



# NEWSLETTER

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## Editorial

The 96/97 year is now well under way and the rigours and challenges of the new squash season already upon us, nevertheless rather late than never, I take great pleasure in welcoming members, both old and new back to the club. I hope your enjoyment of the facilities and attendance and participation when possible in the various events planned for this our 60th year will make it a memorable one.

The Directors continue to beaver away on various fronts where "re-organisation in administration/management" is taking front stage with "re-development/lottery funding" not far behind. If the energy and imagination being put into the reporting and recommendation process under way in these matters is anything to go by then I am confident that the Club's very best interests are being served at this time. Every reasonable effort will be made to keep the members suitably informed of developments so please, for example, keep an eye on the Notice Boards from time to time, but better still have a word with any of the Directors you see fit.

There is one matter finally which I would like the members to give particular thought to. The Annual Report and Accounts is currently under preparation and included therein will be the information regarding retiring Directors/election to vacancies together with the laid down procedure for receiving any other nominations. Please, bearing in mind that we must think not just of the present but to the future also, take this opportunity to assess both your own and your fellow members' positions and consider the valuable contribution to be made to the successful running of the Club by serving on the Board. Would anyone who wishes to contact me for further details please drop a note into the club for my attention or 'phone me at 0131-554-2246.

Mike Hunter Chairman

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership levels are rising again, with 64 applications in the first three months. It is important for Club funding (developments etc) that this trend continues and therefore the "No joining fee" incentive will continue until further notice. This offer applies to applicants who have been proposed and seconded by existing members of two years standing. This is a big saving - so please start recruiting !

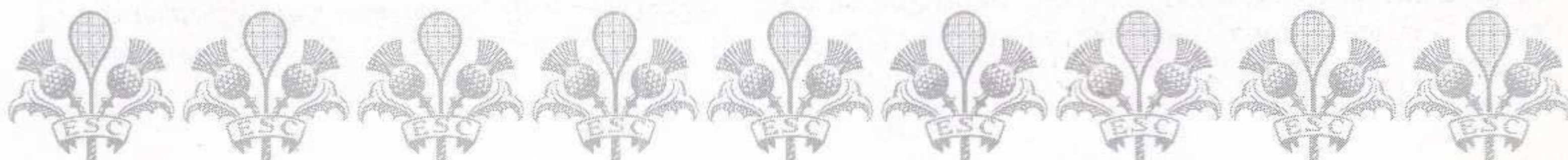
## Development Update

We are pressing ahead with a *lottery* application which will include the developments shown on the drawing displayed in the lounge along with other requirements which have been requested in recent questionnaires. The plan will be available for display shortly.

As you may know, E.S.C. is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Building started on this site in 1936 and many subsequent modifications have produced the club as you now know it. The 50th anniversary booklet which contains the club history up to that point, can be obtained on request from the management. To mark the occasion, several events have been organised including an International Squash Festival, and 20 a-side matches versus several other clubs. 60th anniversary shirts and sweaters are in stock and T-shirts are to follow.

Please see the last page in this newsletter regarding social events and clothing offers.

**60th**



## **Playing**

The Lothian and National Leagues have begun, and matches are played on Monday's to Thursday's in the evening. So if you want to watch some wonderful squash come down and support one of the teams.

This years team captains are as follows -

National League : Alistair McKie

Mens 1st : John Gillan

Ladies 1st : Juliet Milne

Mens 2nd : Mark Hallam

Ladies 2nd : Janet McVea

Mens 3rd : Richard Housego

Ladies 3rd : Sandra Kempston

## **Juniors**

The second junior squash coaching course commences on Sunday 27th October. If you wish to attend please ensure you have booked at reception.

It is proposed to hold introductory Football and Hockey development courses at the club over the Winter on Monday's and Tuesday's after school. Please register at reception before October 24th. More information will be placed on the club notice board, and subject to demand, classes will commence in mid November.

Congratulations to the Junior under-16 team of Nicholas Hillyard, Richard Snowden and Allan Angus who successfully retained the Scottish Quaich.

