



Scottish Charity SC034153

**Minutes of the 2022 AGM of Melrose Waverley Tennis Club
held on Monday 7 November 2022 at Melrose Waverley Tennis Club**

Committee members present: Will Grieve (President, in the chair), Leslie Young (Treasurer), Alison Moore (Secretary), Sophie MacBrayne, Lesley Watters, Mac Brown, Gemma Ross, Glen Gordon, Lorna Hutchison, Rosie Leslie, Rachel Fourie

Non-committee members present included: Laura Barrie, Patrick Barbour, Brenda Haines, Iain Laidlaw, John Reid, Ian Reilly, Brian Lumley, Brenda Lumley, Craig Thomas, Gavin Harkness, Michael Miller, Jose Jorge Garcia Cubero

Apologies: Allan Dawson, Jenni Young, John Barrow, David Owen, Katie Nicholson, Andrew Stavert, Alice MacBrayne

Adoption of the 2021 AGM minutes was proposed by Glen Gordon and seconded by Leslie Young.

President's Report:

The President, Will Grieve, welcomed everyone to the 2022 AGM and presented his President's Report, which is appended to these minutes. As part of his report, Will highlighted the excellent performance of our league teams this year and thanked all of the captains. He also thanked Andrew Panter for all of the work he has done for the club, welcomed Sophie MacBrayne to the committee, and paid tribute to David Owen who has been involved with the club for almost 25 years.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Leslie Young, presented the annual accounts to the meeting. He noted that the accounts are still in draft form as they are currently with the auditor for review. He further noted that these are the 25th accounts for the club, as the club started again in March 1998. Leslie stated that he will ensure the accounts are signed off by Will. Thanks were expressed to Leslie for his preparation of the accounts.

Approval of definition of Family Membership, Membership Fees and Treasurer's Report:

As part of his Treasurer's report, Leslie set out two proposals for membership fees for next year which were voted on. Proposal A was an increase in adult membership to £90 per year with the equivalent pro-rata increases for the other membership categories; proposal B was an increase in adult membership to £100 per year with the equivalent pro-rata increases for the other membership categories. Proposal A was the favoured option. The meeting also approved the definition of 'family' for the purposes of membership as 2 adults and any other number of children under 18 years. This was proposed by Leslie Young and seconded by Glen Gordon. Finally, Leslie proposed that the financial year dates be changed, so that going forwards they will be in line with the calendar year. This will require the 2022/23 accounts to be for a period of 15 months. The meeting approved the change, which was proposed by Leslie Young and seconded by Lorna Hutchison.

Membership Report:

Sophie MacBrayne presented her report as Membership Secretary. It was noted that the membership figures continue to be very encouraging. There is some movement between the different membership categories, but this is to be expected and the membership is at the highest it has ever been. The report is appended to these minutes. Sophie thanked Andrew Panter for all of his work as the previous Membership Secretary and for a very thorough handover.

Team Captains' Reports:

Lesley Watters presented her reports as ladies' captain and mixed knockout captain; as Andrew Stavert was unable to attend, Glen Gordon presented the men's captain's report on behalf of Andrew Stavert, as well as presenting the Winter League report and the over 40s' report; John Reid presented his and Trudi's joint report as Mixed League captains. All of these reports are appended to these minutes.

Juniors and Coaching Report:

Ian Reilly presented his coaching report and Rachel Fourie presented her report as junior rep. The report is appended to these minutes.

Election of Committee The election of the committee then took place and the committee for 2022/2023 is as follows:

President: Glen Gordon

Proposed by Will Grieve and seconded by Leslie Young

Vice President: Michael Miller

Proposed by Glen Gordon and seconded by Lesley Watters

Treasurer: Leslie Young

Proposed by Will Grieve and seconded by Lorna Hutchison

Secretary: Alison Moore

Proposed by Will Grieve and seconded by Gemma Ross

Membership Secretary: Sophie MacBrayne

Proposed by Gemma Ross and seconded by Alison Moore

Senior Secretary: Mac Brown

Proposed by John Reid and seconded by Lorna Hutchison

Junior Rep: Rachel Fourie

Proposed by Sophie MacBrayne and seconded by Laura Barrie

Club Referee: Will Grieve

Proposed by Alison Moore and seconded by Leslie Young

Web Administrator: Gemma Ross

Proposed by Will Grieve and seconded by Rachel Fourie

Safeguarding Officer: Jessica Sturrock

Proposed by Alison Moore and seconded by Gemma Ross

Committee Member: Lorna Hutchison

Proposed by Mac Brown and seconded by Rosie Leslie

Committee Member: Lesley Watters

Proposed by Sophie MacBrayne and seconded by Michael Miller

Committee Member: Rosie Leslie

Proposed by Lorna Hutchison and seconded by Alison Moore

The Club Coach (not a committee role) is Ian Reilly.

