

# LEINSTER SQUASH ANNUAL REPORT

2008/2009

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Colm Andrews / President Leinster Squash

I would like to thank Members of the Council for their time in attending meetings and carrying out various onerous duties given to them usually on weekends.

To those outside the Council who made a massive contribution to running the various tournaments at junior senior and masters levels. It was nice to see a youthful look to the volunteers at senior and junior level.

To all the clubs who provided facilities and hosted the players and officials.

To the referees for their tireless commitment to the cause .

Congratulations to all our seniors and juniors who won titles throughout the season. Our Interprovincial Seniors were very successful in Galway winning all titles and Leinster won their section at the Intercounties in England and will hopefully continue to climb back up to Premier Intercounties position.

On a special note, our Leinster Junior David Ryan of Sutton LTC is currently Boys U/13 Number 1 on the European Ranking list. This is a first for Irish Squash and an amazing achievement and we wish David success as he moves into the U/15 Section next season.

Finally, I would like to thank Marian Birmingham for her years of commitment to Squash and Especially Leinster Squash as she has been on the committee for more years than she cares to remember.

All in all the leagues and cups ran well and we need to encourage new clubs into squash. Once again thanks to all who helped during the year.

Colm Andrews

**LEAGUE/CUP WINNERS & RUNNERS-UP**

**Number of Clubs Playing in Leinster Squash Leagues 20**

**Number of Men's Teams 56**

**Number of Ladies Teams 15**

## LEAGUE COMPETITION

League are holding their own at the moment. Numbers are not down and we had Ballyragget come on board. We are looking into a South Leinster League at present also. Ladies Premier had an individual League as well as team league and it was a huge success. It may be used in other Ladies Divisions for next season.

All other Division had about 8 teams in each and all division were completed. Results are as follows:

### FINAL POSITIONS AT END OF SEASON 2009

	WINNERS	RUNNER-UP
Mens Premier	FITZWILLIAM A	FITZWILLIAM B
Mens Div 1	FITZWILLIAM	WESTWOOD
Mens Div 2	CURRAGH	MT PLEASANT
Mens Div 3	LEINSTER	OLD BELVEDERE
Mens Div 4	MT PLEASANT	SUTTON
Mens Div 5	MT PLEASANT	SUTTON
Mens Div 6	BALLYRAGGET	TOTAL FITNESS SANDYFORD
Ladies Premier	FITZWILLIAM A	WESTWOOD A
Ladies Div 1	TOTAL FITNESS MALAHIDE	TRINITY
Ladies Div 2	OLD BELVEDERE	SANDYCOVE
Ladies Premier Individual	JENNIFER DILLON	CLAIRE O'BRIEN

## CUP COMPETITION

The Cup Competition commenced directly after the end of the league. The Cup Finals took place in Fitzwilliam LTC on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Fitzwilliam LTC is a fantastic venue for such an event and Leinster Squash would like to thank them for their fabulous facilities and warm welcome. Together with the Irish Open we were witness to some excellent squash.

We are proud to announce the winners and runners-up as follows:

### IVY HADDEN TROPHY

**WINNERS: FITZWILLIAM**

**RUNNERS-UP: TRINITY**

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### LADIES DIVISION 1 & 2

**WINNERS: TOTAL FITNESS MALAHIDE**  
**UP: FITZWILLIAM**

**RUNNERS-**

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### MENS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WINNERS: FITZWILLIAM**

**RUNNERS-UP: SUTTON**

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### GRAY CUP – MENS DIVISION 1 & 2

**WINNERS: FITZWILLIAM**

**RUNNERS-UP: CURRAGH**

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### MENS DIVISION 3 & 4

**WINNERS: SUTTON**

**RUNNERS-UP: LEINSTER**

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**MENS DIVISION 5 & 6**

**WINNERS: SUTTON**

**RUNNERS-UP: BALLYRAGGET**

## **REFEREEING & MARKING 2009**

### **Refereeing Report**

As this is my last report after many years on the council, I would like to thank all the referees who gave up a lot of their free time to help in all the tournaments without their help my job would have been impossible. I would like to thank Brian Williams, Brian McNally, Maria Blair, Gerry Delaney, Patrick Madigan, Joe Ruddy, Jimmy Chawke, Eugene O Sullivan, Hugh Fitzsimons, Ciaran Roche, Frank Donnelly, Martin Maher I wish the council and whoever takes over my role continued success.

Marian Bermingham

Leinster Squash would like to thank Marian Birmingham for the many years she has given to Leinster Squash and while she is stepping down from this position we hope that she will remain a part of the wider Squash Scene.

## **PUBLICITY / MEDIA COVERAGE**

The Irish Times Newspaper and The Irish Independent continue to print all results on a daily basis. We also have Vets results along with our Tournament results being entered on request. This is especially wonderful for the Juniors as it means so much to them.

Thanks to Shane Murray and James Proby in RTE for giving us space on Aertel. It is great to see the Sponsors names associated with their Divisions in both newspapers and on Aertel Results are updated daily on Networks 2, page 429. ( may vary )

## **SENIOR CAPTAINS & SELECTORS**

The Captains and Senior Selectors have the responsibility of providing us with an up to date ranking list throughout the year. This list is changed on a constant basis following Tournaments and League results.

The Captains also take on the task of picking teams and organising the Inter Provincials and the Inter Counties Competitions.

Thanks to Derek Ryan and Christine Lowry and their crews for all their work.

