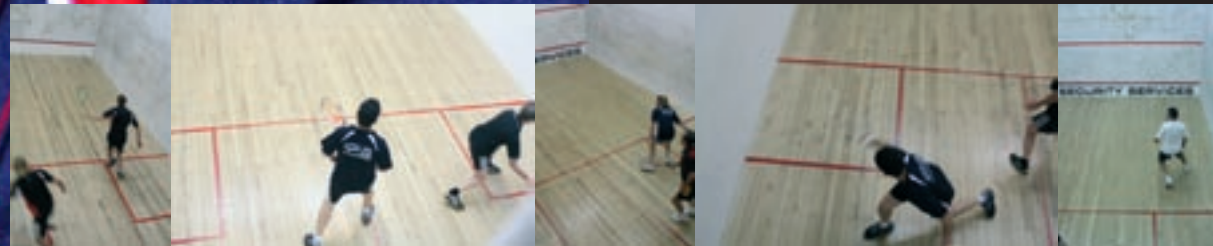


THE BROKEN RACQUET



The Lugton Park Squash Club Monthly Publication
of News, events and other items of interest.



From the President



Our President Andrew Yeoman has stepped down. He regrets the decision, but feels that since he cannot give the time and attention to the club that it deserves it is better to step down.

Colin Wicken was nominated to stand in until the next AGM. The committee passed this nomination.

Congratulations to Colin.

Committee Update

The August committee meeting was held on the 3th. The most important announcement was that Andrew Yeoman our President has stepped down effective immediately. Colin Wicken was nominated to stand in as Interim President until the AGM. Lugton Park has been nominated to Host the National Club Masters in 2010. Our August B-Grade Tournament is coming fast, we are always looking for club members to assist with making it run smoothly. It was passed that during the next AGM the club recognize other club members for their contributions. We are taking suggestions for "categories" for these awards. The AGM date has changed to OCT 17 following a one day tournament then an Awards Dinner and Social Poker. Committee meetings are open to members.

The next meeting is Monday September 7, 2009. 7pm in the Club Room.



CLUB NIGHTS



Come on down to the club on Mondays after 6pm. There has been fantastic turn out for the weekly club nights. We have gained many new members and there has been some fantastic squash being played. Typically the games are 15 minute matches, but when the numbers get up there we have had to adjust them to 10 minute games.

Colin, Rick and Jasmin have been doing a great job keeping the games flowing.



BUSINESS HOUSE

This is a weekly competition that is held in two sessions on Thursday nights during the summer. The competition is team based but social in nature. Each team is to have 1 ungraded player on their team of 5 players. There is a break during the competition for Christmas and the holidays.

Start thinking about a Business house team from your company now. Get your work colleagues to join in, it is a great way to get new members for the club.



FRIDAY NIGHT JUNIORS

Junior nights are held every Friday from 5.00 - 7.00pm during the second and third school terms excluding the holidays.

Juniors generally range between the age of 8 - 18 years old. All levels of ability from beginners to graded players.

The nights include some coaching , 15 - 20 min. games with other juniors and include the occasional tournament evening.

During the school holidays Brendon Woodhead ran a Juniors program that went from Wednesday to Friday from 9 am to noon. There were 6 juniors involved in this program as they learned the basics of Squash.

They learned how to hold the racquet, hit the ball, serve the ball and even mark and ref a game. The kids were all very excited during the program and felt it was a positive experience.



The Junior program has really developed this year with the assistance of Brendon Woodhead and Aaron Tozer. They have brought new ideas and energy to the program. With Dave Waterman at the helm the program has developed from 5 kids to upto 15 kids every friday.

They play a variety of games at the beginning to get themselves warmed up then they begin to learn shots and other aspects of the game. The goal is for the kids to be able to play in a graded tournament.

There has been talk and request from parents regarding a program again during the school holidays.

Juniors needs to have the encouragement and support of the members. These kids are the future of our club.

SOCIAL & COMPETITIVE MASTERS



This is a fortnightly competition that is played against other club teams. It is social based but still competition oriented.

