

Mapledurham Lawn Tennis Club – Annual Reports 2022/23

Report from the Chairperson

Overview & Thanks

This year has been a pretty uneventful year.

I would like to thank my committee, especially Kim Knight (Secretary), Dave Maynerd (Maintenance & New Memberships) and Lindsay Kennedy (Treasurer) for all their hard work.

Thanks to Ceri Tanner for becoming our MLTC representative on the MPF Committee.

Thanks also go to Fiona Roach has agreed to be Ball Monitor. She will ensure balls are available for Monday Club Night and Captains can get their balls for matches from her.

Thanks to Caroline Connell for ensuring the Club House Kitchen is stocked with Coffee/Tea and Squash. Caroline has now left the area and Lynn Rankin has kindly agreed to take over the duties.

The Summer Tournament.

We had a good tournament this year but unfortunately had to cancel finals day as the weather was too hot. We tried to reschedule a day for all the games to be played but this proved to be impractical. The Men's Doubles final has yet to be played.

Thanks as always to Rodney Pinchen for organising the trophies and Honours Board. Results for the various categories were as follows.

	Winner(s)	Runner Up(s)
Men's Vets Singles	John Simmons	Armand Kirk
Men's Singles	Max Harrison	Huib Steenbergen
Ladies Singles	Sue Daniels	Lyuba Abramova
Men's Doubles	Still to be played	
Ladies Doubles	Tracy Boylin Caroline Cordy	Fiona Roach Jane Lang
Mixed Doubles	Fiona Roach Huib Steenbergen	Nazia van San Gerben Van San

Coaching & New Coach

Tom Henderson remains head coach and Alex Denovan has just completed his first year as a full time coach. Congrats. Coaching continues to be successful across all levels at the club and is a great point of entry for players to get back into tennis. We are also running tennis as an after hours club for pupils of The Heights school.

We have renegotiated the contract with GDTennis who now pay MLTC £243 a month or £2673 a year. Many thanks to Dave for negotiating this.

Vets Club Mornings

Mike Pugh-Jones has continued to run the Vets Club Mornings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Due to injuries and a few more people being unavailable to play, the number of courts allocated to the vets will be reduced from 3 to 2 from now on.

Open Day – May 21st 2023

Thanks to Dave Maynerd again for running the open day and organising publicity. It would not happen without him.

On the day we had 26 visitors and 12 new Adult members

Club Nights

Club Nights remain well attended on Monday and Wednesday nights. That said, it would be great if a broader cross section of the membership attended. Please note it is not just for the 'good' players there is room for all standards.

Social

We have not managed to generate enough interest for social events recently so these have been put on hold for the time being though we may look to do something in Summer 2024

MLTC Team Performance 2022/23

I would like to say thanks to Tracy Boylin, Lynn Rankin, Julia Stanbrook, Caroline Cordy, Jane Maclean, Huib Steenberg, Christine Bates, Armand Kirk & Philip DeSaumarez and all the players who have taken part in matches this year.

Winter

In the Winter we have 2 Ladies teams and 1 Mens team playing in the Weekend Oxfordshire Dunlop League.

This Winter we also had 1 Ladies team, 1 Mens team and 1 Mixed Team playing in the Midweek League.

Summer

In the Summer we are currently running 2 Ladies Teams, 1 Mens Team and 1 Mixed Team in the Weekend Oxfordshire Dunlop League.

This Summer we also had 1 Ladies, 1 Mens and 1 Mixed team playing in the MidWeek league again.

RESULTS

Winter 2022/23

Weekend Teams

1. Ladies A – 9th of 12 in Division 1
2. Ladies B – 8th of 12 in Division 4
3. Men A – 6th of 12 in Division 3

Midweek teams

1. Mixed – 6th out of 8
2. Ladies – 9th out of 9
3. Mens - 7th out of 7

Summer 2023

Weekend Teams

1. Ladies A – 2nd out of 8 in Division 3
2. Ladies B – 7th out of 8 in Division 6
3. Mixed – 1st out of 8 in Division 5 – Fiona and Huib were top 2 players in the league.
4. Mens A – 5th out of 8 in Division 6

Midweek teams

1. Mixed – 5th out of 7
2. Ladies – 8th out of 10
3. Mens - 4th out of 8

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022-23

1. Financial Summary

In 2022-23, the club operated a Net Deficit of £5,617.35 on Income of £22,017.99 (2021-22 Surplus: £9,001.33). Cash position remains consistently strong at £34,899.53.

Income to the Club increased to £22,017.99 (2021-22: £21,113.06), of which £19,202.66 were subscription fees and £2,340.00 was from revenue from our coaching partner, GDT.

Club operating expenses remained largely similar to previous years. However, electricity costs have increased to £3,100.93 (2022: £1,852.43) due to the energy price spike. Fortunately, prices have now peaked and the club is already benefitting from lower electricity costs through into next year.

Investments in the club facilities this year totalled £18,224 (2022: £2,598.78) and include major items listed below. There are no significant investments scheduled for 2023-24.

- Conversion of Court 4 Lighting to LED: £10,202.40
- Court Cleaning and Repainting: £7,307.50

Investment in Facilities

	2022-23	2021-22
Operating Surplus:	£11,892.55	£11,600.11
Investment in Facilities	£17,509.90	£2,598.78
Net Surplus/Deficit	-£5,617.35	£9,001.33

Many Thanks once again to *Ania Haskins* for inspecting this year's accounts.

2. Membership

Total club membership stands at 195 (2022: 198).

- Membership renewals and joining fees at Year End 30/9/23 totalled £19,442.66 (2022: £18,825.67)

3. 2024-25 Fees

In view of the Club's relatively healthy financial position, your Committee is pleased to recommending a ZERO increase in membership fees for next year.

