



ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

SUMMARY

Once again the Club maintain a healthy financial and membership situation despite challenging times for the sport.

Our teams in the Derbyshire League continue to do well, and thanks go to the players, coaches and captains for all their hard work, not just for last season but over past years that has taken and maintained the club to the level it consistently achieves.

The club hosted some rounds of the British Junior Championships (in conjunction with the Park Squash Club and Nottingham University). The events passed off very successfully with the club receiving positive feedback from England Squash and many visitors complimenting the Club's hospitality and facilities.

COMMITTEE

Over the last 12 months committee meetings were well attended and there have been some lively discussions. Our thanks once again go to all committee members old and new for all their work on behalf of the club.

The Club remain indebted to Phill Harrison for his sterling work in the role of House Manager, ably assisted by the House Team.

The forthcoming year will see a change in that Nigel Stone is stepping down from the role of Club Secretary and Vic Malysz will succeed the role, our best wishes go to Vic in his new position.

COURT USAGE AND BOOKINGS

Court usage remains very strong during midweek peak hours and members who are unable to book premium courts are urged to consider off peak and especially week-end courts.

MEMBERSHIP

The table below shows the membership numbers for this year and the 5 previous years. Please note that in some of the previous year's figures Gym only members were included with restricted membership numbers.

Membership Category	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Full	301	305	303	333	305	307
Restricted	57	60	65	106	125	128
Gym Only	71	51	57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Junior	37	41	42	39	43	56
Student	9	13	13	24	19	35
Social	80	71	67	68	60	72
Total	555	541	547	570	552	598

FINANCES - DSRC Treasurer's 2019 Annual Report.

Squash Account.

Income:

Income from squash and the gym at £90,041 was virtually the same as last year (£90,067). The number of adult members, both full and restricted, held up well and there was a steady increase in gym members. As noted last year we still have fewer juniors than we need for a club of our size, and we are trying further incentives to encourage youngsters to join and stay with the club.

Income has suffered slightly as court usage during the popular times is down on 2018. This is the fourth year running it has reduced and we are now back at the usage we were five years ago. Members are not booking courts as late as they used to during the week, and Friday night has more empty courts than usual, so a lack of courts at popular times should not be putting members off from playing.

Expenditure:

We have kept good control of costs over the year and achieved further improvements to the club infrastructure such as the new gym floor and a new floor on court 1. This has enabled us to keep expenditure over the year within budget with the exception of two items.

The first was work on the gym roof. A suspected leak from some of the skylights was investigated and found to be a significant deterioration of the joints around the frame mountings, which were leading to water leaks. The deterioration was much more extensive and costly than expected. The work was planned to be carried out during the 2018/19 financial year, but in the end this was not possible and it has now been completed in the current year.

The second item was the refurbishment of the balcony. Again this was planned and budgeted for in the 2018/19 financial year and for various reasons a new contractor had to be brought in and additional work and cost undertaken in the form of a safety ladder added. This delayed the work until this current financial year. These two items together account for the expenditure coming in at £71,920 instead of the budgeted £82,348.

Bar Account:

The bar continues to operate as a stand-alone joint unit with the Tennis Club. The clubs share the profits or loss 50/50. The bar was tasked with making enough profit to at least pay for all the running costs. This approach has enabled the Bar Managers to keep bar prices low compared with the competition.

This year sales at £77,883 were a little down on the previous year's £80,419. Bar sales are very dependant on how many social events and parties are held each year. The Social Committee have the unenviable task of trying to organise events, which will attract members, and this is easier said than done. Last year we had three quiz nights cancelled due to lack of demand.

Despite the drop in sales the bar still made a decent profit of £5,868 to share between the clubs compared with £7,972 the previous year.

Balance Sheet

Income was about the same as last year and bar profit slightly down. But due to slippage of some of the planned tasks, expenditure was well down on budget, so the overall surplus was a very healthy £21,072 compared with last

years £17,705. We need to remember that these numbers are not cash in the bank, since they are made up of revenue plus capital expenditure. For instance £11,500 of the surplus is cash that was earmarked for the gym roof and balcony, which will be paid out in the current year. If all had gone to plan we would have about broken even in terms of cash flow last year.

Our savings accounts are also in good shape, having risen from £62K at the beginning of the year to £67K by the end.

