

Yellow Dot



Newsletter of the Dickson Squash Club

August 2012

Welcome

At the one-month mark of his term, President Barnett commenced work on his first 100 day plan. More details are later in this newsletter. He's essentially looking for a vibrant and exciting Dickson Squash Club in the years ahead.

2012 Spring Pennant

This coming pennant starts on 21 August – watch out for an email from Dick O'Rourke.

Please note that **all divisions return to a four-player team format, and all centres commence at 7pm.**

These changes are essential to accommodate the pressure on existing courts across all competitions (Pennant, Masters, Women's), and follow protracted lobbying by Dickson Squash Club to Squash ACT. As the largest club in the ACT, and the club most significantly impacted by court pressures, we are delighted with this outcome. Please support these changes by arriving on time every week (or at least notify the opposing team if you may be late).

Australian Open

Remember that the Australian Open is on from 13-19 August. It's wonderful to see the best players in the world in action. Be part of it: take your family, or call your team mates and meet them there!

As a special deal for DSC members, we have arranged a bulk issue of tickets for the men's quarter finals on the evening of 17 August. These tickets normally cost \$35, however for \$30 you will not only be able to see these matches, but you will be invited to pre match nibbles at a nearby venue. This is strictly limited to the first 30 people. Contact Dick ASAP if you want to join in.



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Annual General Meeting

The Club's annual general meeting, held on 7 July, saw the standing down of Len Early after five years as President. However, he is not lost to DSC as he will now be Vice President as well as accepting a position as finance director with Squash ACT.

One wonders what Len must be lacking in his life to volunteer to be finance director at Squash ACT. It really is the modern day equivalent of cleaning up after the Christians and the lions! If anyone can put Squash ACT on the road to a sustainable financial future in Canberra, it will be Len!

Nonetheless, on behalf of the DSC can we thank Len for the fantastic job he has done over the last five years as President. He has coped with some enormous challenges (like when we lost courts three and four on two days notice) and has built a great rapport with the Tradies CEO. Len leaves the club in far better shape than when he started the job.

Apart from that, the Treasurer (Dick) said we are 'not knocking on the Smith Family doorstep' and that the club is busting at the seams in terms of members and pennant players.

However, the biggest cheer on the night came when it was announced that the club had won the club championship again. This prize is calculated in a way that very much advantages smaller clubs. No doubt our eight premierships last comp put the issue beyond any doubt.

Troy Davey was awarded the President's Trophy for being the member to make the most significant contribution to the Club's operations. Troy has represented the club's interests with distinction, as a member of the Squash ACT Board of Directors.

David Pradela was awarded the Bodyline Sports award for the most improved player of the year. His Matrix rating had jumped almost 70 points. Congrats also to runners up Leland Barnett and Alex Lock. These two up and coming juniors both added 60 to their matrix last year.

Congratulations to **Troy** and **David**.

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A new committee was also voted in. Welcome to **Leanna Davey** and **Dominic Cooper** as new General Members. We look forward to years of tireless dedication and service to the Club ☺. We also thank Carly Bushel for her contribution in 2011-12, and wish her and Paul all the best in Queensland.

2012 Club Championships

Congratulations to our 2012 Champions:

Open	Men's	Howard Johns
A	Men's	Stuart Judd
B	Women's	Sarah Penn
B	Men's	Scott Reid
C	Women's	Stella Loong
C	Men's	Alex Polson
D	Women's	Llara Weaver
D	Men's	Chris Boreham
E	Men's	Lachlan Burns
Mixed Doubles 1		Jackie Oliver & Ian Kildea
Mixed Doubles 2		Harrison Barnett & Sue Cameron
Men's Doubles		Finian Kennedy & John Lenarduzzi



A special mention goes to **Karen Budnick**¹ for coming 5th in her inaugural tournament. With the additional experience she'll gain through the coming pennant, Karen will be a force to watch out for in the 2013 championships.

Results of singles matches are on the Matrix.

