

Club Captain's Report by Max Ball

Winter League 22/23: Success in the second division & second racketball team

Club Championships 23: New look competition which identified the next generation

Summer League 23: Building on the success of 2022

Shropshire County Closed: Team Effort with Lee Picken and Pete Morgans

Winter League 23/24: Currently 5 teams plus 2 racketball teams

Shropshire Team Cup 23/24: 7 x AB Cup teams / 7 x C Cup Teams

Lower League Friendlies: Introducing the next generation

Future: Shropshire Squash Club 2.0

Social Secretary's Report by Vanessa Dee

Ladies Sunday Morning Squash: Make use of vacant court time to increase female participation. Optimistic this can introduce new members to the club in 2024

Social Event Review: Looking forward to working with the new committee to bring more social events to the club in 2024. Surveying members to find out what they want to see.

Club Spirit: Recognise social events are a key tool to connect the membership and engage those who tend to play squash and leave without socialising afterwards

Creating the 2024 Calendar: Currently working the club captain and others on the committee to create a programme of events for the new year.

Ladies Report by Wendy Lloyd

Pizza and Prosecco: Continues to be relaxed event for introducing ladies to squash, bringing others back and integrating people into the club. Averaging 8-12 regulars from 20 last year

Attendees pay for pizza and prosecco separately making events self-funding.

Team Effort: Linda and Becky (coaching), Debbie (social media), Mel and Sophie (running warm ups and some court sessions), whilst I organise the food and drink for evenings.

Tracy Waldron Pegge: Acknowledged the work Tracy put in to bring in new ladies to the club. Have had 3 new ladies for Oct/Nov evenings.

Target for 2024: 16 attendees per event considered optimum amount. Hoping for a couple of new faces per month, eventually converting these into members.

Reviewing the new format with female players over Christmas break to see what is preferred. Looking to work with the school to incentivise people to be involved from January and if needed, look at new ways to advertise the event.

Appealing for more coaches in 2024, either from the existing pool or the club sponsoring ladies to do their level 1 coaching.

Damian Jay working to do group coaching and Ladies Summer League in the new year with the former starting hopefully in January.

SSC Junior Report by Ben Schur

Player Numbers: Roughly 20 – Close to 2021 figures when the £15 Saturday membership was introduced. 5 juniors currently playing in leagues and 3 regularly playing in county leagues.

Squash Stars: 20 children were introduced to squash through the Squash Stars programme last year, of which 3 have joined the club - 2 parents have become members.

Current Squash Stars course has 7 participants.

County Teams: Billy Schur and Fin Aimer represented Shropshire in BU19, Max King, George McGurk and Fred Schur in BU11 at intercounty championships. BU11 qualified for national plate finals and finished 2nd behind Sussex.

County Champions: Lucy Chanter GU15, Fred Schur BU11 and BU13, Josh Evans BU17 & Billy Schur BU19

Goals & Proposals:

- **Improve retention of Squash Stars;**
- **Increase number of girls playing** on Saturday mornings
- **Recruit 2 new coaches to ES Level 1** to help coach on Saturday mornings and help at school events and community festivals.
- **Introduce a Junior Club Night: 6-7pm every Sunday**, before adult club night allowing all junior members so that they can play another night of the week.
- **Match fund with SSRC and Shropshire Squash** to provide free coaching opportunities to Shropshire school girls. Using junior funds to pay for coaches and costs to run a free pay and play supervised session once a week. Other costs include marketing squash to all of the schools.

Bar Report by Richard Green

Bar changes and improvements.

Since taking on the role of Bar manager in the summer I've introduced a few improvements to help the running and stock control of the bar. These include: -

The Sum Up the touch screen Point Of Sale self-service system.

If I do say so myself this has been a big breakthrough in controlling our stock levels, sales and improving sales ease of use for our members over the previous methods. This has enabled me and the treasurer to monitor every sale when put through the system, giving us real time access to stock levels.

Stock audits and stock control.

Once I started completing stock audits and monitored the sales and cost prices of the stock, I was able to make a few price reductions, which I hope our members noticed and appreciated during the current cost of living crisis. I have also taken on board suggestions with regards new lines and drinks to add to the bar and remain fully open to any other suggestions. **Please note** we have a percentage of missing stock purchases highlighted on the monthly stock audits, it is mandatory to use the POS system for every **cash and cash** purchase, remember the bar is the only income for the club and the profits are used for improving and maintaining the club.

Personal License.

I've also recently successfully passed my Person License exam and being approved by Shropshire County Council, receiving both my certification and card. This covers the sale of alcohol within the premises under the terms of the license.