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Recreation Club & NSC membership benefits >>>

We have now cleared the way so there is no misunderstanding with entry to the Recreation club – all annual squash members need to fill in a recreation club membership form found on the following link and pay a nominal £1 fee this will entitle annual members unlimited access to club even on event nights.

The £1 fee is for an ID card which will need a photograph submitting with form (*it doesn't need to be a passport type pic anything taken on a phone as a photo will suffice*)

Monthly members will also need to complete an application form but there is a slightly increased charge of £15 per year, however all members don't forget shortly the recreation club will be charging discounted members rates for drinks etc. for ID holders, **so it makes sense to get your forms and photos in quickly – Discounted prices will be announced shortly by Recreation club – full details on our web and watch this space.**

<https://www.nunthorperecreationclub.co.uk/documents/RecClubApplicationForm.pdf>

Send all completed forms to
nmrecreation@gmail.com

Durham County Rackets Squash

Masters Tournament – Fantastic Turnout

This editions main feature leads with the Durham Counties Squash DCSRA Masters tournament which was held a few days ago here at Nunthorpe Squash Club

Turnout was excellent with 34 players battling it out for honours the in their respective categories.

Our special thanks go to the DCSRA & recreation club for supporting the event, feedback received on the night was that the bar was extremely busy, so our thanks go to the recreation team supporting a fantastic evening, let's hope there are more of these nights to come.

We also feature all the latest activity that the committee have been coordinating in recent weeks and we hope you find this edition as informative as ever.



DURHAM & CLEVELAND
squash

Preparation for this year's DCRSA master's tournament has been going on behind the scenes for some weeks now. DCRSA had over 30+ entrants in their respective category's competitions with our very own **Geoff Smith, Graeme Lewis, Martin Bradley, and Mike Cindery** all attempting to get bragging rights in their respective competitions. With a fantastic turnout of visitors and players to the evening many a conversation was heard in the club and packed bar discussing every boast and drop shot. A great night had by all and well done to all those who took part.

Over 45's

Graeme Lewis our club treasurer fought a hotly contested final against Jonathan Mann from Darlington and proved all the hrs on court coaching and playing proved too much for Jonathan and Graeme won convincingly 3-0. (13:11, 13:3, 13:5) - well done Graeme - a great result.

Overs 60's

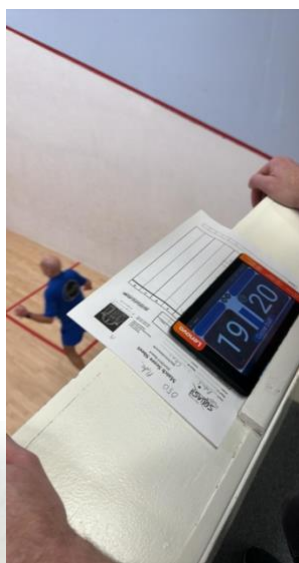
Martin Bradley, our very own membership secretary, and the Benjamin Button of the committee fought an excellent game of squash against Simon Lynsey from Guisborough and the score line was not reflective of the excellent match. Martin finished up a creditable runner up in a very difficult category. 0-3 (10:13, 20:22, 8:13) - Better luck next year Martin

Over 65's

Geoff Smith, our chairman, obviously his reputation on court preceded him and his opponent offered a bye and was awarded the overs 65's category.

Over 70's

Club favourite Mike Cindery's game unfortunately was postponed on the night, but the rematch was thrilling with Mike quick out the blocks taken an early lead but eventually going down 1-3 to Ron Murphy



As a committee we would really like to thank the DCRSA for allowing NSC the opportunity to host this annual competition. We have been really looking forward to this competition and look forward to hosting more competitions in future. Our special thanks also to all NSC players who played their hearts out along with all visiting players and we hope it's not too long before we welcome you all again to Nunthorpe Squash Club.

Maintenance Update



Recently we discovered that there appears to be an intermittent issue with water ingress to one of courts , in discussion with NMPFA , Peter Spaldin conducted a detailed aerial survey of the roof structure with his state-of-the-art drone . A contractor was also engaged who just happens to be a member within the club to provide a scope of works document .