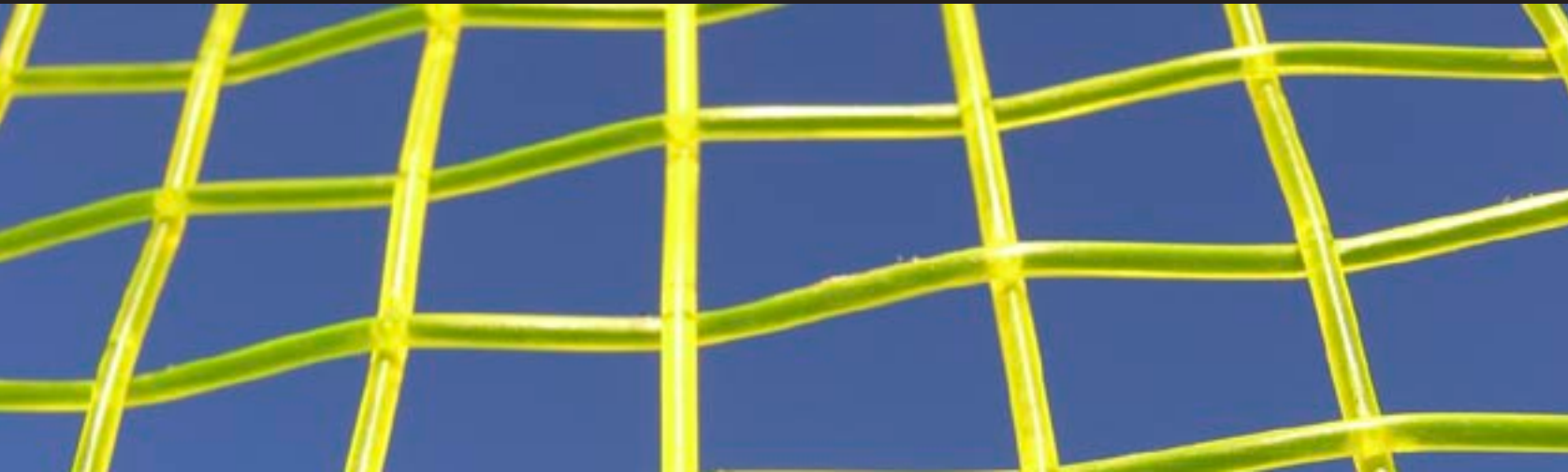
Lugton Park has 3 social masters teams in the competition.

Unfortunately on July 16th, the Social Masters were cancelled due to District Eliminations. There were no venues available for the teams to use and many players were on District Eliminations teams.

On July 30 the Lugton Park 2 and 3 teams played at Frankton against Frankton and Cambridge, Lugton 1 played at Leamington vs Morrinsville.

Lugton 3 had great matches against Frankton with some great squash being played. Sue Lawson had a great game that went to 5. Les Manley played a fantast game also and just won in 5. Brendon played his typical game of run and run with more running. Ending up with a win. Mari had a great battle with a E2 who just started to play squash. She did not win but had a great game.

The Lugton 2 team had a easy win as the Cambridge team never showed up for the match. The team of Colin Wicken, Terry & Christine Richdale and Susan Ryan. Susan did not mind as she was also playing in the Hamilton Old boys tournament. Terry and Christine had a great run around on the court followed by Terry and Colin. They stayed around for the supper and socializing at the end of the evenign. It was a great night.



TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIONS

The August B-Grade Tournament is on August 28-30. Keep an eye out for the poster and sign up sheets. We are asking that all Lugton Members who sign up for the tournament to volunteer time with any of the many jobs that will need doing. We are also looking for someone to cater the tournament. This could be club members or we could ask a local kindly if they would cater as a fund raiser for themselves.

District Eliminations

Lugton Park Squash Club had 5 teams entered into the District Eliminations. 3 Men's team with the B, C & E grades represented and in the Women's there were the B and E grades represented.

Mens Teams.

Women's Teams

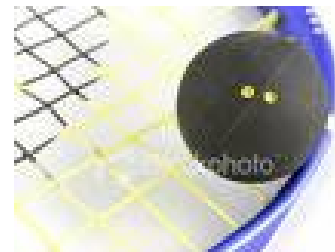
E grade

Thursday we played Taumarunui. We gave them a good run going down 3 to 2. Mari and Sarah winning there games (Mari in 5 and Sarah in 4). Susan lost to Toni who went unbeaten at number one and Carmen lost to Joedine who also went unbeaten and Gail (by the way how's the head?) went down to Karen who was unbeaten

Friday we had Hamilton Old Boys. We had our work cut out for us when they had 5 E1s against us. Susan was

winning against Kylie, when Kylie pulled a calf. Gail was still suffering from the head injury and lost to Trudy. Carmen should have been at home with her feet up, Lyrae is a good opponent and you did well. Mari gave Karen a scare and at 9/8 in the third. Sarah went down swinging in 3.

