

## **NORTHUMBRIA SQUASH – SEASON 2021/22**

Summer 2021 saw the end of a very tough period of squash court closures and gave the green light to restart our county squash activities. Squash was one of the most effected sports over the Covid period and the fear was players wouldn't return in the numbers as before.

To encourage a return to competitive squash ahead of the winter leagues we first ran a Team Squash series hosted at a mix of clubs open to all players, this was well received and well attended and took us nicely to the return of tournament squash with the SUMMER OPEN graded event, hosted at The Northumberland Club and started the season with a bang.

Our full tournament calendar was then underway with the following events taking place over the season

**JUNIOR COUNTY CLOSED** – Held at Northern Squash club with categories for boys and girls under 11 through to u19s we had 10 county champions crowned.

**SENIOR COUNTY CLOSED 2021** – held over from the normal January date our senior county closed took place in October at Tynemouth squash club seeing Liam Gutcher winning his second county title and Sam Ward retaining her title. Masters winners were O45 – Peter Mcleod, O55 – Glenn ward, O60 – Glenn Ward and O65 – Adrian Alderton.

**SENIOR COUNTY CLOSED 2022** – only 3 months after the 2021 version the event returned to its traditional January date , with Masters event to be a separate event later in the year only the Mens and Ladies titles were up for grabs. Sam Ward won the ladies once more taking her 9<sup>th</sup> county title, The mens there was a first time winner with Michael Mattimore becoming county champion.

**NORTHUMBRIA OPEN 2022** – a bumper entry for the return of the Open held at The Northumberland Club. Thanks to our very generous sponsors this was once again a PSA event for Mens and Ladies running alongside our mostly local graded events bringing a high level of entertainment to the courts. The Mens title was won by Welsh man Owain Taylor and Ladies by Saran Nghiem from Manchester.

### **COUNTY TEAMS**

Led and organised by Liam Gutcher our junior county teams competed at all age groups, with the event in 2 stages. After stage one 2 of our teams had progressed to the finals competing in the top 8 teams in the country. The girls u11 team eventually finishing 7<sup>th</sup> and the boys u13 ending up 5<sup>th</sup>. Other highlights were plate winners for boys u11, boys u17 and girls u15 teams.

The Mens and Ladies teams travelled to Nottingham in April, The Mens team after being promoted in 2019 to the premier league (top 8 county teams) and first match up was a close loss to Sussex, this left a make or break match vs Devon, to remain in the Premier League for next season, a 3-2 win sealed the deal and another season in the top division. Mens team – Chris Wiggins, Michael Mattimore, Liam Gutcher, Cai Younger, Dave Barnett and Alex Robertson

The Ladies were attempting promotion back to the Premier Division, 2 wins were needed to achieve that however a first round loss to Kent left the team to play for positions and with 2 wins they sealed 5<sup>th</sup> place. Team – Josie Barker, Rebecca Symmons, Karen Heron, Katie Barker and Annabelle Satow.

Our sole Masters team was Mens O65, they did very well having progressed through stage one undefeated they had finals (top 8 teams) in Sheffield at the end of April, with a Monrad format a loss, a win and then a loss meant they finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Team – Adrian Alderton, Andrew Wilkinson, Tony Pensom, Stan Brown and Joe Witherspoon.

### **JOHN DALE TROPHY**

The John Dale Trophy was awarded to the best performing junior from season 2019/20. Harriet Wight from Northern was this year's recipient, after a fantastic last year as a junior player Harriet travelled the country competing and in that season was u19 county champion and selected to play for the ladies county team. Harriet is a determined and very capable player, plays a very athletic and positive brand of squash, she is loyal to club and county, she ticks all the boxes for a John Dale trophy winner, congratulations.

Lastly all of these county events and achievements are only possible because of those who give up their time to organise, these people love squash and help Northumbria Squash remain a bustling and vibrant community, thanks to all those who make it happen.

