

Reports for Chelmsfordians Tennis AGM

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Item 3 - Minutes of last meeting (8/11/19)

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Item 5 - Chairman's report (Jane Gray)

Undoubtedly the coronavirus pandemic has dominated our thoughts this year and it has presented us with many challenges. My sincere thanks to all committee members and playing members for their continued support and forbearance as we navigate our way through the restrictions. The committee made the decision to reduce membership fees to compensate for the lockdown restrictions and despite initial concerns, I am pleased that we have been able to maintain our membership levels.

We took the opportunity during lockdown to adopt a new membership renewal process, which is incorporated into our new website, and after a few initial teething problems it has proved very successful. My thanks to Simon Page and Richard Morley-Jacob for all their work to support this improvement.

We were very fortunate that tennis was one of the first sports to be 'released from lockdown' and our online court booking system has been invaluable in enabling members to make great use of the courts. The ongoing maintenance contract for the upkeep of the courts is now even more essential as court usage has increased significantly.

One of the casualties of the circumstances was our annual club tournament - the restrictions surrounding social gatherings made our format for the tournaments unviable. However, the singles ladder was much more 'virus-friendly' and was a roaring success producing many close fought battles.

Whilst the summer league was completely abandoned before a set was played, the winter league has made a tentative return with a reduced fixture list. I must place on record our thanks to Sue White who arranged a full schedule of over 100 summer matches only to see her work come to nothing as the pandemic took hold. She has since had to arrange the winter fixtures without the luxury of a fixtures meeting (another casualty of social distancing rules) which has been immensely time consuming and at times frustrating - why don't some people answer their emails?!?

Club night has also made a cautious return, numbers have been relatively low but those who have attended have enjoyed a good evening of tennis. Thanks to Catherine Gregory for co-ordinating the evenings and ensuring we comply with our Covid-secure guidelines.

As we continue into the winter with our AGM convened on Zoom and many restrictions still in place, it is difficult to know what to expect so we will continue to reassess our situation and do everything we can to enable members to keep playing as much as possible in a safe and responsible manner.

Item 6 - Fixtures/Results (Sue White)

The winter league 19/20 was brought to an abrupt halt by lockdown and the summer league was completely abandoned. Winter league 20/21 has just restarted with a 50% reduction in matches.

Item 7 - Treasurer's report (Richard Morley-Jacob)

Financial & Membership Report - Year to 30 September 2020

1. Summary

- Net profit for the year – increased from £10k to £14k
- Due to exceptional costs of rejuvenating the courts in 2019 (£7.6k)
- Income – down £4k (subscriptions reduced by 25% because no play possible in lockdown, coaching/match fees also lower due to less play)
- Overall total costs (excluding court rejuvenation costs in 2019) were static at approximately £4k
- Membership – decreased by 30, mostly juniors. (Total 172)
- Membership fees – last increased in 2016 – held since then
- Most membership renewal online and fees payable by bank transfer
- Next year – net profit budgeted at £11k

