were aimed at entry level players and were very well received by players and parents alike. They were run on Sundays which enabled whole families to attend and are thus a great way of introducing adults as well as juniors to the sport. Thanks to the clubs which hosted these tournaments.

## **Refereeing**

Refereeing is a great way to enhance your understanding of the game, give back to the sport or stay involved in the game if your playing days are coming to an end. SNZ are putting an increased emphasis on refereeing in 2019 so if you want to obtain District or National level qualification then please make contact with Squash Southland or Squash NZ.

## **Staff**

A big thanks has to go to our Invercargill based Development Officer, Bruce Thirkell who has worked tirelessly throughout the year delivering programs such as Whack 'n Run, organizing training squads, teams, interclub competitions, tournaments, players and coaches. Bruce remains the public face of Squash Southland and does a great job facilitating and developing the sport in the District. A big thanks also to our new Administrator, Anthony O'Connor who has hit the ground running and has the day to day and financial operation of the organisation running smoothly.

## **Board Members**

Thanks to the 2018 SS Board members Tony Wills (SC), Luke Mason (OT) and Marj Baker (CS) for giving up their time and energy to help manage the sport in the District. Unfortunately, Marj is stepping down and Luke is not standing for re-election. Marj & Luke brought a lot of experience and passion for the game to the Board table and their contribution and insight will be missed but we thank them for their valued contribution to the governance of the game in the District in 2018.

## **Sponsors**

Squash Southland would not be able to employ staff and run its development programs without the support of our community funders. Thank you to the Invercargill Licensing Trust, the ILT Foundation, the Southern Trust and Community Trust South for their contributions in 2018. We also receive generous sponsorship each year from Crowe Horwath who provide payroll and accounting support so thank you to them once again. SS is always looking for sources of funding so if your organisation is interested in sponsoring an activity or tournament in 2019 please make contact with a staff or Board member.

In summary, 2018 was a successful year for squash in Southland and I look forward to 2019 being even better.

Chris Heaslip  
Chairman Squash Southland

# Development Officer's Report

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2018 was another big year for squash in Southland. The overall number of club events is increasing every year, which is great news for our players but it does mean that finalising the tournament calendar with minimal clashes is becoming increasingly more difficult – but it's a fun challenge! Players will notice a few changes to the District events in 2019 which have been made in an effort to increase participation – especially for the ILT Southland Open, which will now be played in the heart of the season, in May.

Once again, Squash Southland organised each of the Senior Interclub competitions and I believe that this has helped to strengthen the relationship between Squash Southland and our clubs. 117 teams from all 18 clubs took part across the 5 competitions with most of the seasons running from March through to August. Getting all of the teams and competitions set up at the start of the year isn't an easy job but it is something that I enjoy doing. There will be a second Interclub competition for the CW Ladies in 2019. The existing 5 players per team Interclub will be joined by a new 4 players per team competition, split over 2 Divisions, with both running on Tuesday nights. This will provide a new and exciting alternative for clubs and players. Finals for the new competition will be held alongside the ILT Southland Wide Interclub Finals on Saturday, August 10.

Junior Interclub was run by Netta Wilton from Otautau SRC and she did an excellent job with a huge increase in the number of teams playing. It's great to see so many Juniors getting involved and it looks very promising for the future.

Our Junior Development Squads continued with the 2 Phase system that was introduced in 2017. Tony Watt took over as the Central Western squad coach and did a great job in the area. Kelly Byars, Garth Cleland, Bodean Cowley, Andrea Dudley, Brendon Frew and Evan Thwaites all continued with their squad coaching. I'd like to thank all of our coaches for the time and effort that they have again contributed over the season - there is no way that we could run these Junior programmes without our coaches giving up their time. There will be another change to the squads' structure in 2019 with periodic full day camps being held instead of weekly sessions. We believe that this will make it an easier system for everyone involved and we hope to attract some new players by implementing these changes.

ILT Stadium Southland continues to be the home base for Squash Southland, providing our office space and courts for all of our events and programmes, from Whack n Run and school bookings through to being an ideal secondary 4 court venue for all major events, including the ILT Southland Wide Interclub.

