

RLTSC Squash Championships 2016

Well another annual squash championship has come to an end, and what a great week of squash matches we had.

With 43 competitors entering a range of 7 different competitions (Plate, Clubman, under 35, 35+, 45+ , 55+ and Open) running over a period of 5 days many had multiple games to play each nightand the injuries to show for their efforts by the end of the week. Numbers were up across all events from last year; apart from the clubman which is a shame; this just shows the continued strength of Radlett squash. We also introduced the 'under 35' competition this year to open up the range of events the younger members could enter and I hope everyone felt this was a great success.

Finals night arrived on the Friday night and a good crowd arrived to watch. They were entertained by some classic matches in all finals, with some of the results not fully reflecting the closeness of the match. Perhaps this was best reflected in the 'old mans' competition (55+) where we were enthralled by Julian Craxton and Daniel Wolfson playing a classic game of grit and determination to go all the way with Julian to eventually come out winner at 3-2 and this was only the first final of three for Daniel! As always the highlight of the night; the Open, was a great match between Dave Rawlings and Simon Hancock, with Dave just having the edge and coming out winner.... and a new name goes on the trophy.

So some highlights of the week;

Seeing so many juniors enter ... and play some fantastic squash

Having two of our tennis coaches taking part. Thanks Jordan and Paul for entering, and entertaining us with your squash prowess! Thankfully for us squash players they didn't make it through to any finals..... but next year may be a different story

Jamie Gall pushing eventual Open champion Dave Rawlings to all 5 games in the 2nd round of the Open

The great atmosphere each night during the rounds where the squash area was really buzzing

The 55+ final with some 'classic' shots and commentary coming from Julian

And perhaps the best for me and Jeanette..... it's all over for another year

So all results and some photos can be found on the website

Kyri will be looking for a volunteer to run next year as I will be stepping down, so if you're interested let him know

Thanks to Jeanette for helping organise (and all the late night sorting of the draws)

Thanks to all the guys who helped mark matches on the Thursday and Friday

Well done to all competitors and eventual winners

Jon Sandford

Competition Organiser