

East Squash
2016 Olympics-bid Social Handicap Tournament
Colinton Castle Squash Club
Saturday 1 August 2009

Henry Pearce, Edinburgh University squash legend and new East Squash committee member, organised this one-day event, to raise money for squash's bid to be included in the 2016 Olympic Games. Sixteen players paid £10 for the privilege of taking part and Mike Halpin, whose birthday celebrations made him unavailable, paid £10 for the privilege of not taking part. So we were able to hand over £170 for the fund to a grateful George Mieras, World Squash's Olympic bid Co-ordinator and Colinton Castle supremo. This is about to be increased by another £300 as East Squash donate last year's surplus to the cause.

The players were split into four mini-leagues, with each player having three matches. A match consisted of one "handicap" game, timed to 20 minutes, with the stronger player having to overcome a large points deficit in that time. The lesser players soon discovered that 20 minutes is a very long time for one game against a stronger opponent, but attempts to persuade the sadistic Henry to reduce it to 10 minutes only succeeded in beating him down to 15 for the knockout stage. He'd originally argued for 30-minute games

Young Carrie Hallam had to retire because of an arm-muscle strain after a great game with Andrew Atterbury, but everyone else managed to finish. Chris Gray emerged as the champion, with Pete Brierley winning the Plate. We were then treated to a highly entertaining exhibition match between Scotland star Graham Melvin and – at very short notice – Richard MacBride.

Many thanks to Graham and Richard, also to Bill Brown and Jim Hay of host club Colinton Castle, and to all the players, who were (and probably still are) :

[Andrew Atterbury](#), [Calum Atterbury](#), [Chris Gray](#), [Grant Gray](#), [Carrie Hallam](#), [Dave Jubb](#) and [Danny Knowles](#) (Edinburgh Sports Club), [Pete Brierley](#), [Rachel Collins](#), [Zosia Jasinska](#) and [Henry Pearce](#) (Edinburgh University), [John Allan](#), [Dave Ferguson](#), [Yvonne Ferguson](#) and [Brian Scott](#) (Waverley) and [Richard MacBride](#) and the unbeaten [Mike Halpin](#) (Colinton Castle).

Dave Ferguson
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Group 1	Henry	Danny	Rachel	Calum	Total	Position	
Henry Pearce		0	1	0	1	4 th	2 nd - 4 th decided on a points count
Danny Knowles	1		1	1	3	1 st	
Rachel Collins	0	0		1	1	2 nd	
Calum Atterbury	1	0	0		1	3 rd	

Group 2	Pete	Grant	Richard	John	Total	Position
Pete Brierley		0	0	1	1	3 rd
Grant Gray	1		0	1	2	2 nd
Richard MacBride	1	1		1	3	1 st
John Allan	0	0	0		0	4 th

Group 3	Dave	Chris	Carrie	Andrew	Total	Position	
Dave Ferguson		0		0	0	3 rd	1 st & 2 nd decided on a points count
Chris Gray	1			1	2	1 st	
Carrie Hallam	<i>injured</i>			0	0	4 th	
Andrew Atterbury	1	0	1		2	2 nd	

Group 4	Yvonne	Dave	Brian	Zosia	Total	Position
Yvonne Ferguson		0	0	1	1	3 rd
Dave Jubb	1		1	1	3	1 st
Brian Scott	1	0		1	2	2 nd
Zosia Jasínska	0	0	0		0	4 th

Group winners' event

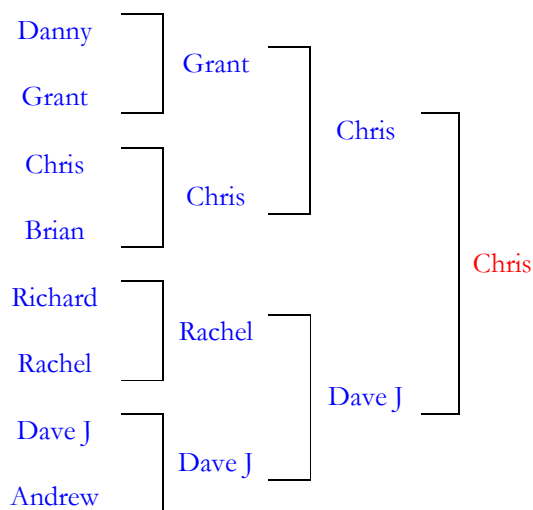


Plate event

