

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM has been arranged for 5pm on Saturday 24<sup>TH</sup> February 2007 in the Bar **before** Club Night. Put this into your diary NOW.

The proposed agenda for the meeting is:

1. Apologies, if any
2. Minutes of previous AGM
  - Matters arising from the Minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
  - A copy of the Accounts for the year to Dec 2006 will be posted on the Notice Board no later than 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.
5. Secretary's Report
6. Election of Officers
  - Any nominations for positions should be submitted no later than 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.
  - Please leave any nomination in the Club Squash Box at Reception.
  - Please note that the proposer and the proposed MUST attend the meeting.
7. Teams for the Summer Season.
8. Any Other Business
  - Please submit any item for discussion to the Committee by 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at the latest in order that it can be included on the Agenda, which will be posted on the Squash Notice Board by 16<sup>th</sup> Feb.

It is anticipated that the Meeting will be concluded by 6pm in time for Club Night. Present Committee

Chairman	Adrian Pepler
Treasurer	Ann Brinkworth
Secretary	Stephen Brinkworth
Members	Jan Vlok
	Conrad Jooste (Web Master)
	Tamar Shaaban
	Paul Chandler (Junior Section)

New Committee Members are always welcome. If you think you would like to help run YOUR Club, please see

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

With the coming of the New Year comes the time to renew your Club Membership. The fee is **still £10 (Adults) & £5 (Juniors)** and should be paid by the end of the of February

Please arrange to pay your fee before this date, as failure to do so causes the Treasurer considerable inconvenience in chasing unpaid members.

*Failure to pay before the end of the current session **will** result in your name being omitted from the Leagues and requiring you to rejoin the Club.*

Your completed slip, together with the £10 fee should be placed in a sealed envelope and handed into Reception. **Please use a cheque if possible**

*Please check the renewal slip carefully, and amend if necessary. Please ensure that any change of details is also advised to the Leisure Centre if necessary.*

## THE CLUB

### Hart County Teams Sponsored by F5

*Our county league teams are again playing in F5 colours this season. The trendy T-Shirts are white, have "Hart Squash Club" on the front in black, and the F5 Logo on the back. Hopefully, members of the three teams can parade them on a club night soon. More T-Shirts are also on the way.*

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## Team Squash

We have been unable to run any Team Squash competitions this year due to outside commitments by the Committee members and being unable to co-ordinate the Team Squash with swimming gala nights. With the Centre closing at 8pm, this is too early and defeats the objective of the Tournament, a little competition and a social event afterwards.

**We will try harder to get something organised this year.**

## TEAM NEWS

### Review Squash Teams 2006

Overall, the year can be described as a good one for the Club. The last Winter league saw us with only 2 teams and both were promoted. The first team were promoted and missed out on winning their league by a single point, whilst the second team ran away with league 4A, winning by 39 points. Pete Walker lost only 2 of 13 matches played and Pete Webb lost one of 12 matches for the seconds.

In the Summer League, we had 3 teams with the firsts winning their league by a couple of points. The second team finished runners up to University 1 (who were miles better than the rest and the third team finished third which was very creditable as we did struggle on a few occasions to put out a team. Best records: Chris Locks who won 5 out of 5 and Tim Kirk who won 7 of his 9 matches.

Onto the current Winter season, where the firsts (now in league 2B) have struggled, and though bottom, the feeling is that some improved personal form in the second half of the season will be able to turn this around. The seconds on the other hand, have had an excellent first half with only one defeat and are lying in second place. The third team are in a close 3<sup>rd</sup> position in their league at the half way stage, and have done really well considering their team is most affected if 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team players are unavailable. There have been a few new team players this year, which has strengthened the depth of Club and has been a contributory factor in the team success. So we are looking forward to 2007.

#### Keep the good squash going.

##### Vets Team

Despite turning around at the Xmas break leading the League, a disastrous run of results saw us plummet down the League and finish bottom. This resulted in relegation to Div 3, somewhere we haven't been since we entered the Veterans League.

So we started the Winter Vets league with a determination to reverse the trend of last season, and at the turn of the year, we have played 5 matches, sit on top of the Div having obtained 95 points out of a possible 100.

**WE ARE GOING TO WIN THIS LEAGUE.**

*We wish all team players good luck in 2007*

## The Knock-Out Club Championships

The knock-out for 2007 is now underway, so keep an eye out for the dates for the next round matches.

## Squash Tips

Your game can improve without any dramatic changes – just a little fine tuning can make a difference, so the following tips are a worthwhile read. Remember, use your friendly games to try them out (I suggest one at a time), and then put them to the real test in league matches. And these tips can be useful for players throughout the leagues.

Some examples are:

**Watching the Ball** – remember the front wall never moves!

**The Grip** – hold the racket correctly and not too tight.

**The Serve** – essential to get a tight serve in, the purpose of the serve is to put your opponent under pressure right from the beginning!

Learning the following ditties may also help -

*Remember the court is shared by two  
Keep out of the way as your opponent should do  
On the "T" is the place to be  
That's where you stay to dictate the play  
Think of the centre as one big tree  
That's where the ball must never be*

*The unforced error in squash is a sin  
Keep it in play and avoid the tin  
Don't hit the side wall you must be taught  
For it will bounce right back into the court*

*Deep and short, deep and short  
Is usually better than across the court  
Results will depend on how good is your length  
Herein lies, your greatest strength*

.....and Finally,

Towards the end of the year, it was sad to learn of the retirement from squash of Lawrie Peake, through ill health. He has been a stalwart of the club for many, many years. Laurie thoroughly enjoyed his squash, was a regular team player, at club night almost every Saturday and was someone who you could count on to be there when squash was involved. He has promised to turn up for a drink *after* club night, but somehow club nights will not be the same without him. Thanks Lawrie.

A Happy 2007 to all Members