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## Chairmans Report 2019

In our second year as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation we are now in a very stable position, which has been predominantly been down to the hard work and due diligence of our executive committee who all work on a voluntary basis.

### **Juniors:**

Junior development remains the focus for the association and we have had considerable success, as outlined within the Junior Development Report produced by Steve Franks. Our junior development activities also rely on supporting fully qualified England Squash, (ES), coaches with fully accredited certification to implement the Academy structure provided by the ES, which is now seeing junior participation increase at club and county level. The juniors are the future of the game and our coaches work within schools is bringing players in who would not have otherwise tried our sport.

### **Adults:**

The adult game is difficult to assess aside those who participate within the league system, but it has been noted there is a shift toward RB/S57 in the older generation.

### **KSRA Senior Leagues & Competitions:**

- 70 teams in the 2018/19 winter leagues
- 50 teams in the 2018 summer leagues
- 6 teams in the S57/RB leagues

Thanks to all those individuals who run these successfully year on year. The growth of the adult participation will be driven by organised club events for data entry into the ES App.

## **Nationally:**

The committee firmly believe ES club affiliation, (both squash and RB/S57), holds the key for the purpose of levy rebates to the county with insurances alone alone making it more than valuable to each club in return. The overall benefits to club and individual on offer can be found at the following links:

<https://www.englandsquash.com/membership/clubs>

<https://www.englandsquash.com/membership/players>

<https://www.englandsquash.com/membership/what-does-your-membership-fund>

## **Finances & funding**

Many thanks to Gerard for his work with the accounts outlined within the report provided and his continued generous contributions.

Special thanks must also go to:

- Miles & Barr for many contributions toward clothing and general sponsorship
- Elevating Safety Solutions for junior clothing
- Golding Homes for coaching support in under privileged areas within Maidstone

## **Future:**

It's a shame yet again our game has lost out on another Olympic bid, but this makes it even more essential we all work together to market the game and ensure a lifeline ahead for the next generation.

Every club needs to start looking outward and engaging with each other to ensure we have a network of communications to disseminate information. It will involve the use of social media and in this respect KSRA do have a presence on Facebook and Twitter and have recently started a 'Kent Squash News' Whats App group. The latter in particular seems to be an effortless avenue on many levels for sharing information and promotion of events.

Personally going forward my aim is to meet more representatives across the county from North to South who are willing to join the dots in this next year. We're all part of the jigsaw, so let's start piecing it together.

Kind regards,

Baz Hodson  
KSRA Chair