



The organising committee of the 2010 World Women's Squash Teams Championships, Palmerston North and New Zealand welcomes you to the second newsletter for participant countries. The hard work is continuing to ensure the championships will be a success for all involved and we are looking forward to meeting you all in late November, only a short three months away!



WEBSITE

The championships website is now up and running and live. This will be the first port of call for all teams, competitors and supporters for information on anything about the championships. During the event, results and draws will be uploaded daily as well as player news and event photos. Merchandise and tickets will also be available for purchase online. Check it out at www.womensworldsquash2010.co.nz

DAME SUSAN DEVOY – EVENT AMBASSADOR

We are thrilled to announce that Dame Susan Devoy will be the ambassador for the 2010 World Women's Squash Teams Championships. Dame Susan will be recognised by all as probably the greatest female player ever and we are honoured to play host to her during the championships.



DO YOU NEED A VISA?

The organising committee will assist all teams in ensuring they meet the correct visa requirements. Our website displays the latest information. Teams are encouraged to start to address their needs straight away to allow enough time for processing. For full details please visit: www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/visitors/process/ or contact Vaughan for assistance.

HOTEL BOOKINGS FOR TEAMS

All visiting teams, management and officials will stay in quality accommodation at the 4.5 star Qualmark rated Hotel Coachman. The hotel is only a five minute walk from the SquashGym Club complex and a pleasant 5 minute drive to IPC College where the all glass court will be situated. The team entry fee covers accommodation and breakfast for a maximum of four players, manager and/or coach (up to three twin bedded rooms) for the duration of the team championship for 7 nights from Sunday 28th November through to Sunday morning 5th December. Extra nights for teams will need to be booked direct with hotel management.

www.coachman.co.nz or DebbieJaques@coachman.co.nz





HOTEL BOOKINGS FOR SUPPORTERS

Spectators and supporters are recommended to stay at the following apartments and hotels. They are close to restaurants, shopping and a 5 minute walk to SquashGym and we have a relationship with them.

QUEST PALMERSTON NORTH:

Email: host@questpalmerstonnorth.co.nz

Website: www.questpalmerstonnorth.co.nz

KINGSGATE HOTEL PALMERSTON NORTH:

Email: Jackie.Rogers@millenniumhotels.co.nz

Website: www.millenniumhotels.co.nz/kingsgatepalmerstonnorth

Both are within Palmerston North city's CBD.

VENUES

The event will feature two truly world class venues

The International Pacific College (IPC) will host the main all-glass court. A privately owned Japanese College, it is set in a stunning environment incorporating fantastic viewing, corporate hosting and player & spectator services, the venue will become the showpiece of the championships.

www.ipc.ac.nz

SquashGym Palmerston North, situated in the CBD of Palmerston North city, is recognised as New Zealand's No. 1 squash facility and features 8 state of art courts, a commercial gym, retail pro-shop, hospitality facilities and a large array of services on site.

www.squashgym.co.nz



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY & MANAWATU REGION

Palmerston North is New Zealand's sixth biggest city and home to New Zealand's largest University – Massey University and is the nations defence capital with major Army and Air Force bases. It is the main centre of the Manawatu region (population 130,000), and is the central gateway to New Zealand culture and the beautiful North Island of New Zealand. Conveniently located half way between Rotorua and Wellington, the region combines the charm of rural New Zealand with the sophisticated provincial appeal of Palmerston North city.

www.manawatunz.co.nz/

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TRAVEL

Teams are to arrange their own travel to and from Palmerston North. United Travel will assist you with any internal travel needs and we have arranged a relationship with Thrifty Car Rental for any van and car hire requirements, contact can be arranged via Vaughan.

CHAMPIONSHIPS MERCHANDISE

In conjunction with Asics we have produced a range of great quality merchandise to allow competitors and supporters the chance to remember the event. Opposite is a sample of what will be available. This can be ordered online.

WHO WE ARE:

In each newsletter we will give you background of the key people that will be organising the Championships.

WSF Technical Director

Manan Mashruwala. Manan is the WSF Technical Director on site and hails from Mumbai, India. A Squash Administrator for the last 25 years, Manan is currently Competition Manager for Squash at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi. He has also been Tournament Director and Administrator at numerous World Individual, Teams and Doubles Championships as well as Asian and Indian National Championships. The (pre-hosting) WSF Technical Director is Andrew Shelley.



We are all excited about the event and look forward to meeting you all.

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