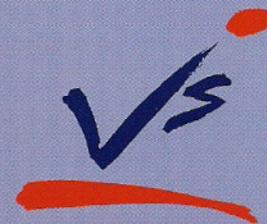


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Your President, Geoff Sherratt writes:

It is nine months since I took office, and I can confirm the truth in the old adage that 'time flies when you are enjoying yourself'. At this rate I will be handing over to John East, in what will appear to have been no time at all.

In my first message which was contained in our superb handbook covering the 2002-2003 season, I confirmed that Denstone College had agreed to commence renovation of their four Rugby Fives courts, with a view to having them playable by September 2003. Their objective was duly achieved, and I was delighted to be invited to officially open the newly renovated complex.

Accordingly, along with fellow board member Bob Dolby, I visited Denstone College on the bitterly cold evening of Thursday 27 November 2003, and in the company of Mr David Derbyshire the Headmaster, Ms Judy Teather Director of Development, Mr Steven Phenner Head of Sport, Mr David Dexter Master in charge of Fives, together with a number of fund raising contributors, had much pleasure in undertaking my first official duty, as President, and duly opened the refurbished court complex. I know that the re-opening of the courts at Denstone has provided a huge boost to the Board, and in particular the trustees

of the Charitable Trust, who made such a generous contribution towards the total cost of the project. It is great to see the trend of court closures and courts falling into a poor state of repair finally being reversed, and many thanks must once again go to Denstone College for making the decision to ensure their Rugby Fives courts will remain operational for many years to come. With the enthusiasm shown by all at Denstone, I am sure it will not be too long before they are once more challenging for honours in the schoolboy championships.

I have also managed to attend a number of the tournaments held up to the end of the year, the highlight being the Presidents Cup, which I attended for the first time. This was a superb tournament, extremely well organised, contained a lot of good quality Fives played in the right spirit, and in which all competitors had plenty of games. My only regret was that I had not played in the competition when I was capable of doing so.

I must say, that all the events that I have attended have been very well organised, and successfully completed. I am also aware that those tournaments which, unfortunately, I could not support, have been equally well run, and on behalf of the Board and all players, would like to sincerely thank



the organisers of all the championships run to date, for all their efforts in organising and running such good events. They are very much appreciated.

Finally may I wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year, and trust that you continue to enjoy the remainder of this seasons Rugby Fives.

