

Dear Squash Players,

Welcome to the new look e-newsletter focussing on the latest news and events in the Club. Inside this issue:

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Accreditation – our club was awarded **Sports Club Accreditation** by D&G Council Leisure & Sport Service at the end of last month. This achievement should make it easier for us to access Third Sector Funding and importantly reassure parents and the wider community that we are a safe, effective and child-friendly club.

AGM – Thursday 28th October at 7pm. Please make every effort to attend. It's your club so come along and have your say! All positions on the Committee are available for election. Nomination forms are available on the notice-board.

Sponsorship Update

The Club has secured sponsorship from **Specsavers** for the provision of 20 pairs of protective eye goggles (+/- £300) for our junior players thanks to the combined efforts of Ray Currie and myself.

The club has also secured a grant of £100 from **Active Schools–Nithsdale Secondaries** towards the racketball kit we bought from Scottish Squash and Racketball.

Spooky! - Get out your diaries and mark in the **Halloween Party** on Saturday 30th October. From 8pm til late with prizes for best fancy dress; a raffle and a disco. Tickets only £5 and available from the Bar.

Off-Peak Pricing becomes effective on 11th October along with court-timing changes. The timings on Courts 3 and 4 have been switched to those on Court 1 and vice-versa. This was done to facilitate the commencement of D&G League matches at 7pm.

Court 3 will be closed for essential maintenance from Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd inclusive. Work includes a new floor, the re-plastering of the front wall and the side and back walls patched and repainted.

Club Nights

- Monday nights from 6.15 - 9.15pm
- Saturday afternoons from 2 - 5pm

Junior Club Night is every Saturday evening from 5-7pm. Cost is £1.00 per night for members and £2.00 per night for non-members including free juice and pool table.

Squash Coaching sessions for November (with Jimmy Wells and Jim Scriven) will be posted on the notice-board next again weekend. Limited to 2 participants per session they are available on a first-come first-served basis.

Scottish Squash & Racketball (SSR) Update

- A UKCC Level 1 squash coaching course is being held on October 31st from 9.30am to 5.30pm in the Farries Suite. The Farries Suite will therefore be closed-off for the duration of this course.
- We have 5 members who have now been through the Racketball Leaders course organised by SSR.
- **South of Scotland Masters** Open Squash Championships being held at the Club on **19th-21st November**. Courts closed to members all weekend, and possibly on the Friday evening.

Tournament Updates

- Our **Junior Club Championship** was won by Dean Brotherston with Danny McBryde the runner-up. Thanks to everyone who participated.
- **West Masters** – the second Masters tournament of the Scottish Squash Masters Circuit kicks off over the weekend of 23-24th October at Newlands. Closing date is 15th October.
- **West Highland Masters** – the third Masters tournament takes place in Oban on 6-7th November, with the closing date on Friday 29th October.

Club Advertisers

We are seeking 8 companies to lease advertising boards above the out-of-court lines on the front walls on all four courts. If you are aware of any companies that could be interested in promoting themselves, please contact me with their details. Referral fee paid for successful introductions!

Finally, enjoy the holidays. Your attendance at the AGM would be greatly appreciated.

Keith Gristwood