A quote for works and aerial survey were passed to the NMPFA in late December, initial NMPFA decision was to reject their responsibility for building maintenance, and we have now taken action to instruct contractor to repair roof and pass invoice to NMPFA. We have during our due diligence discovered that repairs have been conducted in past by NMPFA, so we are seeking clarification on why there is a change in policy, and we have also requested the maintenance policy on building repairs as it appears there is no preventative maintenance plan in place.

We have also been busy with other issues that needed resolving , special thanks to Ian Williams, Michael Bowes, Graeme Lewis, Peter Spaldin ,Martin Bradley, Malley, Geoff, and Ian Bell for fixing various items in the club – Court Prep, outside vent repair , internal roof tiles replacement , replacement elements in men’s sauna and a few wall plastering jobs that have been on the “to do” list

A great team effort !

Exciting News: Elevate Your Support for Nunthorpe Squash Club



Join the **Middlesbrough Lottery** and be a game-changer for our beloved club! ✨ **For just £1 per week**, you can make a monumental impact, helping us secure valuable funds to support the team we all love.

Playing is as easy as cheering for a drop shot! 🎾 Simply grab your ticket, support the club, and stand a chance to win fantastic prizes every week. 🎁 With a **thrilling £25,000 jackpot** up for grabs, your support could be your ticket to an incredible win! The Middlesbrough Lottery isn’t just about prizes; it’s about uniting our members in a shared passion. 🤝 Join the ranks of fellow members who understand that every ticket purchase is a pledge of support for our club’s bright future.

The committee is immensely grateful for your commitment. 🙏 Your contribution, no matter how small, plays a crucial role in the success of Nunthorpe Squash Club. Let’s celebrate our shared love for the game and the atmosphere that makes our club extraordinary.



Don’t miss out on the chance to be a hero for **Nunthorpe Squash**. **Purchase your lottery ticket today and be part of something truly special!**

#BoroLottery #SupportTheClub #WinBig

We have created a FAQ sheet on web site to provide further information or you can **scan your smart phone at the above QR code**, but you can join up today for as little as £1 per week **Remember you have to be in it to win it!**



NMPFA Update

We have been **informally** tasked to withdraw our complaint which we raised on the 6th of Jan regarding the actions of NMPFA . The complaint asked why there was no AGM since early 2022, no published accounts and why the charitable lady Harrison trust had been amended without proper consultation , the complaint also referred to inaccurate record keeping, The complaint has now been responded to and not upheld and the complaint is now closed according to NMPFA , we will advise our next steps on this matter in due course as the matter is not closed and we feel members concerns are not listened to. We are really concerned about an untrue narrative been circulated and will relook at our options available. At the time of publication, the legal challenge to the recent NMPFA decision to reject NSC merger proposal is still ongoing with no update ,although all NMPFA works to manage Tennis section have now ceased – as soon as we hear more, we will inform all.

Nunthorpe NSC

Member of the Month Award

A sporting club is only as good as its members and the committee have recognised that we have some fantastic members so to recognise some of the great input that routinely occurs in club we wish to announce we will be implementing a club/member of the month award.



It's a bit of fun with a serious message in that we wish to recognise a member monthly who contributes positively to the Club .

It may be someone who plays in a very sportsmanlike manner, someone who support team squash or events , someone who supports the committee , a role model for juniors or other players or.... anything that you think warrants that member a nomination.

All you need to do is complete a feedback form on website noting who you would like to nominate. and why by 25th Of every month.

Ps You can't vote for yourself, and committees' decision is final.

An award at the end of year is waiting for NSC member of the year.

February's vote is now open !

**January 2024
Player/member of the
Month award**

Andy contributes significantly to team matches and has also been known to play a few tunes in the club !

**Well Done , a big
thankyou from the
committee and fellow
members**

nextdoor

Nunthorpe Squash Club is now live on Next-door Business Pages.

Next door helps local businesses and organizations like ours connect to their surrounding community and build their local reputation.

