

Dear Squash Players,

Welcome to the January edition of the Club e-newsletter. Inside this issue:

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The **Jim Thorburn Handicap Trophy** is now well-underway. The full draw, deadline dates for subsequent rounds and handicaps are posted on the notice-board as well as on the website.

Club Championships – the draws for all the Club Championships are now on the notice-board and on the website. **The first round matches** of the “A” and “B” events are being played on **Friday 27th January** commencing at 6.15pm and the match-times are posted on the notice-board and the website. **Second round** matches of the “A” and “B” events and **first round** matches of the “C” event are scheduled for **Thursday 9th February**.

The **Ladies Club Championships** will be played as a round-robin event with 2 groups of four.

Entry fees are £3 per event and are due on the first night of competition, or before, and payable behind the Bar. **FINALS DAY is on Saturday 24th March**.

Court Maintenance – an extensive programme of court maintenance is scheduled for the first week in May including the repainting of all courts and the repair of the nicks on several courts. This work will be carried out by SCPS.

Have Your Say – The Squash Committee is seeking your opinion –

The side and rear walls of Court 2 are currently blue. What colour would you prefer for Court 2?
Blue (as is), or
White (as our other 3 courts)

Please e-mail your preference to info@dumfriessquashclub.co.uk . Results in next month’s newsletter.

Prior to this, the Club will be painting the out-of-court areas on all courts during the Easter Holidays. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this and a sign-up sheet will appear on the squash notice-board soon.

The **End-of-Season Dance** is being held on Saturday 24th March and will feature a live band, Full Tilt, and the award ceremony. Tickets are £6 each and will be available soon from Squash Committee members or from behind the Bar. Mark this date in your diary now!

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 – **not 18th Feb due to Central Masters tournament**

Scottish Squash & Racketball Ltd (SSRL) Update

The Masters season continues through to March and the remaining events include:

- **Central Masters** in Bridge of Allan on 18-19th February
- **Nationals** in Aberdeen on 2nd – 4th March

The Club’s representatives at the recent East Masters in Edinburgh secured 4 titles (Sue Strachan, Frank Ellis, Robin Ridley, Davy Rogan) out of the 10 available, a runner-up (Ronnie Carter) and a plate winner (me). Well done to everyone who participated and did our Club proud.

Sports Club Tote – the club tote continues this month with a **rollover** with tickets costing £1 each. All you have to do is select two numbers and if they are drawn you will win this month’s guaranteed prize of £250 (shared if multiple winners). Tickets now available from the Bar and this month’s draw is on Friday 27th January.

Online Booking – **NEW** for 2012 will be the option to top-up your account on-line via the XML court booking system using their PayPal add-in. Top-up credits can be made with your credit or debit card, or from your existing PayPal account. More details forthcoming once we have them.

Coaching sessions for February will be posted on the notice-board on Friday 27th January.

Good luck to everyone in the forthcoming Club Championship competitions.

Keith Gristwood