



Avon and Badsquash AGM minutes

Wednesday, 10th May at 6:30pm at Redland

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Kick-off

In an attempt to make the AGM a bit more of an end of season ‘do’ – and therefore better attended – we kicked off with an exhibition match between Toby Harding and Theis Houlberg from Vivo. Two players from their league winning team who hadn’t needed to play a play-off because they’d topped both halves of the league. To spice it up there was a little money on the table for the winner and an extra tenner for the player who played the best shot of the match judged by the watching crowd.

Based on their levels – both 7,500 – it was destined to be a high quality and closely fought affair and it didn’t disappoint. We even had Martin Ramsey, our officially trained and qualified referee, throwing a few random calls in to keep us all amused... The winner of the day turned out to be Theis who walked off with £30 and a not-in-the-shops SquashLevels bottle and Toby won the tenner and a not-in-the-shops SquahLevels cup for a dazzling shot from between his legs.

To spice it up further and for the crowd’s entertainment, Redland’s own Dan West then appeared, fresh out of flip-flops and took them both on at once. Ensuring crowd pleasing rallies, an excitingly close score and, despite Martin’s marking, Dan emerged the winner. Of course... Many thanks to Dan for stepping up and showing off as needed.

There was also a good spread of savoury nibbles laid on from the Redland kitchen and a free drink from the bar. By the time we kicked off the AGM proper, we had around 45 attendees and everyone was in good spirits. Much more fun than last year which was all very dry and only around 12 non-committee members showed up. We’ll do this again next year!

And so to the AGM proper...

Apologies for absence

Thanks to those who let us know they couldn’t make it this year:

- Gordano – Adrian Taylor
- Vivo – Rich King (Avon Squash Junior Development Manager)

This is the point we usually express disappointment with the turn-out but this time we had around 45 people attend and that resulted in an excellent meeting. There was good representation for all views and opinions and a chance to hear alternatives. Free food, a drink, something to watch and a fiver off was good value!

Matters arising and approval of 2016 AGM minutes

Last year's minutes were approved. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's report

The bank balance has swelled from £10,786.92 (30/04/2016) to £13,926.18 (as at 30/04/2017). This was mainly due to expenditure being lower than in previous years largely down to spending less on inter-counties. Takings were also up which was due to a rebate from the South West regional forum.

The treasurer requests again that clubs/teams pay their league fees promptly before the start of each season, thank you. I am stepping down after 6 years of doing this role and thank you for all the support from everyone. Duncan Higgins will take over the role of treasurer and I wish him all the very best in the role.

Olly went through the finances and they were accepted. Copies of the full accounts showing where the income came from and what was spent on what were handed out to all AGM attendees but here's a very high level summary:

'Avon & BAD Squash & Racketball Accounts' for 1st May 2016 to 30th April 2017.

- Start: £10,786.92
- In: £5,040.00
- Out: £1,900.74
- End: £13,926.18

Please:

- Please pay your league fees in good time so we don't have to chase you
- Please pay your affiliation fees to England Squash in good time so we get the rebates. We missed a few rebates this year so missed out on our ES cashback.

County events update

In general Avon is very well represented in the county events around the region and fairs well.

Avon is well represented by its finest

Senior inter-counties

- Men (1 team) – Sam Ellis, Dan West, Pete Joyce, Konrad Tyma, John Welton, Barney Elworthy, Olly Morrall, Tom Elgood, Keith Sanzo
- Ladies (2 teams) - Karina Tyma, Rose Bamber, Claire Kedward, Katie Bradbury, Natasha Burrett, Daryl Williams, Karen De Klerk, Carolyn Chennells, Charlotte Weldrake, Rachael Hamp, Clare Mitchell, Sarah Trevelyan

Masters inter-counties

- Men - O35, O45, O50 (final), O55 (final)

- Ladies – O50

Junior inter-counties

- Boys – U13, U15, U19
- Girls – U19 (trophy)

For details please have a look at the following website – Leaguemaster – which was used to run the events. All the results were fed in to SquashLevels.