The year ahead

We are now in the second year of the programme to upgrade the gym. Having put in air-conditioning, a new floor, new sky lights and redecorated. It is now planned to complete the full programme this year by replacing most of equipment. The total cost will be more than was originally budgeted for, but I think that most people will agree that in the end it will be money well spent, and we have to thank Grenville Holt and his committee for all their hard work in putting the plan together.

We are also continuing the work of the last two years of ensuring that the clubhouse is brought up to the current standards of health and safety for any public building. The House Manager, Phill Harrison and his assistant Peter Dyson have spent a lot of time and effort ensuring that the contractors are brought in to carry out the improvements, such as the new security system, better wiring and changes to the water system in a timely manner and with as little disruption as possible to members. These tasks, which a lot of members will be completely unaware of, are very important in keeping the club safe and secure.

These improvements all cost money of course, and some of it will come from the reserves we have built up over the last three years. The rest will come from this year's budget. We want to continue to keep fees as low as possible and the new fees for this year have been announced and apart from a modest rise in off-peak court fees and some subs reduction for young members, fees stay the same for another year.

Squash and Tennis Social Account

Last year was an unusually quiet year for social events, despite the Social Committee putting in a lot of time and effort. Tastes change and whereas the

year before members supported every quiz, which was on offer, last year there was little interest. Hopefully this year they will see more reward for their hard work.

The committee went into the beginning of the year with a strong balance sheet of £1,571.50. By the end of the year this had grown to a modest £1,675.04, and very generously decided to donate £600 of this to the two clubs.

DUFFIELD SQUASH CLUB – GYM REPORT - 2018/2019

The gym team and membership have progressed again this year with increased membership, revenue and usage. Our gym committee has evolved with new players Neil Mitra and Charlotte Dye bringing fresh energy and ideas to help develop and implement the upgrade plan. Membership has grown beyond our 2019 target of 45 'gym all-inclusive' with over 50 member inductions carried out. However, our gym is still under-utilized and is now ready to provide a great experience for many more users.

We have installed new gym flooring and new windows to compliment the air-conditioning and improved décor. Extensive new equipment is to be installed in September after delays in design and equipment availability. We also installed an emergency- alarm which triggers both in the bar and the tennis court to improve our user health and safety.

The new equipment will replace the outmoded compressed air equipment to provide the latest stretch and strength options to develop well-being and aid recovery of both racquet players and general gym users. Two new bikes replace existing outdated models, though our treadmills and cross trainers are still fit for purpose.

During the fourth quarter, we will run several education and induction sessions to introduce users to the new kit and ensure they receive the benefit of our investments. Look out for this and please try to attend.

We still need new members of all ages, so we that request existing users and club members encourage new folks for a great experience at the gym: Many thanks to all who have introduced new people from the club and local community.

A few thanks:

Huge thanks go to all the gym team including Jen for all her expertise and work with gym suppliers , Russell for a record number of inductions plus unswerving

support and wisdom, Neil for picking up the surveillance role, Glenn for letting us know when more action is needed, Mick for continued advice on planning and layout, Charlotte for great articulate clear thinking and James for his communication work and linkage with the tennis community.

Likewise, thanks to all the house team for all the maintenance support and patience with me on many issues and especially the ageing compressor!

Finally, thanks to the executive and committee; Mike, Bob and Russell who have provided funding and support with appropriate challenge as we move forward; also to Sheila for speedy efficient communication.

Anyone wishing to work on or with the gym team, please contact Grenville on, 07881 265259, or grenholt@btinternet.com

Club Captain's Report

2018/19 Derbyshire Winter Leagues

Duffield entered 8 mens teams and 1 ladies team into the Derbyshire Squash Winter league last season and 4 teams into the Summer League. Duffield also entered 2 teams into the Winter Racketball League. Many thanks go to all the Team Captains who once again give up their time to ensure that each Team could field a full squad often at very short notice due to injuries and work commitments which tend to be a Team Captain's biggest obstacle. Here are the Final positions of all teams entered:

Men's Squash

These were the final positions of all teams entered.

In the Premier Division our Men's 1st team finished Second from Bottom. Top ranked player is Millie Tomlinson at No. 12.

