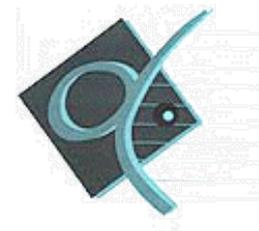


Yellow Dot



Newsletter of the Dickson Squash Club

May 2005

2005 Autumn Pennant

This is the last Yellow Dot before the current pennant finals. Many Dickson teams look well placed to give their division a good shake – best of luck to you all! But most importantly: enjoy it. There have been recent incidents where some players have not behaved appropriately, thereby diminishing the enjoyment of others. Let's hope that these don't continue.

Club Championships

This year's club championships will be held from on Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July and Friday 5 and Saturday 6 August. The qualifying matches for the singles will start on Saturday 30 July, with the doubles starting on 31 July.

The finals will be played on Saturday 6 August, with the highlight being the dinner and presentations later that night. There are some members who still can't remember the after-party from last year!

The Organising Committee is in the midst of planning for the event, so please get behind it and support it. There'll be great prizes for the winners, as well as a raffle for all players.

More information is available at the Centre, and an entry form is enclosed. We are also planning to use the Club web-site to help run the event, so feel free to surf www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au/clubchamps a bit closer to the event.

Comebacks and Goodbyes

It's pleasing to see past players return to the playing ranks, such as **Kay Giffin, Annette White, Ken Noble, Shaun Garlin, Laurie Nitschke** and **Peter Kennedy** among others.

And it's sad to say goodbye to **Alison Skinner, Marg McLachlan** and **Emily Russell**. Alison and Marg have recently left town, and Emily will soon leave us for a posting in Laos with the Department of Foreign Affairs. We wish them all very well and look forward to seeing them back on the courts when they are next in town.

Our Club-Room/Courts

By now many of you have probably heard about the saga of the Club Rooms. The latest situation is that the Tradesmen's Club has not agreed to our request for the rooms to be renovated. We are currently negotiating with them to overturn this decision and return the club rooms to us.

They have agreed to repair the walls on court 5 and 6, and this is expected to happen soon, and we are also hoping that the courts will be repainted later in the year.

DSC Annual General Meeting

As part of the Club Championship dinner, the Club's AGM will be held. This is an important part of running the Club, and among other things we will be presenting some awards and electing a new Committee. The positions to be filled are:

Office Bearers

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Treasurer

As well, a minimum of 5 ordinary Committee positions are filled.

All positions are up for nomination and election. If you are interested in helping around the Club in any way, please express your interest to any of the current Committee members. Nomination forms are also available at the Centre, and nomination close on Friday 5 July.

Gossip

When he's not playing squash (Division 3), **David Armstrong** is an extremely accomplished golfer. This was recently rewarded by his selection in the squad to represent the ACT in their annual match against Illawarra. On behalf of all of us, good luck Dave!

Bar Roster

After a wobbly start, the roster of club members staffing the bar is now running smoothly. And as a result our finances continue to look strong.

Many thanks for those members who have willingly used this exercise to fruitfully fill in an otherwise idle night!

Particular thanks go to **Robert Hogan** who has volunteered to fill the Bar Manager position. At present, his role is maintaining the roster, and the vitally important function of reminding members about when their turn is coming up. In the longer term, he will be responsible for the management of the proper club-room & bar facility.

Juniors

Congratulations to **Hannah Fritzlaff** and **Katriana Shearer** who recently competed in the National Junior Selection Series. This was the lead up competition for the Australian Junior Championships to be held in September.

As well, a training squad has been selected for the Greenshield Competition to be hosted by the ACT in June. The Greenshield Competition is held annually between regions of NSW and the ACT, with the ACT being the current holders of the Trophy. It is a teams event covering U11, U13, U15 & U17 boys and girls events.

We would also to congratulate the players selected to participate in the training squad from which the team will be selected. Of the 41 players in the squad, 19 are from Dickson.

Under 11 – Miranda Cowley, Mitchell Hall, Fletcher Hall, Alex Wilson (reserve Alex Lock)

Under 13 – Jessica Simpson, Hayley Simpson, Marcus Hall, Sam Lock, Michael Howard

Under 15 – Katriana Shearer, Jennifer Dunstone, Sanoja McDuff, Maniqa Kumar. Troy Douglas, Ashley Taylor

Under 17 – Hannah Fritzlaff, Josh Larkin, Shaun Douglas, Alex Howard.

The current pennant competition is nearing completion, with Spring Pennant commencing early in the third term.

Training on Fridays continues to be of a high standard thanks to our excellent coaches. We have several new players, including Miranda Cowley, Hayley McKenna, Alex Lock, Fletcher Hall, Mav and Maniqa Kumar, Anna Brown, Keenan Troth, Lloyd Allison-Young and Ronja Hill-Wright. Welcome back to Liam and Alex Wilson and Kate and Bethany Lindner.

Thank you to all the parents who give up their Friday evenings to support junior squash.

