

Yellow Dot



We are all into the swing of 2004, and either winning or losing well. It's been a while since the last Yellow Dot, so this is a bumper edition.

Christmas Party

It was some time ago, but for the second year in a row the Christmas Party was well attended and hugely successful. Dick has a wonderful album of the photos in his shop – drop in and have a look! Here's a taste:



Dickson Squash Club

April 2004

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Tammy Weekes
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Club Championships

Planning for the 2004 Dickson Squash Club Championships is now underway. The squash will be fun, prizes terrific, and the presentation dinner a buzz.

Entry forms are being distributed with this newsletter, or available via Dick at Bodyline Sports.

Key details are:

Doubles: prelim games on 26 and 27 June; finals 3 July

Singles: prelim games 29 June to 2 July; finals 3 July

Presentation dinner: 3 July

Get in early!

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Club Practice

This continues to provide the best value squash in Canberra. For only \$4 (\$5 Sat), you are assured to end up exhausted after thrashing it out against players of all standards!

Held each Sunday from 2 – 6 pm and Saturday 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Farewell – Tanya Grabow

Tanya has now left the club and moved on to Melbourne after having played some eleven years with us. She will be sorely missed as she was an exemplary and loyal club member, involving herself in all club activities (always in a club photo!), both social and competitive. Tanya was an absolute joy to have as part of our club, we will miss her very large infectious smile. We wish her good fortune with her endeavors.

Junior News

2003 was another successful year for the Dickson Junior Squash Club, as was the term that just finished. Hannah Fritzlaff won the 2003 Barbara de Bruine Trophy for the most improved junior girl in the ACT and Shaun Douglas was the runner up in the boys section.

At the time of going to press, Hannah, Katriana Shearer and Holly Barnes are in Brisbane competing in the Australian Tri-Series.

This year we've welcomed Georgia Browning and Liam and Alex Wilson. the Wilson's father, Andrew, plays for Dickson.

A number of our juniors are now competing in senior pennant with Tammy Weekes playing in Div 7 with Shaun Douglas and Josh Larkin. Troy Douglas is playing Div 15 with Sean Robey and Michael Robinson. Hannah Fritzlaff and Katriana Shearer are playing in the Ladies Comp. There are a number of juniors available to reserve at senior level, including Alex Howard and Scott Reid. These boys play junior Div 2, so could reserve Div 15, 14 and possibly 13.

Junior training is held Friday afternoons 4-5.45 pm during school term. All interested juniors are welcome to come along to try squash. Players are coached in groups of approx. 5 players by senior players. After training, pizza and fruit juice is available.

A big thank you to the coaches who support the Junior club: Tristan Wells, Trevor Fritzlaff, Matthew Wolff, Bruce Barrie, Richard Cullis (all current), Kristy Morell and Chris Bodenschatz (both recently departed due to work commitments).

Robyn Douglas

Junior Co-Ordinator

Upcoming Events

Here's a selection of events to keep an eye out on. Entry forms available from Dick O'Rourke.

Junior coaching programme – 2 May to 4 July

Women's competition – 5 May to 8 July

ACT Masters Winter singles competition – 24 May to 16 August

ACT Masters Mixed Doubles tournament – 12 and 13 June

Mixed Doubles – weekly series of seven separate lightning knockout tournaments – will be held Sat mornings – one a month from June to December – entry forms out soon!

Senior Pennant – who's doing well?

The Autumn pennant is over half way through, and many Dickson teams are performing strongly. Here's a sample of some individuals who are doing well:

Arran Douglas	climbing well in Div 3
Frank Cortes	blitzing Div 4
Alistair Nitz	unstoppable in Div 5
Tammy Weeks	her skills know no bounds
Alison Skinner	dominating Div 8 through to Div 5
Allan Read	taking control of Div 11
Peter Morrison	winning well in Div 12
Sue, Tanya and Peter	leading strongly in Div 13
Calum Stewart and Craig Gordan	hard to separate at the top of Div 14
Alex Paterson and Mat Koen	only lost one game each in Div 16
Amy Czoban	only one unlucky loss in Div 17

The crèche

Our continued use of the crèche is dependent on us looking after it. So please ensure that you leave it like you found it. And, if necessary, help clean up after those that may have left before you. Pay particular attention to bottle-caps and the kitchen.

Pennant Information

Reserves

As a player, we should all take responsibility for finding our own reserves, and advising the captain of the outcome. The Club's preference is that the following order be used in trying to find someone:

- (i) Registered Reserves – these are people who have paid money to officially reserve for the pennant. Go to the matrix (<http://www.squashact.asn.au/thematrix/Default.asp>), find the missing person's name, and click on the 'Find-a-reserve' link.
- (ii) Existing Eligible Players – these are people playing in lower grades at Dickson or any other club who are eligible. Again, go to the 'Find-a-reserve' link.
- (iii) Use an unregistered person – not normally preferred. Unregistered reserves that play more than 4 matches will be obliged to pay an SRA registration fee. Ensure that these people are aware of this requirement.