Also in the Premier Division our Men's 2nd team finished Bottom. Top ranked player was Matt Gregory at No. 20

In Div. 1, our Men's 3rd team finished 2nd. Top ranked player was Phil Bond at No. 11

Also in Div. 1, our Men's 4th team finished 5th. Top ranked player was Adrian Watts at No. 8

In Div. 2, our Men's 5th team finished 5th. Top ranked player was Matt Dalton at No.12

Also in Div. 2, our Men's 6th team finished Bottom. Top ranked player was Simon Bradbury at No. 11

In Div. 3, our Men's 7th team finished 4th. Top ranked player was Sam Parry at No. 4

In Div. 4, our Men's 8th team finished 5th. Top ranked player was Chris Jerram at No. 14

Ladies Squash

The Ladies team finished 3rd. Top ranked player was Lauren Whiteman at No. 2.

Racketball Winter League 2018/19

Two Racketball teams were entered last Winter.

Duffield 1 finished Bottom. Top ranked player was Chris Alcock at No. 6

Duffield 2 finished 3rd. Top ranked player was Chris Coe at No. 16

2019 Derbyshire Summer Leagues

The summer squash league is now complete.

Duffield Squash Club entered 4 teams this Summer and as a result were able to field stronger teams which resulted in a more successful season.

In the 1st Division, our Men's 1st team finished 1st. Top ranked player was Chris Alcock at No. 2.

In the 2nd Division, our Men's 2nd team finished 1st. Top ranked player was Phil Bond at No. 3.

Also in the 2nd Division, our Men's 3rd team finished bottom. Top ranked player was Dean Gregory at No. 4.

In Div. 3, our Men's 4th team finished 3rd. Top ranked player was Chris Jerram at No. 6

2019/20 Derbyshire Winter Leagues

Looking forward: The new Winter Season started on Thurs 19th Sept.

The Players Nominations list has been updated to reflect the current playing strength of our club.

Duffield Squash club have reduced the number of Squash teams in the Mens leagues from 8 to 6 this season due to the difficulties last season in being able to consistently field strong teams especially towards the end of the season.

The Ladies will once again field a team as the format will be reduced to 3 players per team which will hopefully solve the problems encountered last season.

Duffield will also field 2 Racketball teams again this Winter as there seems to be a very healthy appetite for competition once again from our RB players.

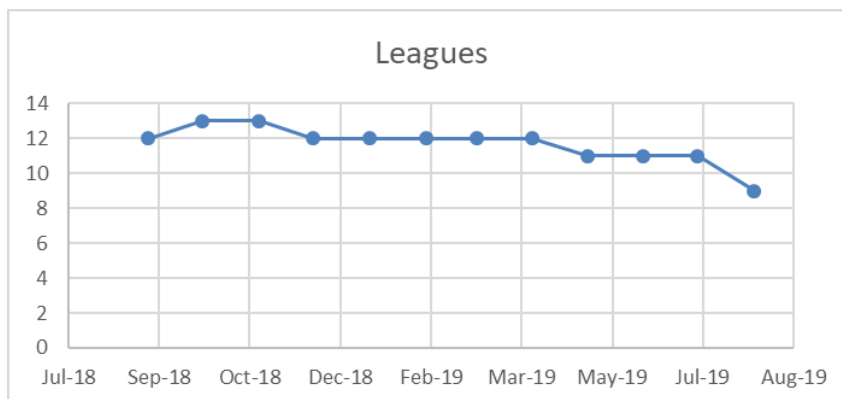
DUFFIELD SQUASH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2018/19

Finals Night was held on 12th April 2019 and again proved very popular, helped of course by the beer festival. The winners and runners up below were the result of much hard work in organisation and many hard battles on the court: Thanks to Lesley Sturgess & Gill Ford for their help on the night, and to all the volunteer markers.

