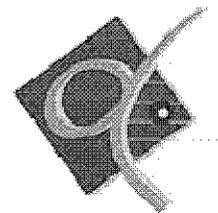


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Welcome to an excessively overdue Yellow Dot – the blame rests solely with our burnt out editor. Please contact someone from your friendly committee if you'd wish to take on this character building role.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will be held at 7:30 on Friday 4 December, at Café Pronto in Lonsdale Street Braddon. The cost will be \$20 for members and \$35 for non-members (i.e. there is a \$15 a head subsidy for members). The increased subsidy for members is a direct result of improved bar profitability (from our switch to home and away competition this season) and from improved takings at club practice.

The dinner will include some wine, however the restaurant is BYO bottled wine. If you have been saving that '52 Grange for a special occasion, please feel free to bring it. The evening will have the usual Christmas party antics, including Trivia challenge and Kris Kringle present swaps.

Contact Dick with your RSVP no later than Friday 27 November.

Dusk till Dawn

It's on again – the all night "Dusk till Dawn" squash challenge. Teams of 4 will play squash throughout the night of 11 December, with matches starting at 9:00 pm and finishing with a good old fashioned BBQ at 7:00 am the next morning.

Entries are encouraged as individuals or as a team. This year we have also invited teams from the other clubs, so please be quick with your nomination.

All enquiries and nominations should be directed to Stephen Barnett at Stephen@blapl.com.au or on 0412 237 244.

Nominations close 30 November.

For further detail see our website at <http://www.dicksonsquashclub.asn.au/events.html>

Club Championships

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2009 Club Championships held in August:

Open	Men's	Paul Smith
Open	Women's	Toni Maxfield
A	Men's	Matt Downey
B	Men's	Steve Barnes
B	Women's	Holly Barnes
C	Men's	Justin Kerslake
C	Women's	Leanna Davey
D	Men's	Mark Pollard
Doubles 1	Di Hill & Gary Ewart	
Doubles 2	Kristie Maroc & Matt Downey	
Doubles 3	Sarah McCormack & Michael Mettam	

Martin Grace Commemoration

In a brief ceremony, in the middle of club practice on 31 May, the newly refurbished court 5 was formally dedicated to the memory of Martin Grace and named the "Martin Grace Court". This commemorates the enormous contribution that Martin made to the Dickson Squash Club and to Squash ACT over many years.

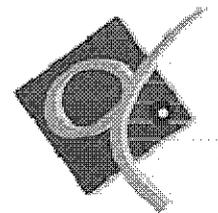
Liz Grace was present, as was Rohan Grace and his family. Len Early talked about Martin's many contributions to squash and Liz spoke of the extent to which Martin would have been touched by the dedication.

It was a moving moment for us all.

Club Practice

Club practice is held every Sunday from 2.00 to 6.00pm. The cost is \$8.00 for as long as you care to play. The best times are early (before 3.00pm) and late (after 5.00pm), when practice is less crowded. In the middle period, you may find yourself sitting out or playing doubles from time to time!

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The future of Northside Fitness Centre

The long-term future of the Northside Fitness Centre remains unclear, with the Tradies still intending to redevelop their entire site. However, the world financial crisis may have bought us some additional time before the bulldozers move in.

In the meantime, you will have noticed that the Tradies have been responsive to our requests to keep the courts in reasonable condition. Recent maintenance has significantly improved the courts' condition.

Possible new facilities in Gungahlin

Squash ACT has been working with the ACT Government on the possibility of eight new squash courts in a new sports facility in Gungahlin. They are optimistic that something is likely within a few years.

Spring 2009 Senior Pennant

The Spring pennant has been notable for the re-introduction of home and away and the introduction of four-person teams for the lower grades. The Committee believes that both are going well, but we will be consulting members shortly, at least on the question of four-person teams.

Welcome to the Club ☺

It's been a productive year for the club, with the Wells, Horsfall and Czoban families all welcoming new members. Congratulations to all involved with their safe arrivals!

Vale

Offsetting the excitement of new additions comes the sadness to report that Pauline Stanford, a former club member, passed away earlier this year. She will be remembered fondly by those who knew her.

Squash ACT

Dickson Squash Club now has very strong representation on the Squash ACT Board with Simon Aungle and Ross Reid recently appointed as directors.

Dickson Squash Club Committee

The 2009-2010 Committee is:

President: Len Early

Vice President: Stephen Barnett

Secretary: Edwina Mulhearn

Treasurer: Dick O'Rourke

General Members:

Sam Bowman

Paul Cartwright

Matt Downey

Anthony Burgess

Doug Lean

Julie Polson

Mark Ciesniewski

Contact details are on the Matrix.

And a massive "thank you" to Karina Sommers who recently stepped down from the Committee after many years of dedicated service. Her commitment and enthusiasm, especially with organising social events, will be sorely missed.