2. Income and Expenditure

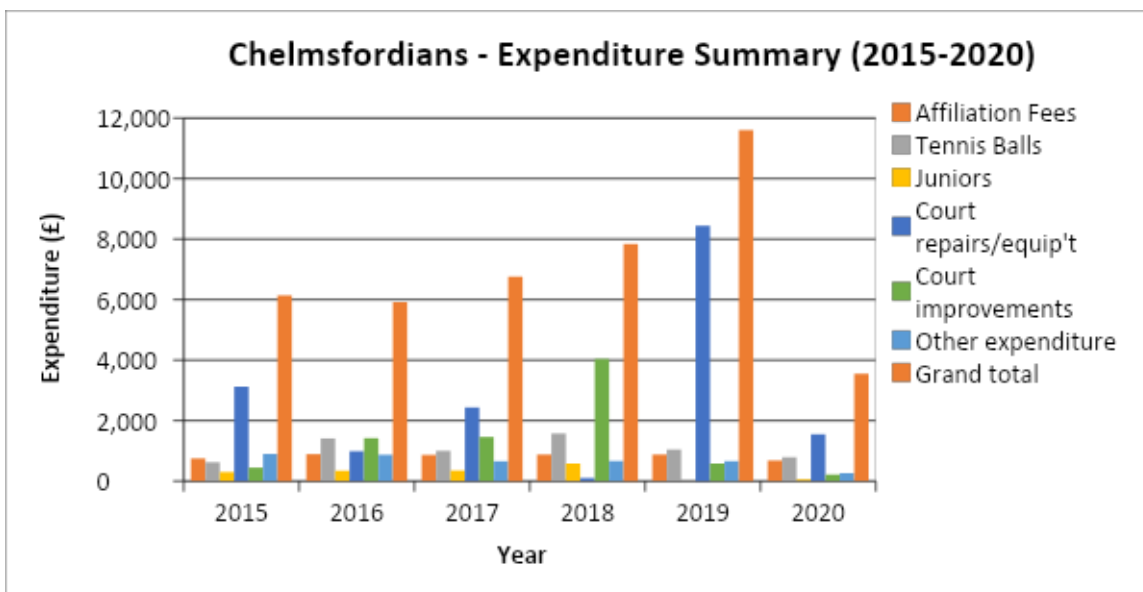
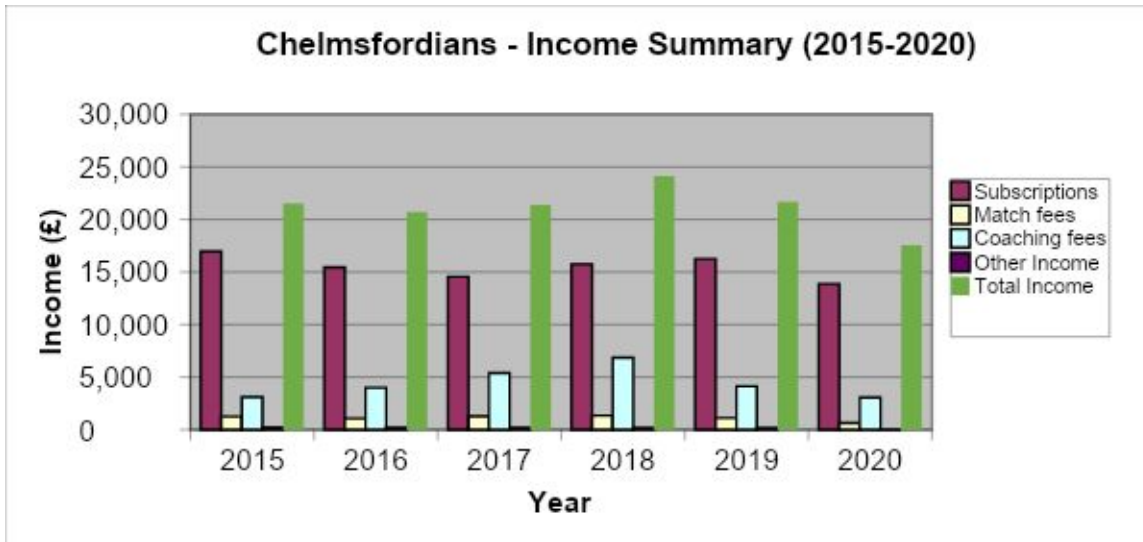
	2020	2019	Diff
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£
Subscriptions	13,862	16,243	(2,381)
Coaching Fees	3,059	4,136	(1,077)
Match Fees	634	1,124	(490)
Tournament Fees	-	168	(168)
Other	-	-	-
Total	17,555	21,671	(4,116)

Expenditure (Tennis Section)