**MENS SELECTOR: Roland Budd, Derek Ryan & David Cassidy**

**LADIES' SELECTORS: Christine Lowry, Jenny Dillon & Roisin Brennan**

## **SPONSORSHIP**

Our thanks go to:

**Ronan Campbell, RONAN CAMPBELL JEWELLERS      Sponsors of Mens & Ladies Premier**

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Division 1**

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**Sponsors of Ladies Division**

## LEINSTER SENIORS 2008/09

We would like to congratulate all Seniors for their participation in tournaments throughout the season. We were delighted to have Leinster represented in Senior event.

**Over 35 'Home Internationals'** – Ciaran McCoy (Sutton LTC), Darragh O'Flynn (Fitzwilliam LTC).

**Over 40 'Home Internationals'** - Eoin Ryan (Sutton LTC), Keith Bullen (Old Belvedere), Gerry Callanan (Fitzwilliam), Rosie Barry (Fitzwilliam).

**Over 45 'Home Internationals'** – Joe Ruddy (Leinster CC).

**Over 50 'Home Internationals'** – Martin McDonnell (Fitzwilliam LTC), Seamus Hickey (Sutton LTC), Anne Costello (Sutton LTC), Christine Lowry (Sutton LTC).

**Over 55 'Home Internationals'** – Martin O'Meara (Curragh), Kieran Hurley (Curragh).

**Over 60 'Home Internationals'** – Seamus Daly (Leinster CC), Brendan Barry (Sutton LTC), Tom Cantwell (Westwood).

**Over 65 'Home Internationals'** – Brian McNally (Old Belvedere).

## THE LEINSTER SENIOR CLOSED 2008/09

Eoin Ryan and Sutton Lawn Tennis Club run the Leinster Senior Closed Tournaments on behalf of Leinster Squash. The Leinster Closed is run over a week allowing for matches to be more flexible and it has a great atmosphere as a result.

Leinster Squash would like to thank Eoin and the Sutton LTC committee for a great event.

Thanks to Sutton Lawn Tennis Club for their fantastic Club facilities and friendly welcome. The results are as follows:

**MENS A:**      **Winner** – Nigel Peyton (Fitzwilliam)      **Runner-Up** – Rory Byrne (Fitzwilliam)

**MENS B:**      **Winner** – Colm Travers (Westwood)      **Runner-Up** – John Fitzsimons (Westwood)

**MENS C:**      **Winner** – David Buxonat (Westwood)      **Runner-Up** - Gary Donnelly (Sutton)

**MENS D:**      **Winner** – Cian Peyton (Joe May)      **Runner-Up** – Michael Kennedy (Sutton)

**LADIES A:**      **Winner** – Jenny Dillon (Westwood)      **Runner-Up** - Claire O'Brien (Fitzwilliam)

**LADIES B:**      **Winner** – Suzanne O'Gorman (Westwood)      **Runner-Up** – Claire Bergin (Mt Pleasant)

## SENIOR INTERPROVINCIAL 2009

The Senior Interprovincials were held in Galway on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Team Captains: **MENS A:** Derek Ryan    **MENS B:** Kevin Moore    **LADIES A:**  
Joan Gorham

Competition	Winners	Runners-up
Men's A	LEINSTER	CONNACHT
Men's B	LEINSTER	CONNACHT
Ladies A	LEINSTER	CONNACHT

### **MensTeam: MENS A**

1. Derek Ryan (Fitzwilliam)
2. Rory Byrne (Fitzwilliam )  
Belvedere)
3. Nigel Peyton (Fitzwilliam)
4. Dara O'Flynn (Fitzwilliam )
5. Ciaran McCoy (Sutton)

### **MENS B**

1. Dan Zilic (Mt Pleasant)
2. Charles Cunningham (Old  
Belvedere)
3. Kevin Moore (Fitzwilliam )
4. Ed Dunne (Westwood)
5. Paul Byrne (Westwood)

### **Ladies Team:**

### **LADIES A**

1. Jody Hannon (Total Fitness Malahide)
2. Claire Staunton (Total Fitness  
Malahide)
3. Joan Gorham (Mt Pleasant)
4. Patricia Ryan (Trinity)
5. Sarah Murphy (Carlow)

## **SENIOR INTER PROVINCIALS REPORT**

### **Mens Event Day 1, Leinster A & B vs Munster A & B**

The Leinster A and B-Teams were to face Munster to kick off the The Musgrave Retail Partners Senior Interprovincial Championships 2009, held in Galway Lawn Tennis Club this year. Dara O'Flynn was absent which meant the teams were slightly reshuffled - Dan Zilic moved to 5th in the A-Team and Paul Byrne slipped in at position 5 for the B-Team.

Dan Zilic, playing his first Interprovincials, faced Brian Knox - one of 3 Knox brothers playing for Munster this year. After a sluggish start with each player taking a game each, Dan was able to impose his game and see games three and four out somewhat easier than the first two and brought the Leinster team 1:0 ahead. Next up was Ciarán McCoy playing at 4, who ran out a clear-cut win over Dermot McNamara.

Derek Ryan took to the court next against Phil Cullinane. Although Phil may remind onlookers more of a Rugby prop-forward, his exceptional racket skills, especially evident on his forehand side, ensured that the match was a dynamic and exciting affair - Derek winning the first in the tie-break and closing out the other two games with clear margins. Nigel Peyton must have been inspired by his team-mates' 3:0 victories, and, despite facing some decent resilience from Donal Carrel, the current Leinster champion was clinical and added another 3:0 to the tally.



Rory Byrne, in varying form of late, took to the court against another of the Knox clan, in this case Kevin. While on paper this may have looked like an easy match for Rory, Kevin played exceptionally well and due to some deft touches and relentless volleying, took a 2:1 lead. Rory, clearly not content with his game, straightened and toughened up in games 4 & 5 and ensured Leinster took maximum points.