- Seniors - <http://intercounty.countyleagues.co.uk/>
- Masters - <http://mastersicc.countyleagues.co.uk/>
- Juniors - <http://junioricc.countyleagues.co.uk/>

Senior results

Men Region 4 - Stage 1

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Group A		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
Devon		1	1	0	0	20	0	0	20
Wiltshire (<i>withdrawn</i>)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cornwall	HOST	1	0	1	0	0	20	0	0

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Host Venue: Truro Squash Club

Group B		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
Avon 1	HOST	2	2	0	0	37	7	0	37
SE Wales		2	1	1	0	22	26	0	22
Dorset		2	0	2	0	10	36	0	10

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Host Venue: Bristol Lawn Tennis & Squash (Redland Green)

Men Region 4 - Stage 2

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Group X		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
Devon	HOST	1	1	0	0	19	5	0	19
Avon 1		1	0	1	0	5	19	0	5

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[Host Venue: Exeter Golf and Country Club](#)

Group Y		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
Cornwall (<i>withdrawn</i>)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dorset (<i>withdrawn</i>)	HOST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SE Wales (<i>withdrawn</i>)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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[Host Venue: West Hants](#)

Women Region 3 - Stage 1

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Group A		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
SE Wales 1		2	2	0	0	39	6	0	39
Berkshire	HOST	2	1	1	0	23	26	0	23
Avon 2		2	0	2	0	8	38	0	8

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[Host Venue: Aldermaston Squash Club](#)

Group B		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
Devon	HOST	2	2	0	0	35	14	0	35
Avon 1		2	1	1	0	26	23	0	26
SE Wales 2		2	0	2	0	11	35	0	11

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[Host Venue: Exeter Golf and Country Club](#)

Women Region 3 - Stage 2

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Group X		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
Devon		2	2	0	0	36	9	0	36
Avon 1	HOST	2	1	1	0	28	17	0	28
SE Wales 1		2	0	2	0	2	40	0	2

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Host Venue: [Bristol Lawn Tennis & Squash \(Redland Green\)](#)

Group Y		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pen	Total
SE Wales 2		2	2	0	0	36	12	0	36
Berkshire	HOST	2	1	1	0	28	21	0	28
Avon 2		2	0	2	0	8	39	0	8

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Host Venue: [Wellington Health and Fitness Club](#)

Masters categories

Too many to show all the results. Please see the website.

Teams in: Masters Intercounty 2016/17

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Team Name	Division	
O35	Avon	Men O35 Region 4 - Stage 2
O35	Avon	Men O35 Region 4 - Stage 1
O45	Avon	Men O45 Region 4 - Stage 1
O45	Avon	Men O45 Region 4 - Stage 2
O50	Avon	Mens O50 Final
O50	Avon	Men O50 Region 3 - Stage 2
O50	Avon	Men O50 Region 3 - Stage 1
O55	Avon	Mens O55 Final
O55	Avon	Men O55 Region 3 - Stage 2
O55	Avon	Men O55 Region 3 - Stage 1
Racketball O40	Avon (withdrawn)	Squash 57 O40 Region 4 - Stage 1
Women O50	Avon	Women O50 Region 3 - Stage 1
Women O50	Avon	Women O50 Region 3 - Stage 2

Junior categories

Too many to show all the results. Please see the website.

Teams in: Junior Intercounty 2016/17

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Team Name	Division	
Boys U19	Avon	Boys U19 Region 3 - Stage 1
Boys U19	Avon	Boys U19 Region 3 - Stage 2
Boys U17	Avon (withdrawn)	Boys U17 Region 4 - Stage 1
Boys U15	Avon	Boys U15 Region 4 - Stage 1
Boys U15	Avon	Boys U15 Region 4 - Stage 2
Boys U13	Avon	Boys U13 Region 3 - Stage 2
Boys U13	Avon	Boys U13 Region 3 - Stage 1
Girls U19	Avon	Girls U19 Region 2 - Stage 1
Girls U19	Avon (withdrawn)	Girls U19 Trophy

Junior development update

Richard King (Avon Squash Junior Development Manager) wasn't able to attend in person as his best friend was getting married in Romania (!) but his report was read out at the AGM and is included here.