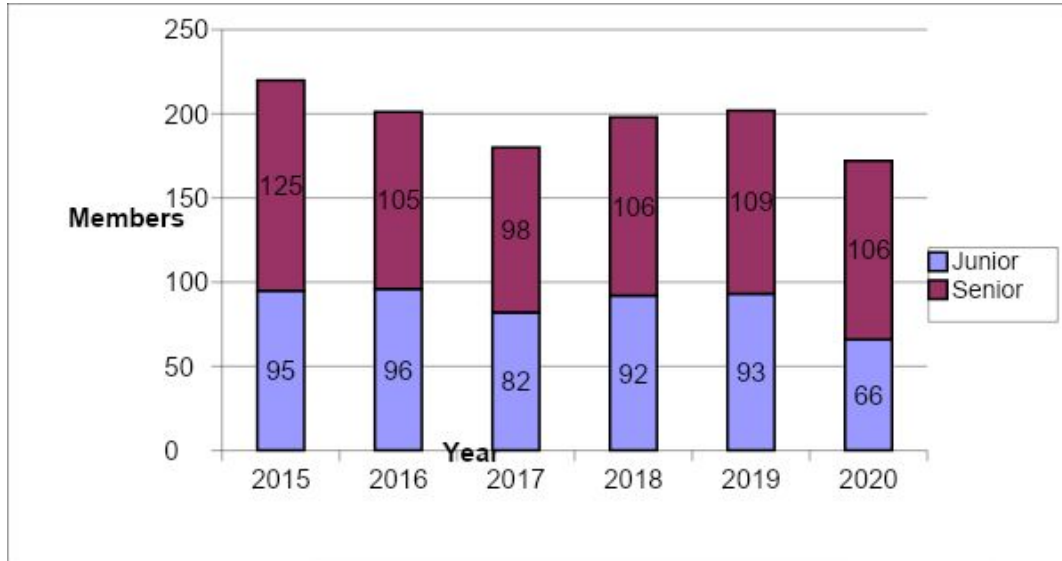
Affiliation Fees	681	878	197
Balls	789	1,044	255
Junior Courses/Equipment	52	-	(52)
Court Maintenance	1,548	8,444	(6,895)
Court/Club Improvements	216	581	364
Website	58	196	138
Miscellaneous	205	464	258
Total	3,549	11,606	(8,057)

<u>Net Contribution to OCA</u>	14,006	10,065	(3,941)
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3. Income & Expenditure Graphs



4. Membership Split



- New system – LTA Clubspark
- Net decrease in membership of 30 (mostly non-renewing juniors)
- Adult membership held up very well
- Total of 172 members (LTA assume 60 per court)

5. Current Membership Subscriptions

Membership	Subscription	Prompt Renewal Rate*
Family	£310	£270
Single	£175	£155
Student (19+ in FTE)	£60	£55
Junior (15 to 18)	£60	£55
Junior (10 to 14)	£40	£35
Junior (9 and under)	£30	£25

* Prompt payment discounts apply to renewed subscriptions paid before 30 April annually

- Subscriptions were reduced by 25% for 2019/20 since no play in lockdown.
- Subscriptions had been increased in March 2016 (for the first time in 9 years) by approximately 10% - partly in order to help fund the tennis pavilion
- Propose keeping the rates unchanged for the March 2021 renewal (reinstate Covid-19 reduction)

6. Budget 2021

Year ended 30 September 2021

	Budget 2021	Actual 2020	Diff
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£
Subscriptions	16,000	13,892	2,138
Coaching Fees	3,500	3,059	441
Match Fees	600	634	(34)
Tournament Fees	-	-	-
Total	20,100	17,555	2,545
<u>Expenditure (Tennis Section)</u>			
Affiliation Fees	1,000	681	(319)
Balls	1,400	789	(611)
Junior Courses/Equipment	700	52	(648)
			(1,452)
Court Maintenance	3,000	1,548)
			(1,584)
Court/Club Improvements	1,800	216)
Website	300	58	(242)
Miscellaneous	700	205	(495)
			(5,351)
Total	8,900	3,549)
Net Contribution to OCA	11,200	14,006	(2,806)

