

# The role and responsibilities of SLT&SC President

The President is normally in his/her role for 3 consecutive years but can be re-elected at the following AGM. The President does not attend the Board Meetings unless requested for a particular item only. The President does not take part in Club policy matters or on any voting but can act in advisory capacity role if so requested.

It also includes: -

- Chairing the AGM and EGM meetings each year or and 'special/additional' meetings called.
- The President has the casting vote should there be a draw.
- Keeping in touch with the current Club Chairperson on all current/important matters.
- Attending award ceremonies and presenting awards – when asked.
- Attending Past Chairs and Board dinners; saying grace.
- Representing the Club at any other official gathering/meetings such as official reopening of any resurfaced courts or major buildings.

## PRESIDENT CANDIDATE PROFILES

### SUE BARTLETT

I am fortunate to have been a member for 30 years, joining to play squash and hoping to meet new people and make friends. That certainly happened as I met and married my husband, John. Now retired, I was a lawyer with a local firm of solicitors.

During my long commitment to the Club, I have shown myself to be honest, hard-working, and dedicated.

I became involved in Club management sharing the post of Squash Chairman with my husband. I was then Racketball Chairman and at the end of that I became Vice-Chairman of the Club. Retiring from work in May 2017 meant I was able to become Chairman in June 2017 and fulfil all aspects of that role for two years.

During my various roles I have kept the best interests of the Club and its members at heart and have always been available if any member wished to discuss anything with me. My experience in dealing with Club issues has allowed me to get to know members and their needs have always shaped my actions. This has given me the knowledge and expertise required for such a position.

Assisting with Club business for over seven years has given me the knowledge, expertise and qualities needed to be Club President. The role of President involves being the public face of the Club at numerous events and the figure head for all members. I would feel honoured to represent the Club in such a way should I be elected.



### STUART DAVIS

'To say the last six months have been a challenge would be an understatement and our club has had to make some difficult decisions as a result. Our current President, Mike Emery, has done a commendable job in navigating these uncertain times and I'd like to thank him for being an excellent ambassador and steward of our club: he'll certainly be a tough act to follow.

This said, as a proud member of this excellent club for some 24 years now, I have enjoyed playing an active role in it; first on the tennis committee, then as tennis Chair and finally a brief period as Club Chairman 2010-2011. Those of you who know me, know that my input and support for the decision making of the club over these past decades have always been guided by my firm belief in fairness for all sections of the club and always in its best interests, which my track record hopefully attests to. It is in this spirit that I would consider it a true privilege to assume the role of President and would relish the opportunity to continue my support of the club moving forward.'





## **NIVEN MALLINSON**

I joined the Club in 1983, in 1984 became Chair of the Tennis Tournament Committee and became Chairman of the Tennis Committee.

In 1985 I was elected Vice Chairman of the Club and was Chairman 1986-87.

During my Chairmanship, the first Squash professional was appointed. I was able to start the first Racketball team. I was one of the first men to play Racketball in the first Saturday evening event. I rectified an injustice by promoting Barry Ordish President.

I became a qualified tennis umpire officiating at Wimbledon and the Priory. I assisted in the organisation of Ratings tournaments and Reebok tour events. I took on the role of referee and umpire of the Club Championship which I continue after 20 years

I became more involved with Racketball playing in the leagues and assisting in various events e.g. last summer's tournament.

Socially I support most events. I sang in the carol concert choir and organised that event. I was a founder member of the Racketeers Go Society being captain twice. I was founder member of the Bridge Section acting as Director for a few years.

Since my Chairmanship I have tried to attend all the General Meetings of the Club.

I see the Presidency as an honorary post bestowed on members who worked for the Club over a considerable time. They should be the Club's figure head but should not be involved in the day to day management of the Club nor in policy decisions. They should act in an advisory role when required by the Board.

## **JOHN SWINGLER**

The Swingler family has a long and happy association with the club, lasting over 50 years. My brother-in-law, Colin Sankey, was a founder member of the 'new' club in 1969, and my first wife, Sylvia Sankey, made the celebratory cake for the opening ceremony.

Initially a member at Quarry Bank, I played Premier Division 1 and 2 in the Staffordshire County league and having been proposed at Stourbridge by Bev Pegg, Sylvia and I joined the club in the 1980's with our young children, Dean and Claire.

Dean rose through the junior ranks, representing the club at county and national level and as a doubles partner to Kirk Woodhall, the Stourbridge lads were formidable in the county and club leagues.

Dean worked at the club for 5 years, as Head of Mini Tennis and Assistant Club Coach to Les Davies.

I was club Tennis Chair for 3 years and supported by an amazing committee, we raised significant funds and brought a new, less formal social 'fun' element to the club.

I served on the Executive Committee of Hereford and Worcester LTA as fundraiser and I was invited to become an honorary Patron, which I remain to this day.

The club has played a prominent part in my family and social life, and I am proud to call many of the members (old and new), my friends. Due to the calibre of its members and facilities, the club remains one of the most prestigious clubs in the Midlands, and I would consider it a great honour and privilege to be voted Club President.

