



● Ian Wright, second from left, with the participants

Squash referees clinic held

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THE first Orient Irrigation Squash Referees Clinic was held recently in Dubai. Ian Wright, a retired international referee and tutor, was flown in by SwissAir to conduct the two one-day clinics at the Dubai Country Club.

Participants were treated to a brief history of the game of squash before getting down to the basics. The goal of the course was to assist the players in learning how to become better referees. Wright taught the correct terminology to use as well as covering the

rules and how to implement them. He used members of the group to recreate situations as well as using his notes.

Wright has been active in squash, both as a player and professional referee, since 1968 when he qualified as a SRA Referee and Coach. He has travelled the world extensively since then, conducting refereeing clinics as well as marking some of the international squash finals. He is presently the squash secretary for Kent and is a member of the European Squash Federation. Participants will be able to

implement their new skills during the forthcoming Orient Irrigation Squash Tournament to be held on January 26 and 27 at the Dubai Country Club.

This year sees the debut of two new countries — Australia and Egypt as well as the more established teams of Pakistan, England, India, Africa, UK and Canada. The Chairman's Invitational team and Nikki Harradine's Rest of the World round out the field. Competition starts on Thursday at 2:30 and continues on Friday from 11am to 8 pm.