It's exciting to announce that since I took this role 2 years ago that this season is the first year for a few years where I genuinely believe we have a really good numbers and a core of juniors playing/competing across Avon at various clubs and venues. This is now starting to see this spread up through into the local junior tournaments and now into the county teams.

One of the main reasons for the increase is there are now consistent coaching structures and programs based at Lansdown, Redland Green, Vivo along with Junior activity still happening at Thornbury.

With a large proportion of our juniors aged 8-15 it is really important that we maximize their potential with support/tournaments/coaching/Inter-county activity as well as maximizing our older juniors who will soon be leaving the junior categories by offering them support to take coaching badges to enable them to inspire our next generation of juniors.

The consistency of coaching offered across the various clubs is vital for the development of juniors as well as the ability to play and compete amongst juniors across all the clubs.

We have created many different events and avenues to support all levels of juniors and participation across the county with the aim to get people into the county structure.

This season Avon entered 5 teams; the same as the previous season into the Inter-County Championships with a Boys Under 13,15,17,19 team entered and also a Girls Under 17's team.

All teams and players competed very well throughout the tournament with a special congrats to the Girls team for reaching the trophy Final.

We are very confident of being able to maintain these teams next season if not add an additional team as the young players are now developing and ready for County activity.

The Avon Junior Squash Grand Prix 16/17 season (Graded event for all abilities)

This Circuit has been running for 3 seasons now with the idea of encouraging Avon Squash's juniors to participate in competition but in a less intimidating environment than say an England Squash event.

We have been averaging 40 juniors at these events with a successful graded event held by Redland and a very successful county closed event also held at Redland this year which saw almost 50 entrants and various winners based at many different clubs. With 2 events to go one at Vivo on the 25th June and another to be arranged at Lansdown we hope these to be just as successful!

It is really important that as a county we keep providing opportunities for all abilities and these graded events are a perfect way to inspire our juniors into more competitive situations in the future.

With the Great help of John Welton, Rose Bamber and Charlotte Weldrake (county coaches) we have been running boys/girls development squads which have been running for 2 years now and our aim to encourage boys/girls to develop in an environment surrounded by juniors from many clubs and supported by Avon's best coaches. The popularity of these sessions has grown and really had a positive effect across the county.

It is really vital that the county takes a stance to financially support and continue to encourage the coaches and opportunities for our juniors for their future development.

Club participation 2016-17 compared with 2015-16 season

(Juniors actively involved in clubs coaching programmes)

- TOTAL JUNIOR PARTICIPATION 2015– 16 (131)
- TOTAL JUNIOR PARTICIPATION 2016-17 (172+)

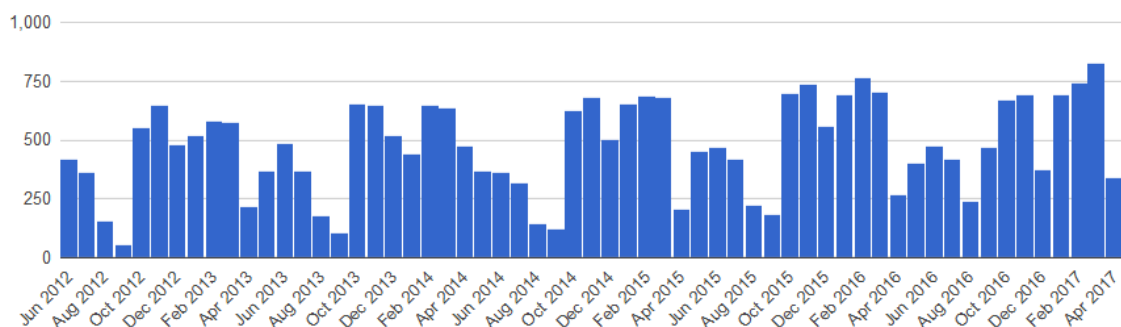
Expecting number to increase further once data confirmed

- LANSDOWN TENNIS + SQUASH CLUB (27) → (40) +13
- VIVO SPORTS CLUB (65) → (82) +17
- BRISTOL TENNIS + SQUASH CLUB (40) → (~50) +~10
- THORNBURY – still collecting numbers

Note we would encourage juniors to get involved from all clubs – not just those listed above.

