

## **WBC Squash Captains Report – 2013**

2013 has been a quite year. Our membership is slightly up at 130 compared with 123 this time last year. The on-line booking system has been running for 3 years now. Tennis joined us again in October to book their floodlit courts over the winter. I have still not heard a bad word about the system from anyone yet.

### **Squash committee**

My thanks to all members of the committee for their support...

- Geoff Sault and Lucy Emsden for running the teams.
- Ian Furlong and Steve Rawden for running the leagues
- Sam Wesley as social secretary
- Jonathan Partridge as competition organiser

The Squash AGM is booked for the 30<sup>th</sup> January. All are welcome.

### **Court Maintenance**

Court maintenance had lapsed a bit over 2013 and my new year's resolution is to get a number of items done to get our facilities up to scratch...

- Floor sanding
- Court heater - Reliability is getting very poor so this is a priority.
- Extraction fans

We have recently purchased a scaffold tower to get access to the ceiling in the courts. The extraction fan in court 2 has been removed to find out why it is only one direction at a fixed speed. It was found to have been wired incorrectly and we are now looking to get it back in correct operation soon. Court 1 fan is next.

### **Coaching**

Jonathan Peak (aka JP) continues to revitalise the coaching sessions on Saturday afternoons and has added one to one sessions on a Tuesday evening. Contact JP if you are interested.

### **Warwickshire Squash Leagues**

Our teams compete in the Warwickshire Squash League. Everyone is invited to go along and support them. The men's team play on Mondays whilst the women's team plays on a Wednesday. A full fixture list and results can be seen on the Warwickshire Squash & Racketball website at the following URL.

<http://www.warwickshiresquash.org/leagues>

#### **Women's team**

The women's first team, captained by Lucy Emsden struggled in division 2 finishing 5<sup>th</sup> for 2012/13.

#### **Men's team**

The winter teams, captained by Geoff Sault and Gary Murphy, had mixed fortunes with the firsts getting relegated from division 4 while the seconds got promoted out of division 5. A playoff was held to decide who would have the honours of playing in division 4 for 2013/14 (the firsts won and continue to have their division 4 place).

In the summer, both teams are probably relegated with the firsts finishing last in division 2 and the seconds finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in division 3.

For winter 2013/14, we welcome a new captain of the seconds with Lloyd Lewis taking over from Gary Murphy.

### **Competitions**

Two competitions were run this year, both culminating in a finals night followed by an evening meal at the club. The internal leagues ran all year with a summer and winter league totaliser trophy awarded.

#### **Spring singles competition**

Squash open cup	Howard Lancashire beat Jonathan Peak 3-0
Squash open plate	Gary Murphy beat Lloyd Lewis 3-0
Squash handicap cup	Gary Murphy beat Frances Humphreys 3-0
Squash handicap plate	Lucy Emsden beat Ian Furlong 3-0
Racketball cup	Howard Lancashire beat Martin Smart 3-1
Racketball plate	Ray McGuire beat Kirk Alexander 3-2

#### **Autumn team handicap competition**

Gary Murphy's team including David Martin wall, Pavel Deutsch, Marc Horn and supported by Jonathan Peak as sub won a tight match against Steve Rawden's team, going down to the final game.

#### **League totaliser**

Winter league totaliser	Gary Murphy
Summer league totaliser	Gary Murphy

I wish everyone a great 2014 and hope you enjoy your squash/racketball.

Andy Campbell  
Squash Captain