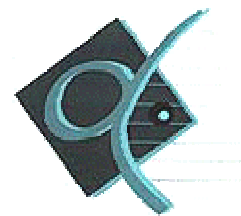


Yellow Dot



Newsletter of the Dickson Squash Club

September 2005

Before we get too far into this current pennant season, we should reflect on recent squash highlights. Keep an eager eye out, you might find your name in the despatches...

Our Future

The photo might not show up real well, but don't our Juniors look terrific wearing their newly acquired polo shirts?!



Club Championships

This annual tournament was held late July and early August, and a number of terrific matches were had. Key results were:

Event	Winner	Runner Up
Women's Open	Clare Maunder	Di Hill
Men's Open	Tristan Wells	Finian Kennedy
Men's A	Marcus Smith	Greg Rolls
Women's B	Cath Williams	Helen Potter
Men's B	Anthony Burgess	Henry Weber
Women's C	Karina Sommers	Pam Price
Men's C	Alexander Howard	Matt Koen
Women's D	Alisa McDonald	Rosa Hou
Men's D/E	John Wells	Andrew Dyer
Doubles A	Marcus Smith / Tammy Weekes	
Doubles B	Doug Lean / Elaine Leach	

Club Championships Dinner

The highlight of the Club Championships is always the dinner, and this year was no exception. It was well attended, with, in some cases, attendance went on and on and on, and turned into some very sorry heads the next morning!

Hop on to the web-site to see the photos.

As well as the presentation to all of the finalists in the event, there were two other significant presentations made on the night.

Dick O'Rourke presented the **Bodyline Sports Award** for the most improved club player (as defined by matrix ranking). Special mentions went to **Alistair Nitz**, **Ted Kaminiski**, **Emily Russell**, **David Armstrong**, **Mark Elston**, **Tammy Weekes**, **Carlos Piscioneri** and **Troy Douglas**.

The winner was **Peter Beatty**, whose matrix score leapt by almost 28 points over the previous two seasons. Thanks also to Dick for his continued sponsorship of this prestigious award.

Marcus Smith presented the **President's Trophy** to the person making an outstanding contribution to running the club. There were a number of contenders, and this year it was won by Paul Cartwright, in recognition of his efforts as the Tournament Director for the Club Championships over the past two years, as well as his work as a committee member and general man-about-the Club.

Congratulations to **Paul** and **Peter** for their awards.

Club Web Site

The Club's web-site is currently going through a serious makeover. Apart from some great "look and feel" improvements, it also contains a lot of useful information: current and previous Yellow Dot editions, Bar and Club Practice rosters, photos from social events, club constitution, other useful squash links, etc.

Check out the work in progress at www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au, and send any feedback to Anthony Burgess.

Bar Roster

A new roster has been sent out that covers the remainder of the year. Thank you for your cooperation in helping out one or two nights a year. Please help **Robert Hogan** (Bar Manager) by putting your rostered date in your diary. We've put it on the [web-site](#), and here's the next few months to make it easy for you:

Date	Name
13 September	David McAlary
14 September	Paul Mellifont
15 September	Robert Hogan
20 September	Laurie Nitschke
21 September	Simon Bolton
22 September	Clare Maunder
4 October	Andrew Wilson
5 October	Craig Walter
6 October	Peter Hurley
11 October	Troy Lanigan
12 October	Adrian Wright
13 October	Ned Harper
18 October	Phil Greaves
19 October	Bill Quinn
20 October	Scott Connell
25 October	Shane White
26 October	Fergus Davis
27 October	Tony Foon

Junior Club Championships

Proving the ongoing strength of our Juniors, this tournament was well attended and strongly fought. Key results were:

Div	Champion	Silver	Bronze
1	Josh Larkin	Steven Gavin	Shaun Douglas
2	Scott Reid	Hannah Fritzlaff	Katriana Shearer
3	Mavineet Kumar	Marcus Hall	Daniel Simpson
4	Maniqa Kumar	Matthew Hall	Sanoja McDuff
5	Mitchell Hall	Keenan Troth	Hayley McKenna

Special mentions also go to **Kate Lindner** and **Elizabeth Dyer** for respectively winning and running up in the Div 5 plate event.

DICKSON FUN DAY OUT

Want to spend more time with your squash buddies? If so, the Dickson Fun Day Out might just be the thing. We are looking at holding a half or full day social event during the next few weeks. Ideas so far include a Golf Day, a Ski Trip, Paintballing and Tenpin Bowling. If you're interested, please email Karina Sommers at karina.agerbeek@dest.gov.au with (i) your preferred social event; (ii) day (eg Saturday or Sunday; morning and/or afternoon); and (iii) if you'd like to help with the organising.

Once all ideas have been received, you'll hear more on WHAT and WHEN it will happen!!!

