



gxsquash



September 2012

Welcome to the new season

Have you been inspired by the London 2012 Olympics? Then turn that inspiration into perspiration by digging out your old squash racket and renewing your gxsquash membership for the coming year!

September 30 is membership renewal night when the locks on the squash club will be changed so why not come along to renew your membership, sample some refreshment and watch the final of the Summer Handicap Tournament?

Membership

It may be the weather or the Olympic effect but membership is at a 5-year high at 225 members and 17 of these have joined during July and August.

Throughout the year we have attracted 60 new members –some 25% of the total

The good news is that Membership fees for 2012/13 are at the same level as this year, probably the lowest annual squash fees in the country.

The new Membership rates are:

Adults: £98

U25's: £48

U-18's: £20

Families: £140

Corporates: £140 (4 players)

Court fees remain unchanged at £2 for off-peak and £3 for peak times for a 45 minute court.

Renewal night is **Sunday 30th September** at 7.00pm when the final of the Handicap Competition will be held. Come along, swap your key card (your 2011/12 key card will not work after this date), pay your subscription and watch the Finals.

On that date, the lock on the front door will be changed. New card keys will be issued and measures will be taken on the Booking System to prevent members who have not paid their subscriptions from booking courts.

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If you cannot make it to the membership renewal evening, send your fees to:

John Mayfield,
9 Valentine Way,
Chalfont St. Giles.
HP8 4JB.

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. You can send in your application at any time before or after 1 October.

Please check your details on the club's database and let us know if anything has changed - in particular, please let us know if your email address has changed.

Summer Handicap Tournament

The Rob Milliner Summer Handicap Tournament will run over the last two weekends of September with the finals being held on Sunday 30th to coincide with membership renewal. The handicap tournaments are great fun for everyone so get your entry in now. Register using the list on the noticeboard or via the form on the club website (follow the link from the home page).

The final of last year's tournament was contested by Rory Fisher and Kerry Dewe. In the plate competition for players ejected in the 1st round, David Sledge beat Andy Youngs.

There will be no entry fee for this competition and spreading the tournament over two weekends means that players are no longer expected to play multiple games on the final day in order to reach the final so why not sign up today? Add your name to the list on the noticeboard or sign up using the [form](#) on the club website.

Court Booking System

You may have noticed that the terminal in the club has been out of action a number of times recently which has led to the court lighting being off when the courts have been booked. This is caused by an intermittent problem with our connection to the internet. If you arrive at the club and find that the lights are not on when a court has been booked, you should find that the computer displays two buttons that allow you to control the lights manually.

Online Purchase of Credit

Most members are now purchasing their booking credit using PayPal. If you would like to purchase credit in this way, you need to register on the club website at <http://www.gxsquash.org.uk/members/register/index.php> but you don't need your own personal PayPal account.

The credit does not get applied to your account immediately but we aim to credit your account within a day or two.

Squash 2020

Whilst we all recognise the triumph of the 2012 Olympics, it is frustrating that squash has still not been accepted as an Olympic sport. Having missed out to golf and rugby union sevens, for the 2016 games, attention now turns to the 2020 games. As part of a global campaign to raise the profile of the sport, there will be a special event on Saturday 20 October – International Squash Day. Squash clubs from around the world will take part in the biggest squash match ever with players representing one of two teams in matches consisting of single games of 20 points with results pooled to decide the ultimate outcome.

Please sign up using the forms on the noticeboard. The aim is to get at least 20 members signed up from each participating club.

Mark the day in your diary now!

Introducing Guests

Members are reminded that they are entitled to introduce non-members to play at the club up to X times a year. When doing so, please make sure that you select the 'Visitor booking' option on the court booking website to pay for your guest. We are happy that members should be able to continue this practice as this can attract more members to the club.

Squash Leagues

The Winter Leagues will re-commence at the start of October. Make sure you have renewed your membership to ensure your place in the leagues. Members who withdrew from the leagues for the Summer should add

Committee

Position	Name
Chairman	David Sledge
Secretary	Maria Branton
Membership Secretary	John Mayfield
Treasurer	Ainsley Kemps
Club Captain	Rory Fisher
Ladies Representative	Anita Crosbie
House Member	Richard Crosbie
League Secretary	David Sledge
Elected Member	Rakesh Gulati Nick Hallchurch

Can you help out? We are always on the lookout for volunteers to join the Committee or help around the club. Speak to a Committee member about it.

AGM

We held an AGM on 25th April and the minutes of the meeting can be found on the club website at the address below:

http://www.gxsquash.org.uk/public/documents/GXSC_agm_2012.pdf

Follow gxsquash on social media

Tweet @gxsquash to tell us about your latest match or to share your thoughts about any aspect of the Club.

Why not tweet your progress in the Handicap Tournament? Messages will be visible on the club website.

You can also keep up with news on our [facebook](#) page.

Are you over 55 years of age and interested in representing gxsquash?

