

LEINSTER SQUASH ANNUAL REPORT 2014



Leinster Council

Honorary President: POSITION VACANT

Honorary Secretary: POSITION VACANT

Vice-President: Paul Nugent

Honorary Treasurer: Gerry Delaney

Masters Secretary: Patrick Murray

Saturday League Secretary: Alan Sheehy-Skeffington

Refereeing/Marking/Website : Andrew Gillespie

Junior Administrator: Dermot Dineen

Schools Secretary: POSITION VACANT Tommy
Maher nominated by Eoin Ryan to fill

Ladies' Captain: Aoileann Ní Chomhraí

Men's Captain: POSITION VACANT

PRO: POSITION VACANT

Tournament Secretary: POSITION VACANT

CONTENTS

- Page 4: General administrator's notes
- Page 5: Leagues and Cups winners
- Page 7: Senior competitions
- Page 8: Junior administrator's report
- Page 10: Masters administrator's report
- Page 14: Saturday league administrator's report
- Page 15: Senior ranking events results

GENERAL NOTES

17 clubs participated in the leagues and cups this season. Welcome additions were Tekcomms who used the RTE leisure club for home matches and Sportslink based in Santry. There were 53 men's teams and 18 ladies' teams.

This year we introduced Resultszone for handling fixtures and results in the main senior league. While it costs £150 per annum it has been well received by players and clubs and reduces the administration workload considerably while giving us lots of statistics to use for ranking should we want to adopt this as a means of producing a monthly Leinster ranking for men and ladies. I will be showing Brian McNally and Alan Sheehy-Skeffington how to use the software so that they may use it for the vets/masters and Saturday leagues respectively next season and then we will have an integrated system for all leagues. I did not find it very suitable for cup competitions since it only allows fixtures and results and you cannot view the whole draw.

Several walkovers were conceded during the leagues and cups and I did not apply the €100 fine. However, this must be enforced next season as the amount of walkovers will increase if no punishment is applied.

There were no major issues though I did consult the council on allowing a league postponement when a club team was missing a lot of players due to a group being away on a ski trip. Be advised that this will not be considered a valid excuse for postponement in future. The fixtures are available well in advance and should be played prior to the date set if a significant amount of players are going to be missing on any fixture date. Valid excuses will be decided by the council if not already outlined in the Leinster Squash rules.

It was felt that men's division 3 having only 4 teams in it this season and playing each other 4 times was not satisfactory. We will consider not running divisions with less than 5 teams in them though that would present further problems.

We did not secure any sponsorship (that I know of!) for league, cup or weekend tournaments this season. In my opinion a public relations officer needs to be appointed on the Leinster Council to address this issue and this is why I have listed the position of PRO as a vacant position.

We did not have a men's Leinster senior captain this season and in his absence we do not have a report on the senior interpros.

While we did have a ladies' senior captain she has not submitted a report to us and has notified us that she is stepping down. Leinster ladies did play in the inter-counties in England. Reports and pictures were posted on our website.

Brendan Murphy

League Results

Mens Premier

Fitzwilliam A 167 points, Sutton A 153, Fitzwilliam B 140, Leinster A 119, Westwood A 87, Curragh A 79, Sutton B 56

Ladies Premier

Sutton A 127 points, Westwood A 113, Fitzwilliam A 106, Sutton B 69, Westwood B 45

Mens Division 1

Westwood B 180 points, Trinity College A 154, Old Belvedere A 150, Leinster B 149, Curragh B 141, Mount Pleasant A 137, Fitzwilliam C 121, Westwood C 80

Ladies Division 1

Mount Pleasant A 164 points, Trinity A 134, Old Belvedere A 87, Old Belvedere B 83, Aer Lingus A 79, Sutton C 45

Mens Division 2

Sutton C 206 points, Mount Pleasant B 192, Sportslink A 172, Fitzwilliam D 171, Aer Lingus A 166, Naas A 142, Old Belvedere B 141, Westwood D 126, Trinity B 120

Ladies Division 2

Westwood C 183 points, Naas A 143, Fitzwilliam B 132, Sutton D 96, Sutton E 55, Sutton F 26

Mens Division 3

Sutton D 150 points, Aer Lingus B 122, Curragh C 116, Old Belvedere C 80

Mens Division 4

Mount Pleasant C 203 points, Sutton E 199, Naas B 148, Aer Lingus C 128, Westwood E 112, Old Belvedere D 92

Mens Division 5

Leinster C 245 points, Sandycove A 238, Fitzwilliam E 222, Mount Pleasant D 197, Joe May A 185, Sutton F 173, Trinity C 160, Mater Hospital A 132, Old Belvedere E 110, Naas C 109

