

## Technical Committee

For over 60 years Bill Pevy, an architect, together with other squash playing professionals, has provided a superb service to our sport by producing technical guidance on a whole range of issues relating to the technical aspects of court construction and maintenance.

Bill has been supported on the ESR Technical Committee by Eric Cruttenden as the Secretary and a group of 5/6 Architects, Chartered Surveyors and other professionals. With the passage of time, committee members have retired and only Eric Cruttenden and one of the architects remain in post.

It is time to rejuvenate the committee and continue the excellent work that has been done to date in providing technical support to the squash and racketball community.

The Technical Information Sheets (TIS) produced by the committee are available on the ESR website in the Support section and cover court requirements, playing surfaces, floors, lighting, ventilation, heating, glass doors, viewing areas etc. Many of the questions that arise from clubs and contractors can be answered by simply referring them to the TIS.

These documents need to be reviewed from time to time and updated as materials and technology advances. The TIS also include a list of 'Approved Contractors and Suppliers' who, over time, introduce new construction materials and methods that require approval.

Initial enquiries for technical support are made to the secretary of the committee who will normally refer the enquirer to the relevant TIS. When the enquiry requires something more, it is referred to a professional advisor e.g. Architect, Building Surveyor, Structural Engineer etc., who have practical experience and understanding of the requirements to provide ideal playing conditions on a squash court. Occasionally, one of the committee might have to visit the court experiencing the problem and in this circumstance, appropriate professional fees are paid.

Committee members may investigate work by approved contractors following a complaint to ESR.

If you, or a player that you know, has the relevant technical skills and professional qualifications, and would like to contribute as a member of the technical committee, please contact Eric Cruttenden [englandsquashtechmed@btopenworld.com](mailto:englandsquashtechmed@btopenworld.com) and Richard Antcliff [richard.antcliff@kent-squash.co.uk](mailto:richard.antcliff@kent-squash.co.uk) in the first instance.