Juniors

Term 3 is underway with a wonderful bunch of juniors keen to improve their skills. Through our program, we continue to see a procession of kids enter the senior pennant on their way to being champion players and champion people.

The junior club championships began on 3 August. Results will be included in the next Yellow Dot, once all the matches have been played.

¹ Yep, that's the 'benefit' of having your partner as Yellow Dot editor... sorry Karen!

2012 Autumn Pennant

Congratulations to all our teams who made the Grand Final! This is how they fared:

<u>Div</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Team</u>
3	Finalists	Craig Marriott, Jackie Oliver, Terry Hannigan
4	Finalists	Ian Kildea, Stephen Haycroft, Paul Johns
5	Winners	Scott Reid, Alexander Howard, Doug Lean
5	Finalists	Ben Ryan, Scott Lilley, Andrew Corkery
6	Winners	Ben Ryan, Stephen Barnett, Peter Bausmann
7	Winners	Kirsten Turnbull, Michael Mettam, Chris Hatherly
8	Finalists	Shaun Baker, Dan Power, Julie Medway
10	Winners	Max Muller, Len Early, Michael Noonan
10	Finalists	Michael Howard, Joseph Howard, Helen Fantich
11	Winners	Bruce Morgan, Clinton Pobke, Jim O'Brien
11	Finalists	Shannon Crocker, Nick Godden, Jeremy Czoban
12	Winners	Sarah Penn, Brendan Cara, Karen Horsfall
12	Finalists	Katherine Schliffel, Albert Motbey, Candice Bennett
13	Winners	Gary Fan, Leonard Duca, David Pradela, Daniel Collings
13	Finalists	Daniel Royal, Richard Hurley, William Young, Robert Lowe
15	Winners	Paul Reynolds, Matthew Oxenham, David Turner, Thamba Pathmanathan

Welcome Aboard

2012 continues to be a prolific year for Club members. Congratulations to the following people for their new arrivals, which we hope will be on the court in coming years:

- Loryn and Paul Reynolds ... baby Ruby Anne
- Lisa and Keegan Matthews ... baby Lewis
- Emily and Justin Kerslake ... baby Rafferty Jack
- Christine & Clinton Pobke ... baby Pippa
- Tanya Rough & Chris Bodenschatz ... baby Skye



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Presidential Aspirations

On Day 26 of the first term of his Rule, President Barnett laid down his 100, 200, 1000 and 10000 day plans, all of which build on the tyranny and terror of the Len Early years; and will involve large dollops of egotism, despotism and (hopefully) nepotism.

Highlight of these plans are:

- 100 Day Plan
 - o Write the 100 Day Plan.
 - o Write the 200 Day Plan.
 - o Do Nothing Else.
- 200 Day Plan
 - o Execute underperforming 'underlings' on the Committee.
 - o Write the 1000 Day Plan.
 - o Do Nothing Else.
- 1000 Day Plan
 - o Promote himself to Div 1.
 - o Demote all other Div 1 players.
 - o Confirm nepotism by bringing Jodie, Madeleine, Harrison and Leland as executive members of the Committee.
 - o Modify the Club's Constitution to cement his ongoing grip on Presidential Power.
 - o Write the 10000 day plan.
 - o Do Nothing Else.
- 10000 Day Plan
 - o Modify the Club's Constitution to take over sole-signatory on the club's accounts.
 - o Close the Club.
 - o Retire.

Good luck with the plans Barn!



Dickson Squash Club Committee

The 2012-2013 Committee is:

President: Stephen Barnett

Vice President: Len Early

Secretary: Pam Price

Treasurer: Dick O'Rourke

General Members:

Leanna Davey Paul Cartwright

Julie Polson Doug Lean

Anthony Burgess Dominic Cooper

Yellow Dot Editor

With the departure of Carly Bushel, we are again looking for someone to take on the role of Yellow Dot Editor. Please contact anyone on the committee if you wish to discuss this exciting opportunity.