League participation summary

We have a page on the website that shows how many players are playing league and club boxes (for those running boxes on the system). Try **Home->Participation**.



We currently around 700 players – fairly constant but, if anything, increasing. Interesting recent peak of over 800. The ladies are reporting a fall in numbers so it’s not all good. I’ll update the chart to show the different leagues and types of match so we can see what’s going on in more detail.

Unfortunately, we continue to lose courts and this is having a knock-on effect to generating the fixtures which is getting harder and harder.

Data is available for individual clubs too. Same page on the website – just scroll down to find your club.

England Squash update

We no longer have a regional rep so this is from our direct participation at ES council meetings and communications. We also asked Keir Worth (England Squash CEO) for his input specific to Avon.

Context

Sport England are changing their focus from raw participation to getting new players on board and that’s measured through ES membership.

Sport England are the England Squash paymasters and have cut funding significantly which means losing people. They had 75 two years ago, 35 one year ago and are now down to 16!

It means they can’t do much but are willing to help those counties who ask for it.

There is a parallel organisation formed – the CAN (County Association Network) – and Avon is represented. We are trying to work out how best to work with ES going forward. In general, the main push from the CAN is for England Squash to include the counties much more in their decision making.

We may be able to access more funding for our county with some effort. We need to decide what we want.

Comments from Keir Worth

Over the last 2 years, ES has invested £300K into the counties via the national and regional forums. £1M over the last 4 years. Avon clubs have received £45K of this. There is more available going forward.

ES opposed the closure at Bath Sports.

A focus on membership benefits is being prepared for the board's approval in the next two weeks. It will include insurance, access to content ('how to' squash clips / instruction and coaching), discounts from squash manufacturers and on specific events (such as the British Open) and improved access to better technology.

ES continues to support Squash Girls Can and Squash 101 which is being taken up by an increasing number of clubs.

Avon county view

Every proper sport has an NGB. We want a strong NGB to support our sport nationally and we should support them.

We'd like something back for our investment. League players probably don't need much but we'd like to see investment in juniors and facilities. There is a fund available we can tap. We should take advantage of it.

In theory, everyone who plays squash should be a member of ES but our compromise is to only expect regular, Autumn/Winter league players to join.

We recognise that the ES membership system is clunky and are giving everyone time to join. We've had 12 months now! The start of next Autumn league is the final date for clubs to get organised.

The checks are now in place on badsquash and will be switched on at the start of next Autumn league. That will mean penalties.

The rule is - for every member of a team that has played three times or more there must be a member of that team who is an ES member.

There are two places to look on the badsquash website:

- The team page shows membership details and player attendance counts.
- There is an Admin pull-down for overall lists of players and membership numbers.

The team captains do need to enter the membership numbers into the website.

Election of officers

Of the four positions currently filled, three are stepping down this year.

- Chairman – Nick Drysdale. Our county rep to ES. Stepping down this year.
 - Seamus Singh volunteered
 - Proposed by Brian Pate, seconded by Richard Dodsworth.
 - Approx 40 votes from the floor in favour – carried
 - Seamus Singh will be the new chairman for Avon county.
- Treasurer – Olly Morrall. Moving away so stepping down this year.
 - Duncan Higgins volunteered
 - Proposed by Seamus Singh, seconded by Pete Blue
 - Approx 40 votes from the floor in favour – carried
 - Duncan Higgins will be the new treasurer

- League secretary (mixed) – Richard Bickers. No change.
- League secretary (ladies) – Pippa Green. Stepping down
 - Ruth Drysdale and Karan de Klerk volunteered (to share the role)
 - Proposed by Rose Bamber, seconded by Daryl Williams
 - Approx 40 votes from the floor in favour – carried
 - Ruth Drysdale and Karan de Klerk share the ladies league secretary role
- Inter-county communication – new role
 - It was felt that it would be very useful if there was more communication around the inter-counties, masters and junior age groups. This would cover finding players and also updating progress and results.
 - John Welton volunteered. Pippa volunteered to help identify potential inter-county players from the league.

