



Dunblane  
Sports  
Club

**THE DUNBLANE SPORTS CLUB LIMITED**  
**(Limited by guarantee)**

Ochloch Park,  
Dunblane FK15 0DU  
22nd March 2024

Notice is hereby given that the **Forty third Annual General Meeting of the Company** will be held in the Club on **Sunday 14th April 2024 at 4.30pm.**

Your attention is drawn to the notes below concerning proxies and the nomination of directors.

By order of the Board.

S. M. Milne,  
Chairman.

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes of the A.G.M. held on Sunday 16th April 2023.
2. Chairman's Report.
3. Reporting Accountants' Report, Accounts and Remuneration.
4. Appointment of Reporting Accountants.
5. Appointment of Directors.
6. Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer
7. Any other competent business.

**NOTES**

1. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in your place by completing the proxy form which is available on our website. Proxies must be lodged with the Secretary by 12th April 2024.

2. The directors of the company who served during the year 2023 were:

Mr. S. Milne	Chairman and Buildings & Grounds Convener
Mrs. B. Beattie	Treasurer & House Convener
Mrs. M. Carroll	Secretary
Mrs. N. Wishart	Social Convener
Mrs. E. Morson	Membership Secretary
Mr. W. Perrie	Squash Convener
Mr. P. Wilson	Tennis Convener
Mr. R. Gallagher	Tennis
Mr. M. Goundry	Squash

Stewart Milne, Bill Perrie, Phil Wilson, Richard Gallagher and Mark Goundry are due to retire by rotation but are all willing to continue on the Board. Nominations are invited to become a Board member and forms are available on the Club website. Nomination of members for vacant

positions should be made in terms of Rule 47 of the Articles of Association and should be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 7.00pm on Friday 12th April 2024.

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**We must have a quorum of at least 20 members for the A.G.M. to proceed so please make every effort to attend. Usually the meeting takes no more than half an hour. Please register your interest in attending the meeting by emailing [info@dunblanesportsclub.co.uk](mailto:info@dunblanesportsclub.co.uk) by Friday 12th April 2024.**  
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**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Once again, I’d like to thank everyone on the Board for the giving of their time and hard work over the past year. The smooth running of the Club takes considerable effort ‘behind the scenes which may not always be obvious but is crucial to our ongoing success. I’d also like to thank those who captain teams, help out with Club nights, events and other functions. It is much appreciated and builds a real sense of community and common purpose at the Club. If anyone would like to help the Club as a board member, team captain, or in any other capacity please do get in touch as assistance is always welcome.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership remained high over the last year and while there is a dip in numbers at present, we expect numbers to increase with the onset of Spring and Summer. We hope all new members continue to enjoy playing tennis and/or squash and maintain their membership. The coaching programme continues to attract new junior and adult members.

**TENNIS**

**Teams**

**Central Tennis Leagues 2023 Results**

Event	Division	Team	Result
<b>Summer Leagues</b>			
Ladies Doubles	1	Dunblane 1	1st
	1	Dunblane 2	6th
	2	Dunblane 3	6th
Ladies O45	1	Dunblane 1	3rd
	1	Dunblane 2	6th
Gents Doubles	1	Dunblane 1	4th
	2	Dunblane 2	3rd
	4	Dunblane 3	2nd
Gents Singles	1	Dunblane 1	1st
	1	Dunblane 2	4th
O55 Mixed	1	Dunblane 1	4th
Mixed U12	1	Dunblane 1	1st
	2	Dunblane 2	1st
Mixed U16	1	Dunblane 1	4th
	2	Dunblane 2	1st
<b>Autumn Leagues</b>			
Mixed	1	Dunblane 1	2nd
	2	Dunblane 2	3rd

## National League Scotland

Event	Division	Team	Result
Winter League			
Gents Doubles	2	Dunblane 1	3rd

A special thanks must go to coach Sandy Fleming who runs the junior teams who were so successful last season. Help from parents of team players this season would be much appreciated. If you have even a little spare time to help supervise matches please let Sandy know.

A full programme of Central Tennis inter club team tennis will continue again this year.

