

CSSC LONDON ANNUAL REPORT - 2006

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

I have the pleasure of introducing my 4th Annual Report as Chairman of CSSC London.

CSSC London and the London Management Board (LMB) continue to thrive and expand the range of sports & leisure opportunities for Civil Servants in London. Details of an eventful 2006 are highlighted in the following sections. I hope you will agree with me that the dedication of willing Board members, volunteer organisers and hard working staff has further enhanced CSSC London's approach to sport & leisure in the capital and provided a greater range of opportunities for our members.

We saw in 2006 a continuing increase in the numbers of entries to our sporting competitions. Some of this increase was undoubtedly due once again to the continued attraction provided by the Barbados Challenge and the opportunity for competition winners to represent CSSC London in Barbados against the Barbados Civil Service. It has for the past 3 years stirred a lot of interest and against this background the Barbados Challenge has been opened to the South & South East Regions of CSSC in 2007. We are, as ever, grateful to the Departmental Associations for the publicity they give to this event and for passing on the mountain of information, posters etc produced by the CSSC London Team.

We have established a good record in recruiting and retaining new members to CSSC. We need to keep working hard and be imaginative in devising our sports & leisure programme and dynamic in its delivery. One of our biggest challenges is still creating awareness of what we have to offer. We have an excellent website that gets better by the year and provides us with an excellent communication tool. In addition to the website we advertise our facilities in the CSSC Leisure Scene magazine copies of which are sent to members' home addresses.

With the many Members' Offers currently available and our staff continually looking to extend them, the future for Civil Servant participation in London continues to look very bright indeed.

The LMB can feel greatly encouraged by another positive performance in 2006. It will be my task to see that this success is built upon in 2007 and beyond. I welcome this challenge and I am confident that we have, in our staff, our LMB members and all other volunteers, a first class force that will take the programme forward.

Roy Alder
Chairman of the London Board

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CSSC London continued to thrive during 2006 with more competitions and events and great support from our Volunteer Organisers.

New activities during the year included a **rock climbing course**, **trips to art exhibitions**, **pamper spa & fitness weekends** and **belly dancing courses**, the trips to **Ascot Races** and to the **Bruges Christmas market** went ahead as usual. The new **netball league** continued to flourish, as did the **fencing club** that operates at Chadwick Street.

Barbados Challenge

Numerous competitions were held throughout the year, the reward to many winning teams and individuals being the opportunity to travel to Barbados in October 2007, at a heavily subsidised rate, to represent CSSC London in the 4th Challenge competition against the Barbados Civil Service. With so much at stake the finals of the competitions had tremendous significance but all credit must go to the competing teams for their excellent conduct and discipline.

In October 2006 the 2005 competition winners travelled to Barbados to compete in the 3rd Barbados Challenge competition to be held in the Caribbean. The team did not win but it must be said the Barbados opposition was much stronger than it had been in the previous 2 years. The fact remains, all of our representatives had a wonderful time and the hospitality shown to us by our Bajan friends was, once again, absolutely brilliant.

Planning has started for the successor St Lucia Challenge, the first trip to St Lucia will be in the autumn of 2008 (following qualifying events during 2007).

Summer Sports Day

The third CSSC London Sports Day was held at Chiswick in July, events included netball, mixed rounders, mixed volleyball, mens and ladies tennis, ladies 6 a side soccer, petanque, target golf, giant jenga and skittles. There were lots of activities for the kids to have a go at including pony riding, kiddies races and of course the bouncy castle.

The South & South East Regions of CSSC joined in with the fun by sending up full coaches from as far away as Dover, Maidstone and Portsmouth. Travelling even further was the visiting Barbados Team that competed in most of the competitions on the day. Fortunately the weather was excellent and this helped to ensure the day was very enjoyable for spectators as well as for those who were taking an active part.

The success of the day can be attributed to the hard work of the full time staff and our numerous volunteers, congratulations to all involved with the organisation and congratulations to all the winners who qualified to go to Barbados in 2007.

Indoor Sports Competition

This was held at Chadwick Street on Saturday 28th October and events included darts, dominoes, pool, dry triathlon and cribbage. The competition was very relaxed

and once again the skilful winners of the various competitions qualified to represent CSSC London in Barbados 2007.

CHADWICK STREET CENTRE

At Chadwick Street the Fitness Centre benefited from the installation of 2 new cross trainers, 2 new exercise bikes, 2 new treadmills and a revolutionary new Bodycoach machine.

A new CCTV system was introduced and further LCD Screens improved members' television viewing. Conference facilities were enhanced and consequently well used throughout the year, and a new website – www.chadwickstreet.co.uk - was launched.

Revised menus and wine lists gave our members plenty of choice when arriving for lunch, dinner or even an afternoon meal. The 'Buddy' deal (introduce a colleague to membership of CSSC and eat lunch at Chadwick Street for a week free) was successful and will be continued.

COMMUNICATIONS

During the year CSSC introduced Regional e-newsletters, and London members with email addresses will have benefited by regularly receiving the latest regional information.

Through our hardworking office staff we kept in constant touch with our Departmental colleagues and volunteer organisers. Numerous meetings were held with our Departmental contacts in an effort to identify the best way of advertising our facilities throughout London offices. In many cases the difficulty in 'spreading the word' is shared by our Departmental colleagues who have their own Departmental information to distribute. In many cases we went ahead with joint campaigns and produced joint publications to attract more members to CSSC and the Departmental Associations.

We are proud of the London website (www.cssc-london.co.uk) which continues to provide a 24 hour communication tool.

THE ESTATE

CSSC London continued to have overall responsibility for the operations at Chadwick Street and Chiswick. It was during 2005 that CSSC announced its intentions to develop a ROKO site at the Chiswick Sports Ground. ROKO is a top class fitness/leisure centre providing all that you might expect in the way of fitness equipment plus indoor swimming pool, sauna, solarium, beauty treatments and more. During the year ROKO received provisional planning permission (subject to certain conditions being fulfilled) to develop a ROKO at Chiswick.

STAFFING

At the beginning of the year we introduced Gemma Fabian as our full time Event & Volunteer Co-ordinator. Gemma has settled into her role really well, her contribution to the expanding sports & leisure programme has been immense.

FINANCE

CSSC London Accounts

CSSC London's Accounts are published annually and available via the website www.cssc-london.co.uk.

Change in funding of CSSC London

In December 2006 it was agreed that CSSC London would be funded by CSSC on a per capita basis rather than a grant basis. The London Management Board were content that, with effect from 1 January 2007, London would receive funding in respect of the number of CSSC members working within the M25 (excluding Heathrow Area). A great incentive for all of us to recruit new members!

METROPOLITAN POLICE MEMBERSHIP

At the end of the year CSSC agreed that Police Officers serving in the Metropolitan Police Force could be eligible for membership of CSSC.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held at Chadwick Street on 27 April 2006.

John Butterfield
CSSC London Manager
April 2007