

Dear Squash Players,

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**Direct Debits** – all members who requested to pay their annual fees by direct debit should now have received via e-mail a request for their bank details from the Sports Club's Treasurer, Gladys McClymont. If you have not seen this request, please check your "spam or junk mail" folder.

**The Annual Doubles Tournament** was held on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August** resulting in a closely-fought 2-1 win in the final for Scot Radley and Steven Forsyth over Jim Hogg and Billy Wilson.

The **D&G Leagues will commence during the first week of October**. There will be six teams in the Dumfries Premier League and four teams in the Dumfries & Galloway League. Fixture lists will be distributed shortly and are now on the website. The D&G Leagues are once again being sponsored by [John Henderson & Sons Solicitors](#) and we appreciate its continued long-standing support.

At the League's recent AGM John Glendinning stood down as Chairman after many years of dedicated service and on behalf of all Dumfries Squash Club members I'd like to thank Jock for his contributions to the running of the D&G Leagues. Peter Allen has assumed temporary Chairmanship until a permanent successor can be found.

**The Club's Winter Leagues** commence in October. League fees (£3) are now due and payable behind the Bar prior to 30<sup>th</sup> September. **Please note** - If you have not paid your fees by then, you will not be included in the October leagues. Players wishing to re-enter the Winter Leagues should sign-up on the sheet at the foot of the current leagues.

**The AGM of Dumfries Squash Club** will be held in late October on a date yet to be finalised.

**Club Polo Shirts/Shorts** – 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. **NEW** - we now have shorts in black with white trim at £12.50 each.

**Court Maintenance** is scheduled to commence Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and involves sanding the floors of Courts 2 and 3 and replastering the front wall of Court 3. As a result Court 3 will be out of service from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive while Court 2 will only be out of service for a half-day.

The Committee is also looking for **volunteers** to spend a couple of hours one weekend in October helping to clean the squash court walls. If you're interested, please contact any member of the Committee. Court credits are being offered in lieu of your time!

#### **Club Nights**

- every Monday night from 6.15 - 9.15pm
- every Saturday afternoon from 2 - 5pm
- **Junior Club Night** – will now re-commence after the October school holidays, so first night is October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm

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

The Masters season kicks off this month and continues through to March:

- The Stonehaven Masters is being held in Aberdeen from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September
- The West Masters is being held at Newlands from 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October with entries closing Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October
- Our **South of Scotland Masters** tournament has been confirmed for the 18-20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 and once again we are pleased to confirm Pathfinder Park Homes Ltd as its Major Sponsor.

**Squash Coaching** sessions will re-commence in October and the sign-up sheet will soon be posted on the squash notice-board.

The season starts in less than 2 weeks so I trust you've all been getting in shape!

Keith Gristwood