

MIDDLESEX JUNIOR CLOSED TOURNAMENT

Another outstanding week-end – run this year at Southgate by Lindsey Dack and Vickie Prow. There were 61 entries with many entrants new to this competition, and new clubs represented as well as increasing numbers of representatives from others, including Queens, Amida, Coolhurst and Harrow, as well as Hazelwood, Finchley Manor, Southgate, Stormont, Princes, Uxbridge and Portobello Green.

Particularly gratifying was the large entry for the Under 11 event. This age group is the foundation for the older categories at County as well as Club level, and establishing an enjoyment of the game at this tender age is fundamental to maintaining squash as a flourishing sport.

The tournament was run as a knock-out with plate competition so all entrants had at least 2 games. There were some really good games played and finals were fantastic in all age groups

The mixed **Under 11 mixed** is always good match experience for the younger players with many of them entering a competition for the first time. It was great to have so many entries including 1 girl. The winner was Oscar Khoo with Josh Abbs as runner up. Nat Hodge won the plate with Margot Prow as runner up who did really well in 3 plate rounds against the boys.

Under 13 Girls Played as a round robin. Winner was Annika Engstrom with Anouska Wooler Runner-up.

Under 13 Boys Winner Alexander Engstrom with Zach Abbs Runner-up. It was a Southgate plate with winner Julian Prow and runner-up Blair Dray.

Under 15 Girls Winner of round robin Nakira Phillips with Nina Keen Runner-up.

Under 15 Boys Winner Paddy Harrison with Sam Dixon Runner-up. The plate winner was Theo Hodge with runner up Quasim Khan

Under 17 Boys Winner Andrew Taylor with Ashil Shah Runner-up. The plate winner was James Walker with runner up Saif Khan.

Under 19 Girls With 4 entries in this category it was played as a round robin. It was really nice to see some good girls squash and every entrant played well. Niamh Greene who moved up from the U17's did very well to come runner-up to winner Ffion May. All their games were close with Naimh equalizing 1-1 in the second game ensuring a fight for the next 2 games.

The **Under 19 Boys** final is always the exciting final match of the day and this year was no exception with Reuben Phillips beating newcomer Pelhaag Bajwa. Some great games with Pelhaag fighting hard to keep in the match in the third game only losing it at 13-15.

Thanks to all those who helped on the day especially Alexandra Beever . To the club providing their courts and facilities, all the players, coaches, markers and especially parents for encouraging their kids competitiveness. To Dunlop for sponsoring the event and providing prizes of Dunlop Rackets and Bags.

A full set of photographs is on the junior website on <http://middlesexjuniorsquash.org.uk/>

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VERY MANY THANKS TO SOUTHGATE CLUB FOR SPONSORSHIP OF THE MIDDLESEX JUNIORS

JUNIOR COUNTY SQUADS 2010/11

JUNIOR COUNTY TEAM MANAGERS FOR 2009/10:

get in touch with your age group manager if you want to be involved with junior county squads and feeder groups

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Under 11 Mixed: Rick Prior	0208 346 1680	rickprior@hotmail.com
Girls (all ages): Lindsey Dack	020 8444 5539	lindseyd50@yahoo.co.uk



COUNTY JUNIOR DATES FOR 2011

U19/15 INTER COUNTY STAGE 2 :	23 JANUARY 2011
U17/13 INTER COUNTY STAGE 2 :	30 JANUARY 2011
U19/15 INTER COUNTY FINALS :	12/13 MARCH 2011
U17/13 INTER COUNTY FINALS :	19/20 MARCH 2011

More details of dates for tournaments and entry forms for competitions are on the England Squash website on

<http://www.englandsquashandracketball.com>



England Squash and Racketball – Rankings

Well done to our England Squash ranked juniors (from top 50 list): IN NOVEMBER 2010

REUBEN PHILLIPS No. 7 in Boys U19
ANDREW TAYLOR NO. 7 in Boys U15s
NAKIRA PHILLIPS No. 22 in Girls U15s
HASNAAT FAROOQI No. 49 in Boys U13s
ANNIKA ENGSTROM No. 40 in Girls U13s
ANOUSHKA WOOLLER No. 46 in Girls U13s
OSCAR KHOO No. 4 in Boys U11s
JOSH ABBS No. 29 in Boys U11s
ZAN FAROOQI No. 44 in Boys U11s

You only need to take part in one ESR event to get a National ranking,
Under 11 events in sanctioned tournaments are now awarded ESR ranking points for the first time.

It is now possible to sign up to England Squash and Racketball online on their web site - so if you are a junior and your club has not put your name forward you can join individually - junior online is only £5



The Junior Committee is looking for more help both on the committee and with events generally.

We also – as always – need sponsorship and help with buying junior T-shirts and tracksuits for County matches.

Contact us on: mdxjuniorsquash@tiscali.co.uk

