

FULBOURN TENNIS CLUB
AGM REPORT FOR 2020

Dear Members,

As outgoing Chair, I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year in spite of the much changing Covid restrictions.

This AGM is coming to you in lieu of a Zoom format, and is basically a summary of what the club has achieved in what has been a uniquely difficult year for any tennis club to function effectively.

The fact we have done so is a credit to your committee and for the support you have given to the club - and it's success is reflected in the reports by committee members below.

Summary of Main Issues

• **The Committee**

- Changes to take effect on 1 Feb 2021:

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| Chair. | Mike Humphreys-Davies. |
| Membership Secretary. | Helen Schuilenburg. |
| Treasurer. | Dawn Brand. |

- Ann Burton to stay as Secretary, but volunteer required to take over at end of 2021 season.
- Also, Chris McMullen is continuing as Matches Secretary and Matt Taylor from Over & In as head coach.
- On your behalf I would like to place on record the outstanding work carried out by Deborah Girling as membership secretary, and also Steve Colliss in keeping our finances in such good shape as treasurer.
- The committee intends to hold a get together so that new members can meet the committee, captains of teams and our head coach, Matt Taylor. This will also give members an opportunity to raise any matters that they think are important. The plan is to hold this on a Saturday afternoon in the Centre over a cup of tea and sandwiches in April at the start of the season, subject to no COVID of course. The committee is also planning to move the AGM to October so that the season can be reviewed.

- **LTA Matters:** Ann Burton
 - The club is a fully registered LTA venue. Registration is completed annually. This includes a full risk assessment and compliance with the requirement that all policies and procedures are current. The club is fully insured.
 - Recently much emphasis has been placed on safeguarding by the LTA.
 - All these policies are available to read on our website.
 - Members of the committee attend local LTA meetings. This has not been possible this year due to Covid restrictions.

Wimbledon Ballot

- Ticket allocation is based on the number of members who are British Tennis members.
- As usual the club opted for the on line ticket ballot. Unfortunately due to the Covid crisis Wimbledon was cancelled . As the ballot had not been completed the LTA took the decision that tickets could not be held over until the 2021 tournament. Those members that had purchased tickets were refunded.
- The situation regarding this year's tournament is uncertain.

- **Membership Report by Deborah Girling**

1 April to 31 December 2020

We have seen a significant increase in our membership this season. It has been quite challenging at times to keep up with the rapidly changing situation in this COVID world and I am grateful for the patience of members as we have tried to answer their queries about the rules!

We now have 215 members 16 of whom have paid for visitors' rights. This is an increase of 90%. (Total Membership for comparison **2019** 113; **2018** 128; **2017** 138)

The break down is as follows

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| Adults | 100 |
| Young Adults Under 25 | 7 |
| Families | 14 (includes 17 children and 31 adults) |
| Junior | 60 |

A significant factor in our increased membership is clearly the Pandemic as tennis players sought out local outdoor facilities and we are optimistic that we will keep many of these new members when 'normality' returns. CJ Kindred provided coaching services through the spring and summer months when our usual coaching service wasn't operating. CJ 'grew up' with the club and is now a coach at David Lloyd Cambridge and brought many of his clients with him.

Our adult membership has increased from 88 to 138
Our junior membership has increased from 25 to 77

It is proposed that for the forthcoming season there should be no change to membership fees which are Adult £90, Young adults (17-25) £45, Family £200, Junior £15 and Visitor playing rights £10

I am delighted that Helen Schuilenburg has agreed to take over from me as membership secretary and wish her the best in the role.

- **State of Club Finances by Steve Colliss**

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| Income | £13,964.08 |
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| Expenditure | £6,777.03 |
| Sinking Fund (Est.) | £5,000.00 |
| Total | £11,777.03 |

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| Surplus for year | £2,187.05 |
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Balance Sheet

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| Fittings and Trophies | £244.00 |
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| Prepayments | £291.00 |
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| Bank balance | £25,025.05 |
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| Accruals | £(1,203.00) |
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| Net Assets | <u>£24,357.05</u> |
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Represented by :

Income Fund

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| Balance B/Fwd | £(921.00) |
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| Surplus for year | £2,187.05 |
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| Balance C/Fwd | £1,266.05 |
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Sinking Fund

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| Balance B/Fwd | £18,091.00 |
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| Provision | £5,000.00 |
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| Balance C/Fwd | £23,091.00 |
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- **Maintenance**

Renovation of Court 4 hardcourt in Wimbledon colours has greatly improved the playing surface, and enhanced the overall look of the club. Contracts are in place for biannual brushing and moss treatment of Courts 1-3 astras, Courts 1 and 4 hedge trimming, and general upkeep.