We can create posts and content now that directly connects with the local neighbourhood. We can also

showcase our club and recreational facilities to Nunthorpe, Marton, Coulby and Ormesby, Hemlington and most importantly, engage with nearby our neighbour's. which will

complement our social web posts. This is an important tool to build the reputation of our club so any

suggestions on what to post would be appreciated– just fill a feedback form

on our web or reach out to:

secretary@nunthorperecreationclub.co.uk

Look us up and give us a like

Sauna UPDATE ...

New invoices have been received late January and committee are pleased to announce that time for **£1 fee has been increased from 20 mins to 30mins** . We have also repaired some damage ; you will see new signage advising correct and proper use . **Thank you to all members for their patience on this matter.**

NSC Code of Conduct Policies

Shortly the NSC web content will be refreshed with up-to-date policies . The first of which are code of conduct policies that we would like all our members young and old to read and abide by – all policies offer a common-sense approach to conduct within the club – we hope you find them informative.

ask the Committee >>>

Q: How do I get in contact with the committee if I have an issue or need information ?

A: Simply log into website and fill in a feedback form – contact us on.

http://w



#SquashHeroes



ENGLAND
squash
AWARDS
2023



**NOMINATE
NOW!**

Nominate an unsung
squash hero who goes
the extra mile.

englandsquash.com/awards

The committee would like to draw your attention to the England Squash Awards, yes, they are back. If you feel our club or someone within the club needs to be recognised for all the great work, they are doing then please nominate.

The nomination process is easy and won't take much of your time – the more nominations we get the better it is for Nunthorpe Squash Club.....

The England Squash Awards are back! This is your chance to recognise the amazing squash heroes who made a significant impact on the game in 2023.

This year's awards aim to celebrate the inspirational work of people across the sport, and showcase their stories and achievements across eight categories:

- Coach of the Year **HINT !!!! - CALLING ALL MEMBERS** ←
- Unsung Hero of the Year
- Club/venue of the Year. **HINT !!!! - CALLING ALL MEMBERS** ←
- Referee of the Year
- Rising Star of the Year
- Young volunteer/coach of the Year
- Community Project of the Year
- Moment of the Year (public vote)

Find out more about **this year's awards**. <https://www.englandsquash.com/awards>

How to nominate – click the link or visit England Squash Page

Fill in our form now to nominate someone for a 2023 award before **5pm on 3 March 2024:**



**Your Club
Needs
YOU**

Recently we have invested significantly on the facilities in and around the club and we are now looking and planning for the remainder of the year and the committee needs your help.

Firstly, is there anything within the club that needs addressing, improving, or fixing? We understand that sometimes we may miss something so to have **several hundred pairs** of eyes all supporting each other, it may just point out something that needs addressing which we might have missed.

So, if you see something that needs sorting or improving, or you have an idea - Just fill in a feedback form on the webpage and the committee will investigate and hopefully remedy for you - it's that easy and much appreciated.

Secondly, we are also looking to any volunteer members, friends of families, business owners or hobbyists within the club who can spare some time, have the experience and skills to support with the following.

General Maintenance

Plumbing & heating repairs/upgrades

Electrical & IT work

Media & Sponsorship support - *equipment, signage posters, display units*

Painting & Plastering

Roofing

Glazing ... Just let us know. The idea is to build a **database of people** who we can call on to help and support the club.

#team effort #working together at NSC

Remembrance Tree

We have been successful in gaining some support and funding from TVCA for tree planting within the grounds of the NMPFA.

WE have approached the NMPFA trustees to see in principle in if they would be willing to plant a tree or group of trees within the grounds.

WE have suggested that we thought it would be a good idea to have a **Remembrance tree (s)** for all the sporting sections members who are no longer with us.

What do you think? ...is it a good idea or not?

Just let us know via our feedback form on webpage.

We will let you know what feedback we get back from NMPFA in due course.

TEES VALLEY



WHAT WE DO

MEMBERSHIP

We provide information, education and a range of benefits to members.

