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OnCourt >>>



An insight into what's going on behind the scenes at Nunthorpe Squash Club

NMPFA Update >>>

Following on from our decision to offer to meet with NMPFA we were pleased to receive an invite for a meeting.

An agenda was circulated however the invite had stipulations that only certain individuals were to attend,

Further constraints were offered that previous correspondence and historic key points would not be considered and NMPFA decision was not open for debate therefore, after careful consideration it was felt that our attendance combined with restrictive rules for the meeting could not be in the true spirit of cooperation and transparency, so the meeting offer was declined politely.

An EGM meeting with specific attendance criteria and conditions has since been announced on **6th April at 10:00 in the bar – a variety of questions from committees, Nunthorpe Parish Council, concerned residents and section members have been forwarded to the NMPFA in line with EGM policy which was announced a few days ago.**

All Members are invited to attend EGM.

Club Competitions

Record number of entries >>>

This editions main feature leads with a look at club competitions for April

The committee are particularly proud of the success of these competitions in recent years, but this year participation and entries are at a record high- well done all members for your help on this.

This I'm sure will add , an even higher buzz around the club in coming weeks and we look forward to recognising all the hard work and effort at **Finals night on the 27th of April.**

We also have a Q&A session with Peter Spaldin our longstanding committee member who just like Martin previously. " volunteered " to undergo our meet the committee Q&A session , to share some insights on how he enjoys and loves the game of squash here at NSC.

As we look toward our club finals competitions, the club is going to be busier than ever in the weeks ahead. We hope you find this edition as informative as ever.

The Committee



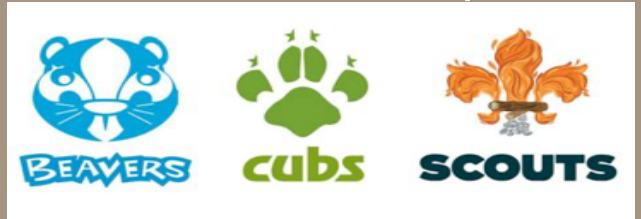
Court Cancellations

As court demand is becoming more and more desirable , members are reminded that if for whatever reason and if your booked session needs to be cancelled , then please cancel your booking ASAP – We know life events get in the way of you playing your chosen sport but cancelling your booking ASAP allows other members to use your prebooked session.

We just want as many people as possible playing the sport we love and to ensure courts are not blocked.

Your cooperation is appreciated and thank you.

1st Nunthorpe Parish Beavers & Scout Group



On 20th March Our coaches Michael & Ian Bell held a fun packed evening with our local Beaver group

The session lasted for 60 mins, but it was great to see all the youngsters and coaches having a great time.

The focus of the session was on having fun and to help the beavers understand the sport of Squash. They learnt how squash can help build confidence , teamwork whilst boosting fitness in a fun way.

Following on from the session we are pleased to announce that several parents from the group have applied for their children to be put on the waiting list for the academy group on a Saturday.

Many thanks to Ian Bell & Michael for offering their time to help the local Beaver group. - Feedback has been excellent

NSC welcomes its newest member.

Already on the waiting list for the Junior Academy is.

Oliver Leatherland

Oliver pictured here already sizing up his dad's racket.

We wish Anthony , his wife, and the family all the very best from all at Nunthorpe Squash Club



Congratulations



Focus on Peter Spaldin *Committee Member and coach* >>>

What inspired you to join NSC? and when?

I have played Squash on and off for years at various leisure centres around the region and when I moved to Nunthorpe it was the natural choice, though it took me several years to join in December 2021.

As an avid mini league player could you share your most memorable victory on the court and what it meant to you?

I don't have a specific victory, but my memorable moment was to be promoted to League 2 ... only to injure my elbow in the very first match, putting me out for several months.

What aspects of squash do you find most challenging, and how do you overcome them?

My form can be very inconsistent, I struggle to find a middle-ground sometimes. When it happens, I just try to relax and not get annoyed with myself.

What squash achievements are you most proud of, whether it's related to your own skill development or sportsmanship?

I was very proud to captain the 3rd Team for much of last season. It was hard work, but watching the juniors grow every week and seeing that continue into this season is extremely gratifying.

Off the court, what hobbies or interests complement your passion for squash, giving us a glimpse into your life beyond squash?

Where time allows, I enjoy aerial photography with my drone. I have two boys under 11, so I spend my weekends at squash/basketball/football training/matches. Dad's taxi!

As a dedicated squash member, what advice would you give to someone new to the sport, based on your own journey and experiences?

Join the mini-leagues and don't wait for people to message you, message them! Get ALL your games in, it's the only way you'll climb the leagues.

Are there any squash-related rituals or superstitions you follow before a match, or perhaps a lucky charm that accompanies you to the court?

I'm getting old! My knee supports are my lucky charms, as they keep me playing week in week out 😊

Outside of the competitive aspects, what do you enjoy most about Nunthorpe Squash Club – the camaraderie, events, or something else?

I love being part of the coaching team who run the Squash Academy on a Saturday morning. Seeing the kids develop and improve is amazing. As part of the Committee, I also help run the competitions and always look forward to Finals Night in April.

Favourite Food & Drink ?

You can't beat a chicken curry with all the trimmings and an ice-cold beer. I'm also partial to a good Rioja.