Saturday it was Hamilton. Larissa played and was the shining light for the team winning her game. It was close in Susan's game with Susan taking a game of Michelle. Sarah played a couple of close games but couldn't finish off Megan off. Carmen still not fully fit played her heart out, Down in 3 to Paula. Mari went down to Donna on 3.



Women's Spring Interclub



Women's Division 1

Week 1

Litia won in 4 against Denise - good effort. Louise in her debut match for our team played well but lost in 4 to Sue. Karen tried hard but lost in 5 to Ra - very good win for Ra! Judy played Barb, and after being down 7/1 in the 5th, managed to struggle back to win. It was 2 matches all, and even games, and we lost by about 10 points - a close contest!

Week 2

Well didn't we do well last Wed? - we beat Hamilton 3/1 Judy took her time to beat Kerrie in 5. Litia beat Julie in 4. Louise beat Julie's daughter Kimberley in 4 and Julie-Ann, our sacrificial lamb, lost to Shona in 3.

It was a long night - we were last finished!

Week 3

Well we lost to Morrinsville!

Litia doesn't want to play no 1 any more - she put up a good fight against Tania W, but lost. Judy beat Sue B, Amanda lost to the junior, Hope, and Louise lost to Janine in a very close match. So it was 3/1 down.



Women's Division 8

Week 1

We had a home game against Hamilton Old Boys. We just faced most of these girls in the District Eliminations competition. The team was strong and we played great.

Kay lost in 3, Susan won her match in 3. Carmen won her match in 4 but Kylie lost hers in 4 which ended up with a count back.

Unfortunately we lost in count back, but we had a great time and are looking forward to next week at Taumarunui.

Week 2

Susan, Anne, Mari & Sarah traveled to Taumarunui for some fantastic squash. The first to play was

Susan against Gwen, Susan had a great game and had a fantastic win. Next came Mari against Glenda. Mari made Glenda look like she was standing still. Fantastic win in 3. Anne came up next against Sera. Anne had a fantastic first game, but not playing in the last 4 years kind of caught up to her. She lost in 4. Last up was Sarah against Pheobe. Sarah had a convincing and dominant win in 3.

Week 3.

This week was a home game against Leamington. The team was Kay, Susan, Mari and Sarah. They were all tough games. Kay lost to Milly in 3, Susan won against Sarah De Jong in 3. Mari lost to Bridget in 3 and Sarah won Cheryl-Lee in 3. We ended up winning in countback.



Women's Division 5

Week 1

Hope to get something from the team to put in this space.

Week 2

Still nothing from this team

Week 3

They maybe winning or losing.



Women's Division 11

Week 1

Hope to get something from the team to put in this space.

Week 2

Still nothing from this team

Week 3

They maybe winning or losing.

Men's Spring Interclub



Men's Division 1

Week 1

Lugton A played Matamata at home for the first round of Spring Pennant.

Being the bottom team in this division we have our work cut out to make some head way into the points.

First up Malcolm playing to try and get a game to help with a possible countback and was happy to win the first 10/8 lost the second won the third and was amazed to be up match ball 8/0 before withstanding a strong comeback to win the match 10/9 in the forth.

Craig had a really challenging time with his player who

has just hit the A grade ranks, but managed to last the 3 games.

Next up was the raising star David who dominated the first to games 9/1, 9/1 and after a longer 3rd game took the win 3/0.

That looked good 2/1 up with Murray to play, and started great by winning the first 2 games only to slow up conserving strength for the honeymoon to lose 3/2 but the two games were enough to win on the countback.

So a great start from the boys.

Week 2

The Lugton Div 1 team played Cambridge this week.

Our secret weapon David D came though with a straight sets win over a B1.

Unfortunately our other not so secret weapons were all blown away 3/0.

So was left to the "old" fella Guy to restore pride with a good old fashioned walloping of an opponent that had previously in winter beaten him.

Feel confident about next week, I'm not playing.

It could be a difficult spring for some of us.



Men's Division 3

Week 1

Lugton B vs Te Aroha A, Lugton B were without their 2 top graded player against the highest seeded team in the division.

Mike Wright started the night with a good win in 5 against a B grade player (Mike's 1st B grade scalp) then Alex Waterman had a tough match against Bruce Waugh succumbing in 3.

Next up was Terry Richdale up against a very skilful

Overall, a fine team performance securing a 3-1 round victory.

Week 2

Lugton D posted a good fight winning two of four games sending the result to count back.

However, with Aaron and Matt S both winning their games 3-2 and Morrinsville winning their games 3-0, 3-1, handed them the overall round victory.

The boys will be hoping for a better performance next week against Ruakura.