- **Fulbourn Ladies Match Report** by Chris McMullen.

We entered one ladies , one men's and one mixed team and the Grays cup knockouts for this season .

As all the league matches were halted by restrictions in April, Cambridge LTA introduced a "Celebration League " to replace the usual summer leagues for this season and clubs could opt in if they wanted to play matches.

Fulbourn ladies played in Division 4, a higher division than usual, and had 7 matches.

We played 5 matches, won 1 , drew 1 and lost 3. We have two

matches to complete.

We gained many new members ,who are keen to play matches, and we hope to put in more teams next season .

We look forward to working with our new coach Matt to get the best from our teams.

- **Mens Matches Report by Oliver Divall** the mens captain.

Our men's season featured some promising tennis , pleasing given the unprecedented circumstances. We had some good results and I am sure my team will agree that all matches were competitive and enjoyable in the inaugural and most likely one off "Celebration League" in lieu of the usual Winter League .

I have had a few emails from new members expressing interest in playing for our men's team . Would be good to gauge numbers so we could work out whether a men's 2nd team , in addition to our current men's 1st would be warranted . Membership at Fulbourn seems to be thriving so an additional team will enable members to be given a fair chance to play competitive tennis again during the upcoming summer league .

Fulbourn Tennis Club Coaching



Thank you all very much for my warm welcome as Head Coach of Fulbourn Tennis Club, I have really enjoyed my coaching sessions so far and it has been great to get to know a lot of the members along with the tennis stalwarts that play there. I have started to get a good understanding as to how the club runs along with the rhythm of who plays throughout the week. Fulbourn has a great community feeling and I think that's thanks to the fun, enthusiastic players. It's great to see the groups I coach get on so well and I must say, on a Saturday morning when the club is bustling, football matches are in full flow, dog walkers are out and people are just in general enjoying the park it is a truly wonderful place to be.

Since starting officially at Fulbourn Tennis Club in September, I have continued with the coaching that was already in place alongside John Garland. I would like to thank Olly very much for the great work he has done previously and for all his help. Our aim is to start building on this as soon as allowed in order to set up a fuller programme ready for the summer. This will include:

- Schools Work - going to Fulbourn Primary school, The Steiner school and the Landmark International College to promote and offer opportunities for coaching and tennis at the club.
- Community Outreach & Advertising - to help bring more players to the coaching programme and therefore more membership to the club as well.
- To build a more comprehensive adult program as well as the current junior programme that caters for all levels.
- Junior (and potentially adult) camps during holiday periods.

Of course the above is subject to the current climate and our ability to get access to visit the schools - this is unfortunately on hold with schools once again shut and us all being in the early stages of Lockdown 3! However we shall return stronger and hope to start with this work as early as possible. We also aim to bring in a new high level coach to deliver groups where myself or John Garland are unavailable. Please do get in touch with me if you have a group you wish to put on as we very much want to cater to the needs of the club, so any feedback I receive on this would be fantastic.

At the moment we are running junior groups on Wednesdays from 2-3pm which are run by myself with the help of Will Rogers, Fridays from 3:45-6:30pm run by myself, and Saturdays from 10-1pm run by John. These groups range from 3/4 years old all the way up to 15/16 years old. On top of the group sessions, I coach individual sessions on Friday and Saturday mornings, and John coaches on Thursday evenings. During indoor tennis restrictions I can be found down at the club most days. Through this we currently have 58 juniors and adults taking part in coaching at the club.

I hope everyone stays well and safe and hope to see you all back on court as soon as we can.

Many thanks
Matt

Action by Members.

Any comments you may have on the above issues should be e-mailed to myself as Chair by 31 January, prior to the new committee forming on 1 February.

In conclusion may I say how much I have enjoyed my time as Chair over the past 5 years, and I wish the club every success in the year ahead - and for one less troubled by the virus!

My best wishes.

Derek Burton.