

'Back to the T'

The newsletter of Brackley Squash Club

Well here it is the first ever official club newsletter. You can't rush these things

The Club hopes to produce a newsletter once a quarter to keep members updated on all things squash; both at the club and in the wider world of squash.

If anyone has any ideas, articles they'd like to include then please email me at

mail@brackleysquashclub.co.uk

If you have any squash kit you're looking to sell, then perhaps we can include a 'for sale' section

Intro from the Chairman – Andy Bright

Welcome to our first Brackley squash newsletter. As you know we send emails out to the members updating on interesting news, not all you may read them! We have agreed to do quarterly newsletters to keep emails to a minimum and also put on the notice board but most of all keep everyone up to date with the latest developments and improvements.

My 1st year as chairman of the club I want to thank the commitment to all committee members for contributions to gaining Clubmark accreditation and our recent grant award to upgrade to LED lighting.

Our aim of the club is to make it interesting, fun and more importantly calorie burning for us all, we encourage all suggestions to improve the club and we will be introducing a suggestions box so we can review all suggestions in the coming 2016 first quarter and implement where possible.

Highlights during 2015 include

- Fun & fitness for all, increased membership by over 21% during 2015.
- Junior section is now up and running on the Saturday mornings
- Clubmark
- New sponsors
- NEW team players
- SATURDAY junior coaching
- Racketball (open day/night coming)

Please find time to familiarise yourself the website as we are constantly updating and making improvements and click on the HOME tab for latest copies of minutes of meetings and other areas of the club, team news, coaching, in house link to local shop restringing all being improved during 2016.

TEAM sponsors for 2016

- Chilli & Pepper Indian fine cuisine restaurant in Brackley, club members - entitles you to 10% off all meals in the restaurant, just mention to the staff.
- Management Consultancy Company GPW Consulting please support them visit our home page for the links on the bottom of the page, new team kit will be rolled out early 2016.

Member of the year



Martin at one of the Saturday morning coaching sessions.

Every year the Committee selects a member of the year. The award being given to someone who has really helped to progress the club or someone who has simply helped the club and gone above and beyond the normal activities of a Club Member.

This years MOTY was in the end a very simple decision as the recipient; Martin Hall, has been fundamental in the setting up and running of the junior coaching program which was also key in the club being awarded the prestigious CLUBMARK award.

Well done and a big thank you to Martin.

Arwyn Davies Award

The Arwyn Davies award is given to the member who plays the most league matches during the year and rewards this commitment to the club.

Another year and the same result!

Well once again Chris Putt has won the Arwyn Davies award for displaying the consistency of an All Black Rugby Team

Well done to Chris who has now won the award for the fourth year in a row

The club would be very grateful if members make it their mission this year to topple Chris off this award!!!!

Top three for 2014-2015 as follows

Chris Putt - £25 Credit

Simon Horwood - £15 Credit

Andy Bright – 10 Credit



SQUASH LADDER

With the new squash club season starting and new members joining the club the “Squash Ladder” has been updated to include all new members. There has also been some minor adjustments to the order of players to reflect the ability of some new players to the club. For a limited time you can challenge up to 9 players above you and you can use a league game as a ladder game. Lets knock down the ladder some of these players who have been sitting at the top of the ladder for some time.

XMAS SQUASH HANDICAP

The Xmas Squash Handicap is again being organized by Paul Hardiman and will take place on 28th December. Registration is on line on the club website under “Tournaments” with a maximum of 16 players. There is of course a trophy for the winner and runner-up plus some court credits as a bonus. This is a great event to work off some of the Xmas excesses. Details of the draw and playing times will be e-mailed to contestants once the draw is finalized. The closing date for registration is 21st December.

RACKETBALL

As a part of ongoing club development a new year push on Racketball participation will be led by Gary Wilson. Racketball is a good sport for beginners and the longer rallies and easiness on the joints make it ideal for members for who squash is becoming too strenuous! As the last attempt at a league failed, we will be holding a Racketball introduction day/evening early in the new year to properly introduce the sport, rules and how fun it can be. If this is successful we will look at implementing some competitions and leagues later into 2016.

