

Yellow Dot



Newsletter of the Dickson Squash Club

February 2006

As many of us launch into a new junior or senior pennant, here are a few morsels to inform and entertain you.

Christmas Party

Santa and his helper again blessed our Christmas party back in December. They, and a host of other essential ingredients, ensured a terrific night: a generous club subsidy; fine food, beer and wine; and anonymously provided gifts (some useful, some naughty, some mysterious, but all were well appreciated).



Other photos area available at Dick's shop, or (soon) through the Club's web-site at:
www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au

Club Room Update

After many months of uncertainty, we are again getting optimistic that the Club will have access to the old bar area for our club-room. As arrangements firm up, we hope to announce further details soon.

2006 Autumn Pennant

By the time you read this, you will have won or lost your first match or two of the pennant. Let's hope that you can keep on the winning side of the 50:50 equation!

For those new to pennant, make sure you keep track of you and your teams' progress on the matrix at www.squashmatrix.com.

AND a BIG WELCOME to the 20 or so new players that have joined the Club since last pennant. Just remember: if skill, tactics and fitness don't work, try hitting it harder and run faster!

Remember the rule change!

In order for teams to play in finals in this pennant season and beyond, all members of the team must have attended a Rules Accredited Player (RAP) course since May 2001.

This means that if all members of the team haven't attended a RAP course, your team will not be eligible to play in the finals.

Visit the Matrix to see when you last attended.

The dates of the RAP courses are:

Tuesday 28 February @ 6pm, Thursday 2 March @ 6pm, Saturday 4 March @ 2pm and Sunday 5 March @ 2pm. All of them are being held at Woden. Make sure that you and your team-mates attend, and beware that late attendance or early departure will be regarded as non-attendance.

'Bazza the Ball Cannon' is back!

Due to earlier success, the Club has decided to again hire 'Bazza the Ball Cannon'. This wonderful contraption shoots about 50 balls at the direction, speed and frequency you want and provides a great opportunity to practice your consistency.

Juniors will have access to it on Friday 24 February, and all club members will have access at Club Practice on 25 and 26 February. There is no charge.

Bar Roster

Last year was the first full year in which we asked club members to help run the bar. Due to your efforts, and those of Robert Hogan (roster management) and Dick O'Rourke (stock and cash management), it was very successful.

The roster is at:

<http://www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au/Bar%20Roster.pdf>

Please check for your name, and lock it in to your diary.

2005 Spring Pennant Results

The last pennant was enormously successful for the club, with 18 of our 30 teams playing in a Grand Final. Congratulations to all. These teams were:

Div	Result	Team
17	R/up	Tony Harman, Rochelle White, Angela Beyer
16	Winners	Paul Mellifont, Bill Quinn, Craig Campbell
16	R/up	Amin Bhai, Robert Hogan, Angela Beyer, Chris Kling
15	Winners	Ned Harper, Tony Foon, David McAlary
14	Winners	Christopher Mettam, Matt Rogers, Peter Vlandis
13	Winners	Carlos Piscioneri, Sue Whigham, Shaun Barclay
12	R/up	Brad Burgess, Mark Ciesniewski, Pam Price, Troy Lanigan
11	R/up	Laurie Oates, Fergus Davis, Shayne Roscoe
10	Winners	Len Early, Rod Gray, Jonathon Thorpe
10	R/up	Peter Hurley, Mat Koen, Derek Clack
8	Winners	Mike Hogan, Eric Wainwright, Alexander Howard
7	R/up	Julie Medway, Kylie Jonasson, Peter Baussman
6	Winners	Shaun Douglas, Gavin Howard, Alexander Howard, Geoff Gleeson
6	R/up	Anthony Burgess, Henry Weber, John Prideaux
5	Winners	John Gojmerac, Matt Newhouse, Mark Elston
4	R/up	Robert Pott, Zoltan Lukacs, Claire Maunder, Kay Giffin
3	Winners	Marcus Smith, Frank Cortes, Alistair Nitz, Mike Wawn
2	Winners	Dominic Cooper, Oliver Dawes, John Lenarduzzi, Greg Rolls

Tradies car parking changes

Beware that the Tradies will soon be changing the parking arrangements in the underground car park adjacent to the Centre. Make sure you read any new signage to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

How well do you know the rules?

Q: How many times can a player be warned that they are close to foot-faulting before they lose the rally?

A: Referees (and Markers) should call 'foot fault' the first and any subsequent times that it occurs. There is no requirement (or even provision in the rules) for a referee or marker to warn of possible foot faults.

Q: How many ball bounces would you allow prior to the server serving, before issuing a warning for delaying play?

A: No number of bounces is specified, but if the server takes too long, they should be encouraged to hurry along and warned (at least) for delaying play.

Club Web Site

The Club's new look web-site has been in place for a few months, and has already helped attract new members. It contains a lot of useful information: current and previous Yellow Dot editions, Bar and Club Practice rosters, photos from social events, club constitution, etc.

Check it out at www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au and send any feedback to the Editor.

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