With things having gone as expected for the A-Team the question was if a slightly diminished B-Team was to follow suit. Well, proceedings kicked off promisingly with David Cassidy, playing at fourth string, taking a 2:0 lead over David Guiney. Guiney, perhaps not the quickest player but a great shotmaker nevertheless, pulled off the comeback of the day and survived a tie-breaker in the fourth and ran out an 11:9 win in the fifth.

Charles Cunningham was to take on Tony Maher next in what was to be a very cagey encounter. Luckily referee Ed Dunne was in top form and made sure the match was always played in good spirit. Charles saw himself 2:1 down but pulled a set back and onlookers were treated to "the game" of the day. It was to take Charles 4 matchballs (and 1 defended) before he was able to claim victory over the very tricky Munster player. Just as well, since being 2:0 down would have put the remaining players under immense pressure.

Paul Byrne was up next and showed what it means to play good and well-weighted squash. Always hitting the right ball the Leinster man found himself little troubled by Tommy Horgan, no slouch himself, but was second-best in most departments. The verdict: a 3:1 win for Byrne.

Ed Dunne was now in the position to claim the win for Leinster, and Ed did not disappoint, despite facing some very tough opposition in form of Robbie Hawkins. Ed was yet another Leinster player who was able to turn over a 2:1 deficit and bring the match home in the fifth under the cheers of his team mates.

Kevin Moore played the dead-rubber against yet another Knox brother, in this case David, and ran out a clear 3:0 win, securing his team a 4:1 win. A great win thanks to some very determined fight-backs by the Leinster players.

### **Day 2, Leinster A & B vs Ulster A & B**

Played at ten o'clock in the morning the early session was never going to be more than a warm-up for the penultimate encounter vs Connacht later that day. On paper it seemed that playing Ulster and Connacht on the same day would prove a tiring affair, but luckily (for Leinster) and unluckily (for Connacht), the Ulster teams fielded were weaker than in previous years.

David Cassidy played at position 5 for the B-Team and put the team 1:0 up after dismissing young Ashley Black in less than thirty minutes. Ed Dunne, in surprisingly cheerful mood considering the time, was the only player to drop a game in the encounter and saw off Julie McMurray. Dan Zilic, moved to first string after playing in the A-Team on Friday, was not really troubled by the resourceful Alan Taylor, the same being true for Kevin Moore, beating Dan Ward in similar fashion. Charles Cunningham was delighted to put the finishing touches to a 5:0 win over Ulster with a 3:0 win over Paul McDonald.

Chances were good that the A-Team would be able to follow suit and so they did, perhaps being challenged a tad more than the B-Team. Not so though Ciarán McCoy, who beat Mark Gilland in a quick and efficient manner 3:0. Dara O'Flynn, playing his first match if the weekend, lost game two to Steven McMurray, but that was only a small blip in an otherwise comfortable 3:1 win.

Captain Derek Ryan sealed the in for Leinster with a 3:0 win over Ireland U19 international Neil Martin. Nigel Peyton was the only player slightly more troubled with his opposition and needed the full five games to overcome Jonathan McBride, whereas Rory Byrne dropped one game to Paul Linehan but the games he won he did so giving away very few points.

With two comfortable 5:0 wins and both Connacht teams winning in about equal fashion, the finales were set beautifully for both teams in what could potentially be very intriguing encounters.

### **Day 2, Leinster A & B vs Connacht A & B**

There was a lot of talk at the club concerning the match between the Connacht and Leinster A-Teams. General consensus was that Connacht were favoured at positions 1 & 2, while Leinster were expected to win at 3. Which meant that the opening encounters bore considerable significance. Before indulging in this match though, the Leinster B-Team had the same mission to accomplish, namely beating Connacht.

This was achieved thanks to another great team performance. David Cassidy played his best match of the tournament against youngster Conor O'Shea, beating him 3:0 handily and showing that a double-age difference is no hindrance on the path to glory. Ed Dunne and Karlis Zauers were on next and Ed had too much to offer enforcing his usual high-paced and intense tempo on Karlis. Ed did lose game three despite managing a comeback from 6:10 down, but ensured the win in game 4.

Dan Zilic played against one of the local players in form of Ronan Tully. Ronan impressed in the warm-up with countless perfect cross-court nicks but ultimately lost the encounter 3:1 after taking the first game (with Dan still being in awe of the warm-up he had witnessed in game 1). Kevin Moore put up another flawless display versus namesake Kevin Whitney. Leinster Kevin won 3:0 - therewith not dropping a single game throughout the weekend. The same was not quite true for Charly, who lost the last match to the in-form Paddy Quinn by three games to love, nonetheless the South-African born Leinster man proved to be a great team player throughout the tournament and laid the foundation for the essential win on day 1 against Munster.

On to the other final and Ciarán McCoy played against David Noone, a current Dublin resident but very much a Connacht man at heart. Ciarán was in good form taking game one, hitting the ball with pace and purpose. Noon hung in and forced a tie-break in game 2. A hotly debated refereeing call at 10:10 gave Ciarán gameball which he promptly used, much to the disgust to an angered Noone, who fought until the bitter end - but it was McCoy who won the big rallies in game three and therewith the match 3:0.

The pivotal match was to be between Dara O'Flynn and Keith Moran. Dara, known in the Squash scene for his never-say-die approach, looked in great shape with crisply hit lengths combined with delicate drops. His committed play gave him the edge in game 1 and somewhat disheartened Keith, who in the matter of minutes found himself 10:0

down in the second before collecting the first points of the second game but ultimately succumbing to O'Flynn's pressure. Keith, coached by the Rooney brothers in between games, obviously took on some advice and staged a comeback in game three pulling one game back. Game four was not exactly an epic, but it made for nervous and entertaining watching, and it was O'Flynn who had the Leinster team cheering when he converted his first matchball to beat Moran 3:1.

