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A WORD FROM THE HEAD PRO ...



Dear Member,

The 2023/24 season was a highlight in Roehampton Club squash history and one of the highlights in my time at Roehampton Club.

The achievement of showcasing our wonderful Club this summer, plus the success both on and off the courts for the European Club Championships was worth all the sleepless nights!

The league matches for Bath Cup and Queen's Cup started in October 2023, with our Bath Cup 'A' winning Division 1 for a third consecutive year. The internal leagues and Club Night 'specials' were busy with a fantastic Club Championship finals in May 2024 making for a great season.

This all on top of hosting the European Squash Club Championships in September 2024 and a returning tour to NYC the same month!

I hope you enjoy reading the articles included in this *Squash Scene* and thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

Please come along to the Tuesday Club Nights as they continue weekly, look out for the monthly Club Night Specials, and the new TSL (Team Squash League) is under way - Are You In?

If you wish to receive emails from me regarding the squash section please email me at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk

Paul Lindsay
Head Squash Professional
and Racquets Manager



EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONS

ROEHAMPTON CLUB TRIUMPHS AT EUROPEAN SQUASH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024: WOMEN'S TEAM SECURES THIRD CONSECUTIVE TITLE WHILE THE MEN'S TEAM TOPPLES THE PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS!



Roehampton Club men finally solved the Paderborn puzzle, becoming the men's European Squash Club Champions 2024. The large crowd, who had gathered to cheer for their home team, was wild throughout the game as they witnessed their heroes crack the German code. Roehampton Club will remember 7th September 2024, as a special day as both the men's and women's teams achieved championship wins with scores of 3-1 and 3-0.

The men's match on paper made Paderborn favourites and was a slugfest with the fast tempo set from the outset by Joe Lee vs Rowan Damming.

Roehampton Club entered the Nationals Clubs

for the first time back in 2013 and from 2014 Joe has been ever present in the team. He has had some great wins and performances, but none will match this final. A brutal first game saw Joe lose a close game to the younger Rowan, but this did not stop Joe sticking to his game plan taking the next game as Rowan's error count increased. Another very close third game went the way of Rowan and Joe was looking tired, but patience and experience was starting to tell as Rowan was also looking weary. A quick fourth game went Joe's way as it looked like Rowan decided halfway through to rest and push for victory in the fifth. Joe had other ideas and in a game that see-sawed with points and emotion the raucous crowd cheered Joe on and over the line to victory. What a start.

Team Captain and number one string, Adrian Waller, was up against Nicolas Muller – both world-ranked players showing their skills to the crowd. It was Paderborn's turn for victory in this string but not without Adrian getting what could have been an all-important game if the match strings ended tied.

One string all and Jonah Bryant (19 years old and world-ranked 68) faced Raphael Kandra (world-ranked 30). The first game Raphael was in control and using his experience to force errors from Jonah. The second saw a more measured game from Jonah to level the scores at 1-1. Raphael took control once more in the third, but Jonah was making him work for each point and trying to change the pace of play throughout the rallies. The fourth was a turning point as Jonah mixed clever use of the lob to push Raphael back the court and then take the



ball in short at the right times. The fifth game started normally but it was soon quick to see Raphael was mentally and physically broken but Jonah's speed and resilient retrieving to win point after point.

Roehampton Club now ahead 2-1 in strings but the game scores meant the deciding string match would confirm the winner. The fourth and final rubber between Simon Rösner vs Sam Osborne-Wylde once again had the crowd cheering and on the edge of their seats.

Simon on paper, albeit retired from Professional tour and former world number three, was favourite to win but Sam had other ideas. A close-fought first game was exactly what Sam needed as he saved game balls and ended up taking the game win and making Simon work very hard for each point. In the second Sam opened a lead and never looked back and the same happened in the third but Simon demonstrated his resilience against a younger, quicker Sam and saved four match balls, but it was not enough as Sam closed out the game and match 11/7 to take the title for Roehampton Club.



The women's team, on the other hand, was unbreakable for their neighbour, Surbiton (ENG). The triple winners have solidified their name as an elite force in ECC history.

25-year-old Jasmine Hutton, world number 21, said, 'I found the tournament really engaging and had a relatively smooth experience in the group stages. The only tricky part was finding our balance at the beginning, but once we got into the rhythm, things started to fall into place. We had the same team as last year, so getting ready was simple. We knew Surbiton would be our toughest competition, so we prepared a strong game plan, which we executed well.'

'The future of Roehampton Club squash looks bright ...'

