

## UPS CLUB SQUASH SECTION - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (1997-8)

26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1999

### Web Version

**Present :** Sandra Gill, Steve Bevan, Chris Chandler, Maggie Flower, Steve Edwards, Chris Stott, Louise Johns, Joao Seco

1. Apologies: Phil Martin, Martin Dyer, Andy Williams

2. Minutes and accounts of last years meeting for approval.  
Minutes of 1996-7 were read, approved and signed

3 & 4 Chairman's Report combining matters arising

(i) **New committee members.**

As Julian Raymond has left in Aug 98, having been on the committee mainly as Treasurer since 1994 and following the resignation of Sandra Gill from the Committee, Maggie Flower has taken on the role of Treasurer and Bob Ott taken on the role of Secretary - which has been vacant since 1997.

There will be some further changes and these will be discussed in item 5.

(ii) **Main matters arising from last year are maintenance matters**

1) Broken floor - has been mended kindly by Chris Stott. On inspection the floor boards looked quite as thick above the groove (T&G) as below, so should easily be able to cope with more sanding before requiring a new floor. This had always been a concern as it was thought that the floor was wearing a bit thin.

2) Cover/shelter for new Air - Conditioning unit. This is currently under discussion with Les Friend.

(iii) **Other Maintenance**

Air -Conditioning unit. A new unit was installed in April 1998. There were several teething problems, and the unit was working to our satisfaction from Sep 1998. The warranty period was therefore amended to Sep 1999 (Trembath letter ref: PC/dmc). The cost of the dehumidifier + installation was £3776.45 and we are paying this off. (we have to pay £2276.45 still as £1500 was paid as a deposit 26 Mar 1998). See handwritten note in accounts and entry in \squashfile.doc [11 January 1999]. *Post meeting note:* Last 2 sentences corrected Steve Edwards 15 February 2006.

(iv) **Court Usage.**

We have 6 leagues at present (equivalent to 7 of 4). This has stayed pretty stable throughout the year. The number of individuals who have booked is down from 110 to 71.

### **Weekly usage**

This is again down on last year to an average of 12.7 games per week (down 20%), compare this with 15.7 in 1996-7, 22.5 in 1995-6, 27 in 1994-5 and 31 in 1993-4

(v) **Coaching**

We ran two coaching courses in the year, one in July 98 (12 players) and one in October 98 (10 players). The course was run by Ann Scambler who is a qualified SRA instructor. The course was aimed at all levels of players including total beginners. In each session Ann had four players on court. The feedback received from Ann and people on the course was all very

positive - indeed two people from the first course went on the second - receiving more individual tuition time.

**Racquet scheme** - we have started a 'tester' system for players wishing to buy racquets. Players can try a racquet and if they like it, buy it. If not it will go into the coaching set and could then be sold as 'second-hand'. This scheme proved popular with the people on the coaching courses. We sold racquets normally retailing for £39 for £30. We bought 3 Prince and sold 2. We would hope to get better discounts if more players were interested.

(vi) **Light Cost**

The new meter was installed and the cost of lights was raised to £1.00 for 40mins.

(vii) **Playscheme**

This happened in the summer, and we received no complaints. The circuit trainers and the aerobics group used the court a few times. The Marsden have indicated they will be seeking an alternative venue for the playscheme next year.

(viii) **New Facility Plans**

SE spoke to Ann Pendry following his letters to her inquiring about the future of the Squash court and more generally about the facilities.

Ann said that the squash court had been discussed, and the general consensus was that it could be relocated if the current one was in threat - i.e. money is available from the Institute. However there may not be enough land and efforts are under way to purchase some more. If land is secured then a new squash court could be accommodated.

Relating to the swimming pool - because of the shortage of land and the need for lab space, it seems unlikely that a new pool will be built within the Sutton 2 Bldg plans (Cancer Genomics Centre). However a Multi-Gym facility with changing rooms will be built. Again if land is secured a pool can be accommodated.

(ix) **Bar Sticker Sales**

Thanks were given to Maggie, Andy, John, Dai and the Bar for Stickers Sales.

5. Election of officers:

Current officers standing again except for John Beech  
John for being Membership Secretary since 1994.

Nomination for Membership Secretary

Steve Bevan

Nomination for Ordinary Member

Chris Stott

Nomination for Ordinary Member

Louise Johns

Combined Nomination for Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer

Steve Edwards

Bob Ott

Maggie Flower

All nominations accepted and nominees voted in.

## 6. Awards

### **Most frequent Bookers**

**Winner-** Ray Wiggins with 63 bookings in period (up from last year 59) Ray receives £10 of sports vouchers

**Runner Up** Phil Martin with 51 (up from 44). Phil receives £6 of sports vouchers

### **Mike Chow Cup for Best League Improver**

**Winner** Andrew Williams, who was in div 6 (of 8) in 97 and is now in div 2 (of 7) 1998. Andrew receives £15 of sports vouchers

### **Most League Games Played**

New prizes this year for players who played the most league games. The calculation for this is the number played vs the number playable. For this year, anyone playing more than 80% received a prize. The qualification this year is that players have been in the leagues for at least 5 months this year.

Chris Stott	81.9 %	- £8 sports vouchers
Louise Johns	82.4 %	- £8 sports vouchers
Maggie Flower	88.0 %	- £12 sports vouchers
Andrea Marossy	91.7%	- £15 sports vouchers

## 7. AOB

It was agreed that it would help the Club to have a recruitment drive and perhaps to reinstate Club Night at which anyone can come along a play a game against all comers.