

Dear Squash Players,

Welcome to the August edition of the Club e-newsletter. While activity in the Club ticks over during the school holidays the monthly leagues and club nights continue.

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**The Annual Doubles Tournament** is taking place on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August** from 2-5pm. Entry form is on the notice-board. Entry is £1 per player and partners are chosen through a blind draw. This is your last chance to make it onto the Club's 2011 Roll of Honour so come along and make an afternoon of it.

The **AGM of the D&G Leagues** is scheduled for **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm. This is a month earlier than normal due to a proposal to commence the team matches from the end of September rather than after the October school holidays. All team captains are requested to attend this meeting or to ensure that their team is represented at the meeting. Jock Glendinning is standing down as Chairman after several years and nominations will be accepted at the AGM.

**Club Polo Shirts** – our limited edition Club Polo shirts are still on sale. We also offer **Children's sizes** (in black only) at £13.00 each. Details of men's, ladies and children's sizes are now on the notice-board and on our website. Adult shirts cost £15.00 each and in stock I have men's Large in black or white.

**Court Usage** – since the introduction of off-peak pricing last October, for the 10 months YTD overall court usage has increased by over 11%, while off-peak usage increased by nearly 27% and peak usage by just under 5%. In revenue terms, court bookings are 4.9% ahead of the same period last financial year.

**Court Maintenance** is planned for the last week in September and involves sanding the floors of Courts 2 and 3 and replastering the front wall of Court 3. We delayed this replastering from earlier in the year, but close inspection now reveals several hairline cracks appearing which may result in plaster coming off the wall. This replastering is being done at no charge to the club.

The Committee is also looking for **volunteers** to spend a couple of hours one weekend in early September helping to clean the squash court walls. If you're interested, please contact any member of the Committee.

#### **Club Nights**

- every Monday night from 6.15 - 9.15pm
- every Saturday afternoon from 2 - 5pm
- **Junior Club Night** – has been suspended and will re-commence after the school summer holidays

#### **Scottish Squash & Racketball Ltd (SSRL) Update**

- Our **South of Scotland Masters** tournament has been confirmed for the 18-20<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Squash Coaching** sessions have been suspended for the summer months and will re-commence in September.

**Facebook** – the Club now has a Facebook page and accessible via the Club's website. Why not sign up?

**Club Signage** – our new exterior sign has been installed as well as new court door notices. Please pay attention to these latter notices to help keep our court floors in optimal condition.

I hope you've been enjoying the holidays, not that the weather in general has been great. But any weather is good weather for squash and racketball!!

Keith Gristwood