Tournament	Winner(s)	Runners Up
Squash Men's Open	John Slater	Jeffrey Davenport
Squash Doubles Open	John Slater Samuel Yallop	Tom Gregory Sam Brown
Squash Men's O35	Christopher Alcock	Ralph Cooper
Squash Men's O45	Jeffrey Davenport	Philip Bond
Squash Men's O55	John Bennett	Steve Grainger
Squash Mixed Handicap	Matthew Gregory	James Foulk
Squash Ladies Open	Lesley Sturgess	Jenna Crisp
Squash Ladies O40	Lesley Sturgess	Maggie Smith
Racketball Open	Christopher Alcock	Jenny Knibbs
Racketball Doubles Open	Wayne Kiddie Christopher Alcock	Rob Sillett Dean Gregory
Racketball Men's O40	James Foulk	Rob Sillett
Racketball Men's O50	Ian McKinnon	Wayne Kiddie
Racketball Men's O60	Lesley Sturgess	Garry Holmes
Racketball Mixed Handicap	James Foulk	Ian McKinnon
Squash Boys U13	Robert Lewis	James Jerram
Squash Boys U15	Chris Jerram	Jake Bamber
Squash Boys U17	Chris Jerram	Finlay Stott
Squash Boys U19	Matthew Gregory	Harry Salisbury
Squash Junior Mixed Handicap	Chris Jerram	Alexander Lapworth

Squash Leagues

The number of competitors in the internal squash leagues has remained steady for most of the year, but has tailed off recently.



INTERNAL LEAGUES

Another positive for the Club is the continued popularity of the internal squash and racketball leagues. We continue to encourage all our members to join the leagues, especially new members to the Club. Our thanks go to Vic Malysz for running the squash leagues, and also for organising the club competitions via the My Courts section of the website. Once again the number of entries were strong, and the finals was well supported alongside the Club Beer Festival, which again was excellently organised by Stuart McLean.

The Racketball leagues administered by Nigel Stone continue to be well supported.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A number of events of different nature have taken place during the year that have proved very successful, and more are planned. Please keep a watch for notices in the Club, on the Club website and through social media. All support for these events is greatly appreciated and members are encouraged to socialise and support the club.

HOUSE MATTERS

Phil Harrison in his role of house manager has ensured the continued high standards of the Courts and clubhouse. Thanks also go to Phil's support team.

The major project for Phill and his team was the refurbishment of the balcony. Depending on the finances of both clubs we will be looking at other improvements. A new boiler is not scheduled for this year, but there are proposals to improve the controls of the existing system. Costings are being undertaken for a much-needed upgrade to the men's showers and sauna.

Thanks also need to go to Steve Milward for managing the courts maintenance. Over the course of the past twelve months regular maintenance has been undertaken to all courts and thanks should be given to the team of helpers who give their time on a Monday morning to ensure that the courts are always kept to the highest possible standards. In addition to general maintenance they have continued with the replacement of lighting to all courts and removed the insulation boards to the ceiling line of courts 1 & 2.

In July the following planned maintenance was undertaken and all feedback from members has been positive about the improvements made;

Court 3

Remove and replace the court floor in its entirety
Clean all court walls to remove the racket head and ball markings.
Carry out any plaster defects as required.

Court 4:

Clean all court walls to remove the racket head and ball markings.
Carry out any plaster defects as required.
Machine sand the floor to the correct p50 grit finish and replace all court markings.
Remove the old door and prepare the existing frame, filling and decoration
Supply and install a new glass-door.

Court 5:

Clean all court walls to remove the racket head and ball markings.
Carry out any plaster defects as required.
Machine sand the floor to the correct p50 grit finish and replace all court markings.
Release the fixings of the existing door frame and reposition 4mm proud of the plaster surface. Apply Armourcoat finish plaster to the rear wall achieving a brand-new flush finish across the frame surface, eliminating steps which affect the ball.
Prepare the existing frame, filling and decoration to house a new glass-door.

Any maintenance issues should continue to be directed to Steve at stephen@aands.org.uk so that they can be passed to the relevant people.
Planned maintenance to courts 1 & 2 has been provisionally booked for July 2020. These works will include;

Clean all court walls to remove the racket head and ball markings.
Carry out any plaster defects as required.
Machine sand the floor to the correct p50 grit finish and replace all court markings.
Replace the tins as necessary.

BAR

Our joint bar managers Adrian Shepherd & George McMain continue to go from strength to strength, we hope they continue to enjoy their joint role and wish them every success. If any member is interested in helping staff the bar please contact Adrian or George.

The arrangement for free membership in the year following volunteer bar duty remains ongoing (subject of course to there be no change in the Taxation Legislation).

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING

The Club benefits from a significant amount of sponsorship and advertising displayed on the courts, and the Club remains grateful to all our sponsors for their support.

This concludes my report and I sincerely hope I have acknowledged everyone who has contributed to another successful year.

Nigel Stone
Club Secretary