Whack n Run was held in Terms 2, 3, and 4 with very strong participation numbers each Term. The overall objectives of Whack n Run are to introduce new players to squash and to increase participation at club level. This was achieved through stronger links with local clubs. Final sessions were held at clubs instead of at ILT Stadium Southland when possible and parents were invited to attend. Players were offered reduced membership rates and the number of players who signed up at club level rose dramatically which was very encouraging to see.



We relaunched the J Grade/Ungraded One Day Series this year with great success. Clubs held events on Sundays to avoid clashing with existing tournaments. This made it easier for families to attend and the overall feedback from clubs, players and parents has been extremely positive so we will definitely run this again in 2019 – hopefully starting earlier in the year.

Southland players once again dominated the Highlander Series played over 4 Junior tournaments [2 in Southland and 2 in Otago]. Cooper Dodds from Nightcaps SC, Bre-Ann Cleland from Gore T&C and Sam Hart from Makarewa SC all finished tied for overall first place and 15 of the top 20 players were from Southland. Both Districts have agreed to focus more on rebuilding our respective player numbers in 2019 so the emphasis will be placed on more One Day events, with the Highlander Series taking a break for the foreseeable future.

The rep season began with our QUADS team finishing third in Timaru in late July, followed by an unlucky overall Runner Up placing for our South Island Age Group team in Dunedin in August and a 5<sup>th</sup> placing for our Masters' team in Tauranga in September. There were no Southland teams at Junior Nationals in October but several players did attend the Individuals and Anna O'Connor was part of a Southern team made up of players from Southland, Otago and Midlands – finishing 5<sup>th</sup>. Anna was also one of 3 Southland players to attend the National Champion of Champions finals in Ohakune at the end of October, where she won her first National title, winning B Grade.

The Squash Southland Awards' Night was held at the Gore T&C in November where Makarewa SC won Club of the Year for the second year in a row.

Southland continues to produce nationally ranked players and at the end of the season, Leo Tagg, Ashton Hansen, Jacob Dudley and Anna O'Connor were all in the Top 10 of their respective Age Groups. Jacob, Anna, Tayla Muir and Solomon Lewis were in Squash NZ training squads for 2018, while Jacob, Solomon and Anna have all been named in 2019 squads. Congratulations to all of those players.

Anthony O'Connor joined Squash Southland this year and his practical approach and knowledge of the squash world has been welcomed by everyone. The Squash Southland team of Board and staff will continue to work hard to make 2019 another successful season for squash in Southland!

Bruce Thirkell - Development Officer, Squash Southland

# **SOUTHLAND HONOURS BOARD 2018**

## **NZ REPRESENTATIVE**

***Anna O'Connor***

NZ Elite Junior Development Squad

***Jacob Dudley and Solomon Lewis***

NZ Junior Development Squad

***Tayla Muir***

NZ Junior Development Squad

## **NZ RANKING LIST AS AT 15 OCTOBER 2018**

### **JUNIORS**

U11 Boys	No 5	Leo Tagg
U11 Boys	No 13	Mason Hansen
U13 Boys	No 8	Ashton Hansen
U13 Girls	No 13	Elle Cowley
U15 Boys	No 9	Jacob Dudley
U15 Girls	No 16	Tayla Muir
U17 Girls	No 6	Anna O'Connor

### **QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT**

**Timaru Squash Club, Timaru 28-29 July 2018**

**SOUTHLAND TEAM SELECTED [finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>]**

#### **JUNIORS**

Bellah Crawford  
Hayley Thurlow  
Tayla Muir  
Lachlan Thwaites  
Jaden Muir  
Scott Thurlow

#### **SENIORS**

Anna O'Connor  
Kathryn McLachlan  
Alex Thurlow  
Mitchell Kempton  
Regan McNaught  
Adrian Mennell

#### **MASTERS**

Tanya Colyer  
Kylie Anderson  
Shane Hatwell  
Carl Johnstone

**SOUTH ISLAND AGE GROUP TEAMS EVENT**  
**Otago Squash Club, Dunedin 25-26 August 2018**  
**SOUTHLAND TEAM SELECTED [finishing 2<sup>nd</sup>]**

