

## UITSIG SQUASH CLUB CAPTAINS REPORTS

### Report by Ladies Club Captain 2016 – Sharon Cousins

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team captains, Denise Mulder, Susan Fourie, Maryna Fourie and Adele de Rand for assisting me this past year. They did an amazing job this league season in ensuring their sides were motivated and always keen to play. I would also like to thank all the players that took part and enabling us to field 5 sides this league season.

2016 was a first for many achievements. Thanks to Brett and Ralph that assisted in securing Elani and Lume Landman to join our club and enabling us to have a first league side. With a first league, 2 reserve league and 2 second league sides we had almost 30 ladies taking part in league. Many of the ladies that took part in our Uitsig Internal League for the last two years plucked up the courage to take part in league for the first time. Although we had many ladies taking part, with most sides having either 5 or 6 in a team and playing on a rotational basis we struggled in the latter part of league season to fill sides especially in reserve league. This was mostly due to injuries, other sport commitments, illnesses and work commitments. We entered Blitz league with the team being made up of Elani, Lume, Sharon and Marelize. We did not go down without a fight and managed to take first place in a nail biting last match.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> League: Captained by Sharon Cousins

With Elani and Lume's experience and guidance we managed to end 2<sup>nd</sup> in first league. The team grew in strength over the season. It was sad to say farewell to the twins as they took up an opportunity of a lifetime in Connecticut, America. A word of thanks to Elani and Lume for their passion, commitment and love for the sport. It was an honour to be part of a team with both of them. Not just speaking for myself but I know that many junior and senior players have learnt a tremendous amount from both of them over the last year. We wish them all the best in their new venture.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reserve League Side: Captained by Denise Cordani

Thank you to Denise for leading the side. After losing their number one due to other sporting commitments at the half way mark it put a lot of pressure on the team as everyone had to move up. The team ended 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve League Side: Captained by Susan Fourie

Thank you for taking over the reins even though you were out with injury. The team battled to fill a side later in the year. Thank you to Maggle and Karla that helped the side out. The team ended 9<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Second League Side: Captained by Maryna Fourie

This was a very passionate and enthusiastic group of ladies captained by Maryna. Thank you for taking these ladies some of whom were new to the league setup. The team ended 4<sup>th</sup> overall.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Second League Side: Captained by Adele du Rand

Thank you to Adele for taking on the responsibility as captain. This was her first year playing league and she captained the team with great enthusiasm. The team ended 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

Overall no sides were promoted or demoted. We are still trying to arrange a number one so that we can continue with 1<sup>st</sup> league next year. If not we will drop the 1<sup>st</sup> league and have two reserve league sides and possibly 3 second league sides representing Uitsig in 2017.

#### Club Champs 2016:

We had 18 very eager ladies taking part in the Club Champs of 2016.

The ladies took on the challenges with eagerness and with great sportsmanship. We had numerous ladies playing in their first ever club champs. Thank you to all that entered and were always on time for your matches and assisted with marking duties.

Congratulations Karla Hunt for a well-deserved win and was crowned our ladies Club Champ for 2016 with Sharon Cousins in runner up position.

In closing congratulations to each and every one of you. I know it was tough at times trying to field a full side but with teamwork we managed at most times to field full sides. To all those who experienced their first year playing league I hope that you enjoyed this past season and you will be hungry for more in 2017.

### **Report by Monday Night Club Captain 2016 – Gerhard Fourie**

Good evening everyone

I am very pleased with the Monday night teams, they showed a lot of character and great spirit towards the game and held Uitsig's name high.

I would just like to thank all the captains for getting their teams ready each week, great sportsmanship, teamwork and dedication for the League, they made my job very easy.

The juniors performed exceptionally well as they were the overall winners, the 14th League however came last but showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

10th League – 4th

11th League – 2nd

12th League Black – 1st

12th League Green – 9th

13th League – 7th

14th League – 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Report by Tuesday Night Club Captain 2016 – Deon Groenewald**

To All Uitsig Members

This year Tuesday night league was a huge success, comprising of 5 Teams, which played in the following league

#### **5<sup>th</sup> League, Captain was Lucian du Plessis**

The Team Struggled in the beginning of the season but settled down ending 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams, we managed not to be relegated which was our main aim

#### **7<sup>th</sup> League (Team 1), Captain was Reinhardt Falcke**

The Team maintained momentum throughout the year losing 1 match out of 16(on a countout), winning the league by a good margin of 32 points

Well done to Reinhardt, Damian, Deon, Andre and Barend who were the team members, and off course our faithful helpers Wimpie and Francois when we needed to push their buttons, the team will be promoted to 6<sup>th</sup> league next year

