



# WARWICKSHIRE

## *Squash & Racketball Association*

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### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2016

FIRSTLY – I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work, over many years, carried out by Steve Hubbard who sadly passed away in May. He will be irreplaceable.

As a result of this, contingency plans, sometimes involving executive decisions, have had to be made. It is always great that, in an emergency, someone steps up to the plate. Roger More has done a fantastic job even managing to set up the summer league. A sincere thanks from all of us!

A great deal of work, behind the scenes, has gone on to try and make 2016-17 (and future years) as easy to manage as possible, using League Master. We will not find another Steve to spend hours of unpaid time, often accommodating requests from clubs. The leagues must be simple to operate and administered by the League Master system. It also needs all teams to play their games and adhere to the rules.

#### **“PLAY HARD BUT PLAY FAIR”**

#### **TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS FROM 2016-17**

1. The main Warwickshire League will be played on Mondays
2. Ladies and Racketball can nominate a different Home night. It can be Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
3. All matches must be played on the designated night – check fixtures for problems immediately
4. A reminder of the fixture, together with information about match suppers will be sent to all captains on the Friday before the match
5. A nomination list should be submitted at or before the first fixture. Any alterations must be agreed by your league representative.
  - Leagues 1 – 3
  - Lower leagues
  - Racketball
6. All clubs must be correctly affiliated to England Squash
7. Entry fees should be submitted with your entry as per instruction on the form.
8. All games, in all Divisions will be PAR 11 – SET 2
9. All leagues have a maximum of 10 teams
10. All leagues will be 2 up/2 down (from 2018)

In the past the AGM has been taken up by petty in-fighting, when we should be discussing ways in which we can develop our sport and persuade Sport England that we are a worthy investment – hence ACCURATE affiliation figures will strengthen our case.

LASTLY, A PLEA – It may seem that these measures are draconian, but your committee feels that we have to establish a system which is easy to administer. If you have a problem, PLEASE talk to someone, as emails flying back and forth only exacerbate the situation.



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We changed to a different system to administer the squash and racketball leagues before last winter season. We certainly haven't been using it to its full capability so far. Before the fixtures start we shall give help to clubs as to how it should be used. It will be possible for clubs to put on contact details of team captains, put on their ranking order of players which will put less of a burden on the team of people helping to run the leagues.

There are always vacancies on the committee; in particular "Marketing and Sponsorship".

Thank you.

Nigel Orrett  
Chairman