

PAKISTAN WIN 'ORIENT IRRIGATION' TOURNAMENT

The festive season has truly come and gone, leaving a few spare tyres and a tinge of guilt for many ageing squash players. Needless to say, mix-in nights have been well attended, even though the calorific loss from endless games of squash, does not exceed that gained from the post mortem beverages!

The "Orient Irrigation" tournament was played at the Club, over the weekend of January 26th/27th. 10 teams of 5 players, supposedly representing their countries of origin (some dubious connections, however!) battled on court for 2 days.

Congratulations to Pakistan for winning the event, leaving Nikki

Harradine's "Rest of the World" as runners up. Thank you to Bridget Clifford for organising the tournament.

You may have wondered about the lack of screaming on the courts over the past couple of weeks at lunch times?

Bridget has gone into hiding, in order to avoid those players who turned up a smidgen late for their game times during the tournament, to find that they had their games cancelled! (Actually, she's taken a well deserved rest before the start of the headaches of the second half of the squash league.)

Why anyone should want to visit Canada in temperatures of minus 30 degrees is beyond me!

It was good to see a few squash players at the 5 X 5 km run, around the Hilton a few weeks ago. Who knew Chris Steibelt was a secret runner? The less said about Kaye Smith's running, the better. (sorry Kaye!) Also, it's good to see that more squash players are attending David's circuits on Sunday and Tuesday nights... is this because they're getting fit for skiing or for squash?

The second half of the Ladies' Reebok League started on January 21st. It was noted at the prize giving earlier in the month that DCC Ladies won the first three places in Division 1 and the second and third places in Division 2. Well done girlies, keep it up!

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