Mens Division 6

UCD A 268 points, Leinster D 252, Fitzwilliam F 224, Sandycove B 176, Naas D 170, Old Belvedere F 166, Fitzwilliam G 155, Trinity D 100, Clover Hill A 76, RTE (Tekcomms) A 49

Cup Results

Club Championship: **winner** Fitzwilliam A runners-up Sutton A

Ivy Hadden Cup: winner Sutton A	runners-up Fitzwilliam A
Gray Cup: winner Westwood B	runners-up Curragh B
Ladies divs. 1 & 2: winner Trinity A	runners-up Mount Pleasant A
Mens divs. 3 & 4 winner Aer Lingus B	runners-up Curragh C
Mens divs. 5 & 6 winner Joe May A	runners-up Sutton F

Note that perpetual trophies were not given out to team captains at prize-giving this season because several have gone missing in recent seasons and we need to do an inventory and replace missing trophies if they are not returned soon. Some have been returned since prize-giving but they should be returned well in advance of cup finals day.

Senior Tournaments

5 senior tournaments took place in Leinster this season, 4 of which were ranking Irish Squash tour tournaments :

The Curragh Open. This was the second running of this tournament. Thanks to Neil Brannigan and his helpers for their hard work in hosting and running this tournament.

Leinster Open. Thanks to Fitzwilliam for hosting this event again and all who helped out in ensuring it ran smoothly.

The Irish Nationals took place as usual at Fitzwilliam in December. Thanks to Fitzwilliam for hosting the event.

Mount Pleasant Open

Thanks to all involved at Mount Pleasant for organising and running this tournament.

Leinster Closed

Thanks to Eoin and Suzanne Ryan for organising and running this tournament yet again at Sutton LTC. Thanks also to Patrick Murray who represented the Leinster Council for prize-giving.

All of the above tournaments except the Leinster Closed had matches on show courts live-streamed by Aer TV. Thanks to Paul Nugent for operating the equipment used and various players and others for providing live commentary.

The results of all of the ranking events can be found below on pages 15 & 16.

Leinster Junior Squash 2013-2014

This was a busy year for our Leinster Juniors. Our first tournament of the year in Leinster was the **Irish Junior Squash Open 2013** which was held in Sutton Lawn Tennis Club and Alsa Sports Club the 22nd-24th November 2013. There were 101 entries with 30 overseas entries from Scotland, Poland, Sweden, Luxembourg and Czech Republic. There were 53 entries from Leinster which included 2 from Carlow L.T.C, 10 from Mt Pleasant L.T.C, 2 from Fitzwilliam L.T.C, and 40 from Sutton L.T.C. Leinster did very well.

U/13 Boys 1st Conor Moran, 2nd Sam Buckley

U/15 Boys 2nd Scott Gillanders

U/17 Boys 2nd Oisin Dunne, 3rd Nikita Gilevskiy Girls U/17 2nd Griffin Gillanders

B/19 Boys 2nd David Ryan

The Leinster Junior Open 2014 was held at Mt Pleasant L.T.C and Leinster Cricket Club the 18th/19th January 2014. There were 101 entries. 12 from Carlow L.T.C, 2 from Fitzwilliam L.T.C, 21 from Mt Pleasant L.T.C, 2 from Naas Sports & leisure Club, 1 from Old Belvedere, 1 from Westwood and 42 from Sutton L.T.C. This event was for boys and girls U/11-U/19.

Boys U/11 1st Denis Gilevskiy 2nd Dylan Moran 3rd Eamon Lalor

Boys U/13 1st Conor Moran 2nd Sam Buckley 3rd Gavin L'Estrange

Boys U/15 1st Scott Gillanders, 2nd Sean Dineen

Boys U/17 1st Nikita Gilevskiy, Boys U/19 3rd Harry Lloyd

Girls U/11 1st Naomi Nohar, 2nd Sarah Jane Smith, 3rd Ali Carton

Girls U/13 1st Katherine Bolger, 3rd Jiatong (Brenda Li)

Girls U/17 2nd Stephanie Ryan, Girls U/19 1st Lauren Keogh, 2nd Riona Mc Carthy

The Irish Junior Nationals 2014 was held in the Curragh Squash Club, Kildare the 7th-9th February 2014. There were 90 entries. 11 from Carlow L.T.C, 3 from Fitzwilliam L.T.C, 11 from Mt Pleasant L.T.C, 1 from Old Belvedere, 2 from Westwood and 34 from Sutton L.T.C. This event was for boys and girls U/11-U19.