AOB

John Reid presented a proposal for an over 55s tournament to take place over a period of 2 to 3 weeks in June 2023. The events would be men's singles, ladies' singles, men's doubles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles. It would run with deadlines for stages of the competition and would also be played in the daytime as much as possible to reduce demand for court time in the evening. The proposal was approved by those present at the meeting.

Brenda Haines asked whether there is any update on the indoor court project. Will Grieve informed her that it is now to be incorporated into the new Galashiels Academy project. Ian Reilly confirmed that this has now received planning approval at Scottish Borders Council. It will not be built until 2025. It is currently not clear how the indoor court project will operate i.e. will club members receive discounts for court hire and suchlike. Tennis Borders will need to engage with tennis clubs about these arrangements.

The President closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance.



MELROSE WAVERLEY
TENNIS CLUB

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President Report, Will Grieve

My third year as President once again began rather disappointingly as no Quiz night or Christmas draw!

In January the facilities of the Club were added to with erection of a practice fence on court 3.

On 3rd April the Melrose Open Mixed Event was held and thanks go to Ali and Glen for organising and running this popular event.

During the summer our Ladies' and Gents' 1st teams won their respective divisions becoming Border champions. Our Ladies 2nd team won their division too and are promoted to the top division next year. Our Ladies 3rd team came second in their division. Also our Gents 1st team won through to the semi- final of the Scottish Cup for the first time in the history of the club! Well done to all teams. A special thank you to the captains for picking the teams and organising the matches!

In July Andrew Panter stepped back from his position as Membership Secretary and I wish to thank him for all the work he has done for the club over the years including painting, light bulb changing, fence repairing and numerous other tasks!! Many thanks, Andrew.

The position of Membership Secretary is now filled by Sophie MacBrayne and I welcome her to the Club Committee. Again in August the Club hosted the Borders Confined Tournament. The club championships took place in late August, September and October. Congratulations go to all the winners.

Once more our Club Coach, Ian Reilly, along with his assistants, has done a great job with our Juniors. Rachel Fourie has also done a great job organising and attending the Junior matches Many thanks to all the committee members and to Jessica Bennett, in her role as Welfare Officer. A special thank you to Ali and Leslie for all the work they do for the Club.

My last thank you is to David Owen who has resigned from the committee having been involved with the Club for almost 25yrs! He has been a committee member for most of those years and President for a total of 5 yrs. He has done much for the Club over the years for which we are very grateful!

Many thanks, David.

I have enjoyed my 3 years as President and my good wishes go to Glen Gordon for the coming year!

Will Grieve



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Treasurer's Report for the Year Ended 30 September 2022
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General

The Melrose Waverley Tennis Club accounts for the year 2021-22 (1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022) show a surplus of £6,403. The surplus was £3,746 in 2020-21. At the year-end on 30 September 2022, the Club's funds totalled £38,769 (2021 - £32,366).

Income

Gross Income for the year was £37,326, which was £13,283 higher than 2020-21. The main reasons for the increase were increased Membership and Coaching Fees and a Development Grant.

Expenditure

Gross Expenditure for the year was £30,923 which was £10,626 higher than 2020-21. The main reason for the increase was a rise in expenditure on Coaching Expenses and expenditure on Court Development.

Membership Fees

Membership Fees totalled £10,805 which was a 26 % increase on last year's membership income of £8,580. The number of members has decreased slightly over last year as shown in the table below. The rise in total fees was because members in 2022 paid the full normal membership fee. This was because there was not the same level of restrictions on court usage as in 2021. There were a few numbers who were offered a reduced rate of membership.

