

Dear Squash Players,

Welcome to the new Squash Season edition of the Club e-newsletter. Inside this issue:

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Dumfries & Galloway Leagues – the D&G squash leagues commence next week. There are 6 teams each in the Dumfries Squash Premier League and the Dumfries & Galloway League so due to the Nunholm-based teams' home games court availability will be somewhat at a premium during match-weeks.

New for this season's D&G Leagues is **the introduction of pool players** who can play for any team in the D&G Leagues up to a maximum of three times at which point they become attached to that team. If you have not been approached to play for a specific team but would like to be considered as a pool player then please add your name to the list on the notice-board.

The **Winter Leagues** commence in October and the annual leagues fee of **£3 per player** is now payable to behind the Bar. Please ensure that you are marked-off as paid as any players who have not paid their leagues fee by 30th September will be dropped from the leagues until payment is made.

Our new LED Lighting was installed a few weeks ago and we hope you are finding the LED light-quality superior and brighter than the old fluorescent lighting. The LED units will provide the Club around a 25% saving on electricity for the squash courts.

WORLD SQUASH DAY is on October 20th and is being used to promote the **Back The Bid 2020** campaign to get squash included as an Olympic sport with a world-wide contest. The Club has registered as a participant in this event which will be the biggest team game ever. It consists of two teams – Team Squash and Team 2020 – with each match playing one game to 20 PAR.

Your Committee has decided to make this a charitable event with all entry fees being donated to Aberlour, the largest children's charity in Scotland. Aberlour has committed that any donations from our World Squash Day event will be ring-fenced for use by Aberlour Futures Dumfries, so our donations will assist local children. Entry fees have been agreed at £5 for adult members and £2 for juniors. Further information on Aberlour Futures Dumfries and the entry form will be posted up on the squash notice-board shortly.

The **Squash Club's AGM** is scheduled for **Thursday 18th October at 7pm**. We hope to see as many of you as possible at this meeting.

Coaching sessions with Jim Scriven and Jimmy Wells have re-commenced and dates for September are posted on the squash notice-board.

Club Nights

- every Monday night from 6.15 - 9.15pm
- every Saturday afternoon from 2 - 5pm
- **Junior Club Night** – every Saturday night from 5-7pm – [re-commences 6th October](#)

Scottish Squash & Racketball Ltd (SSRL) Update

The Club is affiliated with Scottish Squash & Racketball Ltd, the governing body of the sports in Scotland.

- The first Masters event of the season is being held at Perth on 29 – 30th September. Entries close 21st Sept.

Sports Club Tote – the club tote continues with tickets costing £1 each. Select two numbers and if they are drawn you will win this month's guaranteed prize of £130 (shared if multiple winners). Tickets now available from the Bar and this month's draw is on Saturday 29th September.

Online Booking – the [PayPal](#) option to top-up your account on-line via the XML court booking system is proving well-used. If you haven't already done so give it a try – it'll save you raiding your child's piggy-bank and having fake £1 coins rejected!

Wishing everyone a successful season in the monthly mini-leagues, the D&G Leagues, the Bard Vet Cup, other Club competitions or your bounce-games.

Keith Gristwood