



## LEINSTER SQUASH ANNUAL REPORT

2011/2012

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**Tariq Zaki**

**Colm Andrews**

## **LEAGUE/CUP INFORMATION**

**Number of clubs playing in the Leinster Leagues: 20**

**Number of men's teams: 57**

**Number of ladies' teams: 14**

## **LEINSTER LEAGUES FINISHING POSITIONS FOR SEASON 2011/2012**

### **MEN'S PREMIER**

**Winners: Fitzwilliam A 159 pts**

Curragh 148, Sutton A 140, Leinster A 135, Fitzwilliam B 118, Westwood A 93, Sutton B 34

### **LADIES' PREMIER**

**Winners: Sutton A 127 pts**

Westwood A 102, Fitzwilliam A 99, Trinity A 33

### **MEN'S DIVISION 1**

**Winners: Westwood B 248 pts**

Trinity A 226, Curragh B 225, Carlow A 215, Freshford A 200, Westwood C 169,

Old Belvedere A 145, Fitzwilliam C 143, Leinster B 125, Mount Pleasant A 109

### **LADIES' DIVISION 1**

**Winners: Sutton B 76 pts**

Mount Pleasant A 45, Westwood B 34, Old Belvedere A 26

### **LADIES' DIVISION 1 HANDICAP**

**Winners: Sutton B 80 pts**

Westwood B 57, Old Belvedere A 51, Mount Pleasant A 44

### **MEN'S DIVISION 2**

**Winners: Sutton C 243 pts**

Mount Pleasant B 234, Aer Lingus A 223, Naas A 190, Trinity B 179, Fitzwilliam D 177,  
Westwood D 173, Curragh C 150, Leinster C 146, Joe May A 123

### **LADIES' DIVISION 2**

**Winners: Sutton C 114 pts**

Sandycove A 101, Aer Lingus A 81, Fitzwilliam B 55, Trinity B 44, Leinster A 44

### **MEN'S DIVISION 3**

**Winners: Aer lingus B 248 pts**

Old Belvedere B 240, Mount Pleasant C 214, RTE A 178, Fitzwilliam E 165, James Stephens  
Barracks 165, Carlow B 163, Curragh D 154, Riverview A 137, Sandycove A 110

### **MEN'S DIVISION 4**

**Winners: Sutton D 140 pts**

Aer Lingus C 124, Old Belvedere C 88, Leinster D 85, Ballyragget A 80, Westwood E 70

### **MEN'S DIVISION 5**

## **Winners: Mount Pleasant D 165 pts**

Fitzwilliam F 131, Sutton E 126, Naas B 104, Leinster E 76

## **MEN'S DIVISION 6**

### **Winners: Naas C 200 pts (2<sup>nd</sup> win, promoted)**

Trinity C 194, Mater Hospital A 190, Fitzwilliam G 187, Mount Pleasant E 177, UCD A 165, Leinster F 122, Sandycove B 36

## **CUP RESULTS 2012**

**Club Championship – Fitzwilliam A 3-2 Curragh A**

Gray Cup – Westwood B 3-0 Trinity A

Ivy Hadden Trophy – Sutton A 2-2 Fitzwilliam A – Sutton won on a countback of points 105 – 102.

Ladies Division 1 & 2 – Sutton B 3-0 Mount Pleasant A

Mens Division 3 & 4 – Aer Lingus B 3-0 Old Belvedere B

Mens Division 5 & 6 – Mount Pleasant D 3-0 Sutton E

## **Honorary Secretary's Report**

1. The Leinster Junior Open took place in Carlow in late January, attracted about 100 entries from around the country, and included (for the first time?) an U9 boys' section. The event was played mainly at Carlow LTC, but also used the newly reopened courts at the Carlow Sports and Social Club on College Street. See Dermot Dineen's [report](#).
2. The Leinster Junior Closed tournament took place at Sutton LTC in early March with 88 entrants in 12 age categories.  
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3. The Mount Pleasant Open took place at the end of January. It attracted a very strong entry and was indeed oversubscribed. There were 6 sections: 4 x 16 in Mens and 2 x 8 in Ladies.
4. The Leinster Senior Closed tournament took place at the beginning of February at Sutton LTC. There were 7 divisions, 4 for men and 3 for women. The men's competition was won by Rory Byrne, the ladies' by Olivia French.

