



## GLTC AGM 17 MARCH 2020

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### 1. *Introduction*

*Because of the ongoing CVD 19 virus and government advice, the GLTC 2020 AGM is taking place electronically. The Club's Committee has reviewed the Club's accounts, reports and policies and proposals for 2020 / 2021 and now present these to our members for approval.*

*It is proposed the membership fee is frozen for 2020/2021 reflecting some of the court down-time during the resurfacing project. For the first time we are able to offer a 'premium' membership for friends or members of the club that wish to put something towards the resurfacing of courts 1 & 2. See below.*

## **2. Club Reports**

### **Chairman Report March 2020**

Going into the new decade, the club is in a strong position, with much to look forward to. Our Membership has grown significantly and the club finances have shown a positive increase in our income. 2019 was not without its challenges with the demise of almost all five surfaces on our hard courts and unprecedented rainfall as Winter drew in. This brought us together as a club and many rainy dark nights were brought to life.

As our membership grew, I feel we have not only been able to offer excellent tennis across the whole spectrum of abilities, but also offered 'stretching' competitive tennis to our talented players, particularly the juniors under the guidance of our club coach. This is after all what sport is all about.

2020 has great things in store with the start of the court resurfacing project getting underway and a host of friendly and competitive matches just around the corner.

It has been a pleasure to serve the club this year, and certainly a baptism of fire! My highlight was two fold - playing in the ladies second team - a big achievement for what was a complete beginner when I arrived at the club and also seeing so many people at our Open Day, where my tennis hidden passion came to life five years ago.

I am happy to Chair the club again this year and to strengthen our many talents further.

***Maria Kitt,***

***Chair***

### **GLTA Membership Report - 2019-20**

This year we have had

- 79 Adult single memberships
- 8 Adults on couple memberships
- 2 adult daytime memberships
- 14 adults on family memberships
- 4 adults on shared family memberships

This is a total of 107 paid up adult members

- 7 young adult memberships
- 13 under 10 memberships + 14 children on family memberships
- 10 10-18 memberships + 8 on supplementary memberships

A total of 54 paid up junior members

Last year, peaks for membership were clearly at the time of membership renewal, however, it was clear that lots of members had to be reminded to pay up the membership - this is something that needs to be addressed as it is clear from

speaking to members that not all understood the system and did not appear to receive the invitations.

In addition, other people joined as a result of the successful open day, some also joined having gone to the express course. However, uptake from this is still not great.

Over the year 14 people took out a trial membership, of these 7 went on to take up full membership - this may be something that we need to look at in terms of finding out why they did not go on to take this up - is it due to:

- Number of sessions available to them
- How they feel that they fit in within the club
- Other factors?

Over the year James ran 2 express courses attended by 13 in total, of this, only 2 continued on to full membership. This was not helped by the weather on the September course as many sessions had to be cancelled. However, I think that in the light of this, we should think carefully about the value of these courses as a way to encourage new members.

I anticipate that there will be fewer members at the beginning of the new season. I have received 3 cancelled memberships and, in addition, we had some members who stopped coming part way through the season and will not renew this coming year.

**Elizabeth Ho**

**Acting membership secretary**

### **Ladies Captain Report**

This year has been a challenging year for ladies tennis at the club, but we've had some very positive moments too. This summer the first team battled illness and injuries to draw all but one of our matches and stay up in Surrey Division 9 west. We had some very close matches, a few incredibly tight champs tie-breaks and one win having lost the first set 6-0. It all came down to a very tense end of season relegation battle, but we managed to get the draw to stay up. A great team effort and big achievement!

We experimented with having a 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies team this summer, but unfortunately after a couple of people left the club and others were injured, we didn't have enough players to make it feasible. I hope there will soon be a 3<sup>rd</sup> team again and am keen to encourage everyone who wants to play team tennis to join in. I am very grateful to Jacqui Wolf for doing an excellent job running the ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> team. Captaining can be a very hard job, especially when you are trying to get enough players for a match, so really appreciate her effort!

Unfortunately I haven't played tennis since August due to injury and will not be back for the foreseeable future. Liz Hill-Smith is therefore going to continue as acting Ladies captain and has been organising the first team matches this winter. Thank you Liz!

Unfortunately I have had to cancel the ladies team practice sessions, but will keep trying to help out where I can.

I know these are uncertain times, but wish everyone at the club a safe and happy summer season!

Karen Ball

### ***Men's Captains Report for 2019/20***

During the 2019/20 season the men entered one team in the summer Chaucer League. This is a league that we have played in for many seasons and we finished mid-table on this occasion. Over the winter we were lucky enough to be able to enter the Aldershot & District Winter league for the first time. This is a league that we have been keen to play as it offers a home and away fixture and has enabled us to keep our eye in over the long winter months. Entering for the 1st time has meant that we were placed in division 5. I am pleased to announce we topped the league on our 1st attempt, which sees us promoted to division 4 next year. In addition to this we also played the Surrey Wilson Winter League. This league I find much harder to organise fixtures as the captains are required to offer 3 dates to the opposition before a match can be scheduled. Because of this I may decide not to enter this next year. I am pleased to say that we now have a core team and I have been able to raise a team for all of our matches during the season. An established team now means that we are becoming far more competitive. The level that we play at, however means that we have been competing against 3rd and 4th teams from larger clubs. With promotion I am hoping that this will improve, and our matches will become more competitive. For the year to come I wish to establish whether it is possible for us to enter two teams into the league and whether we have enough players to commit to it. The standard of the tennis played in the leagues in which we are entered is very social and matches played are very enjoyable, so I would encourage anyone tempted to give it a try. If we were able to field 2 teams I believe that this is an important step in encouraging more competitive players to our club, which will help raise the profile of GLTC. This winter has seen numerous damp nights, so we have seen the usual drop in attendance for Tuesday night doubles. I really hope that when the sun returns everyone will reappear and we will enjoy a great 2020.

David Gibbs

### **Club Mixed Captain Report**

*See separately*

### **Club Coach Report**

*See separately*



## **5. Club Accounts**

Please see separate report.

These accounts have been adopted and approved by the Club's Committee, Treasurer and Club Accountant today [17<sup>th</sup> March 2020].

## **6. A.O.B.**

### **GLTC in the Community**

The club house has been enjoyed by even more people this year and provides a hub for toddler groups, physio activities, youth sport groups etc. We also opened our doors to Godalming in July and this was well received with many families coming along and finding out what a great club we are!

GLTC is involved in the Farncombe Initiative again this year - a group that supports the local community and all within it. As part of this the Leisure Centre are getting involved with special Farncombe Youth support facility and have asked us to be involved.

We have also been able to offer 3 'community' memberships this year to members that needed this.

**Members with points to add to this part of the meeting should do so at the first available Committee Meeting and will be noted there.**

I recommend the above AGM to Club Members for approval.

**Maria Kitt**

**17 March 2020.**