

SLTC AGM 2019

Chairman's report.

- This year is our 124th – Lease dates back to 1895; Granted by the then Earl of Radnor, Jacob Pleydell-Bouverie;
- A good year for the Club generally;
- The Club is financially sound.
- Membership has remained stable for several years. More from Lesley later;
- Courts 1-3 and 10 (affectionally known as the Cage) have been repainted and new nets and posts installed across all hard courts
- We are conscious that the clay courts have been down for some 18 years now and need far more maintenance and money spent than the hard courts. However, we are committed to retaining them in the medium term
- Social evenings have continued to be **EXTREMELY** very well attended, even on the thankfully very few wet evenings. Special thanks go to Trina who co-ordinates the preparation of (and indeed often herself prepares) food of gourmet quality each Friday;
- We have signed a new 4-year contract with Lee Mahony. Coaching team working well with a very active programme covering all ages and abilities and the Committee is committed to supporting them in all their activities. Patrick Watts joined as Assistant Head Coach to Lee last year. More from Lee later;
- We have maintained our strong link with Bishop Wordsworth's School through its Head of PE, R D-G. A training programme runs through the year and the school uses our courts for its home matches.
- We propose to continue the format of the Annual Club Tournament, with one or two minor changes, upon which Judith will elaborate later;
- Every year I feel it is important to recognise that the Committee Members are all volunteers and regularly put in a huge amount of their own time to make the Club run smoothly. Catering at tournaments, Club Social evenings and other events, etc., as well as the smooth administration of the Club, is all provided by Committee members supported as needed by other Club members.
- I feel it would be appropriate to show our appreciation by giving them a big hand;
- One of the highlights of the year was winning the Premier Division of the Hants & IoW Summer Men's Doubles League, beating Winchester at Winchester in our last match of the season. This splendid trophy is on display in front of you.
- It was especially notable in that it was Roger Witt's 100th winning match in that league over a career spanning 30 years.
- Additionally, a few weeks ago, playing for the Men's A team against Warsash in the Winter Doubles, he completed his 1,000th match for the Club. He was presented with

a commemorative tankard on the Floodlight Cup Finals evening a couple of weeks ago.

- I do want you all to join me in recognising this achievement and thanking Roger for running our tournaments so efficiently as Club Referee, for the hard work he puts into making the Floodlight League and Cup so enjoyable for so many members. It is important to recognise that the tournaments bring in significant income for the Club, not just in the entry fees but also the catering and bar profits.
- Finally, as you will be aware, Mike Knight our current President is standing down and the election of a new President takes place later in the proceedings. Unfortunately, he cannot be here this evening, but I should like to record our thanks Mike for his support of the Club over many years, as a Committee member, Chairman and President.



SALISBURY TENNIS CLUB

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO AGM 2019

Good evening

As is usual, it falls to me to fill in all the gaps between the other Reports.

We have only held 4 full committee meetings since the last AGM partly because of my absence and because there have been many Sub Committee meetings to discuss the new Coach's Contract and the revised Constitution. Various committee members have also attended LTA Forums and League AGM's.

As Stephen has already mentioned, Roger, our Club Referee, has continued to run the annual floodlight league through the winter. Our congratulations to Team Y - Steve Rogers, Glen D'Mello, Peter Lloyd, and Lesley Maynard. It was great that we were able to revert to 8 teams this year to compete in the league and I think everyone enjoyed the Season – even those

As in previous years, we have also hosted the Sarum League Mixed Tournament which raised a substantial sum for charity. This year the event will be held at Riverside so if you have played for Sarum – remember to enter via Roger.

For the second time, we also hosted the Adult County Championships with Francis and Rory getting to the Final where Rory beat Francis once again. They paired up to play the doubles but lost to another family pair, George and Archie Nixon in the final. The event, which should have been played over a weekend but it extended into the following week due to the snow on the ground. This year the event is being held at Marlborough and we take place this weekend if anyone fancies a day out and would like to see the new facilities they have there.

I would like to reiterate our thanks to Jacky and Roger for all the time they have given to making these events such a success particularly now they have moved to the other side of town so a lot more travelling is required.

As usual, a huge thank you as well to all those that helped with refreshments at all the events and who provided some magnificent cakes.

Every year I praise those who provide food on a Friday night. We are so fortunate in the ability of our cooks who help to contribute to making Friday night social such a success.

