



# Connacht Squash Provincial Annual Report

## 2011/2012 Season

### COMPETITION:

The 2011/2012 season was very active competition wise beginning with **The Connacht Junior Open** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over the weekend of 24th/25th September 2011.

**Tournament Director: Edwin Brennan.**

Results:-Full results at [www.connachtsquash.com](http://www.connachtsquash.com)

**Connacht Master's Open** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> December (re-scheduled). **Sponsor: Anonymous (By Request)**

Tournament Directors: **Jim Hynes and Michael Hynes**

**Results:** *See Attached Masters' Report*

**Connacht Senior Open** hosted by Sligo Tennis Club weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 (Irish Squash Tour Tournament)

**Tournament Director: Keith Moran**      **Sponsors: SL Controls & Irish Squash**

**Results:**      **Men's A**      Winner –Arthur Gaskin (Leinster)  
R-Up – Derek Ryan (Leinster)

**Connacht Senior Closed** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**Tournament Director: Edwin Brennan**

**Results:**      **Men's A**      Winner – Keith Moran (Sligo)  
R-Up – Conor O'Shea (Galway)

**Connacht Junior Closed** hosted by Sligo Tennis Club on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012.  
**Tournament Director: Tony Quigley      Sponsor: Standard Life**

**Results:**

Full results on [www.connachtsquash.com](http://www.connachtsquash.com)

**Junior Interprovincial Championships 2012** hosted by Connacht Squash in Galway Lawn Tennis Club on the 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Girls U-17 Winners – CONNACHT**

The team included – Fiona Power, Roisin O’Shea, Aoife Doyle, Lorraine Mooney and Sarah McLoughlin.

**West of Ireland Open** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over Easter weekend 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (**Irish Squash Tour Tournament, PSA event**)

**Sponsor: Garavan’s Bar, Irish Squash & Irish Sports Council**

Tournament Director – **Edwin Brennan**

<b>Results:</b>	PSA section	Winner	Mark Krajcsak	(Hungary)
		Runner-up	Joe Lee	(England)
	Men’s A	Winner	Rory Byrne	(Leinster)
		Runner-Up	Graeme Stewart	(Ulster)

**Senior Interprovincial Championships 2012** hosted by Munster Squash 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**Men’s A winners (for the first time) – CONNACHT**

The players on the team included – Keith Moran, Brian Byrne, Niall Rooney, Ross Lillis and Ronan Tully

**Leagues –**

The CBE Connacht League was run once again this season. 5 teams in 1 division competed for the championships. Loughrea 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 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 – Connacht Finalists: -

**Men’s Runner-up – John Rooney (Galway)**  
**Women’s Runner-up - Aisling Blake (Sligo)**

## 2011-2012 CONNACHT MASTERS' SQUASH REPORT

The 2011 **CONNACHT MASTERS' SQUASH OPEN** tournament was scheduled for the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 and unlike the previous year when it had to be postponed due to the winter blizzards, it took place on the appointed dates with Jim Hynes as Tournament Director, assisted by Michael Hynes.

**Tournament Organiser/Director:** Jim Hynes

A total of 44 men and 8 ladies competed in the various sections. There were 8 entries in the O45A, 4 in the O45B, 8 in the O50, 8 in the O55, 4 in the O60, 8 in the O65A and 4 in the O65B. 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. This was the first major event since the upgrading of the GLTC bar and all were impressed by the updated surroundings.

The overall results are as follows:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Score</b>
Ladies	Norrie O'Grady (C)	Sheryl Abernethy (U)	3/0
Men O-45A	Kevin O'Rourke (M)	Neil Stone-Wigg (U)	3/2
Men O-45B	Peter Murphy (C)	Karam Singh (L)	3/2
Men O-50	Gerry McGolderick (L)	Damien O'Reilly (L)	3/1
Men O-55	Martin McDonnell (M)	Kyran Hurley (L)	3/2
Men O-60	Martin Maher (L)	John Kielty (C)	3/1
Men O65A	Tom Cantwell (C)	Frank Fahy (C)	3/1
Men O65B	Brian Williams (L)	Brian McNally (L)	3/1

### The Masters' Interprovincial Championships, Westwood 2011

The 2011 - 2012 Masters' Interprovincial Championships were held in Ballyearl, Ulster this year and took place on Friday and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st April 2012.

The Connacht Teams were as follows:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Ladies' O-50</b>	<b>Men's O-55</b>
1	Norrie O'Grady	Andrew Larkin
2	Anita Mylotte	John Kielty
3	Emer Lawlor	Gerry Fahy
4		Frank Fahey
5		Jim Hynes

## Masters' Interprovincial Championships 2010-2011

Event	Winners	Runners-Up
Ladies' O-40	Leinster	
Ladies O-50	Connacht	Munster
Men O-45	Ulster	
Men O-50	Munster	
Men O-65	Ulster	

### Other achievements in Masters' Squash by Connacht Players in 2011-2012

#### Irish Squash Masters' Open 2012 (30<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011)

Tom Cantwell won the men's O-65 section.

#### Connacht Masters' Players selected for International duty:

##### M-O50

Peter Murphy

Dave Lalor

##### M-O55

T.J. Mullins

**Michael J. Hynes.**

**May 2012**

### **COACHING: -**

Edwin Brennan continued in the role of club coach in Galway LTC this season. As well as coaching the junior players of Galway LTC, Edwin offered squash in the local schools, thanks to important funding from Irish Squash and the Irish Sport Council, which was very popular with over 600 children trying squash over the season. The development programme is working very well and with added funding it could have a great impact on squash in the province for years to come. Helen Reapy also continued her fantastic work in Claremorris squash club along with the valuable coaching provided by Brian Byrne.

**PLAYERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT IRELAND: -**

**Senior European Championships**  
**Germany**

Aisling Blake (Sligo)  
Laura Mylotte (Galway)

**Junior: –**

U-13 - 5 Nations  
U-19 - European Championships

Rachel Quigley (Sligo)  
Conor O'Shea (Galway)

**Master's Home Internationals: -**

Men's O-50: - Peter Murphy (Loughrea)  
Men's O-50: - Dave Lalor (Galway)  
Men's O-55: - TJ Mullins (Galway)  
Men's O-60: - John Kielty (Sligo)  
Men's O-65: - Tom Cantwell (Westwood)  
Men's O-65: - Frank Fahy (Ballina)

Senior Players selected:                    2  
Junior Players selected:                    2  
Masters Players selected:                    6

***Edwin Brennan***

President, Connacht Squash 2011-2012.