Medals	Girls
Gold	U13 Elle Cowley, Bre-Anne Cleland, Neve Cowley
Silver	U15 Tayla Muir, Safina Lewis, Jackie Thurlow
Gold	U17 Anna O'Connor, Bellah Crawford, Hayley Thurlow
Medals	Boys
Silver	U11 Leo Tagg, Mason Hansen, Hunter Stearne
Bronze	U13 Ashton Hansen, Corey Murray, Sam McLellan
Bronze	U15 Eamonn Thwaites, Boston Wilton, Harry Crawford
Silver	U17 Jaden Muir, Scott Thurlow, Logan MacLeod

**NZ MASTERS NATIONALS**  
**Devoy Squash Club, Tauranga 14-16 September 2018**

**Teams Event**  
**Southland 5<sup>th</sup> Place**

	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
35-39	Tanya Colyer	Adrian Mennell
40-44	Toni Ellis	Dave Gardiner
45-49	Tracey Flux	Clark Ellery
50-54	Janet Udy	Shane Hatwell
55-59	Karen Mitchell	Marty McKelvie
65+		Trevor Colyer

**NZ JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM**  
**North Shore Squash Club, Auckland 4-10 October 2018**

This year Southland, Otago and Midlands put a girls team in that was made up from the top ranked girls in the 3 Districts. It was called the Southern Team and they finished a credible 6<sup>th</sup>. The Team was

Anna O'Connor	(Southland)
Lily Rae	(Midlands)
Martha Toghil	(Otago)
Rinaria Hepi	(Otago)
Tannah Rintoul	(Midlands)

**ILT SOUTHLAND JUNIOR OPEN**  
**Squash City, Invercargill 11-12 May 2018**

Girls Open	Winner	Anna O'Connor
Boys Open	Winner	Mitchell Kempton

**ILT SOUTHLAND OPEN**  
**Squash City, Invercargill 17-19 August 2018**

Women's Open	Winner	Katie Fairweather
Men's Open	Winner	Mitchell Kempton

**SOUTHLAND MASTERS**  
**Makarewa Squash Club, Makarewa 3-4 August 2018**

Women's Open	Winner	Tanya Colyer
Men's Open	Winner	Adrian Mennell

**SOUTHLAND DOUBLES**  
**Squash City, Invercargill 9 September 2018**

Winner	Aaron Kimura and Garth Cleland
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**Champion of Champions District Eliminations**  
**Makarewa 7-8 September 2018**

A Grade	Adrian Mennell	Tanya Colyer
B Grade	Simon Budd	Anna O'Connor
C Grade	Hamish Dudley	Ella Yule
D Grade	Sam Hart	Kelly-ann Byars
E Grade	Ashton Hansen	Bridgett Hitchens
F/J Grade	Kelvin Tagg	Katie Owen

**Champion of Champions National Finals**  
**Ohakune 26-28 October 2018**

B Grade	Anna O'Connor	1st
C Grade	Hamish Dudley	5th
F/J Grade	Kelvin Tagg	4th

**HIGHLANDER SERIES**

Cooper Dodds	1 <sup>st</sup> Equal
Bree-Anne Cleland	1 <sup>st</sup> Equal
Sam Hart	1 <sup>st</sup> Equal
Logan MacLeod	4 <sup>th</sup>
Chonelle Ayson	6 <sup>th</sup> Equal
Tayla Muir	6 <sup>th</sup> Equal
Ashton Hansen	6 <sup>th</sup> Equal
Mason Hansen	6 <sup>th</sup> Equal
Jaden Muir, Isaac Cowley, Jakaya Strudwicke, Georgia Ayson, Xavier Hansen, Corey Murray, Boston Wilton	

## **SOUTHLAND SPONSORED AGE GROUP TROPHIES**

Under 13 Girls	Champion	Elle Cowley
Under 15 Girls	Champion	Ella Yule
Under 17 Girls	Champion	Anna O'Connor
Under 19 Girls	Champion	Brooklyn Forbes
Under 11 Boys	Champion	Leo Tagg
Under 13 Boys	Champion	Ashton Hansen
Under 15 Boys	Champion	Jacob Dudley
Under 17 Boys	Champion	Jaden Muir
Under 19 Boys	Champion	Lachlan Thwaites

