

Chalfont St. Peter Tennis Club

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

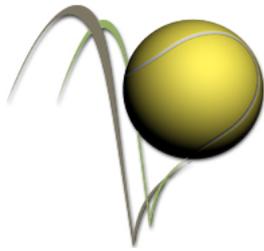
SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2020 - NOON

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Membership report
7. 2020/21 subscription rates
8. Clubhouse and grounds maintenance report
9. Publicity report
10. Social report
11. Fixtures report
12. Coaching report
13. Election of officers and committee:
 - Chairman (vacant)
 - Honorary Secretary (vacant)
 - Honorary Treasurer*
 - Membership Secretary*
 - Publicity Officer*
 - Maintenance Co-ordinator*
 - Social Events Co-ordinator (vacant)
 - Fixtures Secretary*
 - Safeguarding Officer (vacant)
 - Club Captain (vacant)

Other committee members (* prepared to stand for another year)

14. Appointment of Auditor



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15. Any other business

Meeting Minutes

1. Apologies for absence; D Harris, M Bird, C Retzek V Smith.
2. Minutes of last AGM; minutes accepted
3. Matters arising; N/A

4. Chairman's Report

Welcome to you all and thank you for coming to your tennis club's annual general meeting.

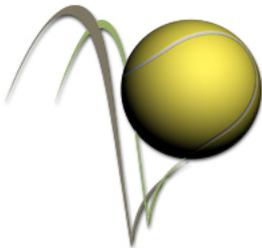
I should like to extend a particularly warm welcome those who are here for the first time. I hope that the meeting will take no longer than an hour and a half. There is some hot food and mince pies later, for which there is no charge.

You should all have on your seats copies of the accounts for last year and the minutes of last year's AGM. The AGM is a forum for reviewing the past year, as well as looking ahead, and it provides a forum for members to express their feelings about the way they would like to see the club run. It is also provides an opportunity for you to vote for your committee, and even stand for it.

Firstly, let me highlight the main events of the year

1) Adult membership is up on this time last year and there are many new faces on the courts. We welcomed many new members to the club this year. Our next job as a club is to make them doubly welcome by encouraging them to play more and attend social events

2) Junior membership is over 80 for a second year in a row. This is fantastic news. In addition to Wednesday evening classes, we have started adult improver classes on Tuesday mornings, and this has proved to be very popular.



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Our next job is to encourage those playing in the improver classes to play at the club roll-up sessions

3) Attendance at roll-up tennis continues to languish. Numbers are understandably low in the winter, but I would encourage you all to turn out if you can on Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings, no matter what your standard.

On the other hand, Friday morning pre-arranged tennis playing sessions have proved to be very popular. The committee acknowledges the effort that Andrew puts into arranging games in advance.

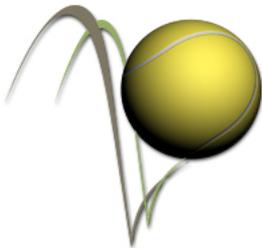
The challenge facing the club today is to revitalise the club roll-up playing sessions so that they are as well liked and attended as the Friday morning sessions. To this end, we have re-introduced the post of club captain who will also stand on the committee. The main role of the club captain will be to monitor, encourage and promote the playing of tennis at the club. He or she will have a particular responsibility for the development of playing opportunities for both new and experienced players in roll-up, and pre-arranged formats.

Clean-up day

We started the tennis year with clean-up day, when the outer areas were tidied up and clubhouse interior was spruced up and refreshed ready for open day. Thank you to all members who volunteered to turn up on the day to help. I hope that as many as possible will turn up this year

Open day

This was shortly followed by open day. Thank you as well to all who helped. The idea of open-day is partly to recruit new members and partly to promote the club in the local community. We also had a presence at the Chalfont fair on gold hill common in June



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Thursday suppers

The regular Thursday suppers after tennis continue to be a popular, and I was particularly pleased to see some new faces. The social side of our club is a very important adjunct to the playing side, and I would like to see us encourage those newer to the club to come along on Thursdays too.

We are all indebted to those that unselfishly help out at social events but especially: Adrian who stocks and opens the bar each time; and Ann who managed the whole process as social secretary. Adrian has kindly offered to run the bar again this year, but sadly, Ann is retiring from her position as social secretary this year. Let us show her our appreciation.

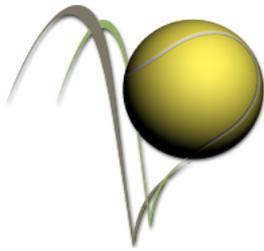
Wimbledon

Twelve pairs of tickets for Wimbledon were won by lucky members in the ballot. I would like to ask all club members that have not registered with the British tennis membership scheme to do so as soon as possible, and I would like to urge all club members who are BTM members to opt in for the Wimbledon ballot online before the deadline of 14th February. Even if you don't want tickets, the more members that opt in the larger is the club's allocation of tickets.

Charity event

We held this in July and raised £831 for the epilepsy centre, a local charity supporting patients with epilepsy. The money will be used to purchase tools and plants for the patients' garden.

We owe thanks to some very generous donations from local businesses in Chalfont St Peter. Thanks to Nick and Adrian for serving us up with a delightful supper, and thanks to all those that tirelessly visited local businesses and collected meals, haircuts, massages and other items for auction and raffle. Any ideas for this year's charity cause to myself, or anyone on the committee.



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Tournaments

In September, we held the tournament finals.

Ed Ibrahim and Mike Scaddan played a very steady match in the men's doubles against Nick Trigg and Adrian Radulescu and played out a comfortable win 6-2, 6-3.