Jasmine was able to secure an 11-8, 11-7, 11-8 victory over Surbiton's Kiera Marshall. 'Kiera has outstanding racket skills, but my steady pressure and shots were crucial to winning this match,' said Jasmine in her post-match interview.

'The future of Roehampton Club squash looks bright, and I feel lucky to be part of it. I believe our team needs to keep pushing forward and aim for more success. Our team's journey is far from over,' she added.



'So pleased with the teams' performance this week and to win the Women's ECC title three years in a row is a true testament to their commitment and team spirit at Roehampton Club. Surbiton are a great Club and certainly pushed us - wonderful for English Squash to have two teams in the final.'

Team Manager - Paul Lindsay

Players from across Europe participated in four days of intense competition with players of all ages displaying their skills, giving their fans an unforgettable tournament. Now, the countdown begins for the 36th European Club Championship of the four-walled game.





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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024



Best and Fairest Winner Chris Lipscomb

A deserved and surprised winner, Chris, had been involved in numerous friendly matches over the season whilst combining his playing duties with chauffeuring!

The inclusion of Harry, his son, a promising junior in the friendly matches has also been a wonderful addition to the section's development.

O40s Doubles Andrew Wakely and Alison Waters beat Duncan Kynoch and William Husband 3-1. 11/6, 9/11, 11/5, 11/8.



There would be new names on the trophy in 2024 with Duncan and William finding their way through some tough rounds to face Spike and Ali, fresh from beating the 2023 champions Michael Hill and Cavin O'Driscoll in the previous round. Ali's doubles experience, and a few commonwealth games medals to show for it, helped settle her and Spike quickly into the match.

It looked like it could all be one way traffic, but a team talk after the first game saw Duncan and William come back focused and possibly looking to hit the ball to Spike more! The tactics seemed to work with Duncan and William winning the second game.

A fast start in the third with some wonderful winners from Spike – both off the strings and some off the frame saw them race ahead and despite Duncan and William's best efforts they could not claw the deficit back. 2-1 Spike and Ali.

Were there a few nerves on show now as the winning line was in sight? Not from Ali as she continued to return all Duncan's tight and tricky shots. It was a close fought battle with Spike and William both

reducing their error count on the forehand side but it was the doubles experience of Spike and Ali that prevailed to take the fourth game and title.



Handicap Doubles John Cumming and Jason Byrne beat James Rowland Clark and Philipp Saumweber 3-0.

Sadly, due to player unavailability, this match was conceded with Jason and John taking the title.

O55s Doubles Cavin O'Driscoll and Michael Hill beat Jan Menneken and Andy Levy 3-0. 11/4, 11/7, 11/5.



Michael and Cavin lived up to their pre final title favourites tag with an accomplished display of patience and hitting into spaces. Their steady play always had Jan and Andy on the back foot and although there were glimpses of brilliance and opportunities to cause an upset, it never materialised with Michael and Cavin taking the match.



Open Doubles Jojo Shean and Michael Shean beat Adam Shean and Rudi Willemse 11/7, 11/9, 10/12, 9/11, 11/7.

A family affair, nearly. Three brothers and four

South Africans in the final. The 2023 champions, Jojo and Mike Shean up against younger brother Adam and Open finalist Rudi. The feeling in the crowd being the Open final efforts must have tired Rudi, and Jojo and Mike as a pair were too strong. A quick start, all be it with long and high tempo rallies, the

points went the way of Jojo and Mike and they kept Adam and Rudi quiet enough to take the first game. A settled Adam and Rudi in the second game started to match Jojo and Mike point for point. They had their chances too but it was the Shean brothers once again who took the game. This looked over! Well, the Open final should have warned the crowd it's not over until it's over. Relentless rallies and quality play saw Adam and Rudi back in the final.

The Shean brothers visibly frustrated, Adam and Rudi were back in this, taking the third game. Again, point for point the pairs traded blows and once more the frustration and errors were increasing from Jojo and Mike. Adam and Rudi took the fourth game. Game on!

It is fine margins and brilliance that can decide results. The fifth game had both and it went the way of the Shean brothers. Such high-quality squash and the crowd entertained one more on the evening. It was Jojo and Mike who won the fifth and retained their Oen Doubles title.

Handicap Singles Philipp Saumweber beat Alex Tonge 3-0. 15/7, 15/13, 15/13.