5. The Leinster Senior Open was a great success.
6. Leinster is disappointed that there was no inter-provincial tournament for ladies this year. Leinster was keen to send a team (possibly two), and is concerned that Irish Squash should promote this tournament. See Dan Zilic's report below.
7. The Leinster ladies have earned promotion to a higher division in the English Inter-county competition. See Ciara Moloney's report below.
8. The Carlow Junior Open was played over the St Patrick's Day weekend, with sections ranging from under 11 to under 30. See Dermot O'Brien's report below.

(All results available on [www.leinstersquash.ie](http://www.leinstersquash.ie))

## **Senior Inter County & Inter Provincial Reports**

### **Ciara Moloney**

Leinster Ladies promoted to Division 1 in the British Inter County Championship.

The Leinster Senior Ladies squash team travelled to Pontefract to recently to take part in the British Inter County Championship in Division 2.

The team of Olivia French, Claire O'Brien, Jenny Dillon, Ciara Maloney and Niamh Brennan against Yorkshire, Worcestershire and Surrey.

The competition started on Saturday morning with a match against Worcestershire. Leinster came out on top with a 3-2 win. Next up was Yorkshire where the Ladies had a convincing 5-0 victory. The decider on Sunday was always going to be a demanding match, and with very little recovery time, it was a daunting task. The Surrey team had been very throughout the competition but with a massive team effort, the Leinster girls pulled through 3-2 in a nail-biting finish.

This result means that the Leinster team has gained promotion and next year will compete in Division 1 of the Inter County Championships.

### **Dan Zilic**

For the first time in over a year and a half Leinster Squash was able to put up a men's team for the Inter Counties Event. An improvement over last year, where no team was sent to England. The unfortunate consequence of this "year out" was that the Leinster team dropped to Division 2, the lowest division - below Division 1 and Premier. The mission therewith was pretty simple - play well, give some juniors some experience abroad, and try to get back to Division 1. It was also thought that the opposition in Division 2, should be beatable.

From the outset things were not going so well for the Leinster Team, first time captained and managed by Dan Zilic of Leinster Lawn Cricket Club. While there was a preference to send over some young players, virtually all senior players who were eligible weren't available. Due to the many cancellations/unavailability, the team therefore was not finalised until a few days before the event - Eoin Ryan managed to get several juniors players from his home club Sutton onboard. And so in the end it was Oisin Logan, Conor Lavin, Dan L'Estrange and Cillian Dunne who made the trip abroad (all U19s and U17s players), with only Dan Zilic driving up the average age with his 31 years.

Nonetheless, the final round of Inter County matches will be played in March next year, and hopefully Leinster will be able to score their first points of the campaign!

Unfortunately we were not able to send over (due to lack of numbers) the second time.

The so-called Squash Inter Pros were held on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2012, in Highfield Squash Club, Cork. It's a big deal in Ireland, since you have the four Irish provinces - Munster, Leinster, Connaught, and Ulster - face off for the crown of Ireland. It's not a competition limited to Squash, you have Inter Pros in most other sports, too, but it's probably the most prestigious team event, with each province sending an A and B team consisting of five players, ranked in order, each. I played the competition once a few years ago representing Leinster, and we won the A and the B competition, so I had a rough idea of what to expect.

I contacted all of the top 20 players in Leinster knowing full-well I needed 10 willing players, and right off the bat it became clear that this would be an uphill battle, with only 3 out of 20 players accepting the challenge (that's including myself).