In all cases, be aware of the competition by-laws relating to reserves:

<http://www.squashact.asn.au/Pennant/SRpennant.htm>

The score-card – please fill it in completely

We've had issues recently where score-cards have not been properly filled in. As a result, the SRA has fined the teams and individuals concerned, and passed this on to the club to manage. It places the club in a difficult position to chase these up. In future, the SRA will be placing details of unpaid fines on the Matrix web-site, as well as deducting competition points.

Keep an eye out for things like: missing or part names; missing date or round or division.

Rules Accredited Player (RAP) courses

Did you know that your team automatically gets 12 bonus points if you have all attended a rules session since 1 May 2001?

RAP sessions are on 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 May.

Full details are on page 4 of the competition book.

ACTSRA Annual General Meeting

The 2004 ACTSRA AGM will be held on 10 May at 5:30 pm at National Sports Club. All club members are encouraged to turn up and contribute to discussions and have input into the way in which our Club places its votes. Contact Ted Kaminski to find out more.

2004 ACT Open

The 2004 ACT Open was held over the weekend 2-4 April. Events included mens and womens graded singles, and mixed doubles. Some of the Dickson players to do well included:

Ben Phillips	Runner up, Mens A
Clare Maunder	Runner up, Ladies A
Alison Skinner	Runner up, plate final, Ladies A
Heather Campbell	Runner up, Ladies C

And Dickson players in the doubles:

Kylie Jonasson, Ben Phillips, Tammy Weeks – A Grade finalists
Elaine Leach – B Grade finalist
Helen Potter, Jack Childs, Veronique Ingram and Steve Barnes - C Grade finalists

Full results are at: <http://www.informconnection.com.au>

Not-so-recent results from the vault

Once again, Dick O'Rourke organised sensational mixed social events in January-February. While we had players from other Clubs, Dickson formed a solid core. Many of the results across the grades went down the wire. Congratulations go to (Dickson players bolded):

Tuesday Night Mixed Singles

Teams 1 – 8	1 st – <u>Saints & Sinners</u> Tristan Wells Vivek Beri Waine Summerfield Heather Campbell	2 nd – <u>Xtreem Team</u> Brett Sutherland Clare Maunder Shayne Roscoe Rex Robinson
Teams 9 – 16	1 st – <u>Smooth Stroke</u> Trever Fritzlaff Peter Baussmann Jenny White Hanna Fritzlaff	2 nd – <u>Lazy Lobs</u> Shane White Alison Skinner Joe Rukavina Susan Cameron

Thursday Night Mixed Doubles

Division 1	1 st The Warriors 2 nd P double U 3 rd Cereal Killers	Lorraine Watt & Haydn Bernau Pete Wilson & Patty Woodberry Gary Ewart & Donna Chalmers
Division 2	1 st Bonnie & Clyde 2 nd Canuk n' Oz 3 rd Salt n' Pepper	Dennis Mettam & Helen Fantich Elaine Leach & Chris McFarlane Ian & Nada Salter
Division 3	1 st M & M's 2 nd Poltergeist 3 rd Juggernauts	Mike Hogan & Marg Mills Steve Barnes & Veronique Ingram Laurie Di Prinzio & Merrin Porteous

Motivational techniques

One of the Div 4 teams has continued with a 'stick' motivational approach. Apart from a generous amount of sledging, they also have a 'handbrake shirt'. The least performing person in the team (even if they all win) has the honour of wearing it the following week. His/her name is also immortalised in print on the back, adjacent to that round (1-14), for all to see throughout the rest of the comp.

Rumours abound that another captain has adopted the 'carrot' approach, by offering a bottle of fine wine to the team's most improved player.

Watch this space to see what's more effective!

New Members

Do you have friends/colleagues interested in playing?

Get them involved. Bring them along to Club Practice; drop in and visit Dick; or ring/email the details earlier in this newsletter.

Enjoying the game

Plagiarised from a notice-board at the Woden courts, here are some thoughts to help us all fully enjoy the game:

- Play in the spirit of the game
 - o Don't argue with the referee.
 - o Control your temper.
 - o Be a good sport. Applaud good plays, on both sides. Acknowledge the officials at the end of the match.
 - o Treat others as you'd like to be treated.
 - o Have fun!
- Make an effort to improve your personal knowledge of the rules
 - o Attend a Rules Accredited Player (RAP) course. They only take an hour or so.
 - o Borrow an instructional video about the rules. Available through Martin Grace on (h) 6241 6785.

Yellow Dot editor

Thanks to Marcus Smith for his years of preparing this newsletter. The reins have now been handed to Anthony Burgess. Your input would be welcome in future editions. Email anthony.burgess@eds.com or call on (h) 6241 7774.