# **Bishop's Stortford Squash & Racketball Club**

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# **Membership Information**

People join our Club for many different reasons: learning a new sport, returning to a sport after an absence, improving fitness, entering tournaments, general improvement of their game or for social reasons. Whatever the reason, we welcome new members to our great Club.

- England Squash Club of the Year 2007 & 2013
- All ages and playing standards of player welcome
- 6 squash courts (4 glass-backed, 1 with banked seating)
- Tournaments / Exhibitions / Coaching / Training & Fitness Sessions
- Online court booking system
- Opportunity to join Club teams (Essex and/or Hertfordshire divisions)
- Box leagues
- Bring a guest for just £7
- Social evenings and organised social playing events
- Lounge bar with tables & large TV
- Shop with racket restringing service
- Open 365 days a year



#### About Us:

The Club was founded in 1949 and is one of the strongest and friendliest clubs in the South East. In 2003, the Club underwent a complete refurbishment and continues to maintain a high standard and comfortable environment. In 2007 and 2013 we were voted England Squash Community Club of the Year. The Club is a Community Amateur Sports Club and is managed by Andrew Mulvey with the support of a voluntary committee.

## **Access Times:**

On joining the Club and paying your membership fee you will be issued with an electronic token for your mobile phone, allowing you entry to the Club 365 days a year (events etc allowing). Free car parking is available directly outside the Club.

## **Courts / Changing Rooms:**

There are six courts including 4 glass-backed show courts (one of which has banked seating that is used for exhibitions, finals nights etc). The courts are regularly swept and have a full maintenance service every year. Clean, non-marking shoes only must be worn on court. Changing facilities with showers are available.



#### Bar & Social:

The bar offers popular draft beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks. The bar is open Monday to Friday from 5.45pm and occasionally on Saturday afternoons. There are frequent sporting and social events throughout the year, details of which are regularly sent out to members via e-mail and put on display via posters at Club and on our social media sites.

# Membership:

We maintain a membership of over 250 people. Annual subscriptions are competitive for a club of its size and facilities. Different categories of membership are available including family, senior and juniors.

## Leagues (Squash):

Box style leagues for all standards of players are available to enter. We have winter (monthly) cycles and summer (six weekly) cycles. Details and results are all online.

## **Coaching:**

The Club has a number of England Squash qualified coaches. One-to-one coaching sessions as well as group sessions are available for beginners, intermediates and advanced level players.

## **Playing Procedure:**

We have a very simple playing procedure. Courts must be prebooked via an online website for members only (we do not offer a 'pay-as-you-play' option). The cost of lights is included in your membership fee.

#### **Tournaments:**

Club tournaments for squash and racketball are held throughout the year including the Club Handicap Tournament, Open Championships, Balsham Bowl, Challengers Trophy, Doubles Tournaments and Age Group tournaments. Notices and entry sheets are posted around the Club and are sent to members via e-mail.

# Teams:

Our 1st team regularly plays in the top division of the Herts leagues and has previously won titles in both Herts and Essex. We regularly have other men's, ladies and junior teams for all standards of players in the Herts and Essex leagues, in addition to the Club playing in national competitions.



# **Squash Training Sessions / Fitness Sessions:**

For a small additional fee, regular structured sessions are available to join in with to improve your squash and fitness, run by a qualified coach.

#### **Exhibitions:**

Regular exhibitions are held at the Club featuring Top World Class players

## Juniors:

The Club has a thriving junior section for boys and girls from complete beginners through to match-play standard. Our Junior teams have won county league honours and some players have progressed to County, National and even professionally standards.



#### Club Shop:

The club shop stocks a limited selection of rackets as well as essential equipment (balls, grips, shirts, bags etc). A prompt and efficient restringing service is also available.

#### Website and e-mail:

Our website can be seen at <a href="www.stortfordsquash.co.uk">www.stortfordsquash.co.uk</a> and includes a lot of information about our Club. Regular news updates are also sent out by the Club Manager via e-mail and items posted to social media accounts.

## **Trial Membership:**

Although generally paid annually or by monthly standing order, we currently offer new members a one off 'trial period' of 4 months if required. If for any reason you join and then find that you are not benefitting from your membership, you may cancel your membership at any time.

#### **Guests:**

Senior members may bring guests to the club on payment of a £7 fee. A member may bring the same guest to the Club a maximum of 6 times during the year.

## How to join:

We offer a range of memberships to suit all people. Joining is simple. Firstly complete our Membership Application Form and forward this to the Club Manager. Payment of fees due must then be paid by online transfer. A monthly standing order may instead be set up (details of this are available on request). Following receipt of the form and first payment, you will then be provided with credentials to enable you to access the Club and details of how to book courts etc.

If you would like more information about membership or would like to arrange to have a tour of the Club and its facilities, please contact our Club Manager, Andrew Mulvey.

### **Contact Details:**

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Treasurer: Steve Brown

Secretary: John Haynes

Captain: Steff Burkwood

President: Nick Ridgway