B5 Dalibor Panic (Mount Pleasant)

B4 Ashley Nichol (Leinster Cricket Club)

B3 Daniel Flower (Leinster Cricket Club)

B2 Philip Coleman (Curragh)

B1 David Buxonat (Westwood)

A5 Pat Morrissey (Freshford)

A4 Neil Brannigan (Curragh)

A3 Ciaran McCoy (Sutton)

A2 Dan Zilic (Leinster Cricket Club)

A1 Rory Byrne (Fitzwilliam)

We finished off the event with a great dinner and prize presentation and congratulate Connaught on their well-deserved win. Real strong team and even in our best outfit it would have been tough. More importantly, the lads that did represent Leinster really did themselves, and our province, proud. Everyone was supporting, coaching, and motivating each other, and there were many great performances throughout the weekend. We finished third in both competitions, which is respectable result given the opposition we faced and it goes to show that you don't need the top 10 to play to have a successful event. What I enjoyed especially was how international our team was: we had 5 full-on Irish folks, while Ashley and Dan Flowers hail from South Africa, Dalibor is Serbian, David is Spanish, and I was born in Germany. But we have all been living here for ages, and of course all love Leinster!

### **Dermot O'Brien**

Carlow's squash courts proved to be the centre of attention for the squash fraternity this weekend when the club hosted the 15th Carlow Junior Squash Open.

With events from under 11's to under 30's it was a cracking weekend of squash and personal achievements for many players. A visiting team of 22 players from Liverpool added immensely to the atmosphere.

### **SENIOR TOURNAMENTS HELD IN LEINSTER**

The second running of the Tecnifibre Carlow Senior Open took place in September. Thanks to Tecnifibre for their sponsorship and James MacDermott for organising and running the event. Having only 3 courts, grades below B in the men's events played out their matches on the weekend previous to the advanced players looking to score the first ranking points of the new season. Local man Arthur Gaskin cemented his position as Irish #1 by beating Graeme Stewart in the final. Tanya Owens won the ladies A. Full results of the higher grade ranking events can be found [here](#).

The Leinster Senior Open was held in October at Fitzwilliam and Mount Pleasant. Thanks to Derek Ryan for organising and running the event along with volunteers from Fitzwilliam and Mount Pleasant clubs. Arthur Gaskin was absent from this one and the winner of the men's A grade was Ulster veteran Graeme Stewart beating a much younger Ulster man Conor O'Hare in the final. The top ladies trophy also went north when Zoe Barr defeated Tanya Owens in their final. Full results (except for men's C, D and E grades and ladies B) can be found [here](#).

Mount Pleasant and Leinster Cricket Club hosted the Mount Pleasant Open as the end of January. Thanks to Gerry Delaney and his volunteers for making this an enjoyable and successful event. Arthur Gaskin was present and played and beat Steve Richardson in the men's final. Making a welcome comeback and winning the men's B was Carlow's Brian Byrne. Laura Mylotte beat Breanne Flynn in the ladies A final. Results of the men's A and B and the ladies A can be found [here](#).

Sutton LTC was again the venue for the Leinster Senior Closed. Thanks to Eoin and Suzanne Ryan for doing an excellent job as usual. Rory Byrne won the men's A while Olivia French won the ladies A. See the full results of men's A and B events and ladies A [here](#).

## DUBLIN VETERANS

1<sup>st</sup> May 2012

### DUBLIN VETERANS SECTION - ANNUAL REPORT

#### 2011/2012 SEASON

**LEAGUES** We had two divisions in the League as last year. The **First Division** had 6 teams and played each other 3 times. The **Second Division** had 8 teams and played each other twice on a 'home' and 'away' basis

The results were as follows -

DIV	PTS	WINNER	PTS	RUNNER-UP
1	194	Fitzwilliam A	183	Leinster A
2	184	Westwood B	182	Aer Lingus B



**CUPS** The Cup matches were once again run on the "Handicap" system where the weaker team was given the average of the difference between the teams in the League Matches. As agreed at last year's AGM the handicap was capped at 10 points.

DIV	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
1	Aer Lingus A	Fitzwilliam A
2	Old Belvedere A	Leinster B

A big vote of thanks to Alan Skeffington who has kept you all on your toes in getting in the League and Handicap results and keeping them up-to-date on the Web Site

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

We are indebted to NUA Healthcare for sponsorship to help with the costs of running the Leagues and Cups and also the Leinster Masters Open and the Masters Interpros which were held in Belfast this season.

