



Connacht Squash Provincial Annual Report

2009/2010 Season

COMPETITION:

The 2009/2010 Season was very active competition wise beginning with **The Connacht Junior Open** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over the weekend of 26th/27th September 2009.

Tournament Director: Edwin Brennan.

Results:-

Event	Winner	Runner-up
Girls U/11	Rachael Quigley	Hannah Craig
Boys U/13	Stephen Quigley	Philip McSweeney
Girls U/13	Roisín O'Shea	Stephanie Ryan
Boys U/15	Michael Craig	David Ryan
Girls U/15	Breanne Flynn	Fiona Power
Boys U/17	Daniel Harkin	Conor O'Shea
Girls U/17	Elaine Ware	Jennifer Hegarty
Boys U/19	Séamus Harmon	Alan Tighe
Girls U/19	Rachel Black	Katlyn Doran

Connacht Master's Open hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over weekend of 20th – 21st November 2009. **Sponsor: Anonymous (By Request)**

Tournament Director: **Jim Hynes and Michael Hynes**

Tournament Referee: **Mike Flattery**

Results: *See Attached Masters' Report*

Irish Junior Open hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over weekend of 27th – 29th November 2009.

Tournament Director – **Edwin Brennan** Tournament Referee – **Lee Healy**

Sligo Junior Open hosted by Sligo Tennis Club on 20th February 2010.

Sponsor: **Permanent TSB** Tournament Director: **Tony Quigley**

Results:

Sligo Junior Open

Boys u11

1st Thomas Power

2nd Niall Brennan

3rd Macon Keane

Boys U13

1st Sean Power

2nd Paul Butler

3rd Rory Caulfield

Girls u13

1st Rachael Quigley

2nd Ciara Hutton

3rd Maeve Brennan

Boys u15

1st Stephen Quigley

2nd Peter Silke

3rd Brian O'Keane

Girls u15

1st Lorraine Mooney

2nd Sarah McLoughlin

3rd Lisa Merrick

Connacht Senior Open hosted by Sligo Tennis Club weekend of 26th – 28th February 2010 (Irish Squash Tour Tournament)

Tournament Director: **Keith Moran**

Sponsors: **SL Controls & Irish Squash**

Results: Men's A

Winner –Derek Ryan (Leinster)

R-Up – Arthur Gaskin (Leinster)

Connacht Senior Closed hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club weekend of 5th – 6th February 2010.

Tournament Director: **Edwin Brennan**

Results: Men's A

Winner – Niall Rooney (Galway)

R-Up – Keith Moran (Sligo)

Connacht Junior Closed hosted by Sligo Tennis Club on the 6th March 2010.

Tournament Director: **Tony Quigley**

Sponsor: **Standard Life**

Results:

Boys u11

1st Niall Brennan

2nd Kevin Smith

Girls u11

1st Rachael Quigley

2nd Shauna Heffernan

3rd Eva Finn

Boys U13

1st Sean Power
2nd mark Trainor
3rd David molloy

Girls u13

1st Abbey Silke
2nd Ciara Hutton
3rd Maeve Brennan

Boys u15

1st Stephen Quigley
2nd Tomas Gavin
3rd David Mannion

Girls u15

1st Lorraine Mooney
2nd Sarah McLoughlin
3rd Lisa Merrick

West of Ireland Open hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over Easter weekend 1st – 4th April 2010 (**Irish Squash Tour Tournament and PSA event**)

Sponsor: Garavan's Bar, Irish Squash & Irish Sports Council

Tournament Director – **Edwin Brennan**

Tournament Referee- **Brian Williams**

Results:	PSA section	Winner	Alan Clyne	(Scotland)
		Runner-up	Pierdro Schweertman	(Netherlands)
	Men's A	Winner	Niall Rooney	(Connacht)
		Runner-Up	Neil Martin	(Ulster)
	Ladies	Winner	Laura Mylotte	(Connacht)
		Runner-Up	Victoria Bell	(England)

Leagues –

The CBE Connacht League was run once again this season. 4 teams in 1 division competed for the championships. Galway L.T.C. won the division 1. A number of new teams have expressed an interest in competing in next year's league. Connacht Squash is indebted to Helen Reapy for her hard work over the past season organising the league.

Irish Senior National Championships hosted by Fitzwilliam L.T.C over the weekend 18th-20th December 2009 – Connacht Finalists: -

Men's Winner – John Rooney (Galway)

Women's Runner-up - Aisling Blake (Sligo)

2009-2010 CONNACHT MASTERS' SQUASH

The 2009 **CONNACHT MASTERS' SQUASH OPEN** tournament was held in Galway Lawn Tennis Club from Friday 20th November to Saturday 21st November 2009. The tournament was sponsored as usual by an anonymous donor. Jim Hynes was the Tournament Director and Michael Hynes assisted him. The Tournament coincided with the appalling weather and the resultant floods experienced by the whole country. This made travel difficult for those coming from outside Galway. Nevertheless over 90% of the original entries made the trip to Galway – for some the journey lasted over 10 hours, as they had to travel by roundabout routes.

Tournament Organiser/Director: Jim Hynes

Tournament Referee: Gerry Fahy

A total of 49 competitors arrived and competed in the various sections. This was actually up on the previous year and as usual included a number of overseas players with Coventry well represented. Sadly, the ladies section only attracted an entry of three. . There were twelve entries in the O45 age group and these were divided into A and B sections with eight in Section A and four in Section B. The O50 attracted twelve players, with eight in Section A and four in Section B. There were eight entries in the O55A section. Seven entrants arrived to play in the O60 section. Six competitors arrived to play in the O65 section. As usual, the entry included many of the top-ranked Irish players. The overall standard of play was excellent with some wonderful closely fought matches. The social aspect of the tournament was greatly enhanced by the provision of food on Friday evening as it meant that players stayed around the club. The tournament dinner was held in the club on Saturday night.