	2022	2021
Ordinary	1	0
Adults	60	69
Concessions	63	55
Family	8	9
Juniors (Age 11 – 18)	40	39
Children Under 10 (Free)	72	83
Total number of members	266	281

The Club's membership fees remain the main source of income for the running of the Club.

Visitor Fees

The Club received £545 in Visitor Fees. This is still some way below pre-COVID levels. £255 of this income was from online bookings from visitors to Melrose. Members of the public can now book a court between 1.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m., seven days a week.

Coaching Fees

Coaching Fees totalled £15,927 which compares with £12,361 received in 2020-21. This is a 24% increase. Coaching was able to take place continuously through 2021-22 compared with the reduced coaching sessions offered in 2020-21 due to the COVID pandemic.

Junior Coaching

Coaching fees		£15,927
<u>Expenses</u>		
Coaching retainer	£600	
Coaching expenses	£10,903	<u>£11,503</u>
Net Surplus		£4,424

The above expenditure does not include coaching tennis balls which are included under 'Tennis Balls'.

Court Hire

The Club's courts were hired on two occasions. St Mary's School (£110) between January and March, and in August by Tennis Borders (£380). Last year's hire by Tennis Scotland for a Tennis Coaches' course was not repeated.

Sponsorship

Members of the Committee gathered £1,050 in Sponsorship from local companies. In March £200 was received from Clelands of The Borders to support the Melrose Mixed Doubles Tournament held at the beginning of April. In August £850 was received (JS Crawford - £200, Rennie Welch - £300, Martin Baird - £100 and Dominic Taddei - £250) as sponsorship of the Tennis Borders Confined Tournament.

Club Tournament

£200 was received for entrance fees to the Melrose Mixed Doubles Tournament held in early April.

Tennis Border Fees

The Club paid fees of £360 to Tennis Scotland and a further £60 as entrance fees for two teams to enter the Scottish Inter-Club Challenge Cup. The Club also paid fees of £329 to Tennis Borders. This is the first payment since 2019.

Tennis Balls

During the year the Club spent £775 on Dunlop Fort tennis balls and a further £795 on various types of coaching tennis balls.

Miscellaneous

During the year the Club spent £200 on hanging baskets, £197 on travel expenses to club matches, £178 on trophy engraving and £72 on accounting software.

Tournaments

There were £152 worth of expenses incurred in the running of the Melrose Mixed Doubles Tournament. The sponsorship money received on behalf of Tennis Borders and the TB Confined Tournament was used to fund prize money (£500) and the hire of a marquee (£300).

Court Maintenance

Apart from the regular monthly payments for the maintenance work by Dara Walshe (£2,355), the Club paid out £660 in October for the replacement of a light bulb in August 2021. The Club also paid £161 for salt during the year.

Clubhouse Maintenance

There were various payments for damaged locks and doors and a water leak.

Electricity

The Club's electricity meter was not repaired until July 2022. A smart meter was installed. Scottish Power agreed not to charge the Club for any electricity used since the meter failure in June 2020! The amount shown against Electricity in the accounts is the value of the monthly direct debit that was maintained during the year. This meant that the Club generated a credit balance with Scottish Power. Regular meter readings are now being submitted to Scottish Power. The value of the credit balance is estimated at £725 at the end of September.

The Club's Unit Rate was increased to 26.512p on 1 April 2022 (79% increase) and then increased to 32.155p on 1 October 2022 (a further 21% increase). The overall increase is 117%. The lack of recorded usage over the last two years makes it difficult to estimate the current number of units of electricity used by the Club. However, I have estimated that the Club used about 12,500 units in the last full year that information is available. This gives an estimated electricity cost of £1,980 at pre-April 2022 prices and an estimated cost of £4,200 at 1 October 2022 prices.

I expect that the Club will be included in the Government's Energy Bill Relief Scheme for businesses and other non-domestic customers. If this is correct, then the Unit Rate should be held at 21.100p. This would give an estimated cost for electricity of £3,000. It should be noted that the Relief Scheme will only run until 31 March 2023.

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Cleaning

Regular cleaning of the clubhouse by KenKleen started again in August 2021.

Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund

At the end of last year, the Club was successful with a grant application to the Build Back a Better Borders Recovery Fund. A grant of £8,163 was received from Scottish Borders Council (see Court Development Grant). The costs involved were:

£8,520 – Doe Sports – installation of practice wall (see Court Development).

