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54 weeks to go

**WORLD MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008
CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND**

Yes, in just over 12 months the 9th World Masters Squash Championships will take place in Christchurch, New Zealand.

As you will see from the list of activities below the Organising Committee has been working away to ensure your visit to New Zealand will be enjoyable and memorable.

Registration of Interest.

Thanks to the hundreds of people who have registered their interest in attending the 9th World Squash Championships, via our website. Please check out our site and look for our FAQ page (coming soon).

Due to a server error, if you registered online between 15 June and 15 October, we have lost your details and therefore request you to register again. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Online Registration

Online registration will open on 1st November, less than 52 weeks from the opening ceremony. You will be able to enter directly through the event website www.worldmasterssquash.com and pay by credit card through our secure site.

Accommodation

Southern World Vacations have been appointed by the committee to arrange accommodation and transfer packages for participants and their support groups. Southern World has provided a similar service for a number of world class events in Christchurch.

You can be assured of a first class service and quality accommodation. This includes meet and greet at the airport for all those that book through the company's website, and individual transfers to their competition games, and functions.

Visit www.southern-world.com/wms2008 or contact them at squash@southern-world.com.



It's not all squash...

A comprehensive social programme is being finalised and below are some details of the major events.

The Opening Ceremony - Sunday 19th October 2008

This will kick the whole week off.

It will be a fantastic opening with a stroll along side the Avon River to the picturesque Victoria Square where you will receive a full traditional Maori Welcome.

Yes, it could scare the daylights out of you, but you will never forget it! There will be the obligatory speeches of welcome, kept as short as necessary. Then there will be a couple of hours Cocktail Party (including some complimentary drinks and nibble food.) in the adjacent Christchurch Town Hall.

Tamaki Heritage Village - Wednesday 22nd October 2008 Two Cultures, Two Peoples, One Nation.

A spectacular evening experience, a powerful encounter with New Zealand history, landscape and people.

We've organised a special price for you including transport to and from the Village, and an authentic (in-ground) hangi feast.

Only available at worldmasterssquash.com/registration



Party Night - Thursday 23rd October 2008

Four levels, big screens everywhere, plenty of bars and a load of laughs.



This is a great opportunity for all participants, partners and families to get together in a social environment. It's a private function from 6pm to 9.30pm with great music, (not head banging but something for us Masters to sing along to), food and drink options for all tastes and pockets. Show your accreditation pass to gain access.

And for those who wish to party later, the party will continue until the small hours. Only available at worldmasterssquash.com/registration.

Farewell Celebration Dinner - Saturday 25th October 2008

The flags have come down, the medals presented, tonight is the celebration of a wonderful week. This will be one helluva party. Speeches will be short and the partying long. Definitely a night to remember

AND FINALLY.....

If you know any squash player who wishes to attend this event, please forward this email to them – spread the word, its going to be an event not to be missed.

Between now and the opening ceremony we will be sending regular updates on the planned activities, and other vital information relating to the Championships themselves.

Best wishes everyone

Barry Gardiner

Chairman, Organising Committee.