Email ian.nunn@nunn-hayward.com

their name to the list on the noticeboard, email leagues@gxsquash.org.uk or use the [form](#) on the club website before the end of September to guarantee their place in the October league.

Use the online league system to record your league scores online. This allows members to register for entry into the leagues, enter their scores for league matches and maintain their status in the league. The main purpose for this change is to prevent the problems caused by illegible or incorrect scores on the sheets and the fallibility of emails when trying to communicate with the league secretary. Future leagues may see a points bonus for scores recorded over the web.

Squash Ladder

The ladder continues to entertain a small group of members. Remember, when you join the ladder, you are able to challenge anyone else on the ladder (subsequent challenges are restricted to 4 places above your current position). You need to be registered on the club website and also separately on the ladder to take part.

Team News

1st team: The 1st Team had another successful season in Division 1 of the Bucks Leagues last year and secured another season of top flight squash for the coming year. This will be our 4th consecutive season in Division 1 under the leadership of Stewart Hefferman.

Vintage: The Vintage Team had a difficult time in the Middlesex Leagues last year after losing key players from the squad. Captain Mike Lawson is stepping down after several years at the helm. Ian Nunn is taking over responsibility for the team and is keen to hear from players aged 55 and over who are interested in representing the club.

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Are you over 55 years of age and interested in representing gxsquash in the Middlesex Vintage Leagues? If so, Ian Nunn would like to hear from you. Why not contact him now?

Email: ian.nunn@nunn-hayward.com

Mobile: 07711 846772

Club House

The squash club is looking better than it has done for several years following new cleaning arrangements and with several items of maintenance having been carried out:

- Exterior cladding replaced.
- Windows replaced.
- Decoration of lobby area.
- New carpets laid.

Please help us to keep the club tidy by clearing away your drinking cups when you have finished with them. Also, if you are the last person to leave the club at any time of the day:

- Turn off all the lights
- Ensure that the front door is locked

Please help us to keep our club secure and our costs down.

Club Night

It has been a little while since we had a Club Night at GX Squash Club.

Starting on 7 September and for a limited period we shall try to recreate a period when this was an eagerly awaited event. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable experience by playing people from different leagues and to mix socially with other members of the club.

Depending on the numbers, we play an American scoring system in order to keep the players moving and or a fixed time system.

Date: 1st Friday of the month.

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

No booking required, just turn up.

The first Club Night will take place on 7 September and will run initially for 2 months after which time we will review attendance.

All welcome whether you are in the leagues or not! Any queries please ring Ainsley on 07770 611492

As an added incentive, there may be some free refreshments on the night!

Honours Board

Tournament	Winner	Runner-up
Club Champion	T Loran	S Hefferman
Veterans' Champion	S Hefferman	I Swallow
Summer Handicap Champion	R Fisher	K Dewe
Winter Handicap Champion	T Loran	R Chandra
Summer Handicap Plate	D Sledge	A Youngs
Winter Handicap Plate	R Patrick	N Patel
Winter Points Champion	R Fisher	M de Semlyen/ T Ryan
League 7+ Tournament	G Fowler	I Nunn

Lost and found

A surprising variety of kit collects around the club. This is mainly towels and clothing but there has also been a racket lying in the gents' changing room for a couple of weeks.

Any items remaining by the end of September will be disposed of. If you think this may include a precious item of your own, then contact a member of the Committee to see if it can be located or consider it gone forever.

Juniors

Rakesh Gulati is once again in charge of our Junior section (a Junior is anyone under 19). The Juniors have had a very good year and have developed their skills as well as having gained some good experience of playing a variety of opponents. Three juniors have joined the senior leagues.

A group of Juniors entered the Bucks junior tournament last September all performed way above their mark. In addition our club has been invited to play against other Bucks juniors in a friendly tournament and came away with a large medal haul.

The intention this year is to join the lowest division of the Bucks league to develop a team spirit and build up some inter-club rivalry. Sadly, as Squash is not an Olympic sport and doesn't get much television exposure, we struggle to get numbers. Rakesh is keen to take on another 4 Juniors so that we can play against the other clubs with a full complement.

The intention is to meet every Saturday late morning where we have a professional and extremely patient Egyptian coach. Matches against other clubs will take place on Sunday afternoons. Squash is a great way of getting your child get away from their playstation, TV or smartphones and we are not dependent on the weather. Contact Rakesh on 07887 744505.

Memorial Centre

The Memorial Centre will be holding a number of events over the coming months:

- Jumble Sale – 28/29 September
- Craft Fair – 27 October
- Quiz Night – TBA

Quiz Night

The Squash Club will be entering a team in the Quiz night so if you are interested in taking part, contact David Sledge (07788 813627, dsledge123@gmail.com). There is no limit to the number of teams we can enter.

Jumble Sale

The Memorial Centre is holding their annual Jumble Sale over the weekend of 28th to 29th September. They will need volunteers to help with clearing up after the Jumble Sale so if you can help, please call the Memorial Centre Office () and let them know - don't forget to mention the Squash Club.

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