

LEINSTER SENIOR TOURNAMENTS 2015-2016

Firstly I would like to thank our sponsor YONEX for their ongoing support toward Leinster tournaments. Our first senior tournament of the season started with the YONEX AUTUMN OPEN which was held in LEINSTER'S TERENURE CENTRE in September. With 113 entries from 83 players the entry was down on previous years.

RESULTS:

- M/S TONY STEPHENSON, R/UP PRAKASH NHAT
- W/S SARA BOYLE , R/UP NORMA MCINTYRE
- M/D TONY MURPHY / TONY STEPHENSON , R/UP DANIEL MAGEE / MARK TOPPING
- W/D FIONA GLENNON / PAULINE GLENNON, R/UP CLODAGH DUNNE /JENNIE KING
- MX STUART LIGHBODY /CRONA ROONEY , R/UP EDDIE COUSINS / CLODAGH DUNNE

Great to see the junior players coming through the ranks and making appearances on the podium congratulations Clodagh Dunne.

Next up was the YONEX LEINSTER [A] JUNIOR held in LEINSTER'S BALDOYLE CENTRE in mid-November with an entry of 95 from 73 players.

RESULTS:

- M/S JACK O'BRIEN , R/UP KEVIN DONNELLY
- W/S RACHEL WOODS, R/UP NIAMH GANNON
- M/D MARK COBBE / SHANE GUILDEA , R/UP NEIL O'FLATERTY / EOIN WALSH
- W/D CIARA O'CONNOR / GEMMA TOBIN , R/UP RACHEL WOODS / REBECCA WOODS
- MX MARK COBBE / NORMA MCINTYRE , R/UP NIAL GANNON /NIAMH GANNON

Once again great to see NIAMH GANNON making her first podium appearance at a senior tournament with many more to come.

In mid-November it was time for the Masters to take to the courts in LEINSTER'S BALDOYLE CENTRE with 116 entries from 111 players over 40 age groups this was Leinster's largest tournament to date with players from the four corners of the country. With too many winners to list I would like to congratulate all those who take part in the MASTERS events which seems to be growing year after year with its ROUND ROBIN format. I also like to thank the more senior end of the MASTERS O/60 /65 /70 for their dedication to the tournaments. At this I think its appropriate to CONGRATULATE our LEINSTER MASTERS who travel to events abroad and even more so to those who have won medals abroad. MARK TOPPING, NIGEL BOYNE , SIAN WILLIAMS and CHERYL EVANS, well done to all.

Finally it was the YONEX LEINSTER OPEN which was held in LEINSTER'S TERRENURE CENTRE in mid-JANUARY with 89 entries from 70 players.

RESULTS:

- M/S NHAT NGUYEN ,R/UP OWEN MARRON
- W/S SARA BOYLE , R/UP RACHEL DARRAGH
- M/D NHAT NGUYEN / DAVID WALSH, R/UP MARK BRADY/ CIARAN CHAMBERS
- W/D SINEAD CHAMBERS/ JENNIE KING, R/UP SARA BOYLE /RACHEL DARRAGH
- MX DAVID WALSH /MOYA RYAN, R/UP CIARAN CHAMBERS / SINEAD CHAMBERS

With most of our tournaments taking place on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays with lack of interest from supporters for the FINALS on the Sunday morning we decided to try and hold the entire event on Friday /Saturday with Finals to be held on the Saturday evening. This was seen to be a great success by all including volunteers and tournament committee so from this season this will be format for our future SENIOR TOURNAMENTS

We would like to thank all volunteers, UMPIRES, tournament committee, bar staff, kitchen staff in both centres for their help, time and care during all tournaments.



I would like also to thank our PRESIDENT TOMMY MCGRATH and both VICE PRESIDENTS MARY DINAN and JEAN KELLY for been there at our beck and call for all presentations THANK YOU.

To Joe Byrne for his endless hours of updates and photos of events, Aoife Lennon for all her help with match control and off course Siobhán Grehan for her guidance, patience and endless hours making draws and timing them MANY THANKS.

Last but not least to Siobhán in the office for all her help in making sure all runs smoothly on the day with endless hours of hard work behind the scenes THANKS.

FINALLY the committee would like to congratulate NHAT NGUYEN and PAUL REYNOLDS for their recent achievements at the EUROPEAN U/17 championships, WELL DONE. Looking forward to see what next season brings.

Yours in Sport,

SEAMUS HALPIN

Leinster Tournaments Committee