£150 – Coaching sessions (included in Coaching expenses).

£288 – Tennis racquets (see Tennis Equipment)

£60 – Coaching balls (included in Tennis Balls)

£9,018 – Total expenditure.

The net expenditure for the Club for the practice wall was £855.00.

Banking

The current interest rate for the 95 Day Savings Account is 0.71% gross AER, paid twice a year.

Membership Fees

In 2010 the Adult membership fee was £80. In 2017 the fee was increased to the current figure of £85. Membership fees have only been increased once in the last 12 years. The Committee asks members to consider two Proposals for the Club's membership fees for the year starting 1 April 2023. The current membership fees are shown for comparison.

	2022	Proposal A	Proposal B
Ordinary	£13.00	£13.75	£15.00
Adult	£85.00	£90.00	£100.00
Concessions/Country	£47.50	£50.00	£56.00
Juniors (Age 11 – 18)	£32.00	£34.00	£37.50
Children (10 years & under)	Free	Free	Free
Family	£180.00	£190.00	£212.00
Winter Adult	£45.00	£47.50	£53.00
Winter Concession	£25.00	£26.50	£29.50
Winter Junior	£17.00	£18.00	£20.00
Winter Child	Free	Free	Free

Future


Financially the 2021-22 year was a successful year. This was because the number of members was maintained. There was a normal year of coaching. The Committee is currently investigating the possibility of installing solar panels on the clubhouse roof.

The Club has made a grant application to the Community Led Local Development Fund managed by Scottish Borders Council to support this project. There remains the risk of significant expenditure because several of the floodlight bulbs could fail at the same time. (8 of the bulbs are 18 years old).

The Club should be aiming for a surplus of between £4,000 and £5,000 each year. This level of surplus is required to bring the Designated Fund to an appropriate level for future major expenditure on the courts and floodlights. If the membership numbers remain at similar levels to 2021-22 this should be achieved in 2022-23.

Accounts examination

I would like to express my thanks to Viv Ross for her examination of the Club's accounts for the first time. The Club would like to thank Viv for her work in reviewing the Club's accounts.


Leslie Young
Hon. Treasurer

Date: 8 October 2022

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club Receipts and Payments Account
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022
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	<u>30-Sep-21</u>	£	£	<u>30-Sep-22</u>	£
Income					
Membership Fees			8,580		10,805
Visitor Fees			425		545
Coaching Fees			12,361		15,927
Court Hire			1,010		490
Sponsorship			0		1,050
Miscellaneous			1,620		78
Donation			6		9
Bank Interest			41		32
Fund Raising Income					
Christmas Draw	0			0	
Quiz Night	0			27	
Club Tournament	0			200	
			<u>0</u>		<u>227</u>
Court Development Grant			0		8,163
Total Income			<u><u>24,043</u></u>		<u><u>37,326</u></u>
Expenditure		£	£	£	£
Tennis Border and Tennis Scotland Fees			330		749
Coaching Retainers			600		600
Coaching Expenses			8,704		10,903
Tennis Balls			711		1,570
Tennis Equipment			23		288
Swipe Card Expenditure			102		102
Miscellaneous			442		758
Bank Charges			158		172
Fund Raising Expenses					
Christmas Draw	0			40	
Quiz Night	0			10	
Clubhouse Catering	0			7	
Tournaments (Club and Tennis Borders)	0			978	
			<u>0</u>		<u>1,035</u>
Court Maintenance	2,928			3,204	
Clubhouse Maintenance	908			396	
Electricity	1,219			206	
Cleaning	199			1,404	
Insurance	930			1,016	
			<u>6,184</u>		<u>6,226</u>
Clubhouse Development			2,011		0
Court Development			1,032		8,520
Total Expenditure			<u><u>20,297</u></u>		<u><u>30,923</u></u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year			<u><u>3,746</u></u>		<u><u>6,403</u></u>