#### **7<sup>th</sup> League (Team 2), Captain was Gerhard Fourie**

Always tough to have 2 sides in a league, but they managed to end 3<sup>rd</sup>, behind Adelaars by 21 points, great effort guys

#### **8<sup>th</sup> League, Captain was Wynand Ras**

All in all they had a good season managing to end 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Tuks(10 points) and SAR(12points), it was always going to be close, well done to Wynand and his team

#### **9<sup>th</sup> League Captain was Lourens Coetzer**

Team did extremely well, ending 2<sup>nd</sup> to Centurion whom had a very strong 9<sup>th</sup> league, players playing not in position but for the title, they all know who they are☺

Well done Team, they are promoted to 8<sup>th</sup> league , but we will be declining the promotion then we will have a full complement of leagues next year, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to all who participated in the league, it was a joy to run Tuesday night, had one or two nights struggling to find a player but we did not have one no show, which is great,

Will see the 7<sup>th</sup> League and 9<sup>th</sup> League at the awards Function, to celebrate

Till 2017

Regards  
Deon Groenewald

**Report by Thursday Night Club Captains 2016 (UTNL) – Ralph du Toit and Jaco Marais**  
*(to be added to the chairman's report at the AGM)*

The 2016 squash season has been phenomenal. This report summarises achievements for 2016 and sets goals for 2017.

The goals set for 2016 was daunting:

1. To win First league
1. To win Reserve league with at least one of our teams and the other to be under the top three.
2. To win 2nd league. (We eventually entered another team)
3. To win 3rd league
4. To win 4th league.

The goals achieved for 2016:

1. Won first league
2. Won Reserve league and other side joint runner up
3. Second in 2nd league behind a very strong CBC/TUT side and the other side 6th and safe from relegation
4. Third in 3rd league, a great comeback after a slow start
5. Won 4th league

This entail 3 promotions and a first league win. Once again, the vision, goals and achievements from 2013, 2014 and 2015 must be credited for current success, with the backbone of the success:

1. Excellent backing from the club management. That entails administrative, financial, visionary and moral support by the committee.
2. Good constant communication throughout the year on a weekly basis by the League Night captain and the chairman.
3. Reminders of what the goals for the year are and constantly reiterated by the team captains.
4. Seven Team Captains that really worked just as hard in setting up good communication, support and motivational structures. They were Derek van der Merwe, Jaco Marais, Carel Ras, Gielie du Toit, Phillip Earle, Fred Lapage and Zander van der Merwe.
5. Guidance and leadership from our Vice Chairman, Ralph du Toit

For 2017, we will have 2 First league sides, 2 Reserve league sides, a Second league, Third League and Fourth league. Once again, at least one team per Thursday Night League. I would like to emphasize how important communication from the Night Captain to the Team Captains to the Team Players are. We need to keep the current dedication to communication.

As for our top players with special thanks to Ralph du Toit and Derek van der Merwe, we are glad to retain Andrew Martin, Jarryd Carter, Craig Stephens and Derek van der Merwe. We also welcome Dylan Groenewald to the Uitsig Squash Club family. Dylan is a player with immense talent and a bright future in our beloved sport.

The goals for 2017 will be:

1. To win First league and the other side to end in the top 5.
2. To win Reserve league with at least one of our teams and the other to be under the top three.
3. To win 2<sup>nd</sup> league.

4. To win 3<sup>rd</sup> league
5. To win 4<sup>th</sup> league.

These are daunting goals again, but achievable for Uitsig Squash Club.

Let the Uitsig Squash Club light burn bright in 2017!

**Jaco Marais**

*Incoming Uitsig Thursday League Night Captain*

**Report from Ralph du Toit**

As outgoing League Night Captain I would like to thank Jaco Marais for the excellent manner in which he took over during the middle of the season. It was really a smooth transition from one to the other. Jaco has a passion for the sport backed by good tactical knowledge and a likable personality. The goals that I initially set for UTNL in 2012, received with some disbelief by some UTNL players, has been met! What a great feeling. I felt that the time was right, in view of the achievement of the goals, to step down from this specific responsibility at the club.

I deem it necessary to again thank Wynand Ras, previous Uitsig Chairman, who had the vision to delegate the position of Club Chairman to our current various League Night Captains. This has been a wise move that no other club in Northernns followed yet (as to my knowledge). I believe this move contributed to a great extent to our success on UTNL level.

May the club continue to achieve the goals set before them.

**Ralph du Toit**

*Outgoing Uitsig Thursday Night League Captain*