The doubles tournament and Christmas Meal this year was the best event so far. We had some great tennis and a superb meal. A big thank you to Theresa, Lesley and myself for the catering and to Theresa for making the table so festive.

Due to the poor weather we were not able to lay more clay on the Maintenance Day but an amazing number of members still came to do all the odd jobs that needed doing – so thank you to anyone that helped. We have dealt with other ongoing maintenance issues though the year and Peter very kind fitted a new gate on the Harnham Road which was damaged during one of the breaks ins.

We hope to arrange a further clothes collection event during the year which is a very quick and easy way of raising funds and enables us all to clear our wardrobes so don't throw anything away as the weather starts turning warmer. Details to follow shortly.

SALISBURY LAWN TENNIS CLUB 2018 YEAR TREASURERS REPORT

The club had another strengthening financial year although not as strong as previously with income down by 6% £51,067 compared to £54,461 and expenses up by 15% £34,430 to £29,790.

This gave net income excess over expenditure of £16,637, just £163 short of the £16,800 recommended LTA transfer to the Court Renewal Sinking Fund.

Most income and expenditure figures are broadly on par but we saw reduced tournament income by £2,577 and reduced bar income of £1,569 as we did not hold a February Junior Tournament due to LTA scheduling. Ground expenses were up due to £1,200 Net Posts, £1,100 Clay, £280 Pest control, Irrigation spares £532 and drain survey £216, while hot temperatures meant some bar stock was spoiled and written off.

The capital expenditure for which the reserve funds are held for covered court repainting of £6,700 and items following the break in of replacement bar shutter £1,190 and alarm and CCTV system of £1,899. We were able to recover £1,263 of this following a claim on our insurance.

The loan balances still outstanding are £7,850 on the Clubhouse finishing in March 2020 and Floodlights £12,800 finishing in November 2026.

Overall the Club reserves show an improved positive of £21,081 compared to £12,808 (64% up). This maintains a solid base as we look towards future court resurfacing in the next few years and that we can continue to invest any surplus in maintaining our facility to as high a standard as possible.

So, on that note the bit you all really wish to know is the Bar best seller's league

Pinot Grigio	2018 :399	2017:337
Butcombe IPA	2018 :379	2017:202
Budvar	2018 :256	2017:293
Diet Coke	2018: 181	2017:181
Jelly Snakes	2018 :242	2017:351 having fallen from P1 to P5!

Finally, please support your Club by exceeding these figures substantially in 2019!

SLTC AGM MARCH 27TH 2019

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

In the 2018/9 Club membership year ending 31st march 2019 the number of members was very close to the average for the last 3 years, at a total of 340 (345 last year) members and a revenue of £32,580.

The membership was made up of:

Adult	97
Country	4
Couple	16
Family	41
Honorary	7
Mid Week	5
Social	2
Under 10	80
Under 16	74
Under 18	10
Under 21	6

The number of members that left were again replaced by new ones throughout the year, a fact that has been the case in the last 3 years. In line with previous years, by far the largest numbers that left were in the Under10 category, but they were also replaced by the end of the year.

The committee decided on a 2.5% increase in club fees for this all adult categories this year, this should ensure that the revenue is at least maintained.

However it was decided that there would be no increase for the Junior and Under 21 categories. The effect will not be significant as the percentage of revenue from these categories is about 25%.

ClubSpark has proved to be useful and the teething problems largely overcome. The link described below is directed to ClubSpark another step forward to ensure that the process of membership admin is automated as far as possible.

Our web site now includes a 'Join Salisbury Tennis Club' link which navigates the applicant to a new window, where their name, address, phone numbers, BTM and e-mail can be entered. The next window contains the categories of membership available, together with a short description. Further links navigate to the ClubRules, our Health and Safety statement and where to find other relevant information.

Most potential members have smart phones so it will be very simple for all of us to have this link available to anyone who expresses an interest in joining us. A "Strike whilst the fire is hot" principle. The website of course will still be important.

The aim for me this coming year as Membership Secretary is to ensure that all new and current members both Adults and Juniors have their latest details up to date. By using the link described above all existing members can ensure that the Club has their current details.

As of 4.00pm today we have 75 members paid up split roughly 50/50 Adult and Junior.

Lesley Maynard

HON.MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT 2019

The indisputable highlight of the past year was the winning by our Men's A team of the Hants and IOW trophy for the first time ever. The final match was won by the team of Giles Hussey, Will Bissett, Francis Smith, Ben Rogers, Roger Witt and Lee Mahony . We congratulate them and all the team players who were involved in those summer matches and really raised the profile of Salisbury Tennis Club .

