

## **DUMFRIES SQUASH CLUB NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2009 Issue No.2**

Dear Squash Players,

Welcome to the latest issue of the e-newsletter focussing on news and events in the squash section of Dumfries Sports Club. It's been a busy month at the club so we hope you find this useful and informative.

### **Dumfries Squash Club Logos**

Further to the AGM and the club name change, during the recent Masters tournament we exhibited two designs for a new Dumfries Squash Club logo. These have been designed free of charge by Trish Copeland, a graphic designer and friend of Rosanna Pierro, and we'll also be provided all the complementary materials for the selected design to provide us a new, professional look. For those of you who haven't seen them -



**Option A**



**Option B**

The two designs will also soon be exhibited on the notice-board. We would like the members of the squash club to select the new design and we'd appreciate it if you could put your name under your preference on the notice-board.

### **Masters Tournament**

The inaugural South of Scotland Masters tournament, held at the club over the weekend of 21-22 November, was a great success. We had total of 81 paid entries and 77 participants due to a handful of call-offs due to the weather. All the feed-back to-date has been extremely positive not just from the players but also from Scottish Squash.

The tournament was well-supported by local and regional players who comprised a quarter of the competitors and on balance Nunholm Squash Club performed well taking 4 titles out of the 11 up for grabs, 3 runners-up spots and 2 plate titles.

The local winners included Sue Strachan in the O-35 ladies event and Faith Sinclair who won the O-50 ladies title in a thrilling and close 3-2 final. In the men's events Nunholm's "old" boys saved the day with Davy Rogan winning the O-75s and Abbie Robertson the O-70s with Davy Rogan as runner-up.

In the O-45s current Scottish Champion Jimmy Wells put in a brave performance in the final but went down 3-1 to Tony Hetherington from Carlisle. In the O-50s Malcolm McCubbin after a lengthy 3-2 semi-final win found the going too tough against Neil Rayner, a current Scottish internationalist, and lost in straight sets 3-0.

The men's O-40 and O-55 plate competition finals featured all-Nunholm line-ups with John Thin clinching an unexpected 3-0 win over Garry McKean in the O-40s. The O-55 plate final featured Raymond Kirk and John Glendinning. Kirk took the first two sets but a determined fight-back by Glendinning levelled the match at 2-2. In the deciding fifth set, Glendinning took an early lead but Kirk hung in and finished a 3-2 winner.

Full results are posted on the website [www.dumfriessportsclub.co.uk/squash](http://www.dumfriessportsclub.co.uk/squash)

Preliminary accounts indicate we realised a gross profit of around £2,000, which after the Scottish Squash affiliation fee, nets out at £770 towards future court repairs and maintenance. We also raised £65 for junior squash from the squash-bag raffle. Thanks to everyone who entered the tournament, came along to spectate and bought raffle tickets.

**The D&G Closed** – was held at Lockerbie Squash Club during the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The main competition was played in a 4-group round-robin format and the final was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> between Ronnie Carter and Jimmy Wells. Ronnie got off to a flyer taking a two set lead against a placid Jimmy who then pulled back the third 9-8 after Ronnie had two match points. Jimmy then took the 4<sup>th</sup> 9-1 as it seemed Ronnie was keeping his energy for the 5<sup>th</sup>. The final set was edgy and again Ronnie had match point at 8-7 but edged his drop into the red. At 8-8 it was set two, and Jimmy made some controlled lengths to edge it 10-9.

The all-Lockerbie Plate competition was won by Kenny Little 3-2 over Bruce Robertson in another close final.

### **Coaching**

Several members have enquired about the availability of coaching. Currently I have confirmed a few people who are willing to provide coaching. If you are a relative beginner or just want some pointers to improve your game, please sign-up on the sheet on the notice-board. These sessions will begin in January and will be scheduled subject to the coaches' availability and the level of interest. Details to follow....keep an eye on the notice-board!

### **Other News/Reminders**

*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.

*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.**

*Xmas Party* – a casino-oriented Xmas party has been arranged by Dougie and Carol Brotherston on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.** The evening will feature a disco, roulette table 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.

**Winter League fees** – The majority of players have not paid their fees and are overdue. Please ensure that you pay them promptly and initial your name on the sheet behind the bar (or we may have to deduct league bonus points!). £3 per player; £1.50 for juniors.

*Your new Committee's full line-up:*

Chairman:	Keith Gristwood
Treasurer:	Keith Martin
Secretary:	Peter Allen
Juniors/Racquetball:	Ray Currie
Others:	Sue Strachan
	Rosanna Pierro
	Jim Scriven

*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