

I have been asked to act as Chair until the Management Committee elect a new Chair at their June meeting.

Firstly, I would like to thank all members on behalf of the Management Committee for their attendance, input and interest at the AGM. There was a record attendance of 174. The extraordinary meeting to discuss the proposed refurbishment is scheduled for 5 May 2011 at 7 pm. Once again your input will be welcomed, whatever your current views are on the matter. Following the display of the initial draft plans the responses of members and staff, both verbal and written have been taken into account and proposed alterations have been made. Revamped proposed plans will be displayed prior to the EGM.

The Centenary Ball tickets are now on sale and the centenary committee have worked hard to make this a show case event. Please support this unique occasion and book your table as soon as possible. The Centenary Draw tickets are also on sale as are the hooded sweatshirts that the junior members helped design. There is also a range of centenary glassware. These can all be purchased at reception.

The Entertainments Committee have scheduled a full calendar of events so keep checking the notice boards and web site for details. Further to this there is a now a suggestion book in reception if members have ideas for events to be included on the calendar.

The Mothers' Day lunch at the club was again a great success, well done to Richard, Denise and the entire bar and catering staff.

It has been a very exciting time for the Squash section of the club. The staging of the Solent Junior Open tournament attracted 219 players and further establishes LOST as a premier squash venue. Congratulations to Tim Vail and everyone involved in the organisation and all who supported this event and also to all involved in the very successful club closed finals, which produced a most exciting weekend of squash.

A big "well done" goes to the men's tennis national league team in winning their last match against Kingsley a strong and committed performance from all the players against the only side to beat us last year...revenge is sweet! The planning for the Tennis Open day on 28th May is well underway and let's hope that the weather is better this year as a great deal of hard work is going into making it a success.

New fitness classes are on the programme and hopefully the improved air conditioning in the studio will allow members to work even harder! Ellen and Kate continue to provide an excellent service in their very well appointed treatment room.

Thanks to the maintenance team who have been busy painting the bar area, changing rooms and the squash courts. There is a defects book behind reception for members to record any maintenance issues noticed.

Can I ask all members to try and be good neighbours particularly when parking in Swanage Road - please ensure that driveways are not obstructed.

Let us hope that the recent fine weather is a foretaste of a good (centenary) summer ahead so that we may all enjoy membership of our great club to the full.