



# Connacht Squash Annual Report

## 2006/2007 Season

### COMPETITION:

The 2006/2007 Season was very active competition wise beginning with **The Connacht Junior Open** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**Tournament Directors: Edwin Brennan & Joe Collins**

Results:-

Event	Winner	Runner-up
<b>BU11</b>	Peter Hughes (Ulster)	Philip McSweeney (Munster)
<b>GU11</b>	<b>Fiona Power (Connacht)</b>	Griffin Gillanders (Leinster)
<b>BU13</b>	David Ryan (Leinster)	Jack Macken (Leinster)
<b>GU13</b>	Labhoise Dunbar (Munster)	Fiona Murphy (Leinster)
<b>BU15</b>	Jordan Annett (Ulster)	Brian Dunbar (Munster)
<b>GU15</b>	Gemma Owens (Ulster)	Cathryn Abernethy (Ulster)
<b>BU17</b>	Neil Martin (Ulster)	Colm Dolan (Leinster)
<b>GU17</b>	Niamh O'Hare (Ulster)	Sarah Murphy (Leinster)
<b>BU19</b>	<b>Seán Caheny (Connacht)</b>	<b>Kevin Davey (Connacht)</b>

**Connacht Master's Open** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> December. **Sponsor: Anonymous (By Request)**

**Tournament Director: Jim Hynes** **Tournament Referee: Mike Flattery**

**Results:** *See Attached Veteran's Report*

**Sligo Junior Open** hosted by Sligo Tennis Club on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2007.  
Sponsor: **Permanent tsb** **Tournament Director: Tony Quigley**

**Results:**

**Boys Under11 /Novice Section:-**

Winner	Runner Up	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Niall McDermott	Shane Maher	Sean Power

**1st Novice:** Peter Mooney **2nd Novice:** Daragh Gaule

**Girls Under 13**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Fiona Power	Gabrielle Gallagher	Krismari Lombard

**1<sup>st</sup> Novice:** Eva Mulholland

### **Boys Under 13**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Ciaran Maher	Ronan O'Brien	Stephen Quigley

**Plate Winner:** - Peter Hughes

### **Girls Under 15**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Rachel Power	Rachel Black	Jennifer Hegerty

**Plate Winner:** - Claire Hanley

### **Boys Under 15**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Rory O'Connor	Alan Quigley	Liam Nolan

**Plate Winner:** - Andrew Avery

### **Girls Under 17**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Aishling O'Connor	Sarah Corcoran	Gabriella McMillan

### **Boys Under 17**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Michael Ross	Cian O'Brien	Donal Tobin

### **Boys Under 19**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
Sean Caheny	Kevin Davey	Kevin Collins

**Connacht Senior Open** hosted by Sligo Tennis Club weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>-35<sup>th</sup> February 2007 (Irish Squash Tour Tournament)

**Tournament Director:** John Kielty

**Sponsors:** SL Controls, Brooks Hanley, Ulster Bank & Irish Squash

### **Results Men's A**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
Derek Ryan (Leinster)	Arthur Gaskin (Leinster)	Steve Richardson Leinster)

**Connacht Senior Closed** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**Sponsor:** The Connacht Tribune.

**Tournament Director:** Gerry Fahy

**Tournament Referee:** Matt O'Connor

### **Results: Men's A**

Winner – Colin Whitney (Galway)

Runner-Up – Sean Caheny (Sligo)

**Connacht Junior Closed** hosted by Sligo Tennis Club weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

**Tournament Director: Tony Quigley**

**Sponsor: Standard Life**

**Results:**

<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>U-11 Boys</b>		
Stephen Quigley (Sligo)	Niall McDermott (Sligo)	Sean Power (Sligo)
<b>U-13 Boys</b>		
Darragh Gaule (Sligo)	Tomas Donovan (Galway)	Michael Hannon (Sligo)
<b>U-15 Boys</b>		
Alan Quigley (Sligo)	Rory O'Connor (Sligo)	Conor O'Shea (Galway)
<b>U-17 Boys</b>		
Kevin Murray (Killala)		
<b>U-19 Boys</b>		
Sean Caheny (Sligo)	Kevin Davey (Sligo)	
<b>U-13 Girls</b>		
Gabrielle Gallagher (Sligo)	Sarah McDermott (Sligo)	Shauna Smith (Killala)
<b>U-15 Girls</b>		
Jennifer Hegarty (Galway)	Claire Hanley (Galway)	Louise Fahy (Galway)

