**RacketfansSeptember 30th**

**Hi Racketeers & Rectrusteers**

**Gringo Wilson here. I’m back from my adventures with your latest newsletter**

**Lots and lots and lots of interesting stuff for you. Find out how you can further help your favourite sports club. But first………**

**Squash and Racketball**

**You racketeers have been very busy. There have been 3 competitions, league matches, over £250 raised for charities and big turnouts for club afternoons. Repairs underway and big plans drawn up.**

**Read on for more details……**

**Big Andy Lloyd is overseeing development planning for the tennis section, with a little help from his friends and *immediate, mid -term and long-term* plans are being worked out and started.**

**Immediate plans include purchasing new tennis nets, tree surgery over court four, the purchase of necessary sundries like brooms, pruners, dust pans and a new shed to store the equipment. Some lighting still needs repairs and re-installation and we need to secure a stock of replacement bulbs.**

**Mid -term planning is largely focused on repairing/restructuring the wall between courts 3 and 4 and finding funding for relaying court 4.**

**Long -term planning is the continued availability of all courts. Courts 1,3 and 3 have a limited life schedule before relaying is necessary. The lighting is growing increasing old and will need attention.**

**Your help will be needed. If you have any ideas of fund-raising opportunities or can help in any way, please contact Andy.**

**Thanks to Mark L for servicing the ball machine, which is now fully operational and there, in the pavilion, waiting for you to use it.**

**And……a new coded padlock has replaced the inaccessible one between courts 3 and 4. Same code as other areas. Much easier now to retrieve errant balls or cut back invading shrubs.**

**Well done squash and racketballers for organising a tennis version of your annual summer team competition. Sam Phillips just beat Steve Morrall for 1st and 2nd. Rick King beat Tom Boyle for 3rd and 4th. James Williams beat Anne Scott in the plate competition.**

**Thanks to everyone who took part and for the brilliant planning by Steve O’Donnell.**

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**Another great event up-coming is the 50 mile challenge in October to raise funds for the Samaritans. Open to members to join in and support this very worthy venture. More details on the club website or contact Vicci Camm Shear @** **viccicamm@gmail.com**

**On Friday 25th Sept Jane Comyns and friends organised a splendid fundraising event in aid of NSG. On a lovely dry, sunny but windy day they had a great time and raised £120. Sadly, no pictures available but a big THANKS to you all.**

**Denise and Steve O’Connell organised and ran a Fun Tennis Competition on Sunday 27th involving squash, tennis and racketball players . My sources tell me it was a great success and once again the weather was kind. So far no detailed report or pics available but I hope to include more details in the next newsletter.**

**Saturday club afternoons are up to 16 at any one time and coach Maddie is busy. Well done everyone.**

**The Sportsman’s Bar is now offering even more food choices, a new menu and Sunday breakfasts !!!!!! Be sure to check it out.**

**That’s all for now. Your favourite club just keeps on getting better -thanks to all of you.**

**Au Revoir mes amis,**

**Gringo.**