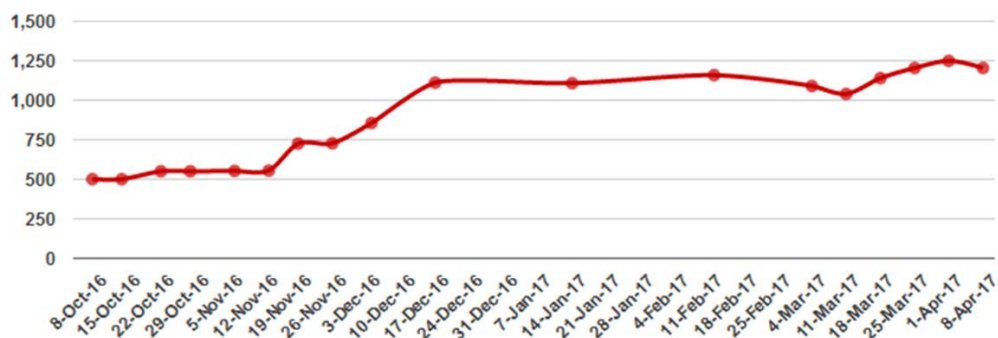
Do remember that these roles are voluntary and on top of everything else we are trying to do. It's always nice to be offered help.

Roll of Honour 2017

- **George Morgan Best Junior of the Year**
 - One nomination – Karina Tyma. Is the current European U17 number one.
 - Carried.
- **Jeremy Burns Greatest Contribution to Avon Squash**
 - Just one nomination again... Seamus Singh, Martyn Ibson, Rich King – for their 24hr squashathon, raising c£3k for comic relief
 - Carried.
- **Most Improved player of the Year** – based on the ranking system over the last 12 months and awarded to **Ben Avison** for an amazing 141% improvement over the year!

Pos	Player	Club	Team	Division	Last match	Level last year	Level now	Improvement
1	Ben Avison	Bath University	2	(M) Division 1 (16/17)	05 Apr 2017	500	1,203	140.6%
2	Adam Dangoor	Kingsdown		Kingsdown Boxes	29 Apr 2017	49	109	122.4%
3	Lucy George	Redland Squash	Winter Panthers	(L) Division 1 (16/17)	23 Mar 2017	124	265	113.7%
4	Aaron Lawrence	Kingswood	U	(M) Division 6 (16/17)	28 Apr 2017	827	1,761	112.9%
5	Jonny Hale	Weston Squash and Racketball Club	4	(M) Division 8 (16/17)	18 Apr 2017	317	661	108.5%
6	Alfie Treloar	Bath University	5	(M) Division 6 (16/17)	22 Mar 2017	255	518	103.1%
7	Charlie Jones	Kingsdown		Kingsdown Boxes	08 May 2017	104	193	85.6%
8	Rory Spanton	Kingsdown		Kingsdown Boxes	25 Apr 2017	72	132	83.3%
9	Matt Prosser	Vivo	Va Va Voom - Pirates	(M) Division 5 (16/17)	30 Apr 2017	988	1,716	73.7%
10	Jo Bareham	Kingsdown		Kingsdown Boxes	02 May 2017	54	93	72.2%

This is what it looks like:



- **SquashLevels Cup** – based on the player with the most hits on the website and awarded to **Lester Griffiths** with 1007 interested onlookers this year. A record! This is the top ten:
 - **Lester Griffiths** (Redland): 1007
 - **Tomasz Duda** (Kingswood): 968
 - **Michael Lok** (Kingswood): 849
 - **Mike Harris** (Redland): 824
 - **Tom Gogarty** (Redland): 748
 - **Oliver Morrall** (David Lloyd): 734
 - **Lee Manners** (Kingswood): 672
 - **Dale Diment** (Redland): 630
 - **Shawn Hale** (Weston): 628
 - **Giles Sharley** (Redland): 620



Trophies

Mixed league play-off winners

Winners in bold. Vivo Pirates 1 didn't need a play-off which is why we had them over for an exhibition match.

