

CSSC LONDON ANNUAL REPORT – 2007

INTRODUCTION

I have the pleasure of introducing my 5th 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 2007 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.

FUNDING

In 2007 a new funding mechanism was introduced to the Region. In 2007 and for subsequent years, instead of us receiving a fixed annual grant from Head Office, CSSC London's funding will be calculated and based on the number of CSSC members working in the Capital. There lies the incentive for us to recruit new members and retain those that we already have, more members will mean more money, in turn this will result in an even bigger and better service we will be able to provide.

Details of our accounts were made available to members at our Annual meeting held on 25th April 2007.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

During the year we saw a significant increase in the number and diversity of events made available to our members. This can be attributed to the excellent work of our Sports and Recreation Group and the efforts of Gemma Fabian our new Events & Volunteer Coordinator. In addition to our established programme of events we introduced the Cruise to Bilbao, Ski Trip to Italy and advertised our first trip to Iceland. Closer to home we had successful disco/music nights at Chadwick Street Recreation Centre and started up 'singles' nights, speed dating, belly dancing classes, fitness weekenders, pamper nights, arts exhibitions, healthy eating courses, walking tours and nights out at greyhound racing.

For the 2007 Barbados Challenge we were joined in Barbados by our near neighbours from the South and South East Regions. The competition and rewards that the Barbados Challenge provides was experienced by our neighbour Regions and I'm pleased to report that the joint 2007 Barbados Challenge qualifying team was successful in the Caribbean for the first time since 2004. The Barbados Challenge Trophy is back home in London. We are, as always, grateful to the Departmental

Associations that advertise our Barbados Challenge and other events and encourage participation.

In addition to all of the above we have concentrated on the development of further Leagues and Clubs within London. 2007 saw the introduction of successful netball and ladies 5 a side soccer leagues and a new Badminton Club

COMMUNICATION

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. 2007 saw the continuation of enewsletters issued to members. It is vital to us that all members let us have their email addresses to enable us to keep in touch with them on a regular basis.

ESTATE

2007 was the year that CSSC London passed responsibility for the administration of the Chiswick Sports Club & Grounds to CSSC Head Office. Nevertheless meetings were convened during the year to discuss the implications to ground users of the proposed ROKO development at Chiswick. By the year end no date had been set for the commencement of ROKO development at Chiswick.

The Chadwick Street facilities were further improved and they continue to be well supported.

MEMBERS OFFERS

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.

SUMMARY

The LMB can feel greatly encouraged by another positive year in 2007. It will be my task to see that this success is built upon in 2008 and beyond. I welcome this challenge and I am confident that we have, in our staff, our LMB members and all our volunteers and organisers, a first class force that will take the programme forward.

Roy Alder CBE
Chairman of the London Board