

Yellow Dot—Xmas Edition



Well, it's that time of the year again. Grand finals and all the Yuletide spirit you can handle. It seems like only a few short months ago that we were celebrating all of these things—doesn't time fly!

PENNANT RESULTS

Congratulations to all of those teams who made the finals—we are confident that we can bring home some pennants this time and add them to the display in Dick's shop. Here are the teams who will be representing Dickson in the upcoming Grand Finals.

Division 1	Jhie Gough, Tristan Wells, Matt Wolff and Garry Robinson
Division 2	Finian Kennedy, James Aspland, Ross Rendell and Tony Marks.
Division 7	Clare Maunder, Ross Reid and Mike Hogan
Division 9	Len Early, Mark Taylor and Ross Gough
Division 10	Shaun Douglas, John Gojmerac and Jose Arranz
Division 17 (I)	Jonathon Thorpe, Maria Stathis and Rob Hanson
Division 17 (II)	Rex Robinson, Sean Robey and Michael Robinson
Division 18	David Mcalary, Adrian Wright and Tara Pearce

Congratulations too to all of the teams who represented the Club in the finals in some way — playing or officiating!

And if you need a **reserve** for some reason, please don't forget to check with ACT Squash for their eligibility. A database of 'willing reserves' has now been established and can be accessed via the ACT Squash Web Site and you can check it during the competition.

Forfeits should be a very last resort, as the Club gets billed and we then have to pay for the courts and the like (and Dick **will** come and ask you for the money!). As a matter of common courtesy you should always advise the opposing captain, as well as your own, if you are having difficulties.

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2004 SQUASH NEWS

Like every year, we start early in reminding players about **registering for competition** for next competition. Next year the grading needs to be completed earlier and the teams submitted to Squash ACT in **mid-late January**, so your assistance in advising us as soon as possible of your intentions for next year would be appreciated (as well as paying the money if you can!). There won't be enough time for the Grading Committee to send out gold embossed invitations, phone reminders or harassing e-mails (although expect one or two of these from Dick anyway—just to liven up his life!).

Entries for the famous **Dickson Mixed Singles** and **Dickson Doubles Competitions** are now available at the Centre—hurry if you don't want to miss out as places are always very popular.

JUNIOR SQUASH NEWS

In Junior Club Junior Squash news, Dickson had some good success in the recent pennant competition, with 2 pennants and one finalist.

Winners

Division 4 Hanna Fritzlaff, Katriana Shearer and Holly Barnes
Division 6 Laura McCredie, Emily Webb and Jessica Simpson

Finalist

Division 6 Sanoja McDuff, Belinda McCredie and Jennifer Dunstone

In other news...

Brian Jones and Steve Barnes took an ACT team to the Inform Connection **Junior Graded Championships** at Moorabbin, Melbourne on the weekend of 6-7 December. The team consisted of Simon Beasley, Ryan Henman, Rebecca Jones, Lara Fridgant, Evan Henman, Christine Nunn, Cathy Nunn, plus a strong group of Dickson players - Kristi Morrell, Scott Reid, Hannah Fritzlaff, Ashley Taylor, Katrina Shearer and Holly Barnes.

The tournament was a major event, with 131 singles and 72 doubles entries. All the ACT team played well against tough opposition, but special congratulations to **Hannah Fritzlaff**, who won the Girls C Grade and to **Holly Barnes**, who won the Girls D Grade. Well done also to **Katrina Shearer** who finished 3rd in the Girls C Grade. In the doubles **Hannah Fritzlaff** won the Girls C Grade with partner Kendall Lloyd from Victoria. **Holly Barnes** came 2nd with partner Christie Higgins from Victoria while **Katrina Shearer** came 3rd with her partner Julia Mardjetko (also from Victoria). Kristi Morell (with Melody Francis) finished runner-up in the Girls A grade while Scott Reid (with Joel Fishwick) was runner-up in the Plate of the Boys C grade. Well done everyone.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Committee would also like to take this opportunity to express its thanks to everyone who has helped out in some any way to the running of the club this year. From being a player, a team captain, to manning the fridge on comp night, to helping run club practice on Sunday Afternoons - it is all of these efforts that help make Dickson the best club in Canberra to be a part of.

The Committee would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and we look forward to seeing you all back at the club ready for another exciting year of squash.

The Committee

2003 CHRISTMAS PARTY / BANQUET

This year the Christmas Party will be held at the **Scuzi Trattoria**, at 98 Northbourne Avenue, Civic (next to the Kythera hotel) on **Tuesday 16 December** at 7pm.

The dinner will include a delicious 3 course banquet plus tea /coffee. The Club will be providing bottles of wine on all tables, and if you want to BYO bottled wine, normal rules apply. As well beer, wine and other alcoholic drinks are available from the bar.

The cost will be \$20 per **club member** and \$30 for **non-club members**. The Club is providing a large subsidy courtesy of the takings from the bar fridge.

The banquet will include:

Herb and Garlic Foccacia

Entrees:

Pan-fried salmon

Spaghetti (pesto style)

Spaghetti Bolognaise

Fettuccine with pancetta and chilli

Main Course

Veal

Chicken Risotto

Fish of the Day in a white wine sauce

(A vegetarian main course will be available on request).

Dessert

Fresh Fruit Salad

Tea and coffee.

Spaces are filling fast so if you want to want to come along and catch up with all those people who you haven't seen for a while, then please see **Dick O'Rourke** as soon as possible to reserve your spot.