Our support to our vibrant and growing membership includes:

500k

Website visits per annum

C.75

Training, information and documentary films



Partner discounts on equipment

C. 500

Affiliated clubs



C.900 Coach members



C.30,000 Individual members

GOVERNANCE

We ensure the way our sport is run complies with the Code for Sports Governance: striving for operational excellence and ensuring an effective relationship with our key partners:



COMMERCIAL

It's our role to attract partners and deliver initiatives that can move our sport towards financial self-sufficiency. We also commission research projects – two of which resulted in funding for Squash Girls Can and Squash 101.



ENGLAND SQUASH;

We're here to help people get the most out of their squash experience: whatever your involvement in the game.

CONTACT 0161 231 4499

OR VISIT ENGLAND SQUASH.COM

PROGRAMMES & COMPETITION

We're all about getting and keeping people playing; from beginners to the very top of the sport. We do this by developing programmes, providing competitions, promoting the sport and helping our partners deliver initiatives to grow the game and get people playing.

C.500 NEW coaches and leaders trained per year

C.2000 NEW 'Squash Girls Can' players per year

C.1500 Squash 101 participants per year

Funding Regional development projects

Over 100 events from Copper junior sanctioned events to the British Open.

Inter county: 100 plus events from junior beginner to the British Open

TALENT & HIGH PERFORMANCE

We're here to coach, nurture and support world class talent.

Since 2014 our programmes, coaching and player support has contributed to:

- 13 COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEDALS (in 2014 & 2018 combined)
- WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONS x1 GOLD (women 2016) & x3 silver
 - WORLD JUNIOR team medals x4
- European senior teams x6 GOLD MEDALS
- European junior teams x15 GOLDS MEDALS



OFFICIAL PARTNERS



OFFICIAL RACKET & BALL PARTNER



OFFICIAL CLOTHING PARTNER

OFFICIAL CONTRACTORS



final thoughts..

FROM GEOFF
SMITH –
CHAIRMAN

I am thrilled to share the success of our recent Masters Tournament, an event that showcased the true spirit of our vibrant squash community. As the Chairman, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the competitors and volunteers from NSC and the Recreation Club who played pivotal roles in making this tournament a resounding success. The warm welcome and outstanding playing facilities were frequently praised by our visitors, reflecting the dedication and teamwork of everyone involved. It's truly heartening to witness our club being celebrated not only for its competitive spirit but also for its hospitality.

I also want to take a moment to congratulate our junior players, whose commitment and hard work are evident in their regular participation in team squash. Their journey is a testament to the excellent coaching and support provided by our dedicated coaches and volunteers, not to mention the support of parents etc.

Your efforts have truly laid the foundation for their success on the squash court.

Looking ahead, our famous club finals night has been launched, and we eagerly anticipate increased participation this year. The excitement continues as we gear up to host DCSRA county's junior competition in the coming weeks. This marks a thrilling chapter for Nunthorpe Squash Club, and I encourage all members to embrace the upcoming challenges and celebrations. Once again, a special thank you to all our county and club volunteers who contribute their time and energy to make NSC go from strength to strength. Your commitment is the backbone of our success, and we are genuinely grateful for your unwavering support.

With anticipation for more competitions, more mini league & team games underpinned by growing academy and club night participation on the horizon, let's continue to foster the sense of community and sportsmanship that defines Nunthorpe Squash Club.

Warm regards, Geoff



coming soon >>>

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at NSC.



Club night



Our beloved Club night is going from strength to strength with many members attending every Tuesday evening.

The club night has really taken off from a standing start of no attendees to now on a regular basis many eager participants attending.

As a committee, we are committed to provide this informal night for current & prospective new members to try their hand – 19 players took part recently and your continued support is giving the committee a headache trying to plan the court availability on a Tuesday.

Long may it continue...



see socials for
regular
updates.



Instagram

Club Night runs on a Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 20:00 and welcomes all adult members & perspective new members for a game or who just want to give squash a try.

The sessions are open to anyone, you don't have to be a member, there is a nominal cost of £2 per session for attendees.

The fun sessions are coordinated by our dedicated committee & **England Squash coaches**, the emphasis is on having fun for all players of all abilities, young or old, experienced or a beginner.

It's a great opportunity to meet new members and perhaps have a social able pint in the bar afterwards.

Equipment is and can be provided.