#### **COMPETITIONS**

**Leinster Masters Open** - was held in Fitzwilliam on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Results were as follows -

<b>Leinster Masters Open Results</b>		
SECTION	WINNER	RUNNER UP

MENS OVER 45 A	Dave Flynn	Eddie Murphy
MENS OVER 45 B	Shaun Mc Kee	John Mc Keag
MENS OVER 50 A	Brian Hannigan	Damian O'Reilly
MENS OVER 50 B	Mike Ellis	Timmy Mc Carthy
MENS OVER 55 A	Kyran Hurley	John Young
MENS OVER 55 B	Steve Ewer	Michael Conlon
MENS OVER 60	Terry Norman	John Kielty
MENS OVER 65	Tom Cantwell	Frank Fahey
LADIES OVER 40	Sheryl Abernethy	Dee Hourihane
LADIES OVER 50	Mary O'Duffy	Anne Costelloe

**Irish Masters Open** - was sponsored by *Fitzwilliam LTC* and held in Fitzwilliam from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012. Results were as follows -

<b>Irish Masters Open Results</b>		
SECTION	WINNER	RUNNER UP
MENS OVER 45	Andre Maur	John Simpson(UK)
MENS OVER 50	Neil Stonewig	Mike Ellis
MENS OVER 55	Kyran Hurley	Martin Mc Donnell
MENS OVER 60	Martin Maher	Robert Peel
MENS OVER 65	Tom Cantwell	Noel Murphy
LADIES OVER 40	Tammy Bennett(UK)	Mary O'Duffy
LADIES OVER 60	Barbara Sanderson	Maeve Spotswood

**Masters Interpros** were held in Belfast on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2012  
Results were as follows -

SECTION	WINNER
Ladies Over 40	Leinster
Ladies Over 50	Connacht
Mens Over 45	Ulster
Mens Over 55	Munster
Mens Over 65	Ulster

Leinster Teams were -

**Ladies O 40**

1. Jenny Dillon
2. Rosie Barry
3. Joan Gorham

**Ladies O 50**

1. Anne Costelloe
2. Christine Lowry
3. Christine Mooney

**Mens O 45**

1. Dave Borton
2. Damian O'Reilly
3. Frank O'Reilly
4. Billy Walsh
5. Sean Sherlock

**Mens O 55**

1. Kyran Hurley
2. Frank Donnelly
3. Martin Maher
4. Seamus Daly
5. Martin Duane

**Mens O 65**

1. Ciaran Roche
2. Paul Broadberry
3. Patrick Murray

*Brian A. McHally*

League Secretary - Veterans Squash

## **Report from the junior administrator Dermot Dineen**

I took over Junior Squash in December and since my appointment I have liaised with a number of coaches to organise Junior training for 72 boys and girls from Under 11 up to and including Under 19. On average they received 8 sessions each. The teams selected travelled to Galway where they represented Leinster in the Inter Provisionals and did the province proud when they won 50 % of the competition.

The Leinster Junior Open took place in Carlow and had over 100 entrants. The weekend was a great success with all reports being very positive. Soon afterwards, we held the Leinster Junior Closed in Sutton. Again, we had a great weekend which was enhanced by sponsorship from Tecnifibre and local shops.

The plans for the coming year are to start the Leinster training earlier and to join with our new Schools Representative to encourage more children to play the sport. We are also looking to meet the coaches over the Summer period to seek their views as to how the sport can be enhanced.

All in all, we are delighted with the 6 months that we had and all involved are looking forward to a new season.

Yours in sport,

Dermot Dineen

## **Leinster Junior Administrator.**

### **Leinster Junior Closed Results**

#### **Leinster Junior Open**

Carlow Lawn Tennis Club hosted an amazing feast of Junior Squash on the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012 with 101 junior entries ranging from age 7 to 18 years of age. The standard of squash at all levels was outstanding and there were many nail biting games and finals to be seen. It was great to see so many new players in the U/9 and U/11 and I hope they enjoyed their first tournament.

