

## League Secretary's Report - Season 2009/2010

### 1. League Results

Thanks to all clubs for participating in some very competitive leagues, and for not troubling the new League Secretary too much in his first year! We had 51 teams in the Open Leagues (same as last season) and 17 in the Ladies Leagues (two more than last year).

The Open Results were:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Dalgety Bay	289	Watsonians	283
2	Edinburgh University 2	272	Dalgety Bay 2 (on games played)	272
3	Grange 2	326	Mamma's Pizzeria	265
4	Grange 3	321	Dean	283
5	Grange 4	360	Waverley 4	309

Congratulations to all winners and particularly Dalgety Bay for winning Div 1, despite being down 24 points due to not getting a referee sorted out till the second half!

The Ladies Results (second half) were:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Edinburgh Sports Club	162	Watsonians	139
2	Grange	122	Abercorn	116
3	Waverley 2	187	David Lloyd Newhaven	118

Congratulations to all winners. Edinburgh Sports Club won the traditional play-off for Div 1 champions against Watsonians who had won the first half league.

### 2. Introduction of Squash Matrix

This year we carried out a trial of the Squash Matrix system provided by Scottish Squash. This is an established Australian system (used for all Australian leagues) and provides online results entry, league and individual results information and rankings.

The trial covered Open divisions 1-3 and Ladies division 1. The results were initially entered by me and then gradually handed over to team contacts as they became familiar with the system. The majority of teams were using it satisfactorily by the end of the season, though there was firm resistance (or was it laziness?) from a few. Thanks to everyone who took this on.

The system proved to be robust, if a little quirky in one or two areas, which we are hoping to improve for next season. It also takes a little time to get used to. The key benefits (apart from the prospect of less work for the League Secretary!) are the earlier availability of league results online and the ability to drill into team and individual results as soon as they are entered. Some people also liked "The Game Plan" feature which gives match-up information on your next opponents. The "Matrix" ranking system is more basic than squashrankings.co.uk, but has the advantage that it is easy to see how individual rankings are derived. It does need a more accurate starting position though, and we will be working on this over the summer.

I received a number of positive comments about the system and no negative ones. I think the trial was a success and propose that we roll it out for all divisions next year. This year I kept the old results system going in parallel, but plan to do away with this next year. This will also mean an end to posting cards and another blow to Royal Mail!

This will mean I will need strong support from all team captains to ensure this gets rolled out quickly and smoothly to the lower divisions. Subject to demand I aim to hold a familiarisation / training session in September to let people try out the results entry and help me out with some of the set-up work!

Thanks for all your support and good luck for next season!

Dougie Brown