Keith Bullen and Damien O'Reilly contested the final of the O45A. Keith Bullen won the first two games but suffered an injury in the third and had to retire thus leaving Damien O'Reilly as the O45 winner and the recipient of the Michael Devaney trophy. This ensures that yet another new name is added to the plaque on the Michael Devaney trophy, which is awarded to the winner of the O45A section. Shaun McKee beat all the other entries in the O45B section to take the title.

The O50 final was a closely contested affair with Martin McDonnell prevailing over Peter Cassidy (3/1). Gary Spindler won all his matches to take the O50B award. The O55 final was a repeat of the 2008 final between Alf Kavanagh and Jack Allen. Unlike the previous year when he was forced to retire through injury, Jack Allen prevailed to take the Connacht Masters' O55 title. Connacht's John KIELTY overcame Seamus Daly to take the O60 title. In the O65 section, Frank Fahy beat Noel Murphy to take the O65 crown.

Local player Norrie O'Grady kept a clean sheet by overcoming Helen Reapy and Dee Hourihane to take the Ladies title.

The overall results are as follows:

Division	Winner	Runner-up	Score
Ladies	Norrie O'Grady (C)	Helen Reapy (C)	3/0
Men O45A	Damien O'Reilly (L)	Keith Bullen (L)	Retd
Men O45B	Shaun McKee (U)	Tommy Horgan (M)	3/0

Men O50	Martin McDonnell (M)	Peter Cassidy (U)	3/0
Men O55	Jack Allen (U)	Alf Kavanagh (C)	Retd
Men O55B	Gary Spindler ()	Patrick O'Malley (C)	3/0
Men O60	John Kielty (C)	Seamus Daly (L)	3/1
Men O65	Frank Fahy (C)	Noel Murphy (M)	3/0

The Masters' Interprovincial Championships, Galway 2010

The 2009 - 2010 Masters' Interprovincial Championships were held in Galway this year and took place on Friday and Saturday 19th and 20th March 2010. Connacht did not field a ladies team.

The Connacht Teams were as follows:

No.	Men's O-45	Men's O-55	Ladies O-50
1	Brian Mahon	Alf Kavanagh	Norrie O'Grady
2	Dave Lawlor	TJ Mullins	Anita Mylotte
3	Declan Stout	Ray Reade	Maura Horan
4	Gerry Fahy	John Kielty	
5	Dominick Egan	Tom Cantwell	
6	Mike Flattery	Fran Fahy	

Masters' Interprovincial Championships 2009-2010

Event	Winners	Runners-Up
Men's O45	Munster	Ulster
Men's O55	Leinster	Ulster
Ladies' O40	Leinster	Munster
Ladies' O50	Connacht	Ulster

Other achievements in Masters' Squash by Connacht Players in 2009-2010

Fitzwilliam Irish Squash Masters' Championship 2009 (12 – 14 Feb 2010)

In the Women's O50 section, Norrie O'Grady overcame Christine McIlroy to claim her 13th national title. We offer her our sincere congratulations.

Ulster Masters' Open (29-30 January 2010)

Frank Fahy beat Ciaran Roche to take the O65 title.

Senator Windows Munster Masters' Open (15, 16 Jan 2010)

Alf Kavanagh beat Geoff Irwin to take the O55 title while John Kielty overcame Seamus Daly to take the O60 title.

Connacht Masters' Players selected for International duty.

O45 Ladies	Helen Reapy
O50 Ladies	Norrie O'Grady
O55 Men	Alf Kavanagh
O60 Men	John Kielty and Tom Cantwell
O-65 Men	Frank Fahy

Michael J. Hynes.

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COACHING: -

Paul Bell was appointed to the position of head squash coach in Galway Lawn Tennis Club in August 2009. He quickly settled very well and assumed the role of Connacht Regional development office for Irish Squash. He began work with schools in Galway, Sligo and Claremorris and an increase in numbers playing grew steadily throughout the season. He was appointed the Boys U-15 coach for the Irish team as well as the development squad coach also with Irish Squash. We hope to continue the good work Paul has done this season for the coming year.

Helen Reapy has also put in a huge amount of effort into coaching juniors and numbers are steadily increasing in Claremorris.

With the new level 1 coaching course up and running we hope to host a course early next season.

PLAYERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT IRELAND: -

Senior European Championships
Aix-en-Provence, France

Laura Mylotte (Galway)
Niall Rooney (Galway)
Aisling Blake (Sligo)

Senior Men's World Championships
Odense, Denmark

Keith Moran (Sligo)
Niall Rooney (Galway)

Junior: –

U-13 Home Internationals
U-15 Home Internationals
U-15 European Championships

Paul Butler (Galway)
Fiona Power (Galway)
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U-17 European Championships
U-19 European Championships

Conor O'Shea (Galway)
Jennifer Hegarty (Galway)

Master's Home Internationals: -

Ladies O-50: - Norrie O'Grady (Galway)
Ladies O-45: - Helen Reapy (Claremorris)
Men's O-55: - T.J. Mullins (Galway)
Men's O-55: - Alf Kavanagh (Coventry)
Men's O-60: - John Kielty (Sligo)
Men's O-60: - Tom Cantwell (Westwood)
Men's O-65: - Frank Fahy (Ballina)

Senior Players selected: 5
Junior Players selected: 5
Masters Players selected: 7

Edwin Brennan

President, Connacht Squash 2009-2010.