I would like to thank Carlow Lawn Tennis Club, James Mc Dermot and his committee for a great weekend. Many thanks to Ger Holohan, Enda Holohan, Bernie Tallon, Claire Doyle and also thanks to Fiona and Sheila who kept the bar open all day Saturday and Sunday with refreshments. Well done girls.

I would also like to thank the CY Gym for letting us use their squash courts for the U/9, U/11 and U/13.

Congratulations and well done to all our Leinster players.

**Boys U/9 Winner Denis Gilevskiy**

**Boys U/9 Runner up Dylan Moran**

**Boys U/11 Winner Conor Moran**

**Boys U/11 Runner up Sam Buckley**

**Boys U/13 Winner Luke Logan**

**Boys U/13 Runner up Sean Dineen**

**Boys U/15 Winner Nikita Gilevskiy**

**Boys U/15 Runner up Oisin Dunne**

**Boys U/17 Winner Oisin Logan**

**Boys U/17 Runner up Cillian Dunne**

**Boys U/19 Winner Michael Craig**

**Boys U/19 Runner up Conor Lavin**

**Girls U/11 Winner Emma McGuagan**

**Girls U/11 Runner up Catherine Bolger**

**Girls U/13 Winner Victoria White**

**Girls U/13 Runner up Rachel Quigley**

**Girls U/15 Winner Stephanie Ryan**

**Girls U/15 Runner up Casey Luther**

**Girls U/17 Winner Breanne Flynn**

**Girls U/17 Runner up Griffin Gillanders**

**Girls U/19 Winner Elaine Ware**

**Yours in sport,**

**Dermot Dineen**

### **All Ireland Schools Final**

The All Ireland School Squash Finals 2012 took place in Sutton Lawn Tennis Club on Friday 30th March. 18 Schools competed for the prestigious titles of Schools Squash Champions and Leinster Schools showed their strengths by winning 7 of the 8 Trophies. Boys and Girls from U/13, U/15, U/17 and U/19 age groups enjoyed a wonderful start to their Easter Holidays as their hosts provided an excellent venue for this great day. The schools events have been taking place since the 1970's and has become an integral part of Junior Squash scene.

The day saw some outstanding Squash and the most exciting match was at U/15 Girls level with Stephanie Ryan from Santa Sabina Dominican College take on Casey Luther of Gaelcholáiste Cheatherlach. Stephanie is currently ranked No: 2 on the Irish Squash Junior

Rankings and will travel to Cardiff, Wales and Espoo, Finland to represent Ireland at the 5 Nations and European Championships respectively, later this season. Casey is No: 3 on the same ranking and the two girls had a very tight and excitingly crucial match ending with a victory for Stephanie 3/2, 13/11 in the fifth game.

A lots of the Top Irish Squash players who will represent Ireland took part on the various Schools teams including, Luke Logan, Cillian Dunne, Oisin Dunne, Stephanie Ryan, Oisin Logan, Hannah Craig, Thomas Abraham & Victoria White. These players spend the entire season from the Connacht Open in September playing for selection on the Irish Teams and are joined by their class mates to field teams for their Schools.

It was wonderful to have such a great number of juniors with their teachers, Principals, Coaches and provincial representatives at this event and there was a fabulous atmosphere.

Regards to all you guys. I really enjoyed the day and hope to meet you all again.