Philipp and Alex, two newbie finalists and players who had quietly and steadily made their way through the draw. Philipp having to give Alex a nine shot start with the handicap had to keep the error count low and concentration levels high. Alex, who moves well and is still improving, had to use the advantage to apply pressure on Philipp. A very fast start from Philipp, combined with good court movement saw him close Alex's lead and soon take the first game.



The second game saw Alex dig deep and scamper around the court getting most of Philipp's shots back. But Philipp had noticed if he kept the ball in the back left corner he had an advantage. He used this and kept his concentration to take the second game. Alex, cheered on by the crowd, continued to run for everything in the third game but was increasingly fatiguing and still getting caught out in the back left corner.

A great battle in the third game and again, Philipp kept his cool to win another close game and take the title.



O45 Singles Chris Dawson beat William Husband 3-0. 9/1, 10/8, 9/1.

Double reigning champion, Chris Dawson, who has never lost in the O45 Singles Club Championship took on

William Husband, who was on red-hot form, having beaten Duncan Kynoch in the semi-final.

William's target of taking a game off Chris may have seemed lacking in belief he could win the title but after the first game it then looked like it would be a monumental achievement. Chris was soon in his stride hitting the ball cleanly and giving William no time to settle.

The second game was a lot closer with William seeming more settled and fighting his way to game ball and his target to take a game in sight. Sadly Chris had other ideas! Chris won the second game and came back on court in the third not letting up to take a third title in a row and remain unbeaten in the O45s.

O55 Singles Cavin O'Driscoll beat Michael Hill 3-1.

Both finalists fresh from their O55s Doubles win 20 minutes earlier saw a repeat of the 2023 final.



The Elite Vets squash Sunday training camp reports (Michael informing everyone he never loses) had the match going the way of 2023 champion.

The match once again had the hallmarks of a titanic battle. As expected some long tough rallies and very red faces showed both were giving their all.

Cheered on by a small crowd – for some reason most spectators wanted to watch the Open final, it was Cavin who prevailed to take the match 3-1 and gain revenge for last year's defeat.

Will there be a trilogy in 2025?



Junior Open
Sophie Evans beat
Finn Vowles 3-0. 11/5,
11/8, 11/8.

Another player looking to win a third title in a row was Sophie. Back to defend her title in a repeat of the 2023 final

against Finn with both players having made good progress in their game over the year.

In a near repeat of 2023, it was Sophie who settled quickest and stayed patient in the longer rallies to take the first game. Finn came back on with more belief in the second, and rightly so. His good drop shots and reverse boast catching Sophie unawares on occasions, but the error count was higher and Sophie remained calm to win a close second game.

The third game was another close battle and Finn fought for every point but he could not get the elusive lead as Sophie found some wonderful winning shots at just the right time. Sophie won the third game and with it, a third Junior Open title.

Women's Singles
Kace Bartley beat
Megan Thomas 3-0.
11/7, 11/9, 11/3.

A first Women's final for both players. A nervous Meg was up against Kace who on form was the favourite. Meg deserves credit for her performance against a very talented player and Meg made Kace work hard for both the first and second games.



The efforts to do this also cost Meg as Kace used her impressive racket skills to move Meg around, keep her under constant pressure and break her resolve (and fitness) to see Kace win her first title.



Open Singles
Ben Coates beat
Rudi Willemse 3-2.
9/11, 7/11, 11/6,
15/13, 11/8.

An eagerly anticipated final and large crowd

would see 2022 winner Ben take on first time finalist Rudi. Both players had been pushed in previous round matches and the crowd knew this could be an epic match in the making. There were questions over Rudi's fitness, could he keep up with Ben's fast pace play and movement? Or Ben's focus, can he keep calm when Rudi moves the ball around all four corners of the court?

The match did not fail to deliver, and it was Rudi who seemed to start the sharper of the two. World class shots and exquisite touch from both players saw them push hard from the outset. Rudi was more clinical though and after opening up a couple of points lead, he did not let it slip to take the first game. The crowd expecting a response from Ben sat back in amazement of the quality of the second game. It was Rudi who was putting on a show, fighting for each point and hitting sublime winners. Ben could not keep up and soon Rudi was 2-0 up with a fist pump to show the importance of taking the game.

Ben started the third game with less errors and more structured squash. After getting a healthy lead it was combined with some suggesting Rudi was having a little rest to rest for the fourth game. Ben was now back in the final. The fourth game had everything from silly errors, amazing shots and pure effort whilst outside the court you could feel the excitement, nerves and tension. Rudi raced ahead and Ben was looking like a beaten man, but he has matured and kept in each point after a poor start.