Boys U/11 1st Dylan Moran, 2nd Denis Gilevskiy 3rd Eamon Lalor.

Boys U/13 1st Conor Moran, 2nd Sam Buckley, 3rd Gavin L'Estrange Boys U/15 1st Scott Gillanders

Boys U/17 1st Nikita Gilevskiy, 2nd Oisin Dunne Boys U/19 2nd David Ryan

Girls U/11 2nd Naomi Nohar, 3rd Sarah Jane Smith

Girls U/13 2nd Katherine Bolger. Girls U/17 2nd Stephanie Ryan, 3rd Casey Luther

Girls U/19 2nd Griffin Gillanders

The Leinster Junior Squash Closed 2014 was held at Sutton Lawn Tennis club the following weekend 14th-16th February 2014. There were 82 entries. 5 from Carlow L.T.C, 2 from Fitzwilliam L.T.C, 10 from Mt Pleasant L.T.C, 1 from Old Belvedere, 2 from Ballyfermot Squash Club, 2 from Naas Health and Fitness Club and 60 from Sutton L.T.C.

The Junior Inter provincials 2014 were held in Belfast the 22nd/23rd March 2014 and Leinster entered a team in all the 7 categories. Leinster won 3 out of the 7 categories Boys U/13/15 and Girls U/15.

The Five Nations Squash Championships was held in Dublin the 28th-30th March in Mt Pleasant L.T.C and Leinster Cricket Club. This event was run by Irish Squash but many of our Leinster Juniors represented Ireland. The U/13 came 2nd and the U/15 came 3rd.

U/15 Scott Gillanders, Sean Dineen and Ryan Kelly.

U/13 Conor Moran, Sam Buckley, Gavin L'Estrange, Hugh Tobin, Katherine Bolger

The U/19 Europeans Team Championships were held in Helsinki 17th-20th April 2014. David Ryan, Oisín Logan and Griffin Gillanders represented Ireland and came in 6th.

The U/15/17 European Team Championships 2014 will take place in Prague the 7th-12th May. Scott Gillanders and Sean Dineen will represent Ireland on the U/15 and Morgan Kelly and Stephanie Ryan will play on the U/17.

The Men's World Squash Team Championships are taking place this August in Namibia and David

Ryan and Oisín Logan will represent Ireland.

Due to so many tournaments in Leinster this year and also with Irish Squad training there was little or no time for Leinster Squad training. Last year a lot of the children did not turn up for training as it clashed with other sports. This was very expensive for Leinster Squash so when the teams were picked this year I held a 3 day squad training session 14th-16th March at Sutton Lawn tennis Club with Frank Donnelly and Elvy D'Costa. The attendance was great and the kids enjoyed it. I am hoping to do this 4 times a year next year and hopefully run one for the U/11.

Our Leinster Juniors are doing extremely well in Ireland but many of them are playing overseas events and have very high rankings.

U/13 No. 3 Conor Moran. No.5 Sam Buckley No.18 Denis Gilevskiy

U/15 No. 9 Scott Gillanders. No. 15 Luke Logan. No.21 Sean Dineen

U/17 No.12 Nikita Gilevskiy U/19 No.3 David Ryan U/17 No.13 Stephanie Ryan

As I mentioned earlier it certainly has been a very busy year for our Leinster Juniors but a very successful one. There is great support from the coaches and parents in all the clubs throughout Leinster.

The position for Leinster Schools is still vacant and has been for two years now. I think it is very important that we find someone who would take on this position and work with the coaches and the schools in the area.

Regards,

Dermot Dineen

Leinster Junior Administrator

DUBLIN VETERANS SECTION - ANNUAL REPORT

2013/2014 SEASON

LEAGUES We had two divisions in the League as last year. The **First Division** had 5 teams and played each other 3 times. The **Second Division** had 7 teams and played each other twice on a 'home' and 'away' basis

The results were as follows -

DIV	PTS	WINNER	PTS	RUNNER-UP
1	166	Fitzwilliam A	164	Westwood A
2	162	Fitzwilliam B	153	Westwood B

CUPS The Cup matches were once again run on the "Handicap" system where the weaker team was given the average of the difference between the teams in the League Matches. As agreed at last year's AGM the handicap was capped at 10 points. There was a very closely fought match between Mt Pleasant A and Westwood A for the Div 1 Handicap Final when it went down to the very last match when Westwood A overcame the handicap of +10 points to beat Mt Pleasant A by just one point.