- Prem A: **Vivo Pirates 1 v Vivo Pirates 1**
- Prem B: Redland A v Redland B – not played
- Prem C: Redland B v David Lloyd Lovecars – not played
- Div 1: **Thornbury B v Weston 1**
- Div 2: Weston 1 v Redland E – not played
- Div 3: **Bath Uni 3 v Lansdown D**
- Div 4: **BAWA B v Shepton Mallet B**
- Div 5: **Keynsham A v Vivo Pirates 4**
- Div 6: Kingswood A v **Kingswood U**
- Div 7: **Bradley Stoke B v BAWA D**
- Div 8: Keynsham B v **Kingswood V**



Photos

Trophies were handed out at the AGM. Pictures below of those who were there to collect.



Photo 1 - John Welton collecting Vivo Viking 1's Prem A trophy



Photo 2 - Nigel Tovey collecting Thornbury B's Div 1 trophy



Photo 3 - Dave Wright collecting BAWA B's Div 4 trophy



Photo 4 – Phil Kelly collecting Keynsham A's Div 5 trophy



Photo 5 - Michael Lok collecting Kingswood's two trophies for Div 6 and Div 8



Photo 6 - Andy Horton collecting Bradley Stoke B's Div 7 trophy.

Ladies league winners

See ladies league report below.

League reports

Mixed - Richard Bickers

- Continuing to run Autumn, Winter, Play-offs, Summer and doubles

- About 800 fixtures. Some rearrangements but nearly all were played.
- Difficult to work around court availability and team constraints. Please be flexible if asked.
- Knowing which teams are playing is main input from captains. Any team changes cause major re-fixturing!
- Single column, two up/two down working well.
- Vivo Pirates 1 won both halves in Prem A – they are the league champions!
- Weston 1 won both Div 2 first half and Div 1 second half!
- All three Kingsdown teams featured in the play-offs

Ladies - Pippa Green

We started the season in September, with only 2 divisions this time, having reduced from 3 the previous season, due to 3 teams leaving the League. The remaining 12 teams had a good run before Xmas, with no notable problems really, (except my personal poor run of injuries!) - and by Christmas, Redland Jaguars were at the top of Division 1, whilst Redland Lynx topped Division 2.

We did not hold the pre-Christmas tournament we had enjoyed the previous 2 years.

2 teams were demoted and 2 promoted from Div 2/1 respectively and we restarted in January. By the end of the second half, Lansdown had won the 1st division and Vivo the 2nd.

We held play-offs at Lansdown yesterday- Tuesday 9th May,

- The winners of Div 1 : Redland Jaguars
- The winners of Div 2 : Vivo

My first significant observation is that numbers were definitely down within the ladies game this year;- a number of long-standing league players seeming to drift away from the game this season. We are all getting older I suppose! The stalwarts will not be here indefinitely. But there are relatively few new players, and no new teams. Last years' increased support from the Universities was not repeated this year, and the Avon County girls were not represented this year either.

I also noted that there were more fixtures this year where teams did not field the full quota of 5 players. (20 fixtures in total where incomplete teams were represented)

This does represent a worrying decline in ladies activity. I am unable exactly to explain this nor understand it myself, but numbers are down! We have had 2 new younger players at Lansdown this season, benefitting from the closure of squash courts at Bath Leisure Centre last Summer- and Weston may have had a new player or two in recent 2 years? Redland still seem to have good female representation too.

Is there anything we can do to encourage more ladies locally to take up the challenge of playing the game and then competing as well? Ladies team coaching at Lansdown seems to have helped bond ladies team members, encourage increased participation has been very much appreciated - could this be rolled out into other clubs with similar benefits perhaps?