It was a best-case scenario for Leinster and they only needed a single match more to take the title again. The honour of clinching the deciding match did not fall to Derek Ryan however. Facing John Rooney, current Irish number 2 and touring pro, Derek displayed a range of his trademark slices and spins and made John work hard for what was ultimately a 3:0 win. It looked like Derek might pull a game back in game three, but he could not convert a 7:3 lead and John ran out the win, keeping the title-race alive.

However, the honour was therewith passed to Nigel Peyton, who had little trouble beating a slightly off-form Rory Gilligan. While Nigel was always the clear favourite, Rory was not able to put up the expected fight and Nigel decided the encounter with a 3:0 win. Rory Byrne and Niall Rooney did not take to court anymore in what was to be the dead-rubber.

All in all two greatly deserved wins for the Leinster teams, who fielded two teams of great quality. The event was rounded off with some fine food, great speeches and entertaining nightlife.

Mens Report By Dan Zilic

## LADIES EVENT

Great win this weekend for Leinster all round. Leinster took all three titles with Connacht being runner for all three also. Here's my little ditti on the event.

"First up for the Ladies was the no. 4's. Patricia Ryan v Claire Hanley. Both players started off at a steady pace, maintaining point for point rallies through out the first game with Leinster eventually taking it 12/10. However in the second game, Leinster started of strong taking the first 4 points straight off. Connaught fought back briefly but unfortunately picked up an injury during that game enabling Leinster to take the 2nd game 11/4 and a walkover in the 3rd. 3/0 to Leinster

Next up were the no. 1's. Jody Hannon v Sarah Thornton. Leinster took the first game 11/2 with Connaught giving way to unforced errors. Connaught came back fighting in the 2nd game, with determination and focus Connaught took the 2nd game 11/7. Things evened out in the 3 game but Leinster kept the pressure up and took it 11/6 and keeping the rhythm of play, Leinster won the 4th game 11/4. 3/1 to Leinster

Next to play were the no. 3's. Joan Gorham v Norrie O'Grady. Leinster never managed gain focus in the first 2 game allowing Connaught to build up the much needed points to be in with any chance of taking the title. In the 3rd game Leinster showed signs of a power struggle beginning but the match was too far gone and Leinster being no match for Connaughts methodical execution of precision play. 3/0 to Connaught

Last up were the no 3's. Claire Staunton v Irene Tully. Connaught took the lead in the first game. Leinster settled in and came back from 9/5 down to 10 all with Leinster serving. Leinster lost the rally and Connaught took the first game 12/10. The next 2 game went to Leinster, 11/5, 11/7 leaving nothing but an out and out win for Leinster to be in a position to take the title. Connaught game back tough and determined putting Leinster under serious pressure keeping it neck and neck till finally Leinster took the match at 13/11 in the 5th game, nail biting stuff. 3/1

The girls played extremely well and represented Leinster in a mature and courteous manner, doing Leinster Squash proud all round. The presentation took place on the Saturday night although the girls had already arranged to travel home. I attended the prize giving as the respresentative for the whole team. It was a very enjoyable night and the tournament well run. "

There you have it!!

Thanks for the opportunity to do this. I feel very proud and delighted to have been involved and it's been made all the better since Leinster won. Thanks again.

Report By - Joan Gorham

## **THE LEINSTER SENIOR OPEN 2008/09**

The BYMAC Leinster Senior Open was held the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> September – 5th October 2008 in Fitzwilliam LTC. We were delighted to have a sponsor for this event in the name of BYMAC and Simon Byrne. We must also remember that the tournament is also open to players of all other grades and we were delighted to have a Mens A, B & C along with Ladies A & B. Results below.

### **Kippax and Ryder take Dublin titles**

World number 32 **Sarah Kippax** took the women's Bymac Leinster Squash Open title in a one-sided final in Fitzwilliam. Kippax, who had knocked out Ireland's Aisling Blake in the semi-final, dominated the final from start to finish against France's Camille Serme, winning three games to nil in just 24 minutes. Serme had put in some fine performances to reach the final, most notable knocking out number one seed Latasha Khan in the quarter-finals, but the final proved one match too far as she looked off the pace.

In the men's final England's **Chris Ryder** overcame Mexico's Jorge Ferreira three two in the match of the tournament. A packed Court One, was treated to a fantastic match which lasted all of 87 minutes. Right from the outset, nothing could separate the players with the quality of pace matches the high pace throughout. Ryder let a 9-3 lead slip in the last as the gritty Ferreira took it right down to the wire with Ryder eventually winning the deciding set 15/13 and with it the Bymac Leinster Open title

#### **Women's final**

(2) Sarah Kippax (Eng) bt (6) Camille Serme (Fra) 3/0 (11/5, 11/6, 11/4) 24 mins

#### **Men's final**

(1) Chris Ryder (Eng) bt (2) Jorge Ferreira (Mex) 3/2 (11/3, 9/11, 11/5, 9/11, 15/13) 87 mins

**Men's A Final:** Arthur Gaskin bt Rory Byrne 3/0

**Men's A 3/4 play-off:** Niall Rooney bt Keith Moran 3/2

**Women's A Final:** Laura Mylotte bt Tanya Owens 3/0

**Womens 3/4 play-off:** Zoe Barr bt Claire O'Brien 3/0

**Men's B Final:** Conor O'Hare bt Ciaran McCoy 3/0

**Women's B Final:** Joan Gorham bt Patricia Ryan 3/2

**Men's C Final:** Colm Travers bt Sean Conroy 3/0

**Men's D Final:** Max Gillanders bt Daniel L'estrage 3/2



## INTERCOUNTIES (ENGLAND) 2008/09

### **INTERCOUNTIES TEAM:**

1. Niall Rooney
2. Nigel Peyton
3. Rory Byrne
4. Ciaran McCoy
5. Dan Zilic

The Leinster Introvincial Team travelled on the Friday night rather than the Saturday morning, like last time, which we vowed never to do again as we were way too tired come Saturday evening matches, so we are all in agreement that Friday night is the night to travel giving the players time to prepare.