Slowly clawing back Rudi's lead, it looked to be in vain as Rudi served for the match at 10-9. Somehow Ben managed to retrieve every shot as Rudi put him under ever increasing pressure. Ben finally won the point to save match ball. His focus remained to close out the game and take the match to a fifth game.

As Ben has managed to stay calm and focused, Rudi had not faded from the extreme efforts of the previous four games. This was two gladiators with rackets and a ball surrounded by four walls giving it everything. This is where, as a spectator you feel bad knowing there has to be a winner and loser, but neither player gave any indication on who this could be in the early exchanges of the fifth game.

As the points continued it was Ben who seemed to just have that 1% more at crucial times and he managed to close out the game 11/8 to win a hard-fought title.

JUNIOR COACHING

Saturday 9am to 9.45am
Mini Under 7 Squash Group Coaching

Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am
Intermediate Junior Group Coaching Course

Saturday 10.30am to 11.15am
Advanced Junior Group Coaching Course

Saturday 11.15am to 12pm
Beginner Junior Group Coaching Course

Sunday 10am to 11am
Junior Coaching / Match Play



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The autumn term runs 9th September to 15th December 2024.



BATH CUP FIXTURES 2024-25

Division 1 first half	Date	Home team	Away team
Thursday	26th September 2024	Roehampton Club 1 Oxford and Cambridge 1	MCC 1 Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	3rd October 2024	Roehampton Club 1 MCC 1	Lansdowne 1 Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	10th October 2024	RAC 1 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 Lansdowne 2
Thursday	17th October 2024	Roehampton Club 1 Bath and Racquets	Cumberland 1 Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday Thursday	23rd October 2024 24th October 2024	HAC Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 HAC
Thursday	31st October 2024	Roehampton Club 1 Hurlingham 1	Oxford and Cambridge 1 Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	7th November 2024	Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1
Thursday	14th November 2024	Roehampton Club 1 Lansdowne 1	Lansdowne 2 Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	21st November 2024	Bath and Racquets Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 RAC 1
Thursday	28th November 2024	Roehampton Club 1 Cumberland 1	Queen's 1 Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	5th December 2024	Hurlingham 1 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 HAC
Division 1 second half	Date	Home team	Away team
Thursday	9th January 2025	MCC1 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 Oxford and Cambridge 1
Thursday	16th January 2025	Lansdowne 1 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 MCC 2
Thursday	23rd January 2025	Roehampton Club 1 Lansdowne 2	RAC 1 Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	30th January 2025	Cumberland 1 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 Bath and Racquets
Thursday	6th February 2025	Roehampton Club 1 Queen's 1	HAC Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	13th February 2025	Oxford and Cambridge 1 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 Hurlingham 1
Thursday	20th February 2025	Roehampton Club 1	Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	27th February 2025	Lansdowne 2 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 Lansdowne 1
Thursday	6th March 2025	Roehampton Club 1 RAC 1	Bath and Racquets Roehampton Club 2
Thursday	13th March 2025	Queen's 1 Roehampton Club 2	Roehampton Club 1 Cumberland 1
Wednesday Thursday	19th March 2025 20th March 2025	HAC Roehampton Club 1	Roehampton Club 2 Hurlingham 1

BATH CUP FIXTURES 2024-25

Division 2 first half	Date	Home team	Away team
Wednesday	9th October 2024	Roehampton Club 3 MCC 2	Lansdowne 3 Roehampton Club 4
Wednesday	16th October 2024	Roehampton Club 3 Lansdowne 3	Queen's 2 Roehampton Club 4
Wednesday	23rd October 2024	RAC 2 Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3 Queen's 3
Wednesday	30th October 2024	Roehampton Club 3 Hurlingham 2	Cumberland 2 Roehampton Club 4
Wednesday	6th November 2024	MCC 2 Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3 Oxford and Cambridge 2
Wednesday	13th November 2024	Roehampton Club 3	Roehampton Club 4
Wednesday	20th November 2024	Queen's 3 Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3 Queen's 2
Wednesday	27th November 2024	Roehampton Club 3 RAC 2	Hurlingham 2 Roehampton Club 4
Wednesday	4th December 2024	Oxford and Cambridge 2 Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3 Cumberland 2
Division 2 second half	Date	Home team	Away team
Wednesday	15th January 2025	Lansdowne 3 Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3 MCC 2
Wednesday	22nd January 2025	Queen's 2 Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3 Lansdowne 3
Wednesday	29th January 2025	Roehampton Club 3 Queen's 3	RAC 2 Roehampton Club 2
Wednesday	5th February 2025	Cumberland 2 Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3 Hurlingham 2
Wednesday	12th February 2025	Roehampton Club 3 Oxford and Cambridge 2	MCC 2 Roehampton Club 4
Wednesday	19th February 2025	Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3
Wednesday	26th February 2025	Roehampton Club 3 Queen's 2	Queen's 3 Roehampton Club 4
Wednesday	5th March 2025	Hurlingham 2 Roehampton Club 4	Roehampton Club 3 RAC 2
Wednesday	12th March 2025	Roehampton Club 3 Cumberland 2	Oxford and Cambridge 2 Roehampton Club 4

