

## **Kirkwall Club Championship Report**

Last Saturday saw the finals played of this years Kirkwall Club Championship. With a healthy turn out of spectators things got underway with the Boys U15.

Alistair Scott came on court to play Sweyn Cowie. Sweyn giving away several inches in height to Alistair dug in well in the first set in which turned out to be quite close, Alistair edging it 9/6, but in the next two sets Alistair dominated and ended up beating Sweyn 9/6, 9/1, 9/0.

In the Boys 15-17 Graham Murdoch played Sam Scott. As with the previous game the first set was close with both boys putting in a lot of effort, with Graham winning 9/7. Graham then went on to win the next two sets comfortably to gain the trophy beating Sam 9/7, 9/0, 9/1

In the Girls final things were much closer with last years finalists playing each other again this year. Aimee Drever v Sarah Cowie, all the sets were close with both girls showing some powerful and accurate serves, indeed it was so close that the third set went to a tie break. In the end we were to see a new name on the trophy this year as Aimee managed to beat Sarah in three sets winning 9/5, 9/6, 10/9.

In the Ladies section a sufficient entry enabled there to be a plate competition as well. After loosing in the early rounds Maureen Firth won through to play Marion Seattor in the Plate final, two relatively newcomers to squash it was good to see them contest a final. In this one Marion managed to beat Maureen 9/4, 9/2, 9/3.

In the Ladies final proper Betty Stanger was up against Marie Wylie. In the early games Marie's trickery caught out Betty a few times but once Betty got into her stride her dominance began to show eventually overcoming Marie to lift the trophy winning 9/3, 9/4, 9/0.

In the men's plate final we had arguably the most entertaining and closest final of the night, Mike Stout playing Matthew Wylie. The game really had everything, which showed in the scores as this game went to five sets both players giving it their all. In the end though Matthew overcame the vastly experienced Mike defeating him 7/9, 9/3, 9/5, 7/9, 9/6.

In the Men's final Adam Stanger was up against Mick Swanney. This game had numerous long rallies and some great retrieving play by both players. In a strength sapping first set things were very close but Adam managed to get ahead and closed out the set 9/5. The next two sets were very similar, long rallies at the start of the match with the score close until Adam's fitness or Mick's lack of it, began to tell! Adam went on to win the next two sets to lift the trophy beating Mick 9/5, 9/3, 9/3.

Thanks to all spectators and to the umpires on the night, especially Terry Flett, who not only umpired for the first time during these championships but stepped up to the plate and umpired the Men's Final.

The next event to take play at the courts will be the Orkney Championship (all members welcome to enter) due to start on the 10th March, keep updated by checking the website.

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