**Irish Junior National Championships** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**Tournament Director: Edwin Brennan**

**Sponsor: O'Dolan Auctioneers**

**Results:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
<b>BU11</b>	<b>Stephen Quigley (C)</b>	Oisín Logan (L)
<b>BU13</b>	Michael Craig (U)	Jack Macken (L)
<b>GU13</b>	Breane Flynn (L)	Labhaoise Dunbar (M)
<b>BU15</b>	Brian Dunbar (M)	Adam McCreevey (L)
<b>GU15</b>	Cathryn Abernethy (U)	<b>Jennifer Hegarty (C)</b>
<b>BU17</b>	Neil Martin (U)	Theodore Anderson (U)
<b>GU17</b>	Gemma Owens (U)	Niamh O'Hare (U)
<b>BU19</b>	Gordon Harpur (U)	Chris O'Kane (U)
<b>GU19</b>	Roisín Brennan (L)	Sarah McCracken (U)

**West of Ireland Open** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club over Easter weekend 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> April 2006 (Irish Squash Tour Tournament and PSA event)

**Sponsor: Garavans Bar & Irish Squash**

**Tournament Director – Edwin Brennan**  
**Tournament Referee- Brian Williams**

**Results:**

<b>Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
<b>PSA</b>	<b>John Rooney (Galway)</b>	Stuart Crawford (Scotland)
<b>Men's A2</b>	Brian Byrne (Leinster)	Shaun Pearson (South-Africa)

**Leagues –**

Unfortunately there were no Connacht leagues, however weekly ladders were held in both Galway and Sligo. With up to 70 in Galway and 35 in Sligo. It is hoped that a Connacht league can be implemented in the new season.

**Irish Senior National Championships** hosted by Fitzwilliam L.T.C over the weekend 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2005 – Connacht Finalists:-

**Men's Runner-up – John Rooney (Galway)**  
**Women's Runner-up - Aishling Blake (Sligo)**

## **2006-2007 - A VINTAGE YEAR FOR CONNACHT MASTERS' SQUASH**

The 2006 **CONNACHT MASTERS' SQUASH OPEN** tournament was held in Galway Lawn Tennis Club from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December to Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006. The tournament was sponsored as usual by an anonymous donor. Jim Hynes took over the running of the tournament ably assisted by Gerry Fahy (tournament referee), Michael and Patricia Hynes and other members of the squash committee of Galway Lawn Tennis Club.

**Tournament Organiser/Director:** Jim Hynes

**Tournament Referee:** Gerry Fahy

Total entries of 44 was the same as the previous year but included six overseas players. The ladies O-40 only attracted four entries and was run as a 'round-robin'. There were twelve entries in the O-45 age group and these were divided into A and B sections with eight in Section A and four in Section B. The O-50 A and O-50B section each attracted eight players. There were eight players in the O-55 Section with eight players in the O-60A section and four in the O-60B. 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.

Eddie Murphy beat Neil Stone Wigg in the final of the O45A section in a hard fought final and as a result another new name was added to the list on the Michael Devaney trophy which is awarded to the winner of the O-45A section.

Local players won two divisions. . Norrie O'Grady kept a clean sheet by overcoming Anita Mylotte, Emer Lalor and Helen Reapy to take the Ladies O-40 Section with Anita Mylotte the runner up. Jim Hynes overcame Ray Reade (3/2) to take the Mens

O-50B while Frank Fahey overcame the opposition to take a well-merited win the Mens O-60B.

The overall results are as follows:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Score</b>
Ladies	Norrie O'Grady	Anita Mylotte	3-1
Men O-45A	Eddie Murphy	Neil Stone Wigg	3-1
Men O-45B	Richard Wells	Tim Bohan	3-0
Men O-50	Geoff Irwin	Jack Allen	3-1
Men O-50B	Jim Hynes	Ray Reade	3-2
Men O-55	Andrew Larkin	Des Connery	3-0
Men O-60	Noel Murphy	Seamus Toomey	3-1
Men O-60 B	Frank Fahy	Peter Watson	3-1

Geoff Irwin regained the O-50 title he lost the previous year. Terry Norman lost his O-55 by loosing to Des Connery in the first round while Noel Murphy retained his O-60 title. Frank Fahy defeated local player Peter Watson to retain his O-60B title.