2005 Autumn Pennant

A number of teams did very well in the last pennant. Those making grand finals were:

Div	Result	Team
6	Winners	Gavin Howard, Shaun Douglas, John Prideaux
7	Winners	John Gojmerac, Rod Sherwin, Alison Skinner, Diana Hill (sub)
10	Finalists	Peter Beatty, Alexander Howard, Rod Gray, Darryl Seto (sub)
13	Winners	Pat Raccosta, John Crickmore, Troy Douglas

Mixed Social Comps

Between pennants, Dick ran his usual 'Bodyline Sports' Tuesday Mixed Singles and Thursday Mixed Doubles events. As usual, they went smoothly, and were run to capacity. Dickson club players and team mates who performed well included:

Event	Result	Name/s
Doubles Div 1	Winners	Hadyn Bernau & Michelle Morell
Doubles Div 2	Winners	Anthony Burgess & Tanya Rough
Doubles Div 2	R/up	Zoltan Lukacs & Kay Giffin
Doubles Div 3	Winners	Helen Potter & Gavin Howard
Doubles Div 3	R/up	Sue Cameron & Scott Caban
Singles Div 1	Winners	Finian Kennedy, Shaun Douglas, Brett Ringland, Sue Lashko
Singles Div 2	Winners	Toni Maxfield, Debbie Sims, Dean Hudson, Chris Kling

Player Profile

Alisa McDonald bares all with a quirky view on herself...



Occupation:

Graduate Accountant with Amalgamated Property Group

How long have you been playing squash?

Tentative start in Yr 11, but got serious when I moved to Canberra ... and (fanfare 'ta tat tat ta') started playing pennant in Spring 2003.

Currently playing

Div 13

Squash Career Highlights

Managed to hit the ball without wearing prescribed glasses for the past years!!!

Won the pennant in Div 17 & 16, and won the Women's D Grade club championships.

Squash Career Lowlight

Semi Finalist in Div 15 (just missed out on the champagne glasses!!!)

... but apart from all that I am the LIGHT of my Squash Career!!!!%%%

Other sports

Swimming, running, tennis, table tennis.

Things I enjoy...

Laughter & practical jokes

Watch: foreign films

Scent: Perfumes

Taste: HONEY!!!, Lemon Pudding, Bread & butter pudding... and foreign foods and travel!

People: Friendliness & Beauty

I am currently listening to...

hip hop, retro, jazz, blues, alternate...all depends on my mood ☺ ☺

I am currently reading...

CPA Financial Management Accounting {Oh, dear, it's just gone downhill – it was all good up to this point! Ed}

Just finished *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown. An excellent book.

Family Connection 1

This should have been in an earlier YD edition, but the editor slipped up...

Amy & Jeremy Czoban are the proud parents of a new baby girl and **Frank Fusca** is a proud Grandfather to "Amelia Czoban". She was born back in March at 8lb 11oz. All were doing well at last report.

Family Connection 2

Congratulations to the families with names that have cropped up through this edition of Yellow Dot:

Given their recent successes, the **Douglasses**, **Howards**, **Wellses** and **Halls** obviously have good drinking water out their way!

School Coaching

Did you know that **Kerissa Reedy** and **Michael Robinson** teach squash to kids at Charnwood Primary School every week? This is a tremendous effort, especially when you appreciate that the school doesn't have any courts! Well done – fantastic stuff.

Pennant Reminders

12 bonus points are on offer for teams where every player has attended a Rules Accredited Player (RAP) course since 1 May 2001. Check the Matrix for your currency. The last RAP course for this year is at **2:00pm on Saturday 17 September at Woden.**

Team Order

All teams must play in their 1, 2, 3 seeded order, unless the SRA advises you otherwise. This will generally happen when a lower seeded player's matrix rating becomes 5 points greater than a player above them. So wait until you hear from the SRA before reordering your team.

Coach's Corner

Super-coach Mick Morell brings us back to earth with a reiteration of simple tactics. Follow these, and he provides a money back guarantee that you'll never lose again.

1. Make your opponent spend most of the game in the back corners, while you occupy the 'T'.
2. Keep the ball as close to the walls as possible.
3. Use the lob as an attacking shot.
4. Get your opponent behind you, and then play a drop to the corner that is furthest from them.
5. Take every opportunity to volley to the corner that is furthest from your opponent.

Your Committee

Following the AGM, the new committee is now:

President	Marcus Smith
Vice President	Paul Cartwright
Secretary	Anthony Burgess
Assistant Secretary	Helen Potter
Treasurer & Team Liaison Officer	Dick O'Rourke
General Members	
Karina Sommers	Robyn Douglas
Martin Grace	Doug Lean
Ross Reid	Cath Williams

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.

Do you run a small business?

If so, can we help you promote it? We are considering setting aside half a page or so of future Yellow Dots (and perhaps something on the web-site) to help club members promote their small business. E-mail or call Anthony if you'd like to be involved.

ACT International

ACT Squash will be holding the ACT International tournament in October (again). Keep an eye out on the ACT Squash web-site for the opportunity to see some of Australia's best players.

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If you have any content or format suggestions, please contact Anthony on (h) 6241 7774 or email anthony.burgess@eds.com.

Squash Web-sites

Have you found something interesting about squash through the internet? Please share it with us in future Yellow Dot editions. Here are a few sites that you might like to surf to:

Local & Australian	www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au
	www.squashact.asn.au
	www.squashmatrix.com
	www.squash.org.au
	www.informconnection.com.au
International	www.squashbox.co.uk
	www.worldsquash.org
	www.squashsite.co.uk
	www.squashplayer.co.uk
	www.kahnsquash.com