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club
Statement of Balances as at 30 September 2022
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	2021	2022
	£	£
Bank and Cash in Hand		
Opening Balances	28,621	32,366
Surplus/Deficit for year	<u>3,746</u>	<u>6,403</u>
Closing Balances	32,366	38,769
Cheques Outstanding	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Reserves		
General funds	3,866	3,769
Designated Fund	<u>28,500</u>	<u>35,000</u>
	<u>32,366</u>	<u>38,769</u>
Represented by:		
The Co-operative Bank Community Directplus Account	3,866	4,488
The Co-operative Bank 95 Day Savings Account	28,500	34,281
as at 30 September 2022	<u>32,366</u>	<u>38,769</u>

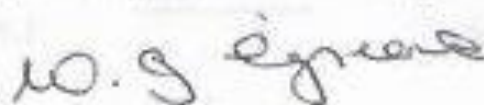
Note 1 All funds are unrestricted
i.e. No Restricted Funds
No Expendable Endowments Funds
No Permanent Endowment Funds

Note 2 Assets held by the Charity
Buildings
Courts/Floodlights
Other Assets/Trophies

Note 3 There are no liabilities or contingent obligations.

Note 4 The Designated Fund is considered to be the Sinking Fund for the replacement of courts and floodlights.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Mr William Grieve, President

Date 5-12-2022

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of: Melrose Waverley Tennis Club
Register charity number: SC034153

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date: 01 October 2021

Period end date: 30 September 2022

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement:

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement:

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the account to be reached.

Signed:

Vivien Ross

Date:

27/11/2022

Name:

Vivien Ross

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Accountancy and taxation services
15 High Street
Selkirk TD7 4BZ



Membership Secretary Report – AGM 7th November 2022

Introduction

Membership numbers have largely remained steady over the last year. Membership levels remain healthy and the club continues to receive a consistent number of new membership applications each month. At the time of the 2021 AGM, MWTC had 292 members. Currently, total membership is 269. This represents a change of 23 members (or ~ - 8%). The average number of new members per month for the period (1) September/October and (2) October/November was 6.5 new members per month. The club continues to receive membership applications for the winter season, membership package details of which are set out in the membership figures for October/November 2022 below.

Current Club Membership Figures as at November 2022

The current membership can be broken down by membership package as follows:-

Membership Package Total number of Members

Comments/Changes from 2021/22

Child Membership 22/23 74* -20 members
Junior Full Membership 22/23 47* +7 members
Adult Membership 22/23 79* -11 members
Adult Membership Winter 4 +2 members
Social Member 22/23 1 +1 member
Concession/Country Membership 22/23 63 +6 members

TOTAL MEMBERS 269

The comments/changes from 2021/22 column above is intended to provide a summary of trends only: some Child members will, for example, have moved into the Junior age category, and some members who were previously Adult members will have instead taken out a Concession/country membership package. *MWTC has nine Family members. Within the nine Family members, there are 30 individual members. These individuals are included in the figures at the main table above and for ease of reference are set out separately below:-

8 Family Membership 22/23 30 individual members
Breakdown of individuals within Family Membership Packages:
Adults 22
Juniors 7
Children 1

The definition for the purposes of the Family Membership package is set to change with effect from the 2023/24 season.

October/November 2022 new members

There is a healthy interest in the winter membership package, particularly from new Adult and Concession members. Since the last committee meeting, the club has received six membership applications, five of which are from new members:-

Membership Package Number of new members 2 October 2022 – 23 October 2022

Child Membership 22/23 1
Adult Winter Membership 22/23 4
Concession/Country Winter Membership 22/23 1

These figures are included in the table detailing the total number of members above.

Conclusion

All new members continue to be sent a Welcome Letter. This is being reviewed with a view to producing a separate letter specifically for junior members/their parents. In summary, it is encouraging to see that membership levels at MWTC have largely been sustained this year.

Sophie MacBrayne
Membership Secretary, 23 October 2022



Ladies, Men and Mixed Captain's Reports

Lady Captain's Report

We were thankful that back in April when the ladies league was ready to start, covid restrictions eased and we could return to the normal league structure. We had 20 ladies from the club available to play in the league which allowed us to field three teams, 6 players for division 1 and 4 players for division 2 and 3: a total of 14 players each week. This year we welcomed Felicity Walls to the team.

Our named 1st division players were our youngest team ever, ranging in age from 17 to 28 years! This still left us with a very strong and experienced field of players for our 2nd and 3rd division teams. Early in the league we could see from each week's results that we had a great opportunity for our ladies to do well in all three divisions. Our ladies continued to play consistently well throughout the league with outstanding results:

Division 1 team won 9 out of 10 matches with 1 draw.