- Subscription income expected to recover from 2020 Covid-19 drop
- Coaching, match and tournament fees still lower (social distancing)
- Increased annual court maintenance costs since 2019 rejuvenation (including floodlight maintenance in 2021)
- Court Improvements (re-paint pavilion, new benches)
- Does not include use of lights, clubhouse, future court resurfacing

7. Court Re-surfacing

- The main OCA Committee continues to give assurances that club funds will be available for tennis court re-surfacing costs when required.
- This is currently expected to be between the years 2022 and 2024 following the rejuvenation exercise in 2019.

Item 9 - Team Captains' reports

Ladies 1 (Suzanne Biscoe)

Although there hasn't been much tennis this year, we managed to play all but the last match of the 2019 / 2020 winter league and remained in division 1. Unfortunately we were unable to play any of the summer league, but a brave few ventured out during lockdown for some singles, and thankfully it wasn't too long that 4 were allowed on court. I hadn't realised how unfit I had become in just a few months - Jane Gray gave me some very testing singles games that I was glad to give up for doubles!

Thankfully the COVID rules were relaxed slightly and tennis was one of the lucky sports to be allowed to get back to a near normal set up during the summer, and some of the ladies have started playing social 4's over the past few months. It has taken quite a few weeks to get back to fitness for most of us – but think we are now ready to play 4 sets and get started with this year's winter league, albeit half the matches of a usual season.

We have a new line up for this season as we lost a couple of OC members and gained Charlotte Perkins back from uni, so hoping that we can enjoy some winter season matches without too many getting cancelled by the weather. I am also hoping that we can enjoy some doubles coaching sessions with Derek, maybe in the Spring, COVID permitting, as everyone has benefitted from them in the past and I know would like to do again as soon as it is possible to do so safely.

Thanks to all Ladies 1 players for supporting me this year and look forward to getting back on court for some matches soon,

Ladies 2 (Anthea Williams)

We remained in Stock winter league division 3. and had some good matches, playing all our fixtures except one due to the covid lockdown in March. We finished in 3rd position , having led the league for most of the season, but were well beaten by the eventual league winners Blackmore.

The squad of Gill Webb, Jane Pope, Cath Gregory, Linda Perkins, Sue White, Sandra Thrift, Lisa Worsick and Jo Johnson played well and in a great spirit, and it was an enjoyable campaign.

We were due to be promoted in our summer league division having won the league last year, but sadly no games were possible.

Thanks to all who played for the team and represented the club so well, and to Derek for his coaching .

Ladies 3 (Jo Mitty)

Thank you to our outgoing Captain, Karen Tween who has done a fantastic job organising and encouraging us for the last few years. I have big shoes to fill. Under Karen's leadership, we finished a creditable sixth to maintain our place in Division 4.

At the time of writing we have an impeccable score and are unbeaten! Sadly this is due to Covid and the fact that we haven't played any matches yet.

In the Stock Winter league we still have six matches to play.

Our squad consists of

myself, Clare, Ellie, Gemma, Maria, Rachel, Erica, Justine, Ronnie, Sasha (in school holidays). In addition, a big welcome to Fiona and Sam, we shall look forward to playing with you.

Ladies Veterans (Linda Perkins)

There were no matches played this year - hopefully we will return next summer!

Mixed 1 (Jane Gray)

Mixed 1 managed to fulfil eight of their 12 winter league 19/20 fixtures before the lockdown intervened. It was a season of 'changing teams' as every match saw replacements and late substitutions - a big thank you to all thirteen players who helped us to maintain a creditable 4th place in division 2 through a record of won 3, lost 3 and drawn 2.

Mixed 2 (Calum Tween)

The 2019/2020 season proved to be successful with the Mixed 2's finishing sixth in the league and maintaining their spot in Division 3. A mixed bag of results, winning two, drawing four and losing one. The aim for next season is to turn the draws into victories!

