

Welcome to our 45th AGM

Reports on the state of the club's Finance, Membership and Court Maintenance position have been prepared by David (Finance), Andy (Membership) and Edwin (Maintenance) respectively. Belinda will cover coaching. I am therefore going to limit my comments to the committee's discussions and progress on facility development and proposed fees for the 2023-24 season. Before doing so however, I would like to thank all of our coaches (ably led by Belinda), the committee members and everyone who has volunteered at the club over the last year, particularly those who have organised social tennis. We would not have the facilities, community and membership we have today without them!

### **Court developments**

Over the last 4 years we have renovated the artificial grass and installed floodlights, on courts 1-3. The next stage of the development will be to replace the artificial courts when their useful life ends - which is expected within the next 2 years. The Committee have discussed the matter extensively and concluded that our favoured option is to install artificial clay courts as these meets our key criteria of being suitable for both coaching and social play. We hope that instillation will take place in early 2023 in time for the 2023-4 season.

In addition to replacing the surface on courts 1-3 we have been exploring the possibility of erecting Padle Courts behind Courts 4-6. Padle Tennis is the fastest-growing sport in the world - it's a fast-paced, social sport that's easy to pick up, but difficult to put down. It can be played by anyone and everyone, no matter your age or ability. Discussions are at an early stage but we have in principle agreement with the Community Trust and we are now looking at the funding and development practicalities.

### **Club House**

Members may be aware that the Community Trust is proposing to develop the centre reflecting increased demand. Part of the proposals would involve relocating our club house from the Conservatory to another part of the building, or even a separate club house. I have met with the Community Trust Chair, Deputy Chair and Manager to discuss the proposed development as have the Committee. We will keep members informed of the proposed development as and when it occurs but would not expect any immediate changes for a couple

of years as planning permission has not yet been sought and funding has to be found.

## **Fees**

Reflecting the club's financial position and the continuing need to build up funds to meet anticipated expenditure in the coming years (specifically the resurfacing of courts 1-3 ) and a sinking fund for courts 4-6 the Committee is proposing the following fees for the 2023-4, season payable from 1st April.

Adult full £160

Adult Weekday £100

Junior - under 10 £35

- 10-18 £55

Chaperone £40

Winter £80

Fees for packages eg 'adults and children' will be based on the above with discounts for "bulk" as in previous years.

Having looked at the fees charged by York Tennis Club, who have broadly comparable facilities, the proposed fees remain competitive.

Floodlight fees have been set at a level that covers the costs, currently £6 per hour

## **Finally**

I would like to say a special thank you to Mel Batey who is stepping down as Club secretary, Edwin Knighton who steps down as Vice Chair in the New Year and Sally Bell-Syer who represents the Club so well at the Community Trust meetings. Willing volunteers to take their place would be greatly appreciated. It is only possible to have such a vibrant club because of our volunteers.

**John Lister, Chair**

## Poppleton Tennis Club - Court Annual Maintenance Report 2022

As last year, the maintenance team has been: Brian Graystone, Edwin Knighton and Pete Moss. We are very grateful for Gary Mundy's advice and help with carrying out electrical repairs.

Routine maintenance tasks have included:

- Removing debris, blowing courts
- Tractor brushing of courts 1-3
- Weeding the court gravel perimeter areas
- Trimming hedges and shrubs
- Moss removal to all courts
- Removal of pigeon excrement to Court 3
- Liaising with Replay Maintenance Contractor for Courts 1-3, 4 x a year; their contract costs the club approximately £1600
- Liaising with contractor, Chris Watkinson for trimming conifer hedges, 1 x per year
- "Aquacourt" Deep Clean of Courts 4- 6

The Macadam courts had become slippery due to a build of debris and moss again this year. To address this safety concern Replay Maintenance were contracted to carry out a high pressure jetting and scrub using their "Aquacourt" process carried out over 2 days in October. The process cost approximately £2000 and appears to have been very effective.

### Equipment

A new high powered battery powered leaf blower has recently been bought to help remove the autumn leaves, at a cost of approximately £800.

### Forecast for 2023

We estimate that a sum of £3,000 – 4,000 will be needed for routine maintenance in 2023, excluding any electrical work to the floodlights.

We plan to buy a new hedge trimmer.

Our floodlights for Courts 4-6 were installed in 1999 and there is likely to be some maintenance and bulb replacement needed in the near future. The guarantee for the new floodlights to Courts 1-3 has now expired.

Edwin Knighton

11 November 2022

## Membership report 22/23

The following information is taken from the Clubspark website on 13/11/22 and compared to the document Membership numbers and Fees for 2021-21(sic) which I attach to the email to the secretary.

A slight reduction in the number of total members against previous years, however, increases in fees and types of memberships purchased has offset this reduction and income remains steady as outlined by the treasurer. Total members down by 13 from 2020/21. Family packages remain on an upward trajectory, with 53 sold vs 35 and 40 from previous years.

