

Dear Squash Players,

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**MEMBERSHIP WEEK** – starts Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb through to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. A member of the Committee will be present to process your renewals this weekend and every night next week. Notices of the times are posted on the notice-board, however, you can pay at any time during next week. If you currently have a Direct Debit mandate running with the Club you do **NOT** need to fill out a new mandate. The existing mandate will continue.

Remember if you introduce a new member to the Club you will be credited with a referral fee equivalent to one month's DD payment for that type of member.

#### Club Competitions

The Club Championships' competitions have reached their semi-finals stages and the draws are posted up on the notice-board. Semi-finals day is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March for all main draws and plates.

Finals Day of all competitions is **Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> March** commencing at 1pm and continuing until approx. 5pm on Courts 3 and 4. Everybody welcome to come along and show your support.

The **Jim Thorburn Handicap Trophy** has reached its Quarter-Finals due to be played by 3<sup>rd</sup> March with the Semi-Finals scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The **Junior Championship** will be held during the first-half of March (date to be confirmed).

**End-of-Season Dance** – Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We've secured **The Yahs**, one of the best bands in Dumfries, and as such expect tickets will be in strong demand from club members and the general public. Tickets go on sale shortly and are priced at £10 each which includes a complimentary first drink. Dougie is concocting up some "specials" for this not-to-be-missed evening. The awards ceremony for all club and D&G League competitions will occur during the intermission of The Yahs.

The Club has secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Anderson Fire & Rescue Scottish Open Racketball Championships** to be held on 13/14<sup>th</sup> April. As suggested, Anderson Fire & Rescue are this year's main sponsor and I appreciate Graham's sponsorship contribution at first calling. The event consists of a Men's and Ladies Open and Masters events from Over 35s up to Over 65s. Further information can be found on our website.

The **D&G U-30 Closed** will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Entries close on 3<sup>rd</sup> March so if you're young enough and wish to compete get your names on the Entry Form 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

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

The Club is affiliated with Scottish Squash & Racketball Ltd, the governing body of the sports in Scotland. The season finale Masters tournament is:

- The **Nationals Masters in Aberdeen** on 1-3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Social Activities** – Dougie and Carol Brotherston have put together a variety of events/activities during the next 3 months and your support of these events would be appreciated. **What's On** can be found on flyers around the Club as well as on the new Facebook page – Dumfries Sports Club – Bar and Social Activities.

**Website update** – there have now been in excess of 16,000 visits to our website and the Squash Club **Facebook** page now has 161 fans.

The end of the squash season is rapidly approaching and personally I think it's gone rather well this year. Roll on the racketball season!