### **The Masters' Interprovincial Championships, Connacht 2007**

The 2007 Masters' Interprovincial Championships were held in Leinster this year and took place on Friday and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at Fitzwilliam and

The Connacht Teams were as follows:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Men's O-45</b>	<b>Men's O-55</b>	<b>Ladies O-50</b>
1	T.J. Mullins (Galway)	Alf Kavanagh (Coventry)	Norrie O'Grady (Galway)
2	Dave Lalor (Galway)	Andrew Larkin	Anita Mylotte (Galway)
3	Peter Murphy (Galway)	Ray Reade (Galway)	
4	Don Walsh (Galway)	John Kielty (Sligo)	
5	Jim Hynes (Galway)	Joe Higgins (Galway)	
6	Mike Flattery (Galway)	Tom Cantwell (Westwood)	
7		Tommy Knight (Ballina)	

### **Masters' Interprovincial Championships 2007**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runners-Up</b>
<b>Men's O-45</b>	<b>Leinster</b>	<b>Ulster</b>
<b>Men's O-55</b>	<b>Connacht</b>	<b>Leinster</b>

<b>Ladies' O-40</b>	<b>Ulster</b>	<b>????</b>
<b>Ladies O-50</b>	<b>Connacht</b>	<b>Ulster</b>

The Connacht Mens' O-55 team had a magnificent tournament and were the overall winners. Sincere congratulations to all involved. Not to be outdone, the Connacht Ladies took the Ladies O-50 championship and again well done.

**Other achievements in Masters' Squash by Connacht Players at the Fitzwilliam Irish Masters' Open 2007**

Tom Cantwell beat Bruce Stauton 3/1 to take the Mens' O-60 Championship while Norrie O'Grady beat Anita Mylotte to take the Ladies' O-50 Championship. Alf Kavanagh was runner up to Stanley Campbell in a very closely fought Mens' O-55 final.

Alf Kavanagh defeated Martin O'Meara to take the O-55 title in the Senator Windows Masters' Open 2007

**Connacht Masters' Players selected for International duty.**

Conor Flanagan was selected to play for the second year on the O-35 team which played in Cardiff.

Helen Reapy secured her first international cap by being selected on the Ladies' O-40 team for the Masters' Home Internationals.

Both Norrie O'Grady and Anita Mylotte were selected for the Ladies' O-45 and O-50 team for the Masters' Home Internationals.

Alf Kavanagh, John KIELTY and Andrew Larkin were selected for the Mens' O-55 team while Tom Cantwell was selected for the O-60 team for the Home Internationals.

At the Interprovincials, Alf Kavanagh was nominated as Irish Squash Player of the year, an honour held by Michael Hynes the previous year.

**Alf Kavanagh crowned UK O-55 Racketball champion.**

Alf Kavanagh has recently won the O-55 Championship at the UK National Racketball Championships held at Edgbaston Priory, Birmingham on 4-6<sup>th</sup> May 2007. He defeated the top seed, Ian Grraham of Sussex 3-2 in one hour and forty minutes (9.30 a.m. start!) in the semi-final and then second seed Jim McCollom of Edgbaston Priory 3-2 in the final less than two hours later. Alf tells me he only started playing racketball two years ago. We all extend our congratulations to him on this marvellous achievement. He is the first Irishman to win a UK racketball championship at any level.

**Michael J. Hynes.**

**May 2007.**

**COACHING: -**

Colin Whitney was once again head coach in Galway L.T.C. where he was coaching up 50 juniors on a weekly basis. He also coached a number of adults in the club.

Colin travelled to a number of smaller clubs in Connacht including Kilconly, Westport and Claremorris, Where he coached and number of juniors and seniors.

He also travelled to Sligo on a regular basis where a number of juniors benefited from his experience and skills.

**PLAYERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT IRELAND: -**

**Senior European Championships, Rinconie, Italy**

John Rooney (Galway)

Laura Mylotte (Galway)

Aishling Blake (Sligo)

**Junior –**

U-15 Home Internationals

Jennifer Hegarty (Galway)

U-19 European Championships

Sean Caheny (Sligo)

**Master's - Vet's/ Vintage Home Internationals: -**

Ladies 0-40: Helen Reapy (Claremorris)

Ladies O-45 and O-50: - Norrie O'Grady (Galway)

Ladies O-45 and O-50: - Anita Mylotte (Galway)

Man's O-35: - Conor Flanagan (Galway)

Men's O-55: - Andrew Larkin (London)

Men's O-55: - Alf Kavanagh (Coventry)

Men's O-55: - John Kielty (Sligo)

Men's O-60: - Tom Cantwell (Westwood)

Senior Players selected: 3

Junior Players selected: 2

Masters Players selected: 8

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