



Firesport UK

Firesquash UK Section

Annual General Meeting 4th May 2019

Chairman's report

Firstly, and most importantly I would like to thank the members of the committee for their hard work and commitment to the section during 2018. We all know that events like this do not just happen but entail a great deal of hard work long before anyone turns up here on Friday lunchtime, similarly the quadrangle, which we hosted in 2018, involves a whole different set of logistics with 3 other organisations to liaise with. So, Martin, Paul, Simon and Simon thank you. I would also like to mention and thank Ady Proctor who, whilst not on the committee is never far away when there is something to be done, particularly assisting with the draws and running of this event.

I also want to give a special thank you to Simon as he steps down as the tournament secretary, Simon has been involved with Fire Service squash at the top level for about 30 years and has been a member of the committee for about 25 as treasurer, vice chair, secretary, tournament secretary and quadrangle captain. During what Simon refers to as the 'bad times', I simply don't think the section would have survived without a functioning bank account and him subsidising the section from his own personal but immense wealth. We have a lot to be grateful to him for. Please can we show our appreciation in the usual way.

2018 was a strong year for the section with an increased entry for the nationals, held for the first time on the May Day Bank Holiday weekend and a strong showing at the quadrangle where we were narrowly pipped at the post by the Police finishing second. Congratulations to the team and we look forward to taking the title back again this year, here in September. As another national championship draws to a close, I would like to thank those who have competed again in the best traditions of sport and best of luck for the finals tomorrow.

Wayne Bowcock