Men's Division 11

Week 1

A very cold night in Ngaruawahia and it would mean that it would take a lot of warming up to get in to it.

Tk would be the first person on court with a victory 3/0 to the police officer only 6 months out of UK.

player and for all money was going the same way as Alex, but by sheer determination and a brain fade by his opponent, Terry came through, winning in 5.

After Terry's surprise Pete McKay was up against the wall also with a match up against Richard Symme, an ex A grader now verging on B1. Pete was in good form for 1.5 games but faded badly after that to lose in 4.

In all a good result given that we were totally under strength.

Week 2

Lugton B lost last night to Taupiri 11-14.

Mike won in 3, Terry had a job too hard and lost in 3, Pete again fell short of the mark and lost 4 then Alex had a good hard match with Scott and came through in 5.

Next week we are at home against Cambridge - Team is Paul, Pete, Mike and Alex

Geoff Rawcliffe on second against the fit Josh would see the game score 3/1 to them as the younger opponent played on his ability to keep running.

Caleb Donaldson with a prompt pre match prayer to the man upstairs would see the favourable result of a clean 3/0 victory.

Having secured the win, the pressure would be taken off for final match between Mark Hamer and Selwyn Gay resulting in a 3/1 match score to them.

All in all a very fine start to season.

Week 2

With the advantage of being at our home ground, such would give Lugton E to confidence to bring all or nothing.

First on the court Tk. A 3/0 victory would set the benchmark and would ultimately define the evening.

Second up Geoff the Ref...abuser. He would have all in the gallery on edge as he confidently takes us to a 5 setter winning 3/2.

Mark Hammer up next aka...Hamer time. Giving the op-



Men's Division 5

Week 1

Lugton C started off with a loss unfortunately with us going down to OLD BOY'S 17/8.

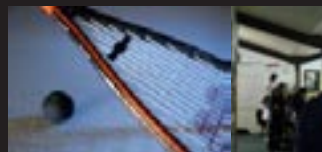
Aaron Wright won 3/0 Graham and Evan lost 3/0 and Peter although playing superbly went down in five (independent assessment)

Week 2

Lugton C played Hamilton at Hamilton and went down 17/8.

Peter went down in 4 and next time will be relegated from number one to water boy, Colin although played a good game of tennis was supposed to be playing squash and also lost in 4.

Evan who was called in late this week as a replacement for a replacement exceeded all expectations and lost in 3.



Men's Division 8

Week 1

Rory got the team off to a winning start by defeating a tricky opponent content on drop shots and fickle lops (3-1).

Dave kept the ball rolling with a hard fought win (3-2), which set the team in stead for an overall round victory.

Aaron had a hassle free victory over Te Rapa's number one (3-0).

With the round in the bag Phil however failed to clench a 4-0 victory in a hard fought defeat.

Men's Spring Interclub - Continued



Men's Division 11

Continued

ponent the first game would be part of the strategy to see Mark lose the battle but win the war.

The final match would be the first for the new Lugtoner Mark Manson.

And a mighty fine one with 3 zip victory. The recruit finishing on the strong note as to compare with Lugton E's first man oncourt.

Final host/visitor score 22/3.

Well done lads.



Men's Division 12

Week 1

Lugton F played an away game against Cambridge.

It was very close.

After fours matches Lugton F had a tie, and on count back we had the same number of games, so we had to count the points, with Cambridge the final score being 97-93 (probably, there was definitely only four points difference) to Cambridge.

Week 2

After a narrow away loss to Cambridge last week Lugton F were keen to win their first 'home' game against Leamington, played at Frankton.

Chris Banks got things off to a good start winning in 3 on a slippery Frankton court.

Next up was Ivan Schroder, standing for his father Mark. Ivan won his first game for Lugton F in 3, including one game where he kept a cool head to come from behind and win 10-9.

It was a tougher game for Jake Greatrex, but he persevered to win in 5.

Last up, Caleb Jenson completed the 4-0 clean sweep for Lugton, also winning in 5.



Men's Division 13

Week 1

Lugton G had a very close match with Old Boys D in the first match of the spring season.

Both Tim F and Dave B had strong games with 3/0 and 3/1 respective match wins.

However, after Old Boys posted a couple of convincing wins it came down to the wire with a count back of individual game points required.

The count back proved Old Boys the better team on the night, taking it out by one individual game point!

So close! Better luck next week lads.....

Week 2

Lugton G faced a strong Te Rapa side last night and were beaten convincingly.

Sam M played very well against a more experienced opponent and Dave B was unlucky to loose a closely fought 5 game battle.

We'll treat this one as a learning experience and move on to next week.

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