

Yellow Dot



Newsletter of the Dickson Squash Club

November 2006

The Club Room

We are extremely pleased to announce that the Tradies have recently given us their formal approval for us to use the bar area as our Club Room.

We know that it has taken a while to get to this point, and we're very grateful for the opportunity the Tradies have given us. They've made a huge investment with the extensive renovations over the last couple of years, and we're the beneficiaries!

In the meantime, our bar roster arrangements will continue – refer to www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au (and follow link to Senior Pennant). If you are contacted to man the bar, please make every effort to assist, as this is a great way of helping the Club and ensuring that the Club Rooms remain a vital part of the Club's social life.

Bar Manager. Over the last 2 years, Robert Hogan has done an excellent job in managing our bar roster. However, Robert is unable to continue on in that role next year, and we are now looking for someone who might assist with the management of the bar, helping with rosters, etc. This would ideally suit someone with some hospitality training, or a semi-retired person looking to contribute to the squash community.

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Martin Grace wins major award

Martin Grace is a Dickson player, Committee member and referee who needs no introduction to anyone who has spent even a small amount of time around the Club.

On Saturday 28 October, at the ClubsACT Sportstar of the Year Award, Martin was the winner of the **Sport Employment Australia 'Contribution to Sport' Award**.

This is an award that is presented annually to the person who has made the greatest contribution to their sport over a long period. Martin has served the Dickson Squash Club, and the ACT squash community, in a number of roles over many years

and this award is fitting recognition of his efforts over that period.

On behalf of everyone at the Dickson Squash Club, we extend our heartiest congratulations to Martin for this prestigious award.

2006 Club Championships

The 2006 Club Championships was a fantastic event – well organised, well attended and well competed. This is a testament to all involved, with special thanks going to Paul Cartwright and his team for their work as Tournament Director, and Karina Sommers and her helpers for their efforts in organising the after-party. Here are the finalists in all of the events...

Event	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Open	Pyry Polkolainen	Tristan Wells
Women's A	Di Hill	Kay Giffin
Men's A	Peter Trevitt	Steve Riddell
Women's B	Helen Fantich	Tanya Rough
Men's B	Alexander Howard	Dennis Mettam
Women's C	Julie Polson	Heather Campbell
Men's C	Daryl Seto	Matt Koen
Women's D	Amy Czoban	Maniqa Kumar
Men's D/E	Adam Mullavey	Paul Williams
Doubles A	Tammy Weekes & Paul Cartwright	Kay Giffin & Zoltan Lukacs
Doubles B	Robyn Armstrong & Anthony Burgess	Karen Horsfall & Shaun Douglas

Club Championships Dinner

To emphasise that 'too much squash company is never enough', hordes of us turned up for a fantastic presentation dinner at the Two Sisters Thai Restaurant in Dickson after the Club Championships.

The 2006 winner of the **Bodyline Sports Award** for the club's most improved player was Shaun Douglas, who had a fantastic two seasons and improved his standard of play and jumped a number of grades. Our warmest congratulations are extended to Shaun.

Marcus Smith again presented the President's Trophy, which usually goes to the person making an outstanding contribution to the running of the club. For his efforts as Editor of the Yellow Dot, as well as his general efforts around the Club, **Anthony Burgess** was a worthy winner.

(However, the lateness of this edition might put him out of the running for next year's award (Deputy Ed.))

Interested in being a coach?

The ACT Squash Coaches Association will be holding a Level 1 coaching course on 11 & 12 November. If you're interested, check the Squash ACT web-site for all the details. The Club will also subsidise any Dickson player enrolling in the course in an effort to increase our coaching ranks.

Juniors

Congratulations to **Hannah Fritzlaff**, **Josh Larkin** and **Matthew Hall**, who recently competed at the Australian Squash Championships in Devonport, Tasmania.

Last term, the College Squash Challenge was won by Lake Ginninderra College with Daramalan College runner up. Congratulations to those Dickson players taking part - **Hannah Fritzlaff**, **Josh Larkin**, **Maniqa Kumar** and **Shaun Douglas**.

Our Juniors continue to make an impression in the Senior pennant. Last Yellow Dot mentioned Samuel Lock, Andrew Dyer, Troy and Shaun Douglas, and Hannah Fritzlaff. This time we must mention the Howard family. **Mum (Cathy)**, **Joseph** and **Michael** are gearing up to give Div 18 a shake – keep it up guys!

And finally: the Daramalan College Team of **Troy Douglas** and **Joseph** and **Michael Howard** recently won the Division 2 ACT High School Competition. Watch out Stewart Boswell, here come the Douglas and Howard boys!!

Farewells...

Pyry Poikolainen will be leaving us at the end of term to return home to Finland. It has been a pleasure knowing Pyry and having him at the Club, and we wish him every success in the future, both on and off the courts. Players of all levels have enjoyed watching him play and his demeanour has made him many friends around the Club.

Fawad Khan will also be leaving us to return to Pakistan to resume his career. We wish him all the best and hope that he, too, will take fond memories of Canberra and Australia, as well as the Dickson Squash Club, with him when he returns.

Juniors and protective eye-wear

For their safety, all junior players playing in all forms of organised squash are required to wear approved protective eye-wear. This rule is in place until the end of the calendar year in which the person turns 19. Parents and team-mates are asked to help support this important requirement.

Reserves: Who pays?

All players, particularly **captains**, should understand the rules around using emergency reserves. These are players who are not registered as a player or as a reserve in the current competition.

- ❖ If they only play 1, 2 or 3 times: there is no registration fee payable by anyone (normal nightly court fees do of course apply).
- ❖ If they only play 4, 5 or 6 times, the Dickson Squash Club will pay the necessary registration fee to Squash ACT.
- ❖ If they play **7 or more times**, we expect that player to pay the registration fee. Captains should set this expectation up-front so there aren't any surprises for anyone.

Club Web Site

Don't forget that the Club's web-site contains lots 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.