Division 2 team won all 10 matches, and

Division 3 won 6 out of 8 matches, with 1 draw and 1 loss.

Melrose ladies won the Division 1 and Division 2 league titles with St. Boswells in 2nd place each time. The roles were reversed in Division 3, with our team narrowly missing first place to St. Boswells. This is the first time Melrose ladies have won the Division 1 league title which is an incredible achievement for both the players and the club. And to pick up the Division 2 league title, and 2nd place for Division 3 is just amazing, our players were so excited to have achieved this.

I would like to thank all the players for their weekly commitment throughout the season with special thanks to Jessica (captain of 1's) and Lorna (captain of 3's) who helped me enormously to check players availability and organise transport, food etc. Our team players celebrated during the summer with a night out in Melrose and a group of ladies picked up the league trophies on finals day at the Borders Confined.

Our ladies also took part in the Scottish Cup where we played Strathgryffe tennis club in the first round with an amazing win for the team. The 2nd round was a home match against Blackhall tennis club where our team played great tennis but unfortunately we didn't win.

All in all, a hugely successful year for our Ladies teams.

Men's Captain's Report

The Men's teams enjoyed a fantastic season in 2022 with all three teams competing to the best of their ability in all three divisions. The Men's 3rd team came 3rd in division 3, the Men's 2nd team came 2nd in division 2 and the Men's 1st team managed to win division 1 completing the season with 9 wins and 1 draw in the campaign - an undefeated league season for our Men's 1st team. Coupled with the success of winning Men's division 1 this year our Men's 1st team also managed, miraculously, to reach the last 4 of the Scottish Cup. The semi-finals against multiple winners and defending champions Newlands was where our men came unstuck. However, the achievement of making it this far in a competition laden with talent was a phenomenal achievement for our men and a historic one at that. Defeating teams such as David Lloyd Edinburgh and Western Tennis Club along the way – the furthest any Melrose team has reached in this competition!

Our 2nd team battled hard each week in division 2, some weeks having to let one or two players play up a team into the firsts due to absences other weeks not having a match at all. It was a tough season for the 2nd team with what effectively became two cup finals and league deciders versus Innerleithen, home and away. Unfortunately, our men were just pipped at the post by Innerleithen suffering a loss and a draw. This meant that Innerleithen finished in top spot gaining promotion to the first division. A tough ending for our 2nd team who I'm sure will bounce back even stronger in the forthcoming 2023 season.

Our Men's 3rd team came so close to gaining promotion to the second division this season. Had it not been for their four draws then things could have looked so different. They did however, like our Men's first team enjoy an undefeated

season. A fantastic effort by all the men who managed to fulfil these fixtures in division 3. Hopefully next season we can turn some of those draws in victories and begin climbing through the divisions.

<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/sport/events.aspx?id=49962CF9-56C8-4723-B1B5-75C68E735D4C>

To check out any league standings or results.

Mixed League captains' report

Trudi and I accepted the baton of organisation from Glen for this event, a hard act to follow. There was lots of interest from players flowing from the very successful level doubles leagues for the club. This meant despite fielding three teams a number of people had to be disappointed with regards to the number of opportunities they had to play, the downside of selecting on an ability basis.

The 1sts won Division 1 with a 100% record. The 2nds finished a credible 4th in the same league. The 3rds finished a similarly credible 4th in Division 2. Trudi and I would like to thank all those who played and who expressed interest in representing the club in this event.

Mixed Doubles Knockout Captain's Report

This was my first year as captain for the Mixed Doubles Knockout. We entered two teams. Melrose team 1 had an extremely close match against Kelso in the semi-final. They fought hard but just narrowly missed out on a win by half a point. Kelso went on to win in the final against Duns. Melrose team 2 lost in the first round to Peebles but went onto play in the consolation final against St. Boswells which they won very convincingly. Well done to Melrose Team 2!

40+ Mixed League 2021

At the time of the last AGM we were half way through the 40+mixed league with both Melrose teams in strong positions in their respective leagues. Following on from our 2021 mixed knockout cup win, both teams continued our success with Melrose1 winning division1 and Melrose2 winning division2, both teams remaining unbeaten throughout the campaign. A great end to a very long season with the competition finishing two weeks before Xmas.