The scores were as Follows:

Saturday morning we played Derbyshire, the host County.

Ciaran McCoy 3-0, Nigel Peyton 3-2, Dan Zilic 3-0, Rory Byrne 3-0, Nial Rooney 3-0

Saturday evening we played Cambridgeshire,

Ciaran McCoy 3-1, Niall Rooney 1-3, Nigel Peyton 3-0, Dan Zilic 3-0, Rory Byrne 2-3

Sunday morning we played Buckinghamshire,

Ciaran McCoy 0-3, Niall Rooney 3-0, Nigel Peyton 0-3, Dan Zilic 3-0, Rory Byrne 0-3.

We stayed up and topped the group with a good few points to spare so all in all it was a good result. The hotel was basic (Days Hotel) but grand. Car hire is also the only real way to go, It's much handier than settling taxis between us all and saved money. I didn't put in our quiet night saturday night as it would only bore you.... Report by Rory Byrne

## LEINSTER JUNIORS 2008/09

Leinster Juniors have had another very successful season.

We would like to congratulate all Juniors for their participation in tournaments throughout the season. We were delighted to have Leinster represented in Junior event abroad.

**U13 'Home Internationals' - Boys:** David Ryan (Sutton LTC), Ryan Luther (Carlow). **Girls:** Griffin Gillanders (Mt Pleasant), Aoife Turley (Sutton LTC).

**U15 'Home Internationals' - Boys:** Seán Conroy (Leinster CC), Ben Logan (Sutton LTC), Jack Macken (Sutton LTC) and reserve Cillian Dunne (Sutton LTC). The non-

travelling reserve is Shaun Hennessy (Carlow). **Girls:** Breanne Flynn (Sutton LTC)  
The non-travelling reserve is Fiona Murphy (Carlow).

**U15 European Championships: - Boys:** Seán Conroy (Leinster CC), Cillian Dunne (Sutton LTC) and Reserve Shaun Hennessy (Carlow). **Girls:** reserve Breanne Flynn (Sutton LTC).

**U17 European Championships: Boys:** Daniel Harkin (Sutton LTC). The non-travelling reserve is Conor Lavin (Sutton LTC. **Girls:** The non-travelling reserve is Elaine Ware (Carlow).

**U19 European Championships: Boys:** The non-travelling reserve is Alan Tighe (Sutton LTC). **Girls:** Sarah Murphy (Carlow) is the non-travelling reserve.



**LEINSTER SQUASH**  
**WOULD LIKE TO SAY A SPECIAL**  
**“CONGRATULATIONS”**  
**TO**  
**DAVID RYAN**  
**FOR ACHIEVING**  
**NO: 1**  
**POSITION**  
**ON THE**  
**BOYS U/13**

**EUROPEAN RANKINGS**

**David Ryan pictured here after beating Welsh No: 1 Emyr Evans to take the Welsh Junior Open 2009 title**

**JUNIOR INTERPROVINCIALS 2009:**

**Mt Pleasant & Old Belvedere  
17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Leinster Squash selected the Junior Interprovincial Teams based on the results throughout the season and compulsory Events. The Interprovincial Championships gives the players a chance to compete as a team rather than against each other. This is a wonderful experience and players make friends for life during this weekend. Our Juniors stayed in Leinster this season to compete in the Inter Provincials and we are delighted to announced their huge success again this year.

Results as follows:

Event	Winners	Runners-up
BOYS U/13	<b>LEINSTER</b>	MUNSTER
GIRLS U/13	CONNACHT	<b>LEINSTER</b>
BOYS U/15	<b>LEINSTER</b>	MUNSTER
GIRLS U/15	MUNSTER	<b>LEINSTER</b>
BOYS U/17	<b>LEINSTER</b>	MUNSTER
GIRLS U/17	ULSTER	<b>LEINSTER</b>
MIXED U/19	No Competition	

Junior Interprovincial Teams are as follows:

**BOYS U/13**

1. David Ryan (Sutton)
2. Ryan Luther (Carlow)
3. Kevin Hughes (Sutton)
4. Oisin Dunne (Sutton)
5. David Conroy (Mt Pleasant)
6. Stephen Lavin (Sutton)

**BOYS U/15**

1. Sean Conroy (Mt Pleasant)
2. Ben Logan (Sutton)  
(Carlow)
3. Shaun Hennessy (Carlow)
4. Cillian Dunne (Sutton)
5. Oisin Logan (Sutton)
6. Eoghan Turley (Sutton)

**GIRLS U/13**

1. Griffin Gillanders (Mt Pleasant)
2. Stephanie Ryan (Sutton)
3. Casey Luther (Carlow)
4. Aoife Turley (Sutton)
5. Lauren Keogh (Sutton)
6. Shiela O'Keeffe (Carlow)