DIV	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
1	Westwood A	Mt Pleasant A
2	Old Belvedere A	Sandycove

Although the Leinster Leagues used the new 'Resultszone' software, we stuck with the 'League Republic' software to keep a record of the League and Cup results. We will review this at the start of next season as the 'Resultszone' software gives better results with individual players performance being recorded.

SPONSORSHIP

We are indebted to NUA Healthcare for sponsorship to help with the costs of running the Leagues and Cups and also the Leinster Masters Open and the Masters Interpros which were held in Galway this season where the Mens O 45 team under the captaincy of Kevin Ronan were the winners of the O 45 section.

COMPETITIONS

Leinster Masters Open - was held in Fitzwilliam on 1st and 2nd November 2013. Results were as follows -

Leinster Masters Open Results		
SECTION	WINNER	RUNNER UP
MENS OVER 35	Neal Murphy	Ciaran Mc Coy
MENS OVER 40 A	Clive Morgan	Phillip Coleman
MENS OVER 40 B	Elton Dunne	Paul Condon
MENS OVER 45 A	Brian Lalor	Kevin O'Rourke
MENS OVER 45 B	Patrick Carthy	Marty Bennett
MENS OVER 50 A	George Hewitt	Shaun Mc Kee
MENS OVER 50 B	Fergal Redmond	Francis O'Toole
MENS OVER 50 C	Kevin O'Gorman	Martin O'Hanlon
MENS OVER 55 A	Frank Donnelly	Martin Mc Donnell
MENS OVER 55 B	Gerry Mc Goldrick	Gerry Fahy
MENS OVER 60	Kyran Hurley	John Young
MENS OVER 65 A	Seamus Daly	Tom Cantwell
MENS OVER 65 B	Dick Hanrahan	Toddy Kealy
LADIES OVER 45	Sheryl Abernethy	Joan Gorham

Irish Masters Open - was sponsored by *Fitzwilliam LTC* and held in Fitzwilliam from 21st to 23th March 2014.

Results were as follows -

Irish Masters Open Results		
SECTION	WINNER	RUNNER UP
MENS OVER 45	Michael Cowhie	Adrian Leeson
MENS OVER 50	George Hewitt	Kevin O'Rourke
MENS OVER 55	Martin Mc Donnell	Gerry Mc Goldrick
MENS OVER 60	Kyran Hurley	Pat Hanley
MENS OVER 65	John Donovan	John Kielty
LADIES OVER 35	Jody Hannon	Sheryl Abernethy
LADIES OVER 50	Noelle Treacy	Anne Costelloe
LADIES OVER 55	Evelyn Hanrahan	Barbara Sanderson

Masters Interpros were held in Galway on 4th and 5th April 2014

Results were as follows -

SECTION	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Ladies Over 40	Ulster	Leinster
Ladies Over 50	Munster	Leinster
Mens Over 45	Leinster	Ulster
Mens Over 55	Munster	Connacht (Leinster 3 rd)
Mens Over 65	Connacht	Munster (Leinster 3 rd)

Leinster Teams in the Masters Interpros were -

Ladies O 40

1. Joan Gorham
2. Anne Costelloe
3. Paula Rowantree

Ladies O 50

1. Anne Costelloe
2. Christine Lowry
3. Christine Mooney

Mens O 45

1. Brian Lalor
2. Dave Borton
3. Jim Flynn
4. Tom Crowe
5. Kevin Ronan
6. Fergal Redmond

Mens O 55

1. Kyran Hurley
2. Martin Maher
3. Gerry Delaney
4. Michael Morrissey
5. Terry Hampson

Mens O 65

1. Seamus Daly
2. Ciaran Roche
3. Dermot O'Brien
4. Trevor Murphy

Brian A. McHale

League Secretary - Veterans Squash

Leinster Squash Saturday League Report 2013-14

The Saturday League stumbled forwards again this year in its usual state of partial organisation. We had two divisions as before, starting out with 7 teams in each division, though one team in each division subsequently dropped out leaving us with a total of 12 teams altogether. As always some matches were re-arranged and others were not played at all, but it all worked out in the end and culminated in a successful finals day in April, hosted once again by Aer Lingus to whom thanks. The Division 1 League was won by a strong Trinity team with Aer Lingus close behind, and in the cup the result was the same. The colleges also did well in Division 2 with DCU winning the league ahead of Trinity B, DCU winning the cup as well with Leinster B in second place. Full results were as follows:

	Winner	Runner-Up
Div 1 League	Trinity A	Aer Lingus A
Div 2 League	DCU	Trinity B
Div 1 Cup	Trinity A	Aer Lingus A
Div 2 Cup	DCU	Leinster B
Div 1 Plate	Leinster A	Aer Lingus B
Div 2 Plate	Aer Lingus C	De la Salle B
Jim Humphries Cup	Joe Mays	Trinity B
Jim Humphries Plate	De la Salle A	—

Participants tend to find this league a relaxed and enjoyable one and it would be great to get a few more clubs involved. There is room for all abilities from Leinster League Division 3 standard down to levels just a step or two above beginner, and ladies are welcome to play alongside the men.