Winter League

The 2022 season began with the Winter League running through February and March. We entered three teams into this competition and all three had success. Melrose1 was placed into division A and ended up topping the group. Melrose2 + 3 were placed in division B and finished with Melrose2 in second place behind Peebles and Melrose3 in an excellent third place. This set up a semi-final between Melrose1 and Melrose2 which turned out to be the 1s toughest match on the way to another Tennis Borders title, beating Peebles in the final. A fantastic start to 2022 after a successful end to 2021 which paved the way for even more success throughout 2022.



COACHING AND JUNIORS REPORT

Coaching:

"I currently coach around 100 children per week during term time. This is always fluctuating as children come and go but has remained around this number over the past year. Demand for coaching from children remains high without very little advertising so I have a steady flow of requests throughout the year. I have not run any adult coaching sessions for a while but will run some sessions in the spring subject to demand. I continue to be an Accredited Coach with the Lawn Tennis Association which means I continue to attend training and courses to maintain my coaching standards. I look forward to continue to work for the club.

Ian Reilly"

Juniors:

The junior's section has had two teams participating in the Spring and Autumn leagues with Border Tennis, with a good level of success in the Spring League, Team 1 were Runners Up in Division 1. With players moving into adult categories, we have been developing our new teams through the Autumn leagues and currently have around 12 players who are keen to play. Several young players continue to attend District training with Borders tennis and we have two players Jack Fairgrieve and Jack Fourie who are members of the Borders Tennis Academy. Both boys were delighted to be asked to travel to a BTA camp in Mallorca end of Sept/early Oct for a week and by all accounts had an amazing experience and will now move forward with their identified development plans. We have been able to field several teams at various Events offered by Tennis Borders; Davis Cup Event, 11U Team Event, 14U Pairs Event and we have a team participating in the Winter 10U Indoor Team Event 29/10.

Junior Championships:

12U Girls Winner: Eilidh Fourie Runner Up: Sara Southall

12U Boys Winner: Seth McDougal Runner Up: Cal Lynch

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16U Boys: Jack Fourie and Harris McDougal still to play their match

I am really enjoying seeing the development of the juniors playing competitively and their confidence building and enjoying meeting players from across the Borders. Tennis Borders are offering a good level of opportunities for juniors and I am happy to continue to be involved and to build on our involvement and supporting junior players to have these opportunities. Over the coming year I would like to work with Ian and the committee so we can offer our support to running some junior events at Melrose

Rachel Fourie



MELROSE WAVERLEY TENNIS CLUB

Constitution

1. The Club was re-established following a Public Meeting held in the Ormiston Lounge, Melrose on Wednesday, 4th March 1998.
2. The Club is established for charitable purposes and is known as “The Melrose Waverley Tennis Club”, herein after referred to as “the Club”.
3. The Club is based at the Municipal Courts situated within the Gibson Park, Melrose.
4. The prime objects of the Club are to achieve the following:
 - (I) To establish maintain and conduct a Club for the purpose of promoting community participation in healthy recreation by the provision of facilities for playing Lawn Tennis.
 - (II) In furtherance of but not otherwise:
 - (III) To provide a club that is socially inclusive and all participants are welcomed and encouraged.
 - (IV) To work closely with the Tennis Scotland and other statutory bodies in developing the game of tennis.
 - (V) To continue to assist in the development of playing facilities which exist or may in the future come to exist, within the Gibson Park, in whatever manner may be deemed appropriate and relevant thereto.
 - (VI) To continue to consult and liaise with the Trustees of the Gibson Trust as owners of the courts.
5. In furtherance of the above purpose, the Club shall have power to promote fund-raising events and obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of subscriptions, donation and contribution; legacies, grants and other lawful method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description other than heritable, and shall be entitled to make payments, gifts, grants and loans relative to the objects stated at “4” above.

MEMBERSHIP

6. Membership of the club is open to all who support the Club’s objectives on payment of the appropriate subscription.
7. All Members of the Club will have the right to vote at meetings of the Club.

