



Firesport UK

Firesquash UK Section

Annual General Meeting 2023

Chairman's report

2022 was another challenging year, but for different reasons than the last two. We had hoped to be back to normal with both a National and Quadrangle event but sadly the monarch passed shortly before and, quite rightly this 'Crown Services' competition was postponed. Sadly, Comfort Inns were not very gracious and decided to charge us the full amount for accommodation, only conceding to a discount on our next booking after some robust negotiations. Sadly, we lost one of our long-standing players during the year, Dave Parsons from Lincolnshire will long be remembered as a tough opponent but a fine gentleman. We have decided to name the over 60's tournament after him and have purchased a suitable trophy inscribed with his name.

Quadrangle

As reported above this was postponed but it is hoped to reschedule it in late January and still have one in the Autumn.

Nationals

Numbers were down again last year, not helped by the Public Holiday changes, but for those that did attend, there were some great matches, great fellowship and many memories made. Neil Cross became the national champion as well as the over 35's.

This year's championships are booked for the 12th to the 14th of May at Nottingham and we hope for a return to pre-pandemic numbers.

Fire Sport UK

Following a half-hearted return to normality in 2021, 2022 saw many more sections reemerging and a couple of possible new ones with archery and judo. Issues with insurance for services who have not paid their subscriptions and subscription arrears have been sorted with every authority in the country now fully engaged with Fire Sport UK. The role of patron remains vacant if anyone can think of a suitable willing replacement.

Paul Drakes Deputy Chairman on behalf of Wayne Bowcock Chairman