Squash ACT AGM

The Squash ACT's AGM was held on 5 April 2005, where a new board was to be elected. The only contested position was the President. At its meeting on 2 April 2005, the Dickson Squash Club Committee (with Marcus Smith absent) voted to support the re-election of Marcus Smith as President, and he was subsequently re-elected at the AGM.

Others elected were as follows:

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| Vice President | John Carter |
| Finance | Brian Jones |
| Development | Laura Keating |
| Operations and Facilities | Alan Galbraith |
| Marketing and Promotions | Lisa Gray |

Since that election, Lisa Grey has resigned and the position of Director-Marketing is now vacant. If you are interested in helping promote squash, and have some time and ideas to spare, please have a chat to Marcus or Dick.

Junior Club Championships

The Dickson Junior Club Championships will be run on the Friday night of the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend on June 10. It is an excellent night of fun and squash for junior players of all standards (**BEGINNERS: THIS MEANS YOU!**).

Entry fee is a mere \$10, which includes a new Dickson Junior Squash Club polo shirt. An entry form, including shirt size, is needed no later than May 27. Please see Dick at Bodyline Sports if you are interested.

Winners have their names engraved onto the Dickson Squash Club Champions Board.

Player Profile – Rod Sherwin

Rod is new to the Club this year, so please introduce yourself to him and make him feel (even) more welcome at the Club.



Occupation:

Contract IT Team Leader – currently I am at AusTrade.

How long have you been playing squash?

Oh gawd, about 16 years in total. I had a couple of years off recently, but missed the people, exercise, etc. I walked into Dick's shop for a restring, he signed me up for pennant (he didn't have to try too hard).

Currently playing

Division 7, #2 (but should be playing a lot higher - the word 'burglar' springs to mind ☺- Ed.)

Squash Career Highlight

Ahhm umm, played A4 in Sydney for a couple of seasons about 4 years ago.

Squash Career Lowlight

Going from B1 in Cairns to C12 in Sydney (at least it must be cooler in summer – Ed.). It took about 4 years to climb back up (and for my ego to recover).

Other sports

Weight training and I used to be a marathon runner once (does that mean you only ran one only marathon? Ed.)

Things I enjoy...

Playing squash, sleeping in on Sunday mornings, eating out, going to the movies, riding motor bikes (no big bingles yet).

National Junior Selection Series

Martin Grace represented the ACT referees at the National Junior Selection Series in Adelaide in April. There were 7 referees of State and National levels officiating, and 2 of our Dickson juniors playing.

The chat between the refs after each day's work covered the usual: tales of who got sent off for blood, who got conduct warnings and for what, who vomited on the court, etc.

Unusually, what became very evident was discussion centred around the excellent behaviour of the vast majority of the players through all age groups. Two of the three centres used for the Tournament had poor referee vantage points and sometimes shots were unsighted. This fact was appreciated by the players, who willingly accepted the replaying of the point when that happened. Acknowledgements of opponents' good shots were frequent. In general the level of good sportsmanship was very high.

Our **Katriana Shearer** and **Hannah Fritzlaff** were participating in the Under 15s and Under 17s. They played very well, but the opposition was intense. The sportsmanship mentioned above was typified by Katriana, who voluntarily owned up to a carried ball (not up) which no one else, let alone the referee, had seen.

The Tournament was well run, the standard of play very high, good gender balance, exceptional sportsmanship, very good behaviour, lots of enthusiasm... but there weren't enough referees!!

Club Shirts

'Dry fit' polo shirts, embroidered with the club logo, will soon be available in a range of sizes for junior and senior players. They are reasonably priced and will be offered at a subsidised rate for participants in the club championships – a further incentive to get your entry in!

Have you got any balls?

Do you have a surplus of squash balls floating around the bottom of your squash bag and don't know what to do with them? If so, please consider donating them to the club for juniors and the like. Drop them in to Dick at Bodyline Sports.

Coach's Corner

Taking a break from giving advice, this time Mick Morell brings us a snippet from the internet (www.squashsite.co.uk)

Boswell Is Back

Canberra's own former World No 4 **Stewart Boswell** lifted the Southland Squash Classic trophy in Invercargill, New Zealand, just a week after sweeping to victory at the South Island Championships in Christchurch.

The 26-year-old enjoyed a highly successful comeback after almost two years away from the Tour recovering from a mystery back ailment.

And for the second week in a row, it was the New Zealand number one **Kashif Shuja** that Boswell beat in the climax. Once again the unseeded Australian cruised through the entire tournament without dropping a game, before beating top-seeded Shuja 11-0 11-4 11-6 in the decider.

Squash Web-sites

Like Mick Morell, 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 & www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au

Australian www.squashact.asn.au

www.squashmatrix.com

www.squash.org.au

www.informconnection.com.au

www.squashbox.com

International www.squashbox.co.uk

www.worldsquash.org

www.squashsite.co.uk

www.squashplayer.co.uk

www.kahnsquash.com

Juniors - international news

Our globetrotting Holly Barnes, who is currently living in France, has been very successful and is climbing the rankings with a win over the no. 2 player in the U13 girls in France.

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