



# gxsquash



December 2013

## Compliments of the season

We are hurtling towards Christmas 2013 and soon after that the New Year will be upon us so we thought it was time to update you on what is going on at the club.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Court maintenance

Court 1 will be out of action from Friday 27 December to Friday 10 January whilst resurfacing work is carried out on the front wall. The period of unavailability is due to the expected drying time for the plasterwork. If possible, we will release the court for booking before Friday 10th.

## Access to Court Booking System

Some members may still be having difficulty gaining access to the new court booking system. The system can be accessed at this location:

[www.gxsquash.org.uk/booking](http://www.gxsquash.org.uk/booking)

If you are still experiencing difficulty, email [booking@gxsquash.org.uk](mailto:booking@gxsquash.org.uk)

## Updates to Court Booking System

The new system has been in operation for nearly three months now and members are starting to get the hang of things so what better idea than to change it? Over the next week or so, there will be some major updates to the system which will restore some of the functionality that was available previously.

### Inviting an opponent to play

Once you have booked a court, you will be able to invite a member to play on that court. To do so, find the booking from your **My Bookings** list and follow the link to select members to invite. If you are in the leagues, a separate link will allow you to invite members from your league. An email will be sent to the selected members with a link allowing them to accept or decline the booking on a first come, first served basis.

### Responding to an invite

If you are invited to play on a court booked by another member, you will receive an email containing a link to the booking system where you have the option of accepting or declining the invitation. If you accept, then half of the court fee is taken from your account and paid into the account of the member who booked the court. If you decline the option then nothing happens. When you turn up to play on a court where both members have paid, there will be no need to touch your key fob onto the reader as you go on court and the lights will come on

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automatically. If the court is subsequently cancelled then you need to sort out a refund of the shared payment between yourselves as the system won't do so.

### **Display of leagues online**

The leagues will now be visible on the online booking site. Two buttons have been added below the buttons that display the courts, one to display all the leagues and the other to display your personal league. It is only possible to record your scores via the booking kiosk in the club.

### **Member Audit Report**

The 'My Membership Details' page will provide a display of transactions to and from your account for the last three months on the online site.

### **Cancelling courts**

It is now possible to cancel courts over the web. Select the booked court from the diary or from your 'My Bookings' page and click on the cancel link.



### **Tournaments**

The New Year will see the return of the annual main club tournaments with competitions for

Club Champion

Veterans' Champion

Ladies Champion

Lower Leagues Champion

All tournaments are subject to there being enough entrants to be viable and will run from January through to April.

The Ken Hewison Winter Handicap Tournament will also be run over two consecutive weekends in February/March. The handicap tournaments are great fun and offer plenty of scope for giant-killing exploits.

Watch out for the announcements when registration for the tournaments opens in the New Year.

### **Racketball**

The club has purchased some racketball equipment to allow members a chance to try a different sport with familiar rules. The equipment is kept in the left hand cupboard on the balcony. Please feel free to borrow the equipment but please ensure you return it once you have finished.

A copy of the rules is available on the club website.

### **Club Night**

The Committee have tried to re-institute Club Nights on a number of occasions recently but unfortunately the numbers attending did not make it viable as a regular event. We may try again in the future but for the moment, the idea has been put on the back burner.

### **Exercise bicycle**

You may have noticed the recent installation of a new exercise bicycle on the balcony. The bike is the result of a kind donation by a club member and is available for all members to use.

### **Housekeeping**

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.



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