



NUNHOLM SQUASH CLUB NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2009

Affiliated Club 2009/10

Dear Squash Players,

Welcome to this the first e-newsletter focussing on news and events in the squash section of Dumfries Sports Club. We hope you find this useful and informative.

### **Summary of AGM held on 27 October**

Sue Strachan stood down as Chairperson. Thank you Sue for your leadership and all your efforts during the past several years.

*Your new Committee:*

Chairperson: Keith Gristwood

Treasurer: Keith Martin

Secretary: Peter Allen

Juniors/Racquetball: Ray Currie

Members: Sue Strachan, Rosanna Pierro, Jim Scriven

The decision was approved to change the name of the squash club from Nunholm to Dumfries Squash Club effective once all the legalities have been taken care of, so likely at the beginning of the year.

Winter League fees set at £3 per player; £1.50 for juniors. These fees are payable now so please initial your name on the sheet behind the bar once you have paid.

### **Other News**

*Court Repairs* – during the first week in October Court 1 was completely re-plastered and the floor sanded-down. On Courts 3 and 4, the front walls were repaired and re-painted; the court lines were renewed and several areas of loose floorboards/springy areas were repaired. On Court 2 several loose boards were tightened up. All these repairs cost over £3,200.

It was noted by Tony Gay on Courts 3 and 4 that the gaps between the bearers supporting the floors was 700mm as opposed to the typical 400mm. It is thus likely that both these floors will require lifting and additional bearers inserted in the future.



*Masters Tournament* – the inaugural South of Scotland Masters tournament is being held at the club over the weekend of 21-22 November. We are anticipating a total of around 80 entries in all age groups from O-35 to O-75 in the men's and O-35 and O-50 in the ladies. If you haven't already entered but would like to, please note that entries close this Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. If you don't want to participate why not come along and support the Club's players and see some of the best Masters players in Scotland in action. Rounds on Saturday and semi-finals and finals on Sunday from 9.30am both days. We estimate that this tournament will realise a

gross profit of around £2,000, which after the Scottish Squash affiliation fee, nets out at £800 towards future court repairs and maintenance.

*Club Competitions* – the entry forms for the Club Championship, the Jim Thorburn handicap and the Ladies Club Championship are now posted on the notice-board. Closing date for all these competitions is 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.

*D&G Closed* – this year the D&G Closed is being held at Lockerbie Squash Club during the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Entry form is also on the notice-board and the closing date is noon on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please support Lockerbie in this competition as they have arranged the sponsorship and its players support the event when it has been held at Nunholm.

*Fund-raising Website* – the squash club has now signed up to the Easyfundraising website, the same used by the Cricket Club. There are over 2,000 retailers available, no additional costs involved and also discounts available. This approach has successfully raised hundreds of pounds for other clubs including some £600 for the Cricket Club during the past 2 years.

***The funds raised will go towards maintenance of the squash courts and in particular the impending work required on the floors of Courts 3 and 4.***

Just register at the following web address [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/dsc](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/dsc) and then do your online shopping as normal. Look out for special offers and increased contributions! So please remember it for any planned Christmas shopping and support the squash club at the same time. Further details are available on: <http://dumfriessportsclub.co.uk/squash/fundraising/>

*Xmas Party* – a casino-oriented Xmas party has been arranged by Dougie and Carol Brotherston on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Raffle tickets are currently available at the bar for a chance to win numerous great prizes. Anyone who is willing to volunteer for the evening of the event or even just a couple of hours of their time, please contact Dougie or Carol. The evening will feature a live band and a BBQ. Tickets are on sale now at £5 each. So grab your team for your Xmas Night Out and come along and support the Club.

*Squash members* – currently we have around 100 members who play in the D&G and club leagues or just socially. This first newsletter is going out to around 60 members who provided their e-mail addresses on the Membership renewal form. If you've read this on the notice-board and wish to receive it via e-mail please give your e-mail address to one of the committee members for inclusion.

*Dumfries Sports Club AGM* – is being held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. We would appreciate your attendance to support any motions being raised by the Squash Club.

*Feedback* – we would welcome your comments and suggestions for future issues of the squash newsletter.

Keep fit, enjoy your squash and have a Happy Holidays. Thanks,

The Squash Club Committee