The figures are quoted in table 1:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Adult Full	120	140		154
Adult Weekday	31	30		24
Chaperone	27	15		11
Junior 0-9	75	75		52
Junior 10+	71	70		76
Winter adults	14	6		7
Winter junior	4	2		2
Total members	334	330		317
Family packages	35	40		53

Despite the overall number of members being reduced, Adult Full members have increased, and table 2 highlights the continuing importance of this group to club revenue.

Table 2

Name	Code	Full Cost	Sold	Revenue
<a href="#">Adult Full 2022-2023</a>	AF 22-23	£150.00	67	£10,050.00
<a href="#">Family 1 adult 2 child, jnr or student 2022-23</a>	Fam 1+2 22-23	£190.00	22	£4,180.00
<a href="#">Family 1 adult, 1 child, jnr or student 2022-2023</a>	Fam 1+1 22-23	£175.00	16	£2,450.00
<a href="#">Adult Weekday 2022-2023</a>	AW 22 - 23	£100.00	25	£2,366.00
<a href="#">Family 2 Adults 2 Child, Jnr Or Student 2022-2023</a>	Fam 2 + 2 22/23	£325.00	7	£2,275.00
<a href="#">Family 2 adult 1 child, jnr or student 2022-23</a>	Fam 2 + 1 22 -23	£310.00	5	£1,550.00
<a href="#">Junior 2022-2023</a>	Junior 22- 23	£55.00	28	£1,485.00
<a href="#">Child 2022-2023</a>	Child 22-23	£30.00	28	£810.00
<a href="#">Chaperone 2022 -2023</a>	Chap 22-23	£45.00	13	£495.00
<a href="#">Family 1 adult 3 child, jnr or student 2022-23</a>	Fam 1+3 22-23	£205.00	2	£410.00
<a href="#">Adult half year</a>	AHY	£70.00	5	£350.00
<a href="#">Family 2 adults 3 child, jnr or student 2022-2023</a>	Fam 2 + 3 22 - 23	£340.00	1	£340.00
<a href="#">Student 2022-2023</a>	Student	£55.00	7	£330.00

Andrew Graham Membership Secretary 13/11/22

Coaching report

Another busy year.

All the junior groups are full with a small waiting list;it will be interesting to see if the recession affects this in the near future.

Three more juniors have been selected for County Coaching;

Jack Wedge 2015,Charlie Lewis 2016,Poppy Thorn 2015

So young!

All the junior teams did really well in the Yorkshire Team Tennis Events over the summer.

We had an U11,U12,U14,U16,U18 boys teams and U12,U14,U16 girls teams.

Several of the juniors play regularly in the adult teams including the mixed first team; Jed Devine did amazingly well against tough opposition.

Over the winter we held some mini tennis tournaments for the younger ones.

The summer camps were really well attended ;I've already had a parent when the camps will be next year! (No idea yet)

Finally Yorkshire tennis want to resurrect the old Mini Tennis Leagues so I'm organising the York Area.The first fixture is at Poppleton on sat November 26th.

Adult coaching;

Rusty rq groups have been really busy.

Thursdays are no longer Rusty-Most of the players represent the ladies second and third teams.

Friday Rustys are for those returning to the game.Rebecca now helps me with this group as it tends to be too big for one coach.

Sat Mens is also well attended .

Many thanks to the coaching team; Ben Walker,who does a great job with the younger groups,Nick Turnbull,brilliant with young,talented players,Rebecca Turnbull,who is fantastic with all the young girls,Ash Dearing,who does sunday mornings and summer camps and Jed Devine and Dan Adkinson who assist at the younger groups. Jed also does some young individuals.

Finally Freya Devine,Leah Larkman and Douglas Thomas,who all assist at junior groups.  
Belinda Turnbull

## Ladies Tennis Report from Sally

Ladies: We were pleased to play a full season post COVID and fielded three teams of Ladies in 2022 playing in Division 2, Division 5 and Division 6. We played a total of 38 matches, won 23 and lost 15.

We have played in the blistering heat and unusually had fixtures postponed due to the extreme heat, similarly some fixtures were rained off and rearranged. Our approach this season was continuing to build a feeling of inclusiveness and team spirit based on good communication and we welcomed several new players to the teams joining our regular players.

Team 1 was ably captained by Hilary Spencer and Hilary Brown, Team 2 by Margaret Evans and Jean Geraghty and Team 3 by Helen Hatfield and Elley Isles.

Our team organisation is based on the captains having regular meetings both before and during the playing season and this is a supportive atmosphere which has worked well. A big thank you to ALL captains – the season simply would not happen without your time, effort, patience and cooperation. Of course no season would be complete without the support and advice from Belinda who remains as ever a fountain of knowledge and advice.

Overall we had a very good season, Team 1 had been promoted to Division 2 and held their own finishing 4th, Team 2 played well all season and finished 3rd in Division 5 and Team 3 also played well and finished 3rd in Division 6.

Next season will see some changes to the captaincy of the teams with Nicola Davies joining Hilary Brown to captain Team 1, Helen Hatfield and Elley Isles move to captain Team 2 and we welcome Catie Moorcroft and Fiona Vicary who will take on Team 3.

Finally thank you to all the Captains, to Belinda and to all the players it's a true team effort and we manage to have some laughter and fun whilst playing good tennis!