BATH CUP FIXTURES 2024-25

Vets Division first half	Date	Home team	Away team
Wednesday	9th October 2024	Roehampton Club	MCC
Wednesday	16th October 2024	Roehampton Club	Queen's
Wednesday	23rd October 2024	Hurlingham	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	30th October 2024	Roehampton Club	Oxford and Cambridge
Wednesday	6th November 2024	Wimbledon	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	23rd November 2024	Roehampton Club	Bath and Racquets
Wednesday	27th November 2024	Roehampton Club	RAC
Wednesday	4th December 2024	Cumberland	Roehampton Club
Vets Division second half	Date	Home team	Away team
Wednesday	15th January 2025	MCC	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	22nd January 2025	Queen's	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	29th January 2025	Roehampton Club	Hurlingham
Wednesday	5th February 2025	Oxford and Cambridge	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	12th February 2025	Roehampton Club	Wimbledon
Wednesday	19th February 2025	Bath and Racquets	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	5th March 2025	RAC	Roehampton Club
Wednesday	12th March 2025	Roehampton Club	Cumberland

FRIENDLY FIXTURES 2024-25

First Half	Home Team	Away Team	Captain
Tuesday 3-8 Sep	<i>European Club Championship</i>	<i>Roehampton Club</i>	
Tuesday 10 Sep	Team Squash League	Draft Picks Night	
Thursday 12 Sep	Roehampton Club	Wine Trades	Nigel
Thursday 19 Sep	Roehampton Club	Lloyds	Chris
Thursday 19-23 Sept	<i>Squash Tour</i>	<i>New York</i>	
Tuesday 1 Oct	Club Night	Captain v Chairman Team Challenge	
Thursday 3 Oct	Roehampton Club	St George's Hill	
Tuesday 8 Oct	Team Squash League	Let Battle Commence	
Thursday 10 Oct	Roehampton Club	Hurlingham	
Monday 14 Oct	Roehampton Club	HAC	
Thursday 17 Oct	Sheen	Roehampton Club	
Thursday 24 Oct	Roehampton Club	Old Wellingtonians	
Tuesday 5 Nov	Club Night	England v Rest of World	
Thursday 7 Nov	Roehampton Club	RAC (doubles)	Paul
Thursday 14 Nov	Roehampton Club	SWANS	
Saturday 16 Nov	Team Squash League	Family Day	
Thursday 28 Nov	Wimbledon R&FC	Roehampton Club	
Tuesday 3 Dec	Roehampton Club	South African Knights	Paul
Tuesday 10 Dec	Club Night	Secret Santa	
Second Half	Home Team	Away Team	Captain
Sunday 5 Jan	Roehampton Club	James Newell Invitational	
Thursday 16 Jan	Roehampton Club	Vets of GB	
Sunday 19 Jan	<i>Roehampton Schools Squash Invitation Division 2</i>		
Tuesday 14 Jan	HAC	Roehampton Club	
Monday 20 Jan	Team Squash League	New Year / New Hope	
Thursday 23 Jan	Roehampton Club	Old Wellingtonians	
Thursday 30 Jan	Roehampton Club	Wimbledon R&FC	
Saturday 8 Feb	<i>Roehampton Club University Cup</i>		
Tuesday 4 Feb	Club Night	Quiz Night	
Thursday 6 Feb	Roehampton Club	Barnes	
Thursday 13 Feb	Roehampton Club	Escorts	
Thursday 20 Feb	Roehampton Club	Jesters	
Thursday 27 Feb	Hurlingham	Roehampton Club	
Sunday 2 Mar	<i>Roehampton Schools Squash Invitation Division 1</i>		
Tuesday 4 Mar	Club Night	Doubles Tournament and H/Cap draw	
Thursday 6 Mar	Roehampton Club	Wine Trades	
Wednesday 12 Mar	Club Championship Starts		
Friday 14 Mar	Team Squash League	G&Ts all round	
Monday 17 Mar	SWANS @O&C	Roehampton Club	
Thursday 20 Mar	Roehampton Club	Sheen	
Monday 24 Mar	Old Salopians	Roehampton Club	
Wednesday 26 Mar	St George's Hill	Roehampton Club	
Thursday 14 May	RAC	Roehampton Club (doubles)	
Friday 9 May	<i>Club Championship Finals Evening</i>		
Saturday 17-18 May	Dunlop British U23 Open		