Another amazing achievement was achieved by Roger Witt and this was the record of playing 1000 matches for the club between 1989 and early 2019 . This was marked with two presentations , one after he had played his 1000th match in January and another earlier this month when he was presented with an engraved tankard. I know that Roger is not going to stop yet so that record will keep increasing !

The year was as busy as ever and team captains, as always , did a splendid job of organising teams and fulfilling fixtures.

Hampshire and IOW teams were run by the following –

Men's A and B teams Roger Witt

Ladies' Theresa Griffiths

Hampshire and IOW Senior teams were run by the following :-

Men's o45A Roger Witt, Men's o45B Simon White

Ladies o40 Sue Burt , Ladies o50 Judith Cutler

Southampton Winter League –

Men's A and B Roger Witt

Ladies Judith Cutler

Sarum League teams were run as follows –

A team winter and summer Liz Crossley.

B team winter Trina Smith

B team summer Dale Brock

C team summer Trina Smith

Team Tennis

Men's Regional South West (East) division – Julian Hemming

TT Senior Men's and Ladies' -Roger Witt

TT Junior – Joe Revelle

Results

Hampshire & IOW League

Men's A team top of division 1 and won the League trophy

Mens B 6th In division 3b and relegated

Ladies 4th in division 3b

Hampshire & IOW league Seniors -

o45 Mens A 2nd in division 2

o45 Mens B 1st in division 3 and promoted

o40 Ladies 4th in division 1 and relegated

o50s Ladies 6th in division 1 and relegated

Southampton Winter league 2017-18

Men's A 5th in division 1

Men's B 5th in division 2

Ladies 5th in division 2

Sarum League

Winter 2017-18

A team 4th in division 1

B team 2nd in division 3 and promoted

Summer 2018

A team 3rd in division 1

B team top of division 2 and promoted

C team bottom of division 2 and relegated

Team Tennis

Men's team (Regional)

7th in the division

Team Tennis men (county)

6th (out of 6)in division 1

Ladies 1st (out of 2) in division 1

8u mixed 1st (out of 3) in div 1 south

9u mixed 1st (out of 3) in div 1 south

12u boys 3rd (out of 4) in div 1

14u boys 1st (out of 3) in div 1

16u girls A team 2nd (out of 5),B team 5th in div 2

18u boys A team 2nd (out of 5),B team 5th in div 2

Players representing the county during 2018

Rory Smith, Francis Smith, George Nixon and Ben Rogers played Summer and Winter county cup.

Louisa Fuller played 18u county cup.

James Sinclair was captain of the 065s and Glen d'Mello played o65s .

In the new Champion of Champions event in Devizes Francis Smith and Ryan Howard were runners up.

Summer Club Tournament Winners 2018

Men's singles Ben Rogers Ladies singles Louisa Fuller

Men's Doubles Ryan Howard & Francis Smith

Ladies' Doubles Lucy Bushby & Liz Crossley

Mixed Doubles Francis Smith & Trina Smith

Seniors

Men's singles James Turner Ladies singles Liz Crossley

Men's Doubles Peter Coley & Andrew James

Ladies' Doubles Lucy Bushby & Liz Crossley

Mixed Doubles Andrew James & Judith Cutler

U18 Boys singles Oliver Martin

Club Finals Day this year will be held on Sunday 22nd September . The Seniors Singles final will be held on Friday 20th September . All dates have been emailed to members and will be advertised at the club.

AGM Coaches Report – 27th March 2019

1) Coaching team + leaders

Team consists of Paddy Watts, Will Dunlop, and Jonny Mitchel + tennis leaders 13-16

2) New initiatives + schools

5 new schools, and continued strong link with Bishops Wordsworth for 2019

3) standards and variety

Very proud of standards set and variety offered at our club, offering coaching from beginner to national level. 2 new sessions, Tennis Express for beginners and advantage tennis for team players

We attract high standards to the club

4) Outstanding Junior

Louise Fuller, 18/u county cup, 14/u county cup, ladies club champion, success in ladies teams

5) increase on coaching numbers and individuals

To increase the amount of groups in particular focus on mini Tennis growth and schools initiatives

We have 11 kids taking part in county training in different age groups

6) please let us know if there's any thing as a team you'd like us to be offering

Best regards

Lee