

St Ivo Racquets Club

## Racquetball Club Championships 2017

This is becoming an annual event for me, writing the Racquetball Champs report. I'm glad to say that my nagging to get squash players involved paid off ;-) actually it was Byron! A healthy 11 players assembled on the evening of the 24th April to do battle, Byron do we have enough courts for all the matches? So a good mix of squash and racquetball players were seen on court, and with no time to lose, Byron devised a fiendishly clever knockout draw that ensured everyone had at least a good couple of matches to play.

And so to the matches, I don't have time to list all the results here, as on the night we had to get cracking as the centre shuts at 10! But there were hard fought matches played and the eventual finalists in the main draw were John Dewis and Adam Weir, with Langton and David Garrod contesting for the plate. Do you see what has happened? squash and racquetball players in each final! Well John proved to be accomplished at Racquetball as well, beating the defending champion Adam in a entertaining match. Langton's experience overcame the new to racquetball, David in a short but intense final match - it's 10.15pm the centre is closing now please.

So all in all a successful evening, mix of players including a lady (This girl can) and a junior took part to make for a fun evening. Thanks go to One Leisure for providing some of the prizes and as ever to Byron for putting in the time to organise everything, I think he's looking for players this summer ;-) )



Plate finalists:               Langton and David - well played!

Sorry didn't get any more photos, it was way past my bedtime!

Next year, more of the same please.

Players competing:

Gary Mason, Adam Weir, Langton, Lee Hayward, Harry Aldridge, Helen Kemp, John Dewis, Sam Kristanovic(Sorry about the spelling!), Rob Baird, David Garrod and yours truly.

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