*Dave Barnett (Northumbria SRA Chairman)*

# Northumbria Squash Rackets Association

Charitable Incorporated Organisation - Registered Charity Number 1180804

## Treasurer's Report - 2021/22 Season

	2021/22 Year ended: 30th April 2022 £	2020/21 30th April 2021 £	Diff 21/22 vs 20/21 £
<b>RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
England Squash Membership Rebate	0	2,159	(2,159)
Northumbria League fees	930	0	930
Tournament entry fees	5,549	0	5,549
Tournament sponsorship	1,600	500	1,100
ES COVID support	0	1,400	(1,400)
ES Regional Funding	0	900	(900)
Junior Fundraising	478	161	317
Ladies Squash Sponsorship	250	0	250
Bank interest	20	20	(1)
	<b>8,827</b>	<b>5,140</b>	<b>3,686</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Northumbria League expenses	(565)	0	(565)
Tournaments	(6,869)	0	(6,869)
Inter-County Teams	(4,767)	345	(5,112)
Talent, Performance and Participation	(400)	(500)	100
Hoodies / T-Shirts	(626)	0	(626)
Refereeing	0	0	0
Website	(86)	(84)	(2)
ES Conference	0	0	0
Ladies Squash	(367)	0	(367)
Regional Forum Funding	(906)	0	(906)
Miscellaneous (Golf Trophies/Tax/Stamps/Balls)	(8)	(44)	36
	<b>(14,594)</b>	<b>(283)</b>	<b>(14,311)</b>
<b>(Deficit) / surplus for the year</b>	<b>(5,767)</b>	<b>4,857</b>	<b>(10,625)</b>
<b>ANALYSIS BY ACTIVITY</b>			
England Squash Membership Rebate	Note 1 <b>0</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>(2,159)</b>
<b>Northumbria Leagues</b>			
League Fees	Note 2 930		930
League Master software	(300)		(300)
League Cup Finals - courts & balls			0
Presentation Night costs (including medals)	(265)		(265)
	<b>365</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>365</b>
<b>Tournaments:</b>			
<b>(i) Northumbria Summer Open</b>			
Entry fees	1,260		1,260
PSA Registration\Deposit	(107)		(107)
Prize Money	(720)		(720)
T Shirts	(484)		(484)
Trophies\prizes\balls	(101)		(101)
Courts	(263)		(263)
	<b>(414)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(414)</b>
<b>(ii) Northumbria Masters Closed</b>			
Entry fees			0
Trophies			0
Courts			0
Balls			0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(iii) Northumbria Senior Closed</b>			
Entry fees	719		719
Trophies	(369)		(369)
Courts	(418)		(418)
Balls	(18)		(18)
	<b>(86)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(86)</b>
	Note 3		

	2021/22 Year ended: 30th April 2022 £	2020/21 30th April 2021 £	Diff 21/22 vs 20/21 £
<b>Tournaments (continued):</b>			
<b>(iv) Northumbria Junior Closed</b>			
Entry fees	1,080		1,080
Vouchers			0
Trophies	(203)		(203)
Courts	(237)		(237)
	<u>640</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>640</u>
<b>(v) Northumbria Senior Open</b>			
Entry fees	1,850		1,850
Sponsorship	1,600	500	1,100
PSA Registration\Deposit	(106)		(106)
Prize Money	(1,800)		(1,800)
T Shirts	(869)		(869)
Trophies\prizes\balls	(159)		(159)
Courts	Note 4		0
	<u>516</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>16</u>
<b>(vi) Northumbria Junior Open</b>			
Entry fees - Bronze Event	640		640
T Shirts	(356)		(356)
Trophies	(122)		(122)
Courts	(168)		(168)
	<u>(6)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(6)</u>
<b>(vii) Gosforth Classic (Northern Open) Sponsorship</b>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(250)</u>
<b>(viii) Junior Monrad</b>	<u>(120)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(120)</u>
<b>Total Tournaments</b>	<u>280</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(220)</u>
<b>Inter-County Teams:</b>			
<b>(i) Seniors</b>			
Entry fees	(110)		(110)
Travel & accommodation			
- Men's Senior		173	(173)
- Ladies' Senior	(96)	172	(268)
	Note 5 <u>(206)</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>(551)</u>
<b>(ii) Masters</b>			
Entry fees	(83)		(83)
Travel & accommodation			
- Men's O50			0
- Men's O60			0
- Men's O65	(46)		(46)
	<u>(129)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(129)</u>
<b>(iii) Juniors</b>			
Entry fees	(500)		(500)
Travel & accommodation	(3,932)		(3,932)
Northern Cup	Note 6		0
	<u>(4,432)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,432)</u>
<b>Total Inter-County Teams</b>	<u>(4,767)</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>(5,112)</u>
<b>Talent, Performance and Participation</b>			
ES COVID support		1,400	(1,400)
ES Regional Funding	Note 7	900	(900)
Ladies Squash	(367)		(367)
Distribution to applicant clubs (Return to squash)	(250)	(500)	250
Distribution to Talent - junior coaching\monrad courts	(150)		(150)
Regional Forum Funding	(906)		(906)
	<u>(1,673)</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>(3,473)</u>
Junior Fundraising	Note 8	161	317
Ladies Squash Sponsorship	Note 9	250	250
	<u>(945)</u>	<u>1,961</u>	<u>(2,906)</u>

