

ESC – McLauchlan Trophy and The Plate winners, famous facts and anecdotes

Some say that the McLauchlan trophy is the most inclusive competition in the Club. Anyone of just about any standard can play due to the handicapping system, juniors can play for multiple teams, everyone is encouraged to mark a game, only three games and ...



The following is a record of the winners from the trophy's inception in 1988, along with some player information, along with the Plate Winners. Jim McLauchlan has advised that the competition did indeed start a couple of years earlier, initially imaginatively called 'The festival of Squash'.

Your Editor played for 'Toon Army', a team which rarely (if ever?) escaped from the second level competition (The Plate), but recognised the value of the event to Club life. He remembers meeting a Scottish Squash employee at the top of the stairs on a Tuesday night late in the stages of the McLauchlan Trophy (around 1997) when the balcony was absolutely packed with average squash players baying for blood. He suggested to me that the way forward (a sales pitch) was getting top class players (like Peter Nicol) to come to show us what squash was really about. Said I, pointing along the

balcony "that's the future of squash Eric". I don't recollect seeing him again.

| Year | Team name | Participants | The Plate Winners |
|------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1988 | Tannock's Caramel Wafers | Ray Tannock presumably | |
| 1989 | The Geriatrics | | The Tourettes |
| 1990 | D.C.P Diehards | | Musicmen |
| 1991 | Lemon Slices | John Done and others | Raging Bulls |
| 1992 | L'Attache Dancers | Raymond Stevenson? | Professionals |
| 1993 | The Professionals | | The Physical Jerks |
| 1994 | The Lynch Mob | Bob Lynch etc | The Unprofessionals |
| 1995 | Flukemasters | Michael Pratt, Alan Angus, Paul Angus | Turner's Terrors |
| 1996 | The Grape Crushers | Raymond Stevenson? | Lynch Mob |
| 1997 | The Lynch Mob | Bob Lynch, Ken Bauermeister, Colin Caldwell, Mark Murphy and Mike Nelson | |
| 1998 | Cutting Edge | | Turner's Terrors |
| 1999 | Flukemasters | | Turner's Terrors |
| 2000 | Special Imports | | |
| 2001 | Special Imports | | Wallbangers |
| 2002 | Tiredness Can Kill | Neil Steedman, Richard Snowden? | Worlds Apart |
| 2003 | The Weapons Inspectors | Julie Barr ? | Wendy's Offspring |
| 2004 | Wendy's Offspring | Wendy Mackenzie, Drew Mck, Trevor | Worlds Apart |
| 2005 | The Gypes | Dave Borthwick, Gordon Fruish, Neil Stewart | Mostly Smellies |
| 2006 | Deviants | Richard Snowden? | Beefeaters |
| 2007 | Corona Care Unit | Rosie Fraser | Tranny Gypes |
| 2008 | Corona Care Unit | Rosie Fraser | Turner's Terrors |
| 2009 | TBA | Sean Morgan, | The Black Pig |
| 2010 | Pinkies Panthers | Ross McHoul + youngsters | Steph's Team |
| 2011 | The Inceptionals | Could be JJ | |
| 2012 | Coutsie's Lucky Nicks | Dave Coutts, Carrie, Pietro, Jacques, Nick, Olivia Palma and Ally Carruth | |
| 2013 | Hunter XPress | Simon Hunter + Chris P-B? | |
| 2014 | Blood, Sweat and Beers | Simon B + Khaled + Simon Oz | Cool Cummings |
| 2015 | Slug and No Lettuce | Sean Morgan, Simon Boughton, Scott Beard | Drop Shot Divas |
| 2016 | Supernashwan | Paul McIntosh | Kingdom of Lobs |
| 2017 | World Wide Websters | Johnnie Webster, Rory Stewart, Ross McHoul, Dave Coutts and Matt Franklin. | Squaff a Lot |
| 2018 | Khaledonians | Khaled Mohamed, Ken Steele, Sean Morgan, Conor Donnelly and Barry Masson | |
| 2019 | Smells like team spirit | Crawford Heriot | |

Michael Pratt reports that his 1995 winners The Flukemasters had only four players, so the four played ALL the matches