

WELLINGTON BADMINTON CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015

I am pleased to present my 14th report on the activities of the Wellington Badminton Club.

It has been another satisfying year for the Wellington Badminton Club, maintaining the trend over many years.

We continue to attract a good attendance of both Club members and visitors, resulting in a wonderful atmosphere on both Club nights and at Club events. We maintain a solid core of long term loyal members and willing volunteers and it is also heartening to see newer members becoming involved.

We continue to operate on a sound financial basis.

MEMBERSHIP – the Club has 65 members, a slight drop from 2014, and this includes 16 new members, down from 26 in 2014. There continues to be a good percentage of the Club who are loyal and long-term members, and we are also retaining other players who have become members of the Club in more recent years.

As noted in previous annual reports, we still lack younger players in the 18-25 year age group. The attendance levels of both members and visitors on Club nights were on a par with 2014 numbers. Around 150 visitors turned up for at least one visit during the season.

The programme installed on the Club laptop computer for organising the games on club evenings continues to work well overall, and Craig MacLeod continues to monitor and modify/add any necessary features

Grading of some members was undertaken by Dane Howarth, with assistance from Anna Howarth and Oliver Chow Worn

FINANCES – refer to Treasurer's Report. Thanks to Daniel Reed for maintaining our finances, ensuring Wellington Badminton Club is in good financial health.

Thanks also to Jo McKeowen for her many years auditing the accounts

INTERCLUB/WBA TEAMS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year the Club was represented by one B grade interclub team.

B team Wellington Mastermind – won B grade

Richard Kirby (captain)
Isla Harding
Debbie Trow
Andrew Kingston
Blair Rutherford
Lydia Browne
Lorraine Cooper

Hazel Davies-Howard represented Wellington Senior Division 3 team. Three players represented Masters Division 1, nine players represented Masters Division 2, four players represented Masters Division 3 and two players represented Veterans Division.

A number of members participated in WBA and BNZ events, which included various winners in Wellington B and C/D Grade Championships

EVENTS/CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

THEME NIGHTS – Easter theme night held 2 April with prizes and supper

PORCELAIN CUP - competition between Wellington and Varsity Clubs, held 22 August at Badminton Hall, with 24 members participating.

Our Club failed to regain the Cup, with the result 37 games to 23, 1120 points to 1039. The event finished with pizza and prizes. Thanks to Dane Howarth for helping to organise the teams and Blair Rutherford for running the Bar.

Team 1: lost 3-7
Team 2: draw 5-5
Team 3: lost 2-8
Team 4: lost 4-6
Team 5: lost 3-7
Team 6: won 6-4

CLUB CHAMPS – held 26 September, with 31 players. Thanks to Anna Howarth, with assistance from Dane Howarth and Oliver Chow Worn for running the tournament and organising the draw.

Results:	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Anthony Van Driel	Tony Costello
Women's Singles	Hazel Davies-Howard	Hsu-Ee Khoo
Men's Doubles	Bryan Monteiro & Andrew Kingston	Anthony Van Driel & Tony Costello
Women's Doubles	Debbie Trow & Hazel Davies-Howard	Hsu-Ee Khoo & Tasha Huang
Mixed Doubles	Bryan Monteiro & Debbie Trow	Anthony Van Driel & Hazel Davies-Howard
Men's Singles Plate	Gabe Martin	Prasanna Kalva

PRIZE GIVING – the season was wrapped up on October 22

Awards:

Most Improved Player – Alastair Foster

Most Promising Player – Nathan Wilson

Gene Kumekawa Award For Participation – Tim Sayegh

DESK/BAR VOLUNTEERS

A number of members continue to help run the desk and/or bar and this help is greatly appreciated, ensuring Club nights are well run and as a result well attended.

Bar - Thanks to Geoff Collins, Blair Rutherford and Martyn Macpherson

Desk - Thanks to Anna Howarth, Janis Scott, Daniel Foster-Lynam, Lydia Browne, Keryn Thompson, Richard Kirby, Craig MacLeod, Natasha Hayes, Oliver Chow-Worn, Harvey Keravel, Joel Zimmerman, Isla Harding

Website – Thanks to Craig MacLeod for maintaining our website

COMMITTEE

President	Peter Sugden
Treasurer	Daniel Reed
	Dane Howarth Jason Paul Kieran Martin

5 of us formed the 2015 Committee, a big thank you to you all for your contribution and enthusiasm.

Peter, Dane, Daniel and Kieran are all re-standing for Committee in 2016.

Jason is standing down after seven years on the Committee, three as Secretary. His contribution is greatly appreciated.

SUMMARY

Overall it has been another satisfying year for the Wellington Badminton Club, with a healthy balance between returning and new membership, a sound financial footing, and many volunteers giving of their time. Thank you to all Club members for your continued support and involvement to both the Club and badminton in general and we look forward to 2016.

Peter Sugden

President
Wellington Badminton Club
March 2016