

SFC Squash Club

Annual General Meeting

5 March 2009, 5.30pm
SFC Main Club Function Room

Chairman's Report: February 2008 - March 2009

In 2008 the SFC Squash Club tripled its membership to about 90 players. Impressive but not blow-your-socks-off impressive.

In 2007 there were 9 regular players; this year we had over 50. That's impressive.

Our goal at the beginning of the year was to increase membership and activity by organising events, the by-product of which would be new friendships and more squash partners.

In 2008 we inaugurated or resurrected the following events with great success:

- Handicap Tournament
- Club Championships
- Social League
- Exhibition Games
- Training Sessions
- Junior Squash Week
- Daikin Coastal Open Tournament

We also entered, with excellent results, all the national tournaments in Windhoek and Walvis bay:

- Coastal League
- Top 16 Windhoek
- Namibian Closed
- Top 16 Walvis Bay
- Namibian Open
- Inter-club Championships
- Walvis Bay Business League

Encouraging to note is the increase in women and juniors playing. These are the two most important demographics of a squash club and in the new year we plan to see an increase in both.

I'd like to congratulate all members who entered into the competitions and events. Your participation is a credit to the club and I have had several positive comments about the improvement of players and their good spirit and exuberant nature.

It is safe to say that every active member has met somebody new through the club and this is as satisfying a result as any statistic or financial report could ever hope to achieve. To walk into the club and see people chatting and laughing over a round of drinks is to witness the very purpose of any sports club. And you'll know what I mean when I say there has been plenty to witness over the past year.

Andree, Corene and Sumari (you all know who they are) have been amazing. The most dynamic, dedicated and easy-going committee I've ever had the privilege to work with. Though it's not always evident, we work every week on some form of squash administration and I'd like to thank the committee on behalf of all the members for an often thankless job done ridiculously well.

The year ahead is going to be an exciting period of extended growth: if you thought 2008 was a bumper harvest, wait till this time next year. You'll be looking for more than your socks.

Ian Rowett, SFC Squash Club Chairman 2008/9