## **TEAM SPONSORS**

The club are delighted to thank all our sponsors who have kindly supported the following teams :

National League - Mills Multon Partnership

Mens 1st - Menzies Dougall W.S.

Mens 2nd - Lynch McQueen

Ladies 1st - Quality Mark Wholesale

Ladies 2nd - Quality Mark Wholesale

Juniors - Bank of Scotland

We are still awaiting sponsorship for the Mens and Ladies 3rd teams. If anyone knows of a company or individual that may wish to sponsor these teams, please contact the manager.

## **MOAN CORNER**

We don't like to, but.....

(1) Please remember to hand in your gym key into reception or the bar when you are finished - several have gone missing and not only is this costly as it costs £12 to replace each one, it also causes great annoyance to other members who can't get a key.

(2) Please be vigilant when letting strangers in the front door as a number of thefts have occurred recently.

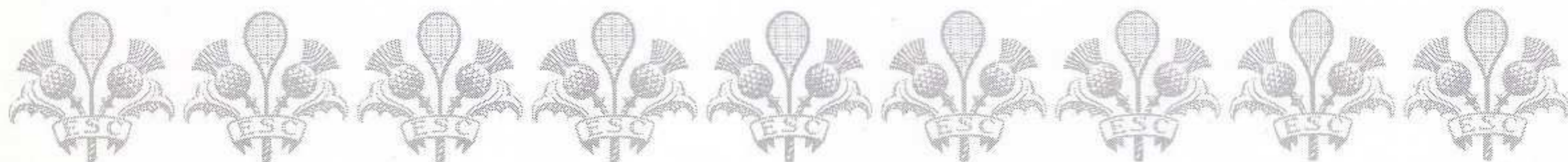
(3) The sauna has now been fixed, however the problem was due to excess water being poured over the coals. The element has been replaced at great cost - so gentlemen, half a scoop only please !

## **DOUG YULE SCHOLARSHIP**

Nick Karinis of Craigroyston School was presented with the inaugural scholarship at a ceremony at his school recently. Mike Hunter presented the award on behalf of the club which gives Nick a free membership for the year. He was recommended for the award by the school.

This is a most worthwhile scholarship and we trust members will make him most welcome.

For a modest fee, your company could advertise in this space or a larger box if required. For further details contact the Manager on 539-7071.



## SUMMER MINI-TEAM NEWS

Alas another year of sweat, tears, team arguments and the occasional consumption of alcoholic beverage has come to an end! Thank goodness the squash seasons started.

This years tournament witnessed a riches to rags story as newcomers the Mostly Smellies threatened at one point to run away with the title, however after some cunning handicap changes their season went from bad to worse and the less said about the finish the better.

The Monday league was won by the "Smellies" whilst the Tuesday saw Ray Turners "Terrors" sneak through to grab top spot after The Beefeaters and The Flukemasters dropped points on the last day.

The mid season barbecue was well attended and we were lucky to have a rain free evening, however thunder clouds did appear in the bar afterwards as Ray Stevenson's team won the quiz. Obviously some ringers there!

A fiercely contested 2nd half saw Bob Lynch's Lynch Mob come from nowhere to win the plate beating The Unsquashables into second place. In The McLauchlan Trophy, The Grapecrushers were crowned champions edging out last years victors The Flukemasters. Over 80 players attended the prizegiving dinner to witness Michael Stewart win "The Referees Nightmare" prize and Scott Thompson collect "The Worst Dressed Player" award. Congratulation to Angie Henderson who won the handicap tournament and to a rejuvenated Jim McLauchlan who somehow won the handicap plate.

Apologies to Wendy's Offspring who did not get mentioned in the prizegiving speech, but they did do very very well in the tournament.

If anyone has any information regarding how Jim, Ray, Renwick and Sally got home, please contact the manager.

## CLUB MANAGER

The post of Club Manager was advertised in several papers and Leisure Opportunities during September. There has been a good response in applications and The Board hope to commence interviews in November.