Suzanne Ryan



<b>Event</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Carlow Open</b>	<b>Leinster Open</b>	<b>Mt Pleasant Open</b>	<b>Leinster Closed</b>
Men's A	1	Arthur Gaskin	Graeme Stewart	Arthur Gaskin	Rory Byrne
Men's A	2	Graeme Stewart	Conor O'Hare	Steve Richardson	Eoin Ryan
Men's A	3	Keith Moran	Rory Byrne	Derek Ryan	Roland Budd
Men's A	4	Eoin Ryan	Derek Ryan	Rory Byrne	Dara O'Flynn
Men's A	5	Rory Birtwistle	Keith Moran	Nigel Peyton	Oisín Logan
Men's A	6	Rory Byrne	Nigel Peyton	Dara O'Flynn	Neil Brannigan
Men's A	7	Ciaran McCoy	Dara O'Flynn	Conor O'Hare	Ray Byrne
Men's A	8	Ronan Peyton	Rory Birtwistle	Sean Conroy	Ciaran McCoy
Men's A	9	Kevin Knox	Eoin Ryan	Dan Zilic	Robin Craig
Men's A	10	Rory Gilligan	Sean Conroy	Keith Moran	Ben Logan
Men's A	11	Sean Conroy	Ronan Peyton	Eoin Ryan	Dave Borton
Men's A	12	Paddy Quinn	Ciaran McCoy	Alan Megaw	Cillian Dunne
Men's A	13	Michael Conroy	Paul Linehan	Rory Gilligan	Conor Lavin
Men's A	14	Shane Shevlin	Ronan Tully	Ciaran McCoy	Dan Harkin
Men's A	15	Ronan Tully	Alan Megaw	Neil Brannigan	
Men's A	16	Neil Brannigan		Rory Birtwistle	
Men's B	1	Anthony Lyons	Aidan Sharkey	Brian Byrne	Pat Morrissey
Men's B	2	Sam Olwill	Kevin Moore	Clive Morgan	Colm Travers
Men's B	3	Michael Stewart	Conor O'Shea	Darren Waring	Dave Read
Men's B	4	Martin J McDonnell	Neil Pollock	Stuart Hadden	David Buxonat
Men's B	5	Pat Morrissey	Ross Lillis	Neil Pollock	Alan Travers
Men's B	6	Neil Pollock	Gareth Brown	Ray Byrne	Martin Maher
Men's B	7	Ray Byrne	Darren Waring	Roland Budd	Philip Coleman
Men's B	8	Eugene Deveraux	Ray Byrne	John Fitzsimons	
Men's B	9	Clive Morgan	Sam Olwill		
Men's B	10	Oisín Logan	Neil Brannigan		
Men's B	11	Patrick Hanley	Clive Morgan		
Men's B	12	Ryan Luther	David Buxonat		
Men's B	13	Cathal Hennessy	Martin McDonnell		
Men's B	14	Shaun Hennessy	David Noone		

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Men's					
B	15	Joe McGoldrick	Cillian Dunne		
Men's					
B	16	Daniel Flower	Michael Conroy		
Ladies					
A	1	Tanya Owens	Zoe Barr	Laura Mylotte	Olivia French
Ladies					
A	2	Emma Toolan	Tanya Owens	Breanne Flynn	Breanne Flynn
Ladies					
A	3	Breanne Flynn	Breanne Flynn	Griffin Gillanders	Claire O'Brien
Ladies					
A	4	Claire Staunton	Claire O'Brien	Claire O'Brien	Jennifer Dillon
Ladies					
A	5	Claire O'Brien	Patricia Ryan	Ciara Moloney	Ciara Moloney
Ladies					
A	6	Elaine Ware	Elaine Ware	Claire Staunton	Michelle Heraughty
Ladies					
A	7	Ciara Moloney	Ciara Moloney	Victoria O'Donnell	Niamh Brennan
Ladies					
A	8	Griffin Gillanders	Claire Staunton	Niamh Brennan	Katie Wilson
Ladies					
B	1	Fiona Power		Michelle Heraughty	Vicky Menzies
Ladies					
B	2	Niamh Brennan		Stephanie Ryan	Stephanie Ryan
Ladies					
B	3	Casey Luther		Casey Luther	Patricia Ryan
Ladies					
B	4	Stephanie Ryan		Sharon Robinson	Sarah McDonnell
Ladies				Aoileann Ní	Aoileann Ní
B	5	Niamh O'Keefe		Chomhraí	Chomhraí
				Siobhán Brady	Dee Hourihane