

# County Association Network (CAN)

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Dear Colleagues,

Following the inaugural meeting of County Squash Associations on 11<sup>th</sup> November I am pleased to accept your nomination as chairman as we move into a new positive relationship with the Governing Body.

The journey to this point has not been plain sailing as there has been a certain amount of mistrust in various groups, as well as enforced changes in the governance of our sport. In the past there seemed to be barriers rather than bridges and a defending of positions rather than a willingness to overcome difficulties.

In the recent past, however, thanks to some people, too many to mention here, who have a passion to see our sport flourish at all levels, there is much evidence of increasing good will and a desire to work more closely together.

The motif:- Together we can – gives us much hope as we move into this new chapter in our relations with the Governing Body, its Board and Executive, as well as with other stakeholders in the sport.

It is not the function of CAN to take away the right of any county to talk to the Governing Body on any matter. That always remains, but there are many areas of interest common to us all, and this is where CAN will be able to play a key role on your behalf.

We know that in the County Associations there is a vast repository of expertise, experience and knowledge and as we go forward it would be good to be able to identify and use all of that as the need arises. It is our hope that you will say yes to being a member of the County Association Network. That will be our assumption unless you tell us differently.

The diagram, prepared by Richard Bickers gives an idea of CAN's position in the governance of the sport. The minutes of the inaugural meeting show who else is on the executive committee.

We will meet together soon and would like to hear from you if there are any pressing matters you wish us to discuss.

Regards

Alan Batchelor