MANAGEMENT

8. The affairs of the Club will be managed by a Management Committee comprising of not more than twelve members of the Club. Club Coaches are invited to attend Management Committee meetings but will not have voting rights.
9. The Management Committee will comprise a President (who shall act as Chairman at all meetings of the Club), a Vice President, Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer who will the Office Bearers of the Club and not more than eight other members. The Management Committee will meet a minimum of 4 times a year but more often if required. The Office Bearers may meet out with these meeting to ensure the smooth running of the club. Minutes of the Meeting of the Office Bearers or Management Committee will be maintained by the Honorary Secretary.
10. The Management Committee will seek to involve Junior Members in the running of the club and encourage them to attend Management Committee meetings from time to time.

11. The Management Committee will be entitled to co-opt to its ranks not more than three persons as it may, at its sole discretion consider appropriate. A co-opted member who is replacing an elected member will be entitled to have voting rights but ad hoc co-opted members will not.
12. All members of the Management Committee, including any co-opted members will hold office until the next following Annual General Meeting of the Club when they will retire but will be eligible for re-election.
13. The Management Committee will have full power to fill vacancies arising in its membership during the year and to appoint such Sub-Committees as it deems appropriate to the efficient management of the Club's affairs.
14. At any meeting of the Management Committee, a quorum will consist of no fewer than five members.

GENERAL MEETINGS

15. An Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held within 2 months of the Club's financial year end, each year at which the President **or** Hon. Secretary will present, for information, an Annual Report: The Hon. Treasurer will present, for approval, the audited Statement of Account and a Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year: The Management Committee for the ensuing year will be appointed and fees and subscriptions for the following season will be set. An Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting, requires a minimum quorum of nine.
16. Nominations for membership of the Management Committee will be made by members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting. Should the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies, election will be by ballot at the said meeting.
17. The President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the Annual General Meeting will be those who have held office in these positions for the preceding year. They will demit office at the conclusion of the said meeting but will be eligible for re-appointment.
18. The Books of Account will be examined and certified by a capable independent examiner (who must not be a member of the Management Committee). This appointment will be made at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the approved laid down procedures from the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).
19. Additional General Meetings may from time-to-time be called by the Management Committee as they consider appropriate.
20. The Management Committee must call a Special General Meeting of the Club within 21 days of receiving a written request to do so, setting out the reason for such a request and signed by not fewer than 20 members of the Club.
21. A minimum of 21 days' notice prior to the Annual General Meeting, and other Special General Meeting, must be given to all members of the club by means of electronic communication and notices in the clubhouse.

Miscellaneous

22. The Committee may make arrangements, in advance of an AGM or Special General Meeting, to allow members (or their proxies) to fully participate remotely, so long as all those participating in the meeting can communicate with each other, and all members (or their proxies) may vote during the meeting. A Member or proxy participating remotely by such means shall be deemed to be present in person at the AGM.
23. The financial affairs of the Club will be directed by the Hon. Treasurer who will close the Books of Account at the 30th of September each year and prepare there from a Statement of Account and a Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year to that date for scrutiny by the appointed independent examiner and presentation thereafter at the Annual General Meeting.
24. The funds of the Club will be held in a properly nominated bank account, or bank accounts, in the name of the Club. Such account or accounts may only be operated upon any two signatures of the Honorary Treasurer, President, Vice-President and Honorary Secretary.
25. The Management Committee will have full power to make, alter or amend Rules or Bylaws for the governance of the game and the management of play on the Gibson Park courts as they, at their sole discretion, deem appropriate.
26. The property of the Club will be vested in the Management Committee during their term(s) of office.
27. No alteration to these rules may be made except at an Annual or Special General Meeting. Written notice of any proposed alteration must be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, or raised formally at a meeting of the Management Committee, at least 28 days prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.
28. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to local recognised charitable organisation(s) having objects similar to those of the Club.



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Melrose Waverley Tennis Club

Committee Members (Trustees) Year ended 30 September 2022

Will Grieve – President

Glen Gordon – Vice-President (from 8 November 2021)

Alison Moore – Hon. Secretary

Leslie Young – Hon. Treasurer

Mac Brown

Rachel Fourie

Lorna Hutchison

Dr David Owen

Andrew Panter (resigned 27 June 2022)

Gemma Ross

Sophie MacBrayne (from 10 September 2022)

Lesley Watters