Your idea of a perfect night or day out ?

Socialising with friends or family; be it a sit-down meal, BBQ or just a few (lots) drinks, you only live once!

If you wish to introduce any new member to Nunthorpe Squash Club or enquire yourself

Martin Bradley will only be too pleased to help and advise on how to become a member at our great club .

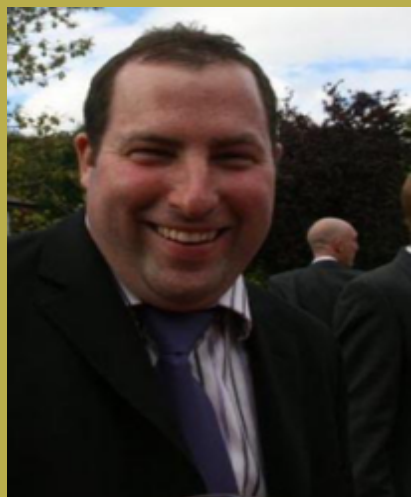
He can be contacted on the usual WhatsApp group , web contact or by phone. **07933 208806**



Nunthorpe NSC

Member of the Month Award

A sporting club is only as good as its members and the committee has 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.



March 2024

Richard Lacey

Player/member of the Month award

Well, Done, Richard a big thankyou from the committee and fellow members for providing your time in fixing electrical issue in the gym.

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.

April's vote is now open !



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!

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. –

All funds raised get reinvested into the club.

Remember you must be in it to win it!

<https://www.middlesbroughlottery.co.uk/support/nunthorpe-squash-club>

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.

<https://www.nunthorperecreationclub.co.uk/feedback.php>



SQUASH RULES

FOR BEGINNERS

- 1 Pick up ball
- 2 Hit ball against wall
- 3 Have fun
- 4 Repeat!



Club Competitions

A record number of entries to this year's competitions has created a massive headache for the committee, a nice problem to have but nevertheless a daunting exercise to ensure all the entries especially with regards to the draws and handicap allocations were coordinated as possible.

Our special thanks go to Peter Spaldin who along with other committee members finally published the draws at the beginning of March.

Now you will all be vying for top spot in your respective competitions, we look forward to recognising our champions, runners-up, and all our players in a great evening on the 27th of April – Our legendary Finals Night – a full feature on this will be circulated in next edition of On court.

Competitions this year

- Club Championship.
- Club Masters.
- Club U19.
- Club Handicap.
- Club Ladies.
- Club Juniors

If you know of any outstanding matches funny anecdotes from the matches over the next few weeks, please get in touch.

Members Corner

Following an incident which is currently been investigated, we as a committee have needed to review our gym and sauna use policies with regards to safe use and negligent damage

Both updated policies can be now found on our website

If any member has a question based on these updated policies, please contact the committee.



Members Remembrance Tree(s)

Site visits with TVCA have occurred and we are pleased to announce that the TVCA have agreed to provide funding for trees and hedging for the NMPFA.

Kelvin Bowes has now passed all details over to NMPFA and Stewart Wright will now take this forward with TVCA along with Stuart Vickers – Groundsman, the further great news is that TVCA will also fund over 350m of hawthorn hedging and more trees for the southern main field

A great result put forward by NSC team. We will let you how the project develops in due course.

TEES VALLEY



Unfortunately, NSC were unsuccessful in their bid to be shortlisted for 2023 England Squash awards, but we wish the shortlisted clubs the very best for the awards ceremony.
Let's get nominated for 2024 !



coming soon >>>

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Like, share and click away on all our social media pages – raising the profile helps the club enormously.

I hope this message finds you well and filled with the same excitement and pride that I feel as the chairman of our beloved squash club.

First and foremost, I want to extend my sincerest thanks to every one of you for your unwavering dedication and commitment to the continuous improvement of our squash club. Your efforts have truly made a significant impact on our community, fostering an environment where players of all levels can thrive and enjoy the sport, we all love.

I would like to offer a special acknowledgment to our **committee members** for their exceptional work in organizing this year's club competitions. Thanks to your hard work and dedication, we have seen a record number of entrants, which is a testament to our development strategy we have cultivated within our club.

Moreover, I am immensely proud to witness the growth and development of our younger players who are beginning to shine in competitions and mini leagues. Their progress is a testament to the nurturing environment and support they receive from each of you, and it fills me with great pride to see them flourish on the court.

While we celebrate our successes within the squash club, it's important to acknowledge that we are currently facing complex issues concerning the tennis section and charity status . However, I urge each of you not to lose sight of the incredible community we have built within our squash club. Together, we can overcome any challenges that may come our way and emerge even stronger than before.

On a related note, I would like to inform you all that an **Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) has been scheduled for the 6th of April at the recreation bar, starting at 10:00**. This EGM has been called by the NMPFA to brief the residents of Nunthorpe and sporting sections on recent changes to the charity, which they have not previously disclosed as part of the NMPFA constitution. While the procedural aspects may seem flawed, I believe this EGM presents an opportunity for us to seek clarification and address any concerns that have been raised. I urge you to attend.

Looking ahead, I am excited to announce that our finals night will take place on the **27th of April**. This is a great night where we come together as a community to recognize and reward all our successful players in the club competitions.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication.

Warm regards, Geoff