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LEAGUES



The singles squash league runs from September through till March. It's a great way for Members to play fun yet competitive matches against fellow Members.

The aim is to continue the increase of movement within the league positions with a 6 or 7 player league played over a 6 to 7 week period.

This gives Members a greater pool of 'friends or foe' to play against, and benefit those who play their games more regularly.

Please email Paul at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk if you would like to join the leagues.



PLEASE NOTE

By signing up to this league you are consenting to us making your contact details available to other Members for the purposes of contacting you in relation to [event / competition / club].

If you do not want your details to be available for such purposes you must inform the Club directly. Your personal details will only be used in accordance with the Club's privacy policy, a copy of which has been provided to Members and which can also be seen on the Club's website.

Team Training

Monday evenings
6-7pm or 7-8.30pm

We need you back on court
and up to full speed for the
start of the Bath Cup season!

There is no fee for these sessions.

If you have any queries about the Squash
Team Training please contact Paul Lindsay
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SQUASH CLUB NIGHT

**Tuesday evenings 5.30 – 7.30pm
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**Fun social games organised by the Professional on hand.
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Come along or email Paul Lindsay at
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JAMES NEWELL



James Banks Newell was born on 25th September 1944. He joined Roehampton Club in 1966, aged 22 as a Restricted Full Member with an annual subscription of £8!

He won the Squash Men's Open title in his first season 1966 / 67, and went on to retain the title three years in a row.

Following his untimely death in 1979 aged 35, the Squash Committee agreed to set up a doubles competition in his memory.

This started in 1980 and continues to be played to this day.

Traditionally played for in the following January, the battle for the James Newell Trophy 2023 title was fought in the first week of 2024, with 12 pairs competing.

The pairings provided competitive matches and close group results – even with an early morning start!

Congratulations to Pete Highmore and Nigel Clarke on their win and solid performances throughout the morning – remaining undefeated!

See letter attached

Date received 20/7/66
Entered in G.O. Index 20/7/66
Entered in Office Index
Entered in Register

Approved Ben
No. 15518
Date of Election 1/9/66

CANDIDATE'S FORM

Candidates must be proposed and seconded by personal friends who are members of the Club

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"B" Tennis Member
"C" Croquet Member Golf Handicap
"D" 5-day playing Member
"E" Non-playing Member
"F" Associate Member
"H" Temporary Member (see overleaf) ✓ Golf Handicap
"I" Restricted Full Member
I agree to abide by the Rules of the Club.
Signature of Candidate J.B. Newell
Proposer (signature) Victor Bower Date 20/7/66
Seconder (signature) Alf Loring Date 20/7/66
Director sponsoring application
The Secretary,
Roehampton Club,
Roehampton Lane, S.W.15.
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SCHOOLS INVITATION

The final, Epsom vs Eton, saw the two most successful schools in the competition's history go head-to-head in an eagerly anticipated match. Roehampton Schools Squash Invitation has been held for 22 years and both Epsom and Eton have won five titles.

Epsom proved too strong in Group A, only losing one string in three matches, while Eton came through a very tough and competitive Group B ahead of Harrow by two points and Kings Canterbury by seven points respectively. Epsom were looking to retain the trophy for a third year in a row against a strong and ever improving Eton team.

The final score did not reflect some close games but Epsom again showed their strength in depth. With strings 2, 4 and 5 on first in the final, Epsom took an unassailable early 3-0 lead in matches meaning the title was theirs once more. Wins at 1 and 3 string sealed the victory for Epsom 5-0 overall. Congratulations to Epsom on winning the trophy.



