

Dalgety Bay Squash Club Junior Tournament 20th February 2016

This was an opportunity for Sean Ramsay to run his first tournament under the watchful eyes and support of Catherine & Kevin. With 6 players from the junior section, a two pool draw determined the final pairings. For Alex Rigden and Matthew Pirie this was their first tournament, Sean's friend Erin Oliver-Hamilton also provided support, learning to referee and scoring some of the matches.

Getting the players warmed up with some 'Volley-squash'.



The draw and results were:

| Grade A | AR | KR | AR | Total | Position | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Alexander Rowntree | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | |
| Katie Rigden | 0 | | 3 | 3 | 2 | |
| Alex Rigden | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 3 | |
| Match | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Winner |
| Alexander v Katie | 11-3 | 11-4 | 11-8 | | | Alexander 3-0 |
| Alexander v Alex | 11-6 | 11-8 | 11-8 | | | Alexander 3-0 |
| Katie v Alex | 11-5 | 11-6 | 11-5 | | | Katie 3-0 |
| Grade B | JR | MP | CF | Total | Position | |
| Jenny Rigden | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | |
| Matthew Pirie | 0 | | 3 | 3 | 2 | |
| Callum Ferguson | 0 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | |
| Match | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Winner |
| Jenny v Matthew | 11-2 | 11-2 | 11-5 | | | Jenny 3-0 |
| Jenny v Callum | 11-3 | 11-1 | 11-4 | | | Jenny 3-0 |
| Matthew v Callum | 7-11 | 11-8 | 6-11 | 11-4 | 11-5 | Matthew 3-2 |
| Playoffs: | | | | | | |
| Match | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Winner |
| Alexander v Jenny | 11-3 | 8-11 | 11-3 | 11-3 | | Alexander 3-1 |
| Katie v Matthew | 4-11 | 6-11 | 11-7 | 11-7 | 11-13 | Matthew 3-2 |
| Alex v Callum | 9-11 | 7-11 | 5-11 | | | Callum 3-0 |
| Final Placings: | | | | | | |
| Alexander Rowntree | 1st | | | | | |
| Jenny Rigden | 2nd | | | | | |
| Matthew Pirie | 3rd | | | | | |
| Katie Rigden | 4th | | | | | |
| Callum Ferguson | 5th | | | | | |
| Alex Rigden | 6th | | | | | |

In the pool stages there were some interesting games, Alexander and Alex took to court 3 in the first game, Alex completely un-phased by his much taller and experienced opponent. The two players worked together and this set the tone for the rest of the competition. All the players using their skills and experience to welcome Alex to squash, demonstrating true sportsmanship and enjoyment of playing squash. In Pool B, Callum and Matthew traded games to go to 2 games all, before Matthew won the fifth. This set up the final three games with Callum playing Alex, again great sportsmanship and patience was shown, Callum demonstrating his developing skills to put the ball where he wants to and Alex still getting to grips with the basics, with determination and a smile, which lasted all tournament.





With Sean looking after the running order, results and organising referees with Catherine's support, Kevin was able to take some pictures of the players during their games.

The second final saw Katie and Matthew go head to head, Matthew took a two game lead, but Katie showed her experience and took control of the next two games to level at two all. Katie hitting a series of lob serves to great effect and put Matthew under real pressure. Into the final game and Katie edged ahead and at 10 -8 had a match ball. Matthew levelled and the game finished 11-13 in favour of Matthew a great result for his first Tournament, finishing third.

This set up the final and Jenny and Alexander took to the court. Alexander took the first game, but Jenny levelled by winning the second game, showing some real skill and hit a number of nicks, which put Alexander under some real pressure. Both players moving each other round the court and at times both controlling the T and putting pressure on each other. Some great drives and excellent front court skills as opportunities were created. Alexander took control of the next two games to ensure a 3-1 victory.

Well-done to all the players who each got a turn at refereeing and marking matches.

Another successful tournament for the players and for Sean: who was running his first tournament. Thanks also to Erin Oliver-Hamilton for her help with the refereeing and presenting the medals to Jenny in second place and Alexander, who finished in first place.

Everyone's looking forward to the next tournament.