## **SOUTHLAND MASTERS AGE-GROUP CHAMPIONS**

W 35-44:	Tanya Colyer	M 35-44:	Adrian Mennell
W 45-54:	Debs Shirley	M 45-54:	Shane Hatwell
W 55-64:	Marg Christie	M 55-64:	Marty McKelvie
W 65+	Carolyn Pannett	M 65+	Trevor Colyer

## **MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS FOR 2018**

Senior	Female	Bridgett Hitchens
Senior	Male	Jonny Catto
Masters	Female	Sarah Valli
Masters	Male	Martin Preston
Junior	Female	Jakaya Strudwicke
Junior	Male	Brendan Krieger

## **JUNIOR INTERCLUB**

Division 1 Winner	Otautau Snots 1
Runner Up	Otautau Snots 2
Division 2 Winner	Gore Black Knights
Runner Up	Makarewa Boasters
Division 3 Winner	Nightcaps Tigers
Runner Up	Squash City

## **ILT SOUTHLAND WIDE INTERCLUB**

### **Division One**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Clarke's Seed & Feed Riverton 1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Top Shot Racquets Squash City 1

### **Division Two**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Squash City 8
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Otautau 1

### **Division Three**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lorneville Small Engines Makarewa 2
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeremy Skeggs Building Makarewa 3

### **Division Four**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Squash City 17
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Squash City 12

### **Division Five**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Central Southland 5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Central Southland 6

## **CENTRAL/WESTERN INTERCLUB**

Womens	1 <sup>st</sup>	Makarewa Lillies
	Runner Up	Central Southland Rubies
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fiordland
	Runner Up	RiverTOWN
	1 <sup>st</sup>	RiverTON
	Runner Up	Central Southland Diamonds
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Otautau 3
	Runner Up	Makarewa Daisies

Mens	1 <sup>st</sup>	Central Southland 1
	Runner Up	Otautau 3

## **EASTERN/NORTHERN INTERCLUB**

Womens Division 1	Gore Squashing It
Runner Up	Wyndham
Womens Division 2	Riversdale 2
Runner Up	Balfour 2
Womens Division 3	Gore Hand Outs
Runner Up	Gore Volleys
Mens Division 1	Wyndham
Runner Up	Balfour Maroon
Mens Division 2	Tapanui 3
Runner Up	Clinton Kuriwao
Mens Division 3	Riversdale 3
Runner Up	Balfour 3

## **SQUASH SOUTHLAND AWARDS CEREMONY**

Club of the Year: Makarewa Squash Club

## **SQUASH NZ AWARDS CEREMONY**

**AUCKLAND 3 Dec**

Club of the Year Nominee: Makarewa Squash Club

## **SOUTHLAND DEVELOPMENT COACHES**

Evan Thwaites  
Andrea Dudley  
Garth Cleland  
Tony Watt

Brendon Frew: Head Coach  
Kelly Byars  
Bodean Cowley

**TO OUR COACHES / MANAGERS / VOLUNTEERS of 2018**  
**A huge “Thank You” to you all, as without your help and dedication our teams and squads we would not have received the results they have.**



**CLUB OF THE YEAR**

**MAKAREWA SQUASH CLUB**



**Andrea Dudley representing the Makarewa Club at the awards night**



## **ILT Division 1 Interclub Winners Clarkes Seed and Feed Riverton 1**



**Part of the winning team Adrian Mennell and Garry Clarke**

**Southland Quadrangular Team  
Timaru Squash Club  
3<sup>rd</sup> place**



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**WE TRULY HAVE A GREAT SPORT THAT IS  
PLAYED BY GREAT PEOPLE**

SQUASH SOUTHLAND WISHES TO THANK ALL OF OUR SPONSORS, WHO PROVIDED SUPPORT DURING 2018, WITHOUT THEIR GENEROSITY, SQUASH IN SOUTHLAND WOULD NOT BE THE SUCCESS THAT IT IS.

