

## OVER 45's FINAL – Mike Sutherland (black top) v Neil Shepherd (blue top)



On Wednesday 6th May 2014 the final match of the annual Championship took place. I was unable to witness the first three games due to other commitments.

As I joined the action the score was 5-5 in the fourth . Mike edged ahead and had a match point at 8-7, seven exchanges of serve, before Neil nipped in to win the game 10-8 and level the match at 2-2.

Into the 5th and some tight exchanges of serve before Mike took the lead to go 2-0 up, Neil came back to level the game at 2-2. Mike then won a clutch of points to go 6-2 up, Neil responded with 3 points to trail at 5-6. Serves were then exchanged without either player taking any advantage, some testing rallies and great pickups, both players fully engaged and trading some great shots. Mike got a break and despite some great returns and lobs from Neil, Mike closed out the points to win 9-5. Just a shame I was the 'crowd' , but a treat to watch these two players and their squash skills.

**Mike Sutherland won 3-2: 9-2, 3-9, 10-8, 8-10, 9-5**