## FITNESS

Step classes will continue until Christmas at these times :

Intermediate - 6.00pm Tuesday's

Advanced - 6.00pm Thursday's

## GET FIT FOR WINTER

Don't forget the over 60's class on a Wednesday at 11 am, and if you require an Induction or Fitness assessment, book on the fitness notice board for any Tuesday.

## SOCIAL CORNER

The club Race Night was enjoyed by all, and well done to Jerry Hogarth who won the first auction race - Money goes to Money ! Desni Nixon was successful in the final race and hopefully this injection of cash will help her to recuperate .

The weekend of the Squash Festival 1/2/3 November proved to be a memorable occasion with all team members and supporters enjoying silky squash, silky beer and a few sore heads!

A 20 a-side match versus Watsonians has been arranged for Friday 22nd November. Details will be on the board in the near future.

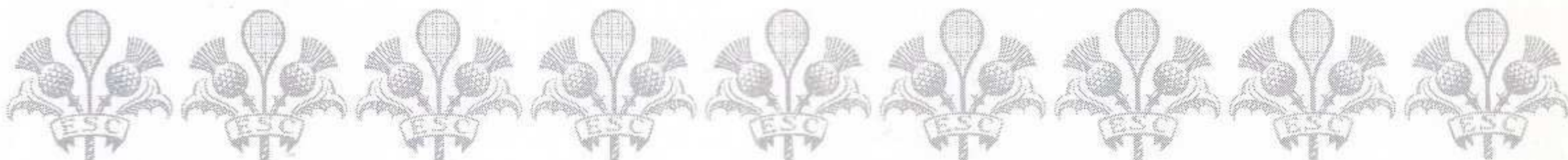
## WANTED

Members with £5 spare per month

## REWARD

Monthly prizes in the 100 club draw !

£60 is the top prize, and the more entrants each month the bigger the prize - It's better odds than the lottery !



## PROGRAMME

### OCTOBER

- Squash - Lothian Leagues commence  
Racketball - New mixed doubles leagues commence. (11th)  
Coaching - Junior squash coaching commence. (27th)

### NOVEMBER

- Squash - ESC Squash Festival. (1st -3rd)  
20 a-side v watsonians. (22nd)  
Hockey - Mixed hockey match -Date to be confirmed.  
Social - Firework display and bbc. (5th)  
Candlelight Dinner. (8th)

### DECEMBER

- Football - New 7 a-side league commences. (5th)  
Social - Candlelight Dinner. (6th)  
Kids Xmas party. (7th)  
Christmas Dance. (14th)

### JANUARY

- Squash - Club Open Championship  
20 a-side v Bridge of Allan.  
Social - Candlelight Dinner.  
Other - Rugby Dinner. (Scot v Wales)

### \*\*\*\*\* NEW SHOP STOCK\*\*\*\*\*

60th Anniversary shirts - £18.50 60th Anniversary Sweaters - £27.50  
Rackets - O/S Response £97.50 O/S Wallbanger £60 O/S Outrage £ 37.50

### CONGRATULATIONS !!

Congratulations to Gorden Bell who won this years club Golf Championship, defeating Ken Hart in the final. In the Men's Tennis Championship, once again Alistair MacIntosh was triumphant beating Rab McGill in the final. However Rab got revenge in the Doubles as he and his partner Drew Mackenzie won a close final 7-6 7-6 over Alistair and Maurice Pollock.

### ITS COMING HOME !

A 7 a-side football club league is starting in December based on the same format as the Summer Mini-Team leagues, and Summer Teams are invited to enter a team. A maximum of eight teams can play, with up to two non-members playing per team per week. Matches will be played weekly on Thursday evenings. Details are on the upstairs notice board, so don't miss out and sign up your team now!

### FEELING HUNGRY ?

Come and try our new Winter menu with exciting hot snacks :-

Wild Boar Burgers, BLT croissants and Fried Chicken rolls all with salads, plus all the usual home made soup, bread and roasts etc.

Why not book your Christmas party at the club as hire is free. For menus and more information call

Pat Wilson Catering 343 - 1274

