



DSC December Newsletter

Sports Club Update

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Dumfries Sports Club

Dear Member

There has been little change since I last provided an update for members. On the sporting front the return of squash still seems some way off.

A recent concession has seen squash coaching for juniors and adults become available once again but with strict guidelines attached. For more information, our club coach Jim Scrivens can be contacted on 07713643323.

Squash players throughout Scotland have become very frustrated with the lack of progress particularly when the other home countries have allowed squash to be played to varying degrees since July. The main issue appears to be that SportScotland, who advise the Scottish Government, are treating squash as a contact sport while other countries do not and this has led to the current impasse.

Squash clubs throughout Scotland have joined forces to draw up a roadmap for the return based on the present pandemic tier system as we are all disappointed at the lack of action from ScottishSquash and are lobbying politicians both local and national. Jim and myself have been active and provided input on behalf of the club and we will keep members informed if there is any progress.

Tennis has proved very popular and the courts have been particularly busy over the last few months. We are presently replacing the tennis courts surface which is costly but has been budgeted for and we hope to see the new courts up and running towards the end of January. *Please note the Tennis Courts will remain open for club nights, junior coaching, and casual bookings until at least 10th January 2021.*

Cricket is in its close season at the moment but training continues and the hope is for playing to be back to something close to normal in the Spring.

The Fitness Suite, like tennis, has been popular and it is good to see so many members making good use of this excellent facility. We continually listen to our members and based on feedback we have made booking sessions in the Suite more flexible.

Our running and hockey members have found things equally difficult but continue to keep their sport as active as possible during this challenging period. The clubhouse has been closed most of the time with the exception of the occasional weekend.

This pandemic has had a detrimental effect on our finances with virtually no bar or squash court income however we have accessed all government funding available and this together with our robust financial management over recent years has meant we remain financially stable.

There will be no AGM this month but it is hoped to hold it before the end of January. With the continued support of our members who have been tremendous throughout this difficult year we will come through and be stronger once this pandemic is over.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas

John Glendinning
Dumfries Sports Club Chairman