	2021/22 Year ended: 30th April 2022 £	2020/21 30th April 2021 £	Diff 21/22 vs 20/21 £
<b>Hoodies / T-Shirts</b>			
Purchase of Hoodies / T-Shirts	Note 10 (626)		(626)
	<u>(626)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(626)</u>
<b>Refereeing</b>			
Refereeing course			0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Website</b>			
Advertising income			0
Web hosting	(86)	(84)	(2)
	<u>(86)</u>	<u>(84)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
<b>ES Conference</b>			0
<b>Miscellaneous (Golf Trophies/Tax/Stamps/Balls)</b>	(8)	(44)	36
<b>Interest after Tax</b>	20	20	(1)
<b>(Deficit) / surplus for the year</b>	<u>(5,767)</u>	<u>4,857</u>	<u>(10,625)</u>

	2021/22 As at: 30th April 2022	2020/21 30th April 2021	Diff 21/22 vs 20/21
<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>			
<b>Cash at bank</b>	<u>16,089</u>	<u>21,856</u>	<u>(5,767)</u>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Brought forward	21,856	16,999	4,857
(Deficit) / surplus for the year	(5,767)	4,857	(10,625)
<b>Carried forward</b>	<u>16,089</u>	<u>21,856</u>	<u>(5,767)</u>

The County funds have decreased by £5,767 over the year.

Notes to the Accounts:

- 1 No ES membership rebate received during the year due to ES's temporary suspension of membership fees.
- 2 Northumbria Leagues revenue from 62 teams at a reduced rate of £15 per team (2019/20: £45 per team).
- 3 County Closed held in January 2022 does not have any entry fees applied or court / ball costs as none received to date.
- 4 Northumbria Open still requires court costs to be applied, bill was received from Northumberland Club in May 2022 £416.00
- 5 Senior Inter County Team requires expenses to be applied which were not received until May, £654. O65 Team £466.50.
- 6 Northern Cup expenses £60 paid after year end.
- 7 Participation grant application £1,200 in December 2021, received from ES in May 2022, for distribution to applicant clubs.  
Further grant application £1,300 in February 2022, received from ES in May 2022, for use at Association's discretion.
- 8 Crowd Funding for Junior Bikeathon.
- 9 Sport Newcastle funding for Ladies Squash.
- 10 County T-Shirt purchase (new logo).
- 11 Adjustments to the accounts on an accruals basis would have no significant effect on the deficit for the year.

ICC travel expenses reimbursement policy

- Fuel - 15p per mile for max two cars per team.
- Accommodation - £45 limit per shared room, max 3 rooms per team, overnight stay permitted if over two hours' travel time to venue, on middle night of two-day events, and on night before event if very early start. Centrally booked through Dave Barnett.

Susan Spence  
Treasurer  
12 June 2022