

Dear Squash Players,

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The AGM of Dumfries Squash Club was held on Monday 31st October. Davy Douglas was elected as Treasurer replacing Keith Martin who stood down. Bryony Ladd, Social Secretary, also stood down temporarily due to maternity leave. All other Officers and Committee members were re-elected. The Minutes of the AGM and the Chairman's Report 2011 can now be viewed on our website.

South of Scotland Masters 2011 – in case you haven't seen the posters, our Masters tournament is being held this weekend. We have a strong entry of 80 players and matches will be held from 9.30 until 6pm on Saturday and from 9.45am until approx. 5pm on Sunday. We have the World Masters O50 Runner-up and the European Masters O45 Runner-up competing as well as over 30 Scottish Masters internationalists. Catering is being provided by the Doonhamer Bistro and the bar will be open all-day from 11am, so come along and support your local players and watch some great squash!

On the Saturday night of our Masters, the squash club is promoting a live band, **Prawn Gumbo, at The Venue**. Tickets cost £6 each and are available from me, Barnstorm Records and The Venue. If you're into The Waterboys, The Pogues and The Saw Doctors, or just fancy a good night out in illustrious company, then this is the event for you!

D&G Closed – we are hosting the D&G Closed which will be held during the week commencing 5th December. This year an "A" and a "B" competition is being introduced. Depending upon the number of entries, either the top 8 or 16 players will compete in the "A" with the remainder competing in the "B". Both competitions have Plate events for first game losers. Entry form is on the squash notice-board and **Closing Date is Wednesday 30th November** with further details on the website.

The popular **Jim Thorburn Trophy** will commence on 20th and 21st December. Entry form is on the notice-board and **Closing Date is Sunday 11th December**.

Court Maintenance – a group of volunteers has spent numerous man- and woman-hours cleaning the walls of courts 1, 2 and 3 during the past few weekends. In future, we are planning a quarterly assault on one court at a time. Watch out on the notice-board for our next cleaning day. In the meantime I would like to thank all those who gave up their valuable time to get our courts up-to-scratch for this weekend's Masters tournament.

Club Nights

- every Monday night from 6.15 - 9.15pm
- every Saturday afternoon from 2 - 5pm – **not Saturday 19th November due to SoS Masters**
- **Junior Club Night** – every Saturday night from 5-7pm – **not Saturday 19th November**

Scottish Squash & Racketball Ltd (SSRL) Update

The Masters season kicked off last month and continues through to March:

- Our **South of Scotland Masters** tournament is scheduled for the 19-20th November 2011
- **Highland Masters** in Inverness on 10-11th December with entries closing on Friday 2nd December

Sports Club Tote – the club tote continues this month 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 £100 (shared if multiple winners). If no-one wins the November draw, the prize fund rolls over into December's draw. The draw for all monthly Totes will be made at 8pm on the last Friday of each month with the winners announced on the Sports Club website. Tickets now available from the Bar.

A Boxing Day Handicap & Quiz is scheduled this year. See notice-board for further details.

Keith Gristwood