	Full Year 2024-25	
	Before 1st April	After 1st April
Adult Membership	115	125
Family Junior (under 18) Membership	22	24
Family Student (18+) Membership	38	42
Junior (under 18) Membership	30	34
Second (and other) Adult Membership	75	80
Student (18+) Membership	51	56

4. Investment Account

In 2023, Nationwide Building Society forcibly closed the Club's interest-bearing investment account. The Committee has authorised the opening a new Savings account to invest surplus cash, with Lindsay Kennedy and Daniel Power acting as club trustees.

Lindsay Kennedy

MLTC Treasurer

November 2023

MLTC Financial Position – Year End 30th September 2023:

Cash

Bank and Cash balances	30/09/2023	30/09/2022
Nationwide BS Account balance	Closed	£16,263.79
Current account balance	£34,869.53	£23,528.53
Paypal account balance		
Cash (and unbanked cheques)	£30.00	£160.00
TOTAL	£34,899.53	£39,952.32

MLTC

Income Statement

RECEIPTS	2022/2023	2021/2022
Subscriptions	19,202.66	18,373.25
Social	-	30.00
Coaching	2,340.00	2,094.00
Guest fees	223.80	198.95
Joining fees	240.00	452.42
Balls	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-
Net Interest	11.53	24.44
TOTAL INCOME	22,017.99	21,113.06
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EXPENSES	2022/2023	2021/2022
Rent	1,547.00	1,547.04
Social	-	300.00
Electricity	3,100.93	1,852.43
Coaching	-	-
Court maintenance	18,224.76	2,352.80
Maintenance	380.45	2,598.78
Trophies	180.70	483.60
Balls	859.80	572.47
Insurance	365.16	360.70
Berks LTA	460.00	480.00
Oxfordshire leagues	275.00	250.00
Refreshments,etc.	56.07	109.76
Banking/Card Costs	71.40	61.49
Gardening	360.00	247.50
Open day / Promotional	739.29	672.21
Miscellaneous	1,014.78	222.95
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	27,635.34	12,111.73
Surplus	- 5,617.35	9,001.33
TOTAL	22,017.99	21,113.06

Note: Difference between net cashflow and net surplus is due to timing of payments and receipts at Year End.

Maintenance

Court Repainting

This was carried out in May this year after courts were pressure sprayed. I think most members were pleased with the improved surface grip and 1 visiting team mentioned how well our courts have been maintained.

Gate Security

Gate codes are now much easier to change and we need to do this every June after members have renewed or left to maintain security.

Floodlight hours extension cts 2 & 3

Currently the floodlights on these courts are restricted to 8 pm latest. No-one volunteered to re-apply for the extension so the committee has decided to live with the restriction.

Court 4 Lighting

Court 4 Halide floodlights have now been replaced by LED floodlights and we are hoping to see savings on our electricity bill as now all 4 courts are LED!

Court Umbrellas

Lindsay suggested we install umbrellas by the benches on each court to give shade during the Summer and sourced and installed them. These have been well received by members and in fact they also provide shelter when there are rain showers! Lindsay has taken them down for the winter so they stay in good condition.

Club Room Carpet

The carpet was professionally cleaned early this year as it was beginning to look stained and shabby. Sadly someone has already had an accident with what looks like the tea pot; maybe that person could bring some carpet cleaner to remove the stain?

GDT Payments

GDT agreement reviewed and payments increased from £195 per month to £243.

Veranda floor

I have continued to glue and staple loose fake grass strips this year. But am trying to get a quote to replace the flooring. Unfortunately, the 'grass decking' seems to be no longer made. Probably because of this problem. I am looking for an alternative.

Gardening

Gardening has continued to be carried out by Darren and on Open day and finals day it all looked particularly great. Sadly, Finals Day had to be cancelled as the weather was predicted to be too good (hot)!

Lobster Ball Machine

This was sent back for repairs earlier this year and new balls purchased recently.

Storage Box

This was replaced as broken by teenagers jumping from the pavilion roof.

Cleaning Veranda and Club Room

I suggested we employed a cleaner to come once a week to empty bins, vacuum, clear cobwebs and leaves from the veranda, occasionally clean windows and generally tidy up. In general members are not always cleaning up after themselves, not emptying bins when full, not washing up and leaving numerous empty ball tubes behind. Fiona has agreed to recycle the ball tubes as part of her 'ball' duties.

The committee decided against the idea of having a weekly cleaner for now and Dan Power has donated a 'spider brush'. Please could you all help out from time to time ... our lovely club only stays lovely if we keep it clean and tidy.

Trees and Leaves on courts 3 and 4

We have looked at the cost of putting high nets along the side of Court 4 to stop the leaves blowing over but the quote from Metafence of £6,500 plus vat has put us off that idea.

I am currently re-approaching RBC to get permission to reduce the height of the trees.

Meanwhile we have provided two more lighter brooms and another leaf blower so 4 people can quickly clear leaves before playing. Please put piled leaves into a black dustbin liner (bottom drawer club room) then bin in the big black bin outside the pavilion. Otherwise they just get blown over the courts again.

Scoreboards

A few people complained that the current scoreboards get stuck and resulted in cut fingers.

Dan has worked hard to keep these boards working over the last 5 years, but they are basically a bad design. So we have sourced and installed posh new scoreboards which we hope you enjoy using.

Balls lost in bushes by court 1

This was raised at the last AGM, but it was decided the benefit of having some shrubbery outweighed the nuisance. Those of you who find it unbearable could use court 2, 3 or 4?

David Maynerd

Welfare

The Welfare process has operated effectively and appropriately this year with no issues needing to be raised to the Committee or the LTA.

Jane Lang Nov 2022