

# Yellow Dot



Newsletter of the Dickson Squash Club

November 2004

Another year draws to a close, and it's time to see whether you can squeeze The Most Important Christmas Party into your busy schedule...

## Christmas Party

Ho ho ho... the Dickson Squash Club Christmas party is now one of Australia's "must do" events. Here's the proof:



Good question Laurie. I can honestly say that dressing up as Dick O'Rourke at last year's Christmas Party set the platform for this year's election victory.



This year's party will be held on Thursday 16 December.

Full details are in the attached flyer.

## Our Club-Room/Bar

Last edition, we hoped that the new club-room would be operational before the end of the year. Following renovation delays, this will not happen.

However, fret not. It's not too far away. The latest advice is that we can expect it prior to the January social competitions.

Don't forget that there are lots of ways you can help.

The Roster – In most cases, once or twice a year, we will be looking to all club members to participate in a roster to work the bar every squash night. The duties will be light and not onerous.

Kit it out – You might be able to help provide:

- Microwave oven, and suitable plastic-ware
- Pie-warmer
- CD player & CDs
- Crockery and cutlery
- Mugs/glasses
- Anything else you think would be useful

Bar Manager – We are still looking for a Bar Manager. Duties are likely to include: stock purchases, weekly reconciliation of stock against daily purchases; monthly tracking and reporting of expenses and income; and setting up and managing the nightly roster.

We expect that this role will require a commitment of 1-2 hours per week. It may suit a younger person (perhaps a hospitality student), looking for experience in managing a real facility.

If you are interested (or know someone who might be) in this extremely rewarding role, please contact Marcus Smith.

## Free drinks from the Fridge?

Pennant and Masters players will have noticed the recent change where drinks are no longer available using an honour system. This came about after it was confirmed we were losing between \$20-\$100 per night! Clearly this was not sustainable, so a roster was put in place to staff the fridge. It was going to happen anyway, once the new club-room/bar started, but it was disappointing to see it start prematurely through the actions of a very small number of lazy people ("I'll drop my money in later..."), and perhaps one or two dishonest people.

The up-side is that the tight-fisted 'rosterers' have arrested the financial drain.

## Juniors

The Dickson juniors continue to have a strong presence in Canberra. Our Friday afternoon sessions are constantly running at or near capacity, and our players feature prominently in competitions. For example, at the ACT Junior Graded Championships in early November, Shaun Douglas (A Grade boys), Hannah Fritzlaff (B Grade girls) and Holly Barnes (C Grade girls) were all winners.

Shaun Douglas has been busy, as he's also participating in the ACT Squad competing in Sydney this weekend for the Dunlop Cup.

The Dickson Div 6 Team 2 will be competing in the final at Woden on the 26/11/04. Congratulations to Belinda McCredie, Jennifer Dunstone and Sanoja McDuff.

The boys in Div 5 Team 2 (Tom Avis, Sebastian Blakemore and Marcus Hall) were very unlucky to miss out on the final by just a couple of points. A great effort by all of our players.

The Barbara De Bruin Trophy is awarded at the end of each year to the most improved girl and boy in the ACT. Each Club nominates its candidates for this trophy. There are a number of criteria including ACT ranking, national ranking, age group pennant division and matrix points.

This year Holly Barnes is Dickson Squash Club's Most Improved Girl, and Josh Larkin the Most Improved Boy. They will be our candidates for the Barbara De Bruin Trophy. Congratulations.

## Player Profile – Jonathon Thorpe

Here's another chance to get to know a bit more about one of your club-mates.



### Occupation:

Business Analyst at the ATO

### How long have you been playing squash?

Since about June 2003

### Currently playing

Div 15, #1

### Squash Career Highlight

When his matrix bumped over 100, temporarily!

### Squash Career Lowlight

Continually breaking squash racquets – most recently only a few weeks ago, with the most expensive one he's ever had...

### Best squash memory

In his first pennant, his team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Div 17

### Other sports

Volleyball, Cycling

### Things I enjoy...

Getting away from Canberra on weekends eg to the beach; music (dance stuff)

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## Pennant Update

With one week of results yet to be updated on the matrix, Div 4 Dickson 1 and Div 8 Dickson 2 both look like ending up as minor premiers.

In addition, Keith Edwards (Div 6), Tamara Cross (Div 7) and Derek Clack (Div 12) look like being the top ranked players in their grade.

In some divisions, the results at the top are very close. For example, in Div 13, either Dickson team might end up as minor premier, and Matt Koen could end up being the top ranked player.

Many other teams will be contesting the finals – good luck to all.

## Coach Wanted

The Club is still looking for a suitably qualified person to become the Coach of the Dickson Squash Club.

Formal coaching qualifications and the ability to commit a modest amount of time is all that is required. A small stipend will be payable.

If you are interested, please contact Marcus Smith for further information.

## Coach's Corner

Last Yellow Dot, Mick Morell gave us a psychology lesson: concentrate to win the first point; don't relax if you have a lead; when you are ahead on games, start the next game with the intent to close out the match.

In this edition, Mick reminds us that diagonals are the longest distance on the court. Assuming you aren't too keen on running them, you should make your opponent do it instead.

Use drop shots, lobs and drives to make it happen. When your opponent is making you run diagonals, use straight lobs to give yourself more time, and to make it more difficult for them.

## Our Committee

Following the Annual General Meeting a new Committee has been elected and is as follows:

### President

Marcus Smith

### Vice President / Public Officer

Ross Reid

### Secretary

Anthony Burgess

### Assistant Secretary

Helen Potter

### Treasurer / Team Liaison Officer

Dick O'Rourke

### Committee

Karina Agerbeek

Paul Cartwright

Robyn Douglas

Martin Grace

Doug Lean

Tammy Weekes

If there is any matter you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact any of these Committee members. Their contact details are on the Matrix at [squashmatrix.com](http://squashmatrix.com).

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