

County Secretary's Report (David Law)

Committee

This part of my report is very similar to what I have written for the past two seasons. My major concerns are still;

- A lack of women on the committee and willing to take an active role in organising squash within the county. The President of England Squash and Racketball is a woman, so is the Chair of the ESR Board of Directors. So are a number of county reps on the ESR Council. Yet this last season there were no woman rep on the county committee. We were only able to field inter-county teams at senior level for Women O40. So for the past 3 seasons we have had no senior women's inter-county team. For any up and coming girls at U19 level, there is nowhere to go at inter-county level. So far no one has come forward. One minor success is that Penny English of Trojans has offered to sit on the committee and provide a woman squash player's voice, at least on league matters.
- There is one exception to this and that is at junior level where Ronnie Bull has run the Junior Squash leagues and Ronnie and Monica Finlayson have come forward to organise the County Junior Closed for at least the last two years. They do a brilliant job and many thanks from the committee to them.
- As you may have noticed from the agenda we've managed to find a successor to Chris as Chair. After successfully organising racketball for the past three seasons, Wayne has gallantly stepped forward. Not only that, he has managed to find a volunteer to replace him as racketball organiser (Stuart Ainsworth), so thank you to Wayne and Stuart. However at the time of writing we have no treasurer for the coming season.
- Inter-county championships. A number of squad captains have retired, but fortunately there has been some who have stepped forward to replace them. I've circulated a list which shows where we need volunteers. Please circulate within your clubs. If no volunteers come forward then no team will be entered. You have been warned!

ESR Membership

A reminder that ESR membership is a requirement for all clubs participating in the Hampshire Leagues. I'm please to report an improvement in the speed with which clubs have renewed their membership this year. The process of renewing individual membership has been streamlined and it can now be all done online. All a club has to do now is to give their members' names and email addresses. ESR will then automatically generate an individual response inviting each person to activate their membership which will allow then to access the Rewards package which is available to each member. But if you don't provide that minimal information they won't be able to access it and take advantage of the package.

Hampshire Schools Sports Federation Awards

Every year the Hants SRA is invited to nominate a junior squash player for the Michael Austin Harlick outstanding sports person awards. Whoever we nominate gets invited to a presentation evening to collect their award along with all the winners from other sports. Every year I notify clubs and ask for nominations. Usually only Lee or Winchester respond. This year I've had only one nomination which I realise is not eligible because the person nominated doesn't attend a Hampshire school or college. The nomination date has now passed, but if any one would like to make a late nomination I'll do my best to put it forward.

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County Secretary