Alan Sheehy-Skeffington
Saturday League Secretary

Leinster Senior Ranking Tournament Results

#	<u>Curragh Open</u>	<u>Leinster Open</u>	<u>Irish Nationals</u>	<u>Mount Pleasant Open</u>
1	Michael Craig	Derek Ryan	Arthur Gaskin	Michael Craig
2	Sean Conroy	Brian Byrne	Derek Ryan	Derek Ryan
3	David Ryan	Michael Craig	Brian Byrne	Brian Byrne
4	Steve Richardson	David Ryan	Michael Craig	David Ryan
5	Brian Byrne	Nigel Peyton	Nigel Peyton	Steve Richardson
6	Nigel Peyton	Stuart Hadden	Steve Richardson	Conor O'Hare
7	Niall Rooney	Darren Waring	Conor O'Hare	Darren Waring
8	Conor O'Hare	Niall Rooney	Stuart Hadden	Keith Moran
9	Rory Birtwistle	Dara O'Flynn	Rory Birtwistle	Nigel Peyton
10	Kevin Moore	Keith Moran	Sean Conroy	Rory Birtwistle
11	Neal Pollock	Kevin Moore	Darren Waring	Niall Rooney
12	Sam Olwill	Pat Morrissey	Sam Olwill	Neal Pollock
13	Clive Morgan	Rory Byrne	Kevin Moore	Rory Byrne
14	Dara O'Flynn	Rory Gilligan	Theo Anderson	Kevin Moore
15	Michael Conroy	Sam Olwill	Michael Conroy	Stuart Hadden
16	Anthony Lyons	Mark Gililand	Rory Byrne	Rory Gilligan
17	Ronan Peyton	Martin McDonnell	Mark Gililand	Ciaran McCoy
18	Cillian Dunne	Paul Linehan	Paul Linehan	Michael Conroy
19	Conor O'Shea	David Cassidy	Gerry Callanan	Pat Morriseey
20	Martin McDonnell	Theo Anderson	Keith Moran	Theo Anderson
21	Neal Murphy	Colm Travers	Cillian Dunne	David Cassidy
22	David Cassidy	David Knox	Alex Broadberry	Mark Gililand
23	Neil Brannigan	Howard Gill	Kevin Davey	Scott Gillanders
24	Tony Knights	Kevin Davey	Ryan Luther	Kevin Davey
	<u>Ladies</u>			
#	<u>Curragh Open</u>	<u>Leinster Open</u>	<u>Irish Nationals</u>	<u>Mount Pleasant Open</u>
1	Griffin Gillanders	Laura Mylotte	Madeleine Perry	Ciara Moloney
2	Ciara Moloney	Ciara Moloney	Laura Mylotte	Fiona Power
3	Stephanie Ryan	Griffin Gillanders	Ciara Moloney	Griffin Gillanders
4	Claire Staunton	Patricia Ryan	Griffin Gillanders	Claire O'Neill
5	Fiona Power	Aisling O'Connor	Fiona Power	Jody Hannon
6	Jody Hannon	Niamh Brennan	Aisling O'Connor	Niamh Brennan
7	Aoileann Ní Chomhraí	Niamh Maher	Jody Hannon	Aoileann Ní Chomhraí
8	Sinead Walsh	Jody Hannon	Patricia Ryan	Roisín O'Shea
9	Niamh Maher	Roisín O'Shea	Roisín O'Shea	Casey Luther
10	Jennifer Hegarty	Aoileann Ní Chomhraí	Niamh Maher	Niamh Maher
11	Roisín O'Shea	Sarah McDonnell	Casey Luther	Patricia Ryan

12	Sarah McDonnell	Lily Lloyd	Aoileann Ní Chomhraí	Lorraine Mooney
13		Sandra Walshe	Lily Lloyd	Claire Bergin
14		Caitriona Fitzgerald	Sarah McDonnell	Caitriona Fitzgerald
15		Clodagh Myers		Audrey Kieran
16		Shelly Ryan		Gay Grant