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## National Newsletter - November Edition

### National Update

Dear Member,

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well now that the new season is well underway. In the last month we have been pleased to support the promotion of World Squash Day, which took place on the 18th October and ran as part of a wider internationally coordinated effort to promote the sport and grow the squash community across the world.

The 25th October saw the start of this year's England Squash & Racketball Regional Junior Programme. Eight Regional Closed events took place across the country involving players starting at U11 and going up to U17 years of age. The results of each event can be viewed [here](#). These events were an ideal precursor to the British Junior Championships, which took place last weekend and again boasted a full draw.

Although it still feels like a long way off, planning continues for the 2015 British National Championships, which will be taking place next February. Tickets are selling fast so if you want to secure your spectator spot, please get in early and buy your tickets [here](#).



In a continued effort to drive increases in participation and make the most of our partnerships with the media I wanted to draw your attention to the BBC Get Inspired initiative. This national campaign enables you to list and promote the activities of your club to a wider audience and I would urge every club to make the most of this fantastic promotional opportunity. For more information on how to sign up, please click on the link [here](#).

Finally looking to the elite game, the England squad for the Women's World Team Squash Championship has been selected with the event taking place in Niagara in December. You can find the full story on this by following the link [here](#).

Best wishes

**Steve Amos**  
Head of Development & Marketing



### Massaro Shortlisted

England's Women's World Squash Champion Laura Massaro has been shortlisted for the Sunday Times and Sky Sports Sportswoman of the Year Award.

The prestigious awards, now in their 27th year, celebrate the outstanding contribution to sport made by elite performers, coaches, administrators, community volunteers and inspirational female figures.

On the evening of Wednesday 19th November, the awards will be broadcast live on Sky Sports for the second successive year.

For the full story, please click [here](#).



### ESR Progressing Well to Equal Prize Money

In light of the report by the BBC, which highlighted that sportsmen often earn more prize money than sportswomen, England Squash & Racketball have made good progress towards ensuring equitable prize money in their two major events.

ESR have already introduced equal prize money at the National Championships and with the support of title sponsor Dr Assem Allam, are moving towards ensuring a similar arrangement at the Allam British Open.

For the full story, please click [here](#).



### British Junior Championships

Leicestershire's George Parker and Kent's Georgina Kennedy claimed the under-19 honours last weekend at the Tecnifibre British Junior Championships in Manchester.

The U15 titles were won by Yorkshire's Nick Wall, his first national crown, and Essex's Elise Lazarus, whose triumph was her fourth at this level.

For the full story, please click [here](#).



### PSL Round Up

The 2014-15 Premier Squash League season began in earnest in October.

With the third round of league matches in quick succession, only Duffield and Surrey maintained their unbeaten records.

Elsewhere Nottingham, Coolhurst, Chichester and St George's have won two ties out of three to keep themselves in playoff contention.

For the full story, please click [here](#).

A full list of future fixtures can be found on [www.psisquash.com](http://www.psisquash.com).



### Funding Success

There has been some positive facility funding news in the West Midlands where more than £16,000 has been invested by England Squash & Racketball and Coventry City Council into St Augustine's Squash Club creating three glass-backed courts. This has created a state-of-the-art provision at the Radford Community Sports Limited facility. For the full story, please click [here](#).

There are lots of opportunities to access grants locally. A good example of this is the recent awarding of £500 to the Leyland Lions Junior Squash & Racketball Club to further develop their facilities and support the work it does in the local community. For the full story, please click [here](#).

If you have any funding news to share, please contact Philip Wright for inclusion in our next edition:  
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### Manchester Sport Awards

England Squash & Racketball would like to thank Manchester City Council for the 'Outstanding Contribution to Sport in Manchester' award they received at the Manchester Sports Awards ceremony in October.

ESR follow British Cycling, who are also based in the city, as winners of the trophy.

For the full story please click [here](#).

Pictured: Eamon O'Rourke, Head of Community and Cultural Services (L) for Manchester City Council and Steve Amos accepting the award on behalf of ESR



### Matthew Sets Sights on Worlds

In Issue 5 of The Squash Player magazine World Champion Nick Matthew explains his new targets, meanwhile former World No.1 James Willstrop reveals that he is hoping to return to action after his hip operation at the Tournament of Champions in January.

A full list of the contents can be found on the Squash Player website [here](#).



### Eye Protection Survey

Some years ago, a British Standard for eye protectors in squash was introduced. The wearing of approved eye protection is mandatory for all ESR junior events.

We are working with Public Health Sandwell, who are undertaking some research into eye protection usage among squash players.

This research will inform further guidance with the aim of reducing the frequency of eye injuries, and we would like to invite you to take part in a survey to assist with this. If you would like to take part in the survey, which should take no more than two minutes to complete, please click on the link below:

[Click this link to complete the survey](#)

Note that no personal details are collected and all data collected will be anonymous and confidential.

Thanks in advance!

If you are an ESR member, you are entitled to receive the three ESR issues included in your membership and can upgrade to receive all six issues on the ESR website. Just make sure you activate your membership and provide your current address. For further information, please contact:

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## Upcoming Events

[YARM Junior Open](#) - 8th & 9th November

[Manor Derbyshire Open](#) - 8th November

[Mens & Womens Inter County Stage One \(not Premier Divisions\)](#) - 8th & 9th November

[Diana's One Day](#) - 9th November

[MEGA Squash Series: Club Kingswood](#) - 9th November

[Chichester Racquets and Fitness Club Junior Open](#) - 9th November

[Sheffield Junior Open](#) - 9th November

[Mens O45 Inter County Stage One](#) - 15th & 16th November

[Womens O40 Inter County Stage One \(B\)](#) - 16th November

[Lee on Solent Squash & Racketball Graded Event](#) - 22nd & 23rd November

[Junior Inter County Stage Two](#) - 22nd & 23rd November

[Womens O50 Inter County Stage One \(B\)](#) - 23rd November

[2014 HEAD UK Racketball Series - Wycombe](#) - 29th November

[U13/U15 ESR Invitational Grand Prix](#) - 29th & 30th November

[Carlisle Squash Club Junior Open](#) - 29th & 30th November

[Wimbledon Lakeside Junior Open](#) - 29th November

[Sutton Coldfield Junior Open](#) - 29th November

[Halifax Junior Open One Day](#) - 30th November

[Tom Elton Barratt Junior Squash Championships 2014](#) - 30th November

[MEGA Squash Series: Lewsey](#) - 6th December

[Bowdon Junior Open](#) - 6th & 7th December

[The Virgin Active Surrey HRC Junior Open](#) - 6th & 7th December

[Millfield Junior Open](#) - 6th & 7th December

[Racketball Open & Racketball O40 Inter County Stage One](#) - 6th & 7th December

[Leamington Spa Junior Open](#) - 7th December

[Womens O40 Inter County Spare Date](#) - 7th December

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