Squash stars come out to play in capital event

Scotland's richest squash tournament, the \$50,000 Edinburgh Open will make its return to Edinburgh Sports Club from 21-24 March with some of the world's best players taking part.

Last year's men's event was won by world number 24 Patrick Rooney who beat world number 9 Joel Makin, while Commonwealth Gold medallist Gina Kennedy beat world number 7 Tinne Gilis in the women's event.

Scottish interest is likely to come from Greg Lobban, currently ranked number 23 in the world, Georgia Adderley world number 35 and Commonwealth bronze medallist Rory Stewart. All are Edinburgh Sports Club members.

A graded squash tournament for players of all levels will run alongside the professional event, allowing enthusiastic squash players from across Scotland and the UK to rub shoulders with some of the greats of the game.

Edinburgh Sports Club squash professional Simon Boughton said: "Since its inaugural event in 2001 the championship has gone from strength to strength and the draw continues to amaze me.

"It is incredible to have some of the very best squash players in the world competing here at Edinburgh Sports Club.

" Anyone with an interest in the game really should think

about coming along to have a look. Not only is it a great opportunity for our top players to see how they fare against those at the top of the world game, but we run a graded event alongside it for squash players of all levels. It is great spectacle and a real festival of squash!"