Match			Result
1		Epsom vs St Paul's	4 – 1
2		Harrow vs Sevenoaks	4 – 1
3		Charterhouse vs Tonbridge	2 – 3
4		Eton vs Kings Canterbury	3 – 2
5		Epsom vs Charterhouse	5 – 0
6		Harrow vs Eton	4 – 1
7		St Paul's vs Tonbridge	1 – 4
8		Sevenoaks v Kings Canterbury	1 – 4
9		Epsom v Tonbridge	5 – 0
10		Harrow v Kings Canterbury	2 – 3
11		St Paul's v Charterhouse	3 – 2
12		Sevenoaks v Eton	0 – 5
13		Epsom v Harrow	5 – 0
14		Tonbridge v Eton	0 – 5
15	5th/6th playoff	St Paul's v Kings Canterbury	1 – 4
16	7th/8th playoff	Charterhouse v Sevenoaks	1 – 4
17	3rd/4th playoff	Harrow v Tonbridge	2 – 3
18	Final	Epsom v Eton	5 – 0

2024 Final Results	
Epsom	Champions
Eton	
Tonbridge	
Harrow	
Kings Canterbury	
St Pauls	
Sevenoaks	
Charterhouse	Relegated

UNIVERSITY CUP

The Roehampton Club University Cup 2024 was a packed day of squash and all players made it a pleasure to run.

The day saw impressive squash from all teams and players but Durham University were victorious, retaining the title.



Group A	Durham	Southampton	Roehampton	Imperial 2	Total
Durham		18	6	21	45
Southampton	4		10	20	14
Roehampton	17	14		14	45
Imperial 2	1	5	8		14

Group B	LSE	Imperial	Derby	Portsmouth	Total
LSE		2	14	6	22
Imperial	21		18	20	59
Derby	10	4		0	14
Portsmouth	17	3	22		42

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NEW YORK SQUASH TOUR

ROEHAMPTON CLUB VENTURE BACK ACROSS THE POND

Sequels are never as good as the original Well, if you don't follow the same story line or have the same cast then it is just as good.

NYC Tour Part Two was the second trip across The Pond following the 2022 tour and this tour was just as memorable and fun as the first. After our winning ways in 2022 the US clubs certainly raised their game and standard as we enjoyed tough battles and wonderful hosting.

On Thursday 19th September the Squash Tour set off in the early hours, 5am to be exact, to Heathrow ready for a packed schedule.

DAY ONE

The early flight meant arrival in New York City (NYC) at lunch time with the first match scheduled for 5pm! A short train ride on the Airline from JFK saw us arrive in NYC with enough time to drop our bags at the hotel and make our way for lunch ... this was not the lunch of athletes as we found an outlet pizza shop on the street corner – very tasty though!

Racquet and Tennis Club (R&T), New York

The first of three new clubs on the tour schedule

started with R&T, a very warm welcome from James Stout, Head Squash and Racquets Professional was the perfect start after a long day of travel.

The club's grand entrance was soon matched by its lavish changing rooms as the players put on the team t-shirts ready for battle. This match had been dubbed the World Club Cup (by R&T) and they certainly played a very strong side. Not ideal after an early and long trip for us! First up was Nicholas St John on his tour debut and the signs were ominous.

His opponent wielding the racket with guile and panache. Nicholas went down 3-0 and this sadly was to be the trend for the evening. A resounding win to the host with only yours truly picking up a solitary game. Our heads did not drop though as we made our way to dinner with the backdrop of a Real Tennis match, most entertaining.

This showed the newbies on tour, and reminded the ones lucky enough to be returning, it would be a very special trip. A tour of the club showed how amazing the facilities were and why this is one of the most exclusive clubs in NYC, including the terrace where the evening view of NYC was breathtaking.

DAY TWO

An early start saw most head out for a short walk to find a breakfast-diner. The large offering of breakfast options gave the tour the fuel they needed for the day head with two matches scheduled.

Nicol Squash

With a more relaxed dress code the tour group took a short walk from the hotel to Nicol Squash, owned by Peter Nicol (former world number one) and his wife. Some very close matches this time mostly going our way made for the perfect start alongside a guest appearance from previous Roehampton Club squash pro Vini Rodrigues and his wife Bruna.

Watching Tom Crosthwaite playing Peter Nicol was most enjoyable and seeing him run around the court like a happy dog chasing a ball was highlight.

As had been the case two years previous we headed out for lunch in the direction of the Hudson River, once more stopping at the Frying Pan, a funky boat restaurant. Some lovely food and we had a slow walk back towards the hotel taking in the sights of NYC, including the High Line.

Union Club

The evening match was another new club on the tour schedule at Union Club. The Club situated in Upper East side and a short Subway ride followed by a walk through Central Park saw us arrive. The relatively small entrance lobby was deceiving as we made our way down the stairs to the squash courts and changing rooms. The changing room facilities were second to none as we changed into our playing kit and met the Union members.