**GIRLS U/15**

1. Breanne Flynn
2. Rebecca McDermott
3. Niamh O'Keeffe (Carlow)
4. Jemma See (Carlow)
5. Sally Kelly (Fitzwilliam)

### **BOYS U/17**

- 1. Dan Harkin (Sutton)**
- 2. Conor Lavin (Sutton)**
- 3. Adam McCreevey (Fitzwilliam)  
(Carlow)**
- 4. Daniel L'Estrange (Sutton)**
- 5. Cathal Hennessy (Carlow)**
- 6. Max Gillanders (Mt Pleasant)**

### **GIRLS U/17**

- 1. Elaine Ware (Carlow)**
- 2. Katelyn Doran (Carlow)**
- 3. Melanie NíBhroin**
- 4. Kayla Flynn (Sutton)**
- 5. Fiona O'Keeffe (Carlow)**

### **MIXED U/19**

- 1. Alan Tighe (Sutton)**
- 2. Michael Conroy (Mt Pleasant)**
- 3. Seamus Harmon (Carlow)**
- 4. Sarah Murphy (Carlow)**
- 5. Laura Ní Cathasaigh (Sutton)**

## LEINSTER JUNIOR OPEN 2009:

### Leinster Junior Open

Mt Pleasant Squash Club & Old Belvedere Squash Club

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January

	<b>WINNER:</b>	<b>RUNNER-UP:</b>
<b>BOYS U/11</b>	Oisin Dunne (Leinster)	Luke Logan (Leinster)
<b>GIRLS U/11</b>	Stephanie Ryan (Leinster)	Casey Luther (Leinster)
<b>BOYS U/13</b>	David Ryan (Leinster)	Stephen Quigley
<b>GIRLS U/13</b>	Roisin O'Shea	Sophie Morris
<b>BOYS U/15</b>	Sean Conroy (Leinster)	Ben Logan (Leinster)
<b>GIRLS U/15</b>	Labhaoise Dunbar	Fiona Power
<b>BOYS U/17</b>	Daniel Harkin (Leinster)	Briany Dunbar
<b>GIRLS U/17</b>	Claire Hanley	Elaine Ware (Leinster)
<b>BOYS U/19</b>	Neil Martin	Joey Roberts
<b>GIRLS U/19</b>	Cathryn Aberneth	Niamh O'Hare

Leinster Squash would like to thank the committee and members of Mt Pleasant and Old Belvedere for giving their Clubs up for the weekend.

## IRISH JUNIOR NATIONALS 2009:

### CORK

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> February

	<b>WINNER:</b>	<b>RUNNER-UP:</b>
<b>BOYS U/11</b>	Oisin Dunne (Leinster)	Barry Lynch
<b>GIRLS U/11</b>	Casey Luther (Leinster)	Abilgail Silke
<b>BOYS U/13</b>	David Ryan (Leinster)	Philip McSweeney
<b>GIRLS U/13</b>	Fiona Power	Griffin Gillanders (Leinster)

<b>BOYS U/15</b>	Sean Conroy (Leinster)	Ben Logan (Leinster)
<b>GIRLS U/15</b>	Orna Murray	Breanne Flynn (Leinster)
<b>BOYS U/17</b>	Rory Birtwistle	Briany Dunbar
<b>GIRLS U/17</b>	Cathryn Aberneth	Claire Hanley
<b>BOYS U/19</b>	Gary Power	Neil Martin
<b>GIRLS U/19</b>	Niamh O'Hare	Sarah Corcoran

### **KARAKAL/HEAD LEINSTER JUNIOR CLOSED 2009:**

The Leinster Junior Closed

Sutton LTC

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March.

The Results and Prizes awarded are as follows:

<b><u>BOYS U/11</u></b>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP: 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Luke Logan Sean Dineen Dylan Pippett
<b><u>GIRLS U/11</u></b>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP: 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Lauren Smith Shiela O'Keeffe Klara McDermott
<b><u>BOYS U/13</u></b>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP: 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	David Ryan Kevin Hughes Ryan Luther
<b><u>GIRLS U/13</u></b>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP: 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Stephanie Ryan Casey Luther Aoife Turley
<b><u>BOYS U/15</u></b>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP: 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Shaun Hennessy Jack Macken Ben Logan
<b><u>GIRLS U/15</u></b>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP: 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Breanne Flynn Fiona Murphy Griffin Gillanders
<b><u>BOYS U/17</u></b>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP: 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Daniel Harkin Conor Lavin Adam McCreevey

**GIRLS U/17**

WINNER:  
RUNNER-UP:  
3<sup>rd</sup>:

Elaine Ware  
Katelyn Doran  
Melanie NiBhroin

**BOYS U/19**

WINNER:  
RUNNER-UP:  
3<sup>rd</sup>:

Alan Tighe  
Michael Conroy  
Seamus Harmon

**GIRLS U/19**

WINNER:  
RUNNER-UP:

Sarah Murphy  
Laura Casey

Congratulations to all participants and thanks to them for a wonderful and entertaining weekend. Leinster Squash would like to thank Sutton LTC for the use of their excellent facilities, Michael Byrne President of Sutton Lawn Tennis Club for presenting the prizes and Tariq Zaki of Leinster Council for attending finals and prize giving. A Special thanks to Karakal & Head for their Sponsorship and wonderful prizes

## PRINCE EAST OF IRELAND JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008:

The East of Ireland Championships continues to be an enormous success. Run by Eoin Ryan in Sutton LTC it welcomes players from all over. Once again there was a huge entry and a fantastic weekend of Squash. The quality and standard of squash being played at junior level is unbelievable, from U/11 to U/19. Irish Squash and all individual Provinces need to take advantage of this situation and nurture this potential for the future of our Squash in Ireland.

