

## **Graded Tournaments**

England Squash have a grading system so that players can compete against others of similar standards, in tournaments throughout the UK and Abroad.

The grades start at level A, for county players and go down to level F for beginners. As a guide, Hants Men's League Div 2 players would be grade B, Divs 3 & 4 would be grade C and Div 5 players would be Grade D.

The format of these tournaments usually involves playing at least 2 matches on the Saturday and if you are successful, playing the semi-finals Sunday morning and the finals Sunday afternoon.

During the last few seasons a group of players from Totton Squash Club and a few others from across Hampshire have travelled for weekend playing in these various tournaments. We often travel, with a similar group from Wimbledon, so we can get good deals on accommodation. Last season 31 of us went to Guernsey, and stayed in a 5 star hotel, and 13 of us went to Dublin where we stayed in hostels. If it's a close tournament we often only stay over the Saturday night, but tournaments further a field are long weekend stays.

The clubs that have been involved so far are: Totton, Redrice, Rose Bowl, Cannons Farnham and Petersfield.

Venues where we have played squash are: Guernsey, Dublin, Lille (France), Manchester, Wimbledon, Thame, Croydon, Totton, Redrice, Cardiff and Newport. Venues where we have played racketball are: Totton, Wimbledon, Thame and St Neots.

The squash and racketball tournaments are very enjoyable, but are really the excuse for a social weekend away, with or without your partner.

If you are interested in joining us at any of these tournaments, or would just like to be added to the email list, please contact: Wayne Burns, 07941 670097, 023 8051 2053, wayne.burns@iee.org