



Lilleshall Squash Racquets Club

Based At The Lilleshall National Sports Centre



Fact file

Based at the Lilleshall National Sports Centre which was presented to the nation by the South African Government after the Second World War for the use of people in the UK
Lilleshall Squash Racquets Club was founded on the 22nd January 1969
The England Squash & Racketball Silver Charter Award was achieved in 2008
Centre has 5 courts including 2 glass backed
Head Coach ~ Garth Toner, Level 2 England Squash & Racketball Licensed.
Affiliated to England Squash in 2008
In 2008 had a serious court closure threat overturned

Overview

Lilleshall Squash Racquets Club operate out of a National Sports Centre, similar to that of running from a Leisure Centre facility. The Club have, from the very beginning, had a very good working relationship with the Sports Centre management and this has continued with the current company who are operating the Centre presently. They are in constant communication with the Centre Manager and as such are able to work together to arrange their court needs on an annual basis. The general public are still able to book and play independently of the Squash Club.

This information is particularly useful for Leisure Centres who are looking to develop a squash and Racketball club from their facility – so please read on for more helpful ideas and tips.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Lilleshall currently have 13 squash leagues of 5 members per league that are always played out to a conclusion, so we can safely say they are very popular! Every Wednesday and Thursday evening between 6.30pm and 9.30pm they hold 'Club Night' and on average have about 36 members per evening.

The Club has 1 team playing in the Shropshire Squash league and they are looking to create a team for the feeder league in the near future.

Thanks to recently re-kindling a strong relationship with England Squash & Racketball the Centre once again plays host to regular coaching courses and residential camps for junior and senior National Squads. This has been fantastic for members and players of all ages and ability to witness and gain inspiration from.

For more information on coaching and the coach license scheme please go to www.englishsquashandracketball.co.uk or see the contacts page in this newsletter.

JUNIOR PROGRAMME



Through dedicated voluntary coaching from Garth Toner the Club has built up a following of 30 juniors who take part in weekly sessions on a Saturday afternoon. As Garth provides his time free of charge the cost to their juniors is kept at just 50p per session.

Garth is working hard on increasing exposure to Mini Squash in Lilleshall through a schools programme and hopes that the juniors he coaches at the schools will come along to the Saturday afternoon coaching on court.

Just before Christmas 08 *all* juniors were involved in a competition Garth organised and each of them were pleased to receive certificates for taking part, which were presented by the Club's Chair, Paul Evans. Garth intends later this year to organise a more serious cup-competition and it is thanks to the coaching and competition opportunities that one of the juniors has progressed to the senior leagues.

Lilleshall has aspirations to support more coaches to gain their qualification and coach license in order to be able to support the growth of their junior section.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

The general public are able to use the courts on a 'pay and play' basis and then have the option of joining the Lilleshall Squash Racquets Club and partake in their activities should they wish. The Club has built up the membership to a very healthy figure of 130 members and it is their hope that this resurgence in the sport continues in the future.

At present the Club advertise and promote themselves in the local press and have a very good website (www.lilleshallsquash.co.uk) which has brought in many new members as too have the press adverts and articles.