<u>BOYS U/11</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	Oisin Dunne (Leinster) Luke Logan (Leinster)
<u>GIRLS U/11</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	Stephanie Ryan (Leinster) Lucy L'Estrange (Leinster)
<u>BOYS U/13</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	David Ryan (Leinster) Shaun Hennessy (Leinster)
<u>GIRLS U/13</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	Griffin Gillanders (Leinster) Lauren Keogh (Leinster)
<u>BOYS U/15</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	Sean Conroy (Leinster) Daniel L'Estrange (Leinster)
<u>GIRLS U/15</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	Breanne Flynn (Leinster) Sarah Kinane (Leinster)
<u>BOYS U/17</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	Conor Lavin (Leinster) Daniel Harkin (Leinster)
<u>GIRLS U/17</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	Elaine Ware (Leinster) Katelyn Doran (Leinster)
<u>BOYS U/19</u>	WINNER: RUNNER-UP:	Alan Tighe (Leinster) James Judge (Leinster)

### **Connacht Junior Open 2008/09:**

Thanks to Edwin Brennan and all the team for a great tournament.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>
<b>Boys U/11</b>	Oisín Dunne (Leinster)	Luke Logan (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/11</b>	Stephanie Ryan (Leinster)	Abby Silke
<b>Boys U/13</b>	Michael Craig	David Ryan (Leinster)
<b>Girls</b>	Fiona Power	Griffin Gillanders (Leinster)

### U/13

<b>Boys U/15</b>	Seán Conroy (Leinster)	Conor O'Shea
<b>Girls U/15</b>	Elaine Ware (Leinster)	Orna Murray
<b>Boys U/17</b>	Daniel Harkin (Leinster)	Conor Lavin (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/17</b>	Jennifer Hegarty	Eva McMullan
<b>Boys U/19</b>	Hugo Diamond	Alan Tighe (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/19</b>	Cathryn Abernethy	Niamh O'Hare

### EMC Munster Junior Open 2008/09:

Thanks to Jacqueline Humphries, Lee Healy and all on Munster Squash for organising this competition. Results as follows:

Event	Winner	Runner-up
<b>Girls U/11</b>	Stephanie Ryan (Leinster)	Casey Luther (Leinster)
<b>Boys U/13</b>	David Ryan (Leinster)	Philip McSweeney
<b>Girls U/13</b>	Roisín O'Shea	Aoife Turley (Leinster)
<b>Boys U/15</b>	Ben Logan (Leinster)	Jack Macken (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/15</b>	Breanne Flynn (Leinster)	Labhaoise Dunbar
<b>Boys U/17</b>	Brian Dunbar	Daniel Harkin (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/17</b>	Claire Hanley	Jennifer Hegarty
<b>Boys U/19</b>	Rory Birtwistle	Philip McWilliams
<b>Girls U/19</b>	Carhryn Abernethy	Sarah Corcoran

### Ulster Junior Open 2008/09:

Thanks to Kieran Doherty, Iain Hughes and Martin Woods as well as Frank Marks and all the team for another great event.

Event	Winner	Runner-Up
<b>Boys U/11</b>	Oisín Dunne (Leinster)	Luke Logan (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/11</b>	Stephanie Ryan (Leinster)	Casey Luther (Leinster)
<b>Boys U/13</b>	Michael Craig	David Ryan (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/13</b>	Griffin Gillanders (Leinster)	Sophie Morris
<b>Boys U/15</b>	Ben Logan (Leinster)	Jack Macken (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/15</b>	Fiona Power	Fiona Murphy
<b>Boys U/17</b>	Brian Dunbar	Adam McCreevey (Leinster)
<b>Girls U/17</b>	Elaine Ware (Leinster)	Jennifer Hegarty



**Boys U/19** Rory Birtwistle

Hugo Diamond

**Girls  
U/19** Niamh O'Hare

Cathryn Abernethy

### **ONE DAY TOURNAMENTS**

The “One Day Tournaments” are Squash Competitions held for the juniors. The Events are usually individual age categories e.g. U/11 Boys & Girls on one day, U/13 Boys & Girls on another day etc. It is encouraged that all Clubs with Juniors hold these One Day Tournaments at regular intervals to give the juniors a chance to compete throughout the season. Once again, Sutton LTC held U/11, U/13, U/15 & U/17 events on both sides of Christmas. Eoin Ryan and the Sutton LTC committee ran all sections and were delighted to have full draws.

Carlow LTC also held a number of “One Day” Events this season

It is important that we get all Clubs to hold these tournaments and they should become a normal part of the calendar for each season. We find that they are very successful as Juniors and Parents have only to commit themselves to one day as opposed to full weekend tournaments. They are also a great preparation for the bigger events.

## **OPEN CLUB TOURNAMENTS HELD IN LEINSTER**

The Club Open Tournaments are a crucial aspect of Squash and we would like to thank the organisers. We would also like to thank Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club and their Squash Committee who brought some of the best Squash players to our shores to play in the IRISH OPEN.

### **CANON KIRK HOMES IRISH OPEN SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009**

Held in Fitzwilliam each year, we are given a chance to witness some of the finest players compete for the Irish Open Title. This competition is a "Knock-out" Event for the top 16 Entries. Ireland's Mens No:1, Liam Kenny and Ladies' No:1 Madeline Perry took part and gave us a week of wonderful squash. The event was free for all to attend and the level of squash improved with every day.

#### **Cannon Kirk Homes Irish Squash Open Final Results**

##### **Perry falls at final hurdle as Lincou shows class to take the title**

Ireland's Madeline Perry fell at the final hurdle in the Cannon Kirk Homes Irish Squash Open in Fitzwilliam losing out to top seed Alison Waters. The world number six from England was too strong for Perry on the day as she produced a solid performance keeping the Irish girl on the back foot throughout the match. The second game proved vital with Perry failing to convert a good chance at 9-8. Waters took advantage to snatch the game 11-9 and then increased the pace in the fifth to close out the match three games to nil and take the title.