A relaxed approach to the play was greeted with a mix of squash and some hardball doubles – very popular in NYC. The Union hosts and Head Squash Pro, Jonny Smith, made us feel so welcome and after some great battles on court we changed before making our way to the bar downstairs, an old school feeling with amazing attention to detail from the staff.



We then made our way to dinner and were treated to a wonderful meal with drinks as our hosts informed us more about the club and its history. The evening continued with a tour of more of the club's exquisite rooms before our hosts offered the opportunity of a game of 'beer-pong' in the changing room. This showed quickly how sport and games can bring people together as the night continued with fun and laughter and on to a local bar. A great night was had by all.

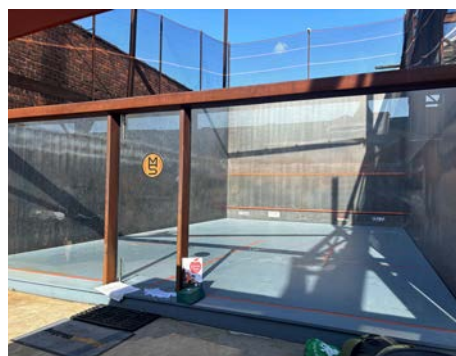
DAY THREE

New York Athletic Club (NYAC)

A mid-morning trip to NYAC, with some perhaps feeling the effects of the tough squash matches from the days before (not the beer-pong!)

We had been fortunate to play at NYAC in 2022 and this time we were all just as fortunate. Met by Head Pro Clinton Leeuw and member/organiser Alex Salton, players were quickly paired up and play began. This tour the battles were tougher and matches closer and in a friendly unscripted finish, the overall match ended 4-4. A perfect way to end and be treated to a tour of the club, including its full basketball court and running track, and roof top terrace – the view was spectacular as you looked out over Central Park.

The NYAC Members kindly treated us to some drinks and lunch, all of us having burgers, in one of their bars. The energy levels of the Roehampton Club gang





were slightly lower than normal with most wishing we could have stayed at NYAC and enjoyed their hospitality – but another match round the corner against University Club awaited! We said our thank you's and headed off to the next club.

#3 Harrison Tillinghast v Dave Newman
#8 Carter Brown v Nic St John

#4 Matt Crowe v Rob Findlay
#5 Advit Dube v Sam Huxtable

#1 Calvin McCafferty v Tiago Goriely
#2 Max McCafferty v Tom Crosthwaite

#6 Kevin Daly v Alex Williams
#7 Alex Salton v Paul Lindsay

University Club

The burger and soda drinks seemed to do the trick as we arrived with a little more energy at University Club. Or perhaps the club's grand lobby and view from the balcony revitalised some to why this was such a special tour.

Warmly welcomed by Travis Judson, Head Pro,

players were informed of their opponents and play started. Some were also treated to more hardball doubles – PS I would love to build a court at Roehampton Club if we had the space!

This time University Club showed their strength with only Alex Williams winning for Roehampton Club. The beers, company and view from the balcony after the squash made for a wonderful evening.

The tour then enjoyed a walk round some of NYC and a pizza diner.

DAY FOUR

Maspeth Squash

Just the one fixture for day four and the last one of the tour. This was a special one as it would be on an outdoor steel court and new experience for everyone, located over the Brooklyn Bridge on east river towards Queens area. We were so fortunate with the weather and sunshine allowing us to play on the court and enjoy the barbeque put on by our hosts.

At this point I am claiming fatigue and the experience of playing in sunshine was the reasoning for the team's loss.

The Maspeth team continued the theme of the tour by being so welcoming and hospitable and we ended up spending most of the day playing and watching squash and chatting afterwards.

DAY FIVE

A last walk round NYC and tour lunch before we packed up and made our way back to the airport.

A safe trip home and memories that will last a lifetime ... I'm sure those lucky enough to experience the tour will happily share (some) of their stories.





Christmas Club Night

Festive Squash and
Secret Santa
Tuesday 10th
December 6pm

Dress code - Christmas Jumpers

All players are guaranteed three matches followed by drinks and food in the bar.
Please bring one present to donate to the Secret Santa Christmas raffle.
Presents should cost no more than £15 or be something you are happy to give away.
If you wish to be a spectator or join us after the squash, please email to confirm.
Guests welcome. £20 per person.
Book your place with Paul Lindsay at paul.lindsay@roehamptonclub.co.uk




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