The Mixed 2 squad has grown in size in the last year or so, with both the ladies and men alike being keen as ever to play. It has made running the team very straight forward, so thank you all. With the summer league being cut short due to Covid-19, it has been refreshing to see competitive tennis resume, allowing us to begin our next campaign. Onwards and upwards and thanks again for your continued efforts.

Mens 1 (Derek Rogers)

Our Mens 1st struggled in the 2019/20 Stock Winter League finishing last out of 8 teams in a very competitive division 1. As reported last year, it was always going to be difficult with our best juniors heading to university.

We also had a number of injuries which hampered us and at one point had players drop out on the day of the match for 4 matches in a row which didn't make things easy!

The summer season was cancelled so we are now looking forward to a good winter season in division 2.

I would like to thank James Marriage, Jacob Ducksbury, Fred Greenwood, Aston Deva-Nix and Ed Reid for their support.

Mens 2 (Chris Henshaw)

Men's 2 had a successful winter league 19/20 campaign, managing 6th position and staying in division 2. This was a great achievement as we were promoted the season before, so it was always the aim to consolidate ourselves in the division, which we achieved!!

Our record during the winter was :

Won 6, Drew 2, Lost 5, No result 1

Home sets won 24, Away sets won 25, Overall sets won 49

A big thanks to the following for playing in the matches :Alan Hopkins,Calum Tween,Paul Belcher, Simon Page, Nigel Guy, Matt Savvides, David Andrews, Harry Rudge,Aryan Kaul.

There was no summer season unfortunately, but there's been plenty of doubles being played since lockdown was lifted! On top of that, there has also been the singles ladder, so the team should be ready for the up and coming 20/21 winter season!

Incidentally, we had our first match of the winter season on the 8th October, winning against Grove 2 away 5-3, so again a great start! Our next game is against the 1st team on the 26th October, a match we're all looking forward to no doubt!!!

Mens 3 (Mike Fisher)

We remained in division 6. We finished 3rd out of 8, having won 3 matches, lost 7 and drawn 2 (45 sets won, 51 sets lost).

As usual, we had a large number of players wanting to play. All players who put themselves down to play managed to take part in at least one match.

16 players participated. Players were (in order of number of appearances – number of matches played in brackets):

Stuart Inskip (6), David Andrews (5), William Stanley (4), Greg Potts (4), Mike Fisher (4), Alfie Whitten (3), Tim Marland (3), Matt Savvides (3), Aryan Kaul (3), Sean Lomas (3), Simon Dodsley (3), Steve Fox (2), Alan Coulthard (2), John Rogers (1), Alex Savvides (1) and James Mitty (1).

We remain in division 6 for the current 2021/2021 season.

Junior Teams (Derek Rogers)

This summer the junior tennis leagues were cancelled. Last winter we entered 7 teams in the Hamptons Winter Junior League, our 8&U mini red team won their division.

Item 10 - Head Coach's report (Derek Rogers)

The coaching programme has been disrupted this year by the virus, for the first 6 weeks of lockdown but also once the club reopened I could only give private lessons and did not resume group coaching until August when I did 2 weeks of summer courses and September when I restarted the after school junior groups, ladies mornings and the Thursday night adult group.

There are still some restrictions, I can only coach 15 children in a group, previously we would have exceeded this for Mini Tennis, and we are trying to ensure regular hand sanitising and distancing during sessions.

Despite this I have still been really busy, the demand for private lessons was great and the groups are back to a healthy level, I currently coach around 150 children in after-school groups each week and around 50 adults at the ladies mornings and the Thursday evening adult group.

The 2 weeks of summer holiday junior coaching were oversubscribed and saw 90 children playing at the club.

Income to the club from the coaching programme will be down this year due to the virus, maybe around £3000 instead of the usual £5000 from non-members coaching fees.