One of the biggest crowds ever at Fitzwilliam squeezed into the gallery to witness former world number one Thierry Lincou of France take on the exciting Egyptian Mohamed El Shorbagy who many are tipping to be a future world number one. El Shorbagy proved to be the talk of this years tournament due to his attacking style and entertaining matches and was largely responsible for the big turnout at the final. However the 18 year old, current world junior champion, was given a masterclass from the French world number seven whose precision and focus was flawless. El Shorbagy's shot making had been exceptional all week and it proved to be his fatal flaw in the final as his inexperience was shown in the amount of errors. Lincou dominated from start to finish and won three nil in a very impressive 34 minute performance

Cannon Kirk Homes Irish Open Men's Final

(1) Thierry Lincou (Fra) bt (4) Mohamed El Shorbagy (Egy) 3/0 (11/7, 11/6, 11/5) 34 minutes

Cannon Kirk Homes Irish Open women's Final

(1) Alison Waters (Eng) bt Madeline Perry (Irl) 3/0 (11/6, 11/9, 11/4) 37 minutes

## Old Belvedere IACT Handicap and Championship 2008/09

The Ladies "A" Handicap: 4 Ladies took part – Rosie Collins, Joan Gorham, Bernie Geoghan and Griffin Gillanders.

Winner Ladies "A": Joan Gorham

Mens "A" : - Derek Ryan bt Darren Moylette 3/0

Mens "A" Plate : - Eugene O'Sullivan bt Gerry Callanan 3/2

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*Brian Mc Nally*      Tournament Organizing Committee

## MT PLEASANT OPEN 2009

The ever popular Mount Pleasant Open Squash Tournament was held in the Club over the weekend Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

<b>Mens A</b>	<b>Winner: Derek Ryan</b>	<b>Runner-Up Arthur Gaskin</b>
<b>Ladies A</b>	<b>Winner: Tanya Owens</b>	<b>Runner-Up: Claire O'Brien</b>
<b>Mens B</b>	<b>Winner: Colm Travers</b>	<b>Runner-Up: David Read</b>
<b>Mens C</b>	<b>Winner: Jim Coyne</b>	<b>Runner-Up: Jimmy Carroll</b>
<b>Mens B Plate O'Sullivan</b>	<b>Winner: Glen McGahern</b>	<b>Runner-Up: Eugene</b>
<b>Mens C Plate Byrne</b>	<b>Winner: James Lawlor</b>	<b>Runner-Up: Mick</b>
<b>Ladies B</b>	<b>Winner: Claire Bergin</b>	<b>Runner-Up: Sharon Robinson</b>

Gerry Delaney  
Mount Pleasant Tournament Organiser

## DUBLIN VETERANS 2008/2009 SEASON

**DUBLIN VETERANS**

2nd

April 2009

### **DUBLIN VETERANS SECTION - ANNUAL REPORT**

#### 2008/2009 SEASON

**LEAGUES** We had two divisions in the League as last year. The **First Division** had 5 teams and the **Second Division** had 8 teams and all teams played each other three times. The results were as follows -

DIV	PTS	WINNER	PTS	RUNNER-UP
1	149	Sutton	142	Mt Pleasant A
2	268	Westwood *	223	Sandycove

\* Westwood had one match unplayed

**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 three League Matches. As agreed at last year's AGM the handicap was capped at 9 points and Westwood proved that the match could still be won by coming through the Semi Final against these odds.

DIV	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
1	Fitzwilliam A	Total Fitness
2	Wetwood	Fitzwilliam B

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

The Veterans section is indebted to two generous players from RTE for the sponsorship of the Leagues and Cup matches and also the Leinster Veterans Open in Fitzwilliam in Nov 2008



## COMPETITIONS

**Leinster Veterans Open** – was sponsored by *Grasia Developments and O'Connor Property Group* and held in Fitzwilliam on 3rd to 5th Nov. 2008. Results were as follows -

<b>Leinster Veterans Open Results</b>		
SECTION	WINNER	RUNNER UP
MENS OVER 45	Peter Casidy	Brian Hannigan
MENS OVER 50	Martin Mc Donnell	John Young
MENS OVER 50 B	Shay Hickey	Joe Jackson
MENS OVER 55	Geoff Irwin	Martin O'Meara
MENS OVER 60	Brendan Barry	Seamus Daly
MENS OVER 60 B	Seamus Twomey	Colm Andrews
MENS OVER 65	Myron Evans	Brian Williams
LADIES OVER 40	Rosie Barry	Michelle Jackson
LADIES OVER 50	Christine Lowry	Anne Costelloe

**Irish Veterans Open** - was sponsored by *Fitzwilliam LTC* and held in Fitzwilliam from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15th Feb 2009. Results were as follows

<b>Irish Veterans Open Results</b>		
SECTION	WINNER	RUNNER UP
MENS OVER 45	Keith Bullen	David Borton
MENS OVER 50	Neil O'Sullivan	John Young
MENS OVER 55	Jack Allen	Alf Kavanagh
MENS OVER 60	Stanley Campbell	John Kielthy
MENS OVER 65	Noel Murphy	Alex Richardson
LADIES OVER 40	Bea de Dreu	Caroline Coyle
LADIES OVER 50	Norrie O'Grady	Anne Costelloe
LADIES OVER 60	Maeve Spotswood	Barbara Sanderson

(Hon. League Sec. – Dublin Veterans Squash)