## 2023 Club Tennis Championships

The ties were played over two weeks in September with plate draws for the main competitions. Matches were played in a great spirit – many thanks to Phil Wilson for running the competition so smoothly. Congratulations to everyone involved. The main draw results were:

Men's Singles:	Winner:	Harry Carman
	Runner-up:	Richard Gallagher
Ladies Singles:	Winner:	Juliet Robertson
	Runner-up:	Emma Morson
Men's Doubles:	Winners	Freddie Mailer and Elliot Burke
Ladies Doubles:	Winners:	Juliet Robertson and Katherine Trainor
Mixed Doubles:	Winners:	Maria Power and Stewart Armitage
Over 55 Mixed Doubles:	Winners	Bernie Beattie and Brian Melville
U18 Girls Singles	Winner;	Juliet Robertson
U18 Boys Singles	Winner	Freddie Mailer
Family Doubles	Winners	Gail and Matthew Williams

## Other Tennis Events

The Club internal box leagues continue to be popular in providing opportunities for members to play competitive tennis all year round and consist of up to around 10 divisions providing similar levels of competition for all abilities.

## Self-Training

A tennis ball serving machine is available for adult members to use following a short 15min training session to obtain an operating licence. Contact myself.

## Coaching

Group and individual coaching for adults and juniors is available from Mark Walker and his team. The coaching program continues to attract high numbers of juniors and adults. Thanks are due to the 15 regular volunteers, all teenagers, who help at most of the junior classes. We have 10 Junior Leaders almost completed their course and have another 10 ready to go. This year we've had 5 juniors do their Level 1 coaching qualification. The team are really proud of the coaching program, the players, attitudes and progress. Giving the young people an opportunity to become coaches and learn new skills, build confidence and then give something back to the Club is such a positive and powerful thing to do.

## SQUASH

We have 2 teams in the Crieff & District league who were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in 2022/23 season. This season the teams are placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

New junior and adult coaching classes are proving popular and are available with Jane.Martin.

Club adult squash champions for 2022/23 were Chris Duffy and Sabine Mackenzie. This year's championships begin on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Entry form is up on the squash noticeboard.

The box leagues could do with more players. The leagues are suitable for all levels of player. Please contact Bernie to join in.

### **Self-Training**

A squash ball serving machine is available for adult members to use following a short 15min training session to obtain an operating licence. Contact Bernie or Stewart.

### **PICKLEBALL**

The Club has liaised with the Dunblane Centre to introduce the sport to the community and help support the Centre. The Club has provided bats, balls and advice to initiate participation and this enterprise has proved very popular over the winter with over a hundred people participating. Due to its popularity the Club intends to provide outdoor courts in its grounds. Contact Claire at the Dunblane Centre to find out available times which vary week to week.

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

The Board has selected Alastair Forbes Architects to work with us to develop a plan to develop the Club building facilities. As many members of the Club will know from the Centenary Dinner when Alistair explained the proposed scheme, we have a plan which has recently been submitted to Stirling Council Planning Department for comment. We expect a reply in April. Broadly speaking the plan includes demolition of the Club Room creating space for a Padel and a Pickleball Court; reorganization of changing rooms; construction of a new pavilion clubhouse with multi-function room and viewing veranda at the north end of the car park and extending the car park past the squash courts.

The new artificial clay court surface has been met with varying degrees of popularity but overall, mainly positive as players become used to it. The surface has been particularly appreciated by the coaches who have experienced far fewer days when play has not been possible as a result of rainfall.

The Board has recently decided to proceed with enlarging the second mini-tennis court to provide a pickleball court due to the popularity of the game.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS and FUND RAISING**

The main event in our 100<sup>th</sup> year was the Centenary Dinner which was a great success so congratulations to organisers Nicola and Emma, for making it so memorable. The evening also raised funds to provide membership, coaching and equipment support to children who would not otherwise have the means to take part in tennis, a new initiative for the Club. Implementation of the scheme begins at Easter.

The Club also held a well-attended fun open day in June.

In September 36 members were invited to take part in an introductory pickleball coaching event at Cromlix with Judy Murray followed by afternoon tea.

The Quiz Night in February was well attended and is generally a successful event which will be repeated.

### **FINANCE**

The accompanying financial statements show the current financial position of the Club. The board feels our financial position remains healthy. Attracting new players to join the club is a great way of

increasing revenue, allowing us to keep the club running and improve the facilities, so please encourage friends or colleagues to come along.

Finally, you are still able to order club apparel and information about this is on the Club website.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 14th April.

Stewart Milne  
Chairman