I am hoping to offer the role of Ladies League secretary to someone new this coming season and have asked for volunteers- But I have thoroughly enjoyed the role over the recent 3 years, and found the Committee and the ladies team captains to be extremely supportive - many thanks to you all!

Doubles

No report for doubles this year.

Topics raised/Rule updates

The following topics were sent to the committee before the AGM and the proposers were invited to present their case before the 40+ attendees. We had good debate and mixed opinion on all topics!

- Should teams get a bonus for having (and using) a qualified ref?
 - The idea is to encourage more players to become qualified referees and therefore improve the standard of refereeing across the county.
 - Wales already have a system like this that works well.
 - The proposal was to start this next season along with offering some refereeing courses.
 - The idea as-is was put to the attendees but it was voted against 18 to 3.
 - In general the idea was well received but it was agreed to adopt a more staged approach with a plan to be developed by a separate working group. This was voted in favour by 22 attendees.
 - **Action:** Set up working group.
- Should we run a county knock-out event?
 - This would be a team event once a year
 - Mark Regan would run it (or find someone to run it)
 - Voted in favour by 12 attendees. None against.
 - **Action:** Mark Regan.
- Should we do something with our cash reserves to do more development with juniors?
 - We have a great junior program now but could do much more by going in to schools
 - Similar to the very successful programs in Wiltshire and also Kent.
 - We could also run taster sessions.
 - Karina would like to do something proactive along these lines at Redmaid School
 - Chew Valley are hoping to do run some initiatives to increase participation. Can they get some exhibition quality players down for a day?
 - This is an area we should be able to get additional funding from ES.
 - Voted in favour unanimously.
 - **Action:** With the committee to progress next steps. Include those parties (e.g. Chew) who expressed active interest.
- Should we run a racketball league?
 - Original suggestion was to replace the doubles league with a racketball league but that wasn't popular.
 - May be run in addition. Would have to look at court availability and pick a different day of the week.
 - Note that some counties run mixed singles and doubles team matches. Badsquash will be modified to support that.
 - Voted in favour by 19 attendees.
 - **Action:** With Duncan Higgins to work with the league secretaries and committee to see what can be done.
- Rule changes - should we do away with the order change rule?
 - This comes up every year. In general we don't like the rule and feel something based on levels could be better but we can never agree what that something should be.
 - Agreed to set up a separate working party to take a look at this one.

- **Action:** Set up working party.
- Can we make food optional?
 - One or two teams feel it is difficult and arrange food due to the late hours after matches.
 - Good discussion made it apparent that this was an all teams or no teams decision. It's not workable to have a few teams not provide food.
 - General feeling that the food and drink afterwards is what makes players stick around and be social which is half of what the league is all about. Summer league can be a bit flat as so many players leave straight away to get back and eat.
 - Vote held and agreed to keep the food requirement 25 to 0.

Notices

There will be a George Morgan memorial return match on 24th June between Bradley Stoke and Vivo, this time at Vivo. It will be a mix of squash and party and everyone is invited. It is hoped to eventually turn it into a recognised charity PSA event with all proceeds going to the British Heart Foundation.

IT update

Badsquash continues to develop. Features such as the head-to-head are new this year. Note that registration is free as it's covered by the county so it's a good idea to register so the system knows who you are. This will give you personalised pages like 'My history' and give you personalised rankings, highlight which divisions you've played in etc.

In case you didn't know, Somerset and Gloucestershire counties also use badsquash. There are around 45 England Squash counties and they all use one of about 10 league systems. There are a lot out there! The big ones are resultszone and leaguemaster in terms of number of counties served – they don't do as much as badsquash though!

Boxes

There are still quite a few clubs who still use spreadsheets and paper to run their boxes. This is just a reminder that you can run your boxes semi-automatically on badsquash for free.

- Automates nearly everything
- Gives non-league players a level
- Wall mode works nicely with a tablet on the wall (e.g. Redland, Weston)
- Free to all clubs

Planning to add

- Simple tournaments
- Combined doubles and singles matches (!) – for Glos.