But in the mixed veterans doubles, Derek Harris and Cheryl Rezek didn't have it their own way. They won 7-6, 1-6, 6-4 against Jim Lofty and Angela Cranston.

The ladies' singles was one of the highlight matches of the day; newcomer Louise Blomquist and established member Therese Cooklin battling it out over three sets for 2 and ¼ hours. Louise won in a third set tie-break; the final score 4-6, 7-5, 7-6.

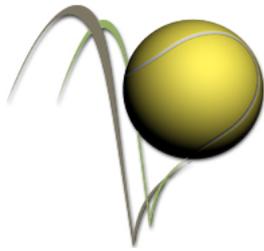
Jonny Popely was in fine form in the men's singles, and there was little will to meet an almost immaculate display. Jonny won 6-2, 6-1.

Suzie Bower and Amy Richards initially dominated the first set of the ladies' doubles winning 6-2 against Jane Clatworthy and Cheryl Rezek. Jane and Cheryl staged a comeback, but Suzie and Amy prevailed, and the second set went to them 7-6.

The first set of the mixed doubles was close. Nick Trigg and Carolyn Edwards edging it 7-6 in the fourth tie-break of the day against Pete Spence and Therese Cooklin. But Nick and Carolyn ran out easy winners in the end, winning the second set 6-1.

It was good to see new members - or existing members who have not won finals before - winning, and the club welcomes Mick Scaddan, Derek Harris, Louise Blomquist, Amy Richards and Carolyn Edwards to the honours boards for the first time.

There was a great evening of disco favourites at the club later in the evening.



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The cups were awarded at the Christmas dinner, and the winners names are on the notice board.

Quiz night

A very popular evening in the tennis club social calendar, 7 teams, nearly 40 people battled it out pitting their wits against each other and the quiz setter.

The club is looking forward to being entertained by Keith Nichols who has kindly offered to be quiz maestro this year.

Dinner

The annual dinner and prize-giving was held at the greyhound pub on Friday December 13th. It was good to see such a large turnout, and we were treated a great meal in our own private room.

A great evening was had by all, and it is hoped that next year more of the newer members will come along and join in the fun.

Teams

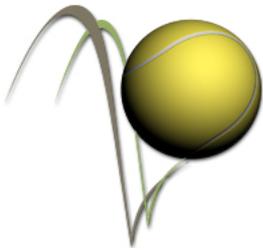
Many members represent the club in competitive matches against other clubs.

Thanks are due to mike bird for liaising with other Buckinghamshire clubs to arrange the fixtures.

Thanks are also due to all the team captains for sorting out the teams and the arrangements on the day.

Courts

The courts are in excellent shape, and thanks to our new leaf blower have been clear of leaves longer than in previous years.



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Annual maintenance is due soon. Courts 1, 2 and 3 will be treated on different days to court 4, so there will always be at least one court available to play on. The dates will be posted on the board and sent via the newsletter.

Damage to courts

We were unfortunate to have our outing fencing damaged once again last year.

Together with the district and the parish council we have further improved safety and security around the club. The district council have installed - at their expense - logs in front of our courts and speed humps between the gate and the club.

We have also installed a high power pir light to illuminate the car park, and Mick Scaddon has very kindly donated and installed close-circuit television cameras to further enhance security. We are very grateful to him.

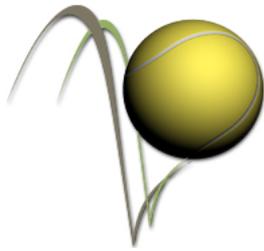
Other improvements to the tennis club

The committee has prioritised the refurbishment of the clubhouse this year, and we now have new windbreaks, a new clubhouse floor, a new barbecue, a new television and a new table and chairs. We have also carried out essential repairs and maintenance to the hot water system and toilet plumbing. Peter will tell you more about this and other improvements shortly

Thanks

I would like to thank all the members and the committee who have contributed to the smooth running of the club this year.

I would particularly like to thank Clare Gibson, who was co-opted onto the committee last spring to become the club secretary, a post she has filled with skill and enthusiasm. Unfortunately, she has stepped down from the committee this year due to the pressure of a new job. Let us show our appreciation.



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I would also like to publicly note the contribution of Jeff Coteman as honorary auditor. Jeff has kindly agreed to continue as honorary auditor for another year.

On behalf of the club I would like to present Jeff with a token of our appreciation and grateful thanks.

I would also like to publicly apologise to Therese for prematurely retiring her at the Christmas dinner. She has said that she will do one more year, this coming year being her 10th year and final year as publicity officer. If anyone has a desire to take on the publicity role in a year's time - a person with both computer and communications skills - she will be happy to mentor you over the next twelve months.

Finally, I would like to say, that with some sadness I am resigning as chairman and leaving the committee at the end of this meeting. After six years in post, I hope that I leave the club in good shape, I acknowledge the help and support of my fellow committee members, and I wish the new chairman and the new committee all the best. You will still see me around on the courts.

That concludes what I have to say, I would now like to call upon individuals to give their reports.

5. Treasurer's Report

Highlights of our income and expenditure statement:

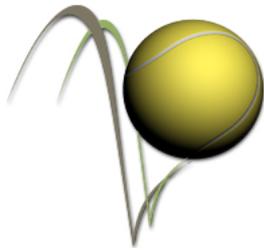
Income:

- Moderate increase in subscriptions +6.5% (£ 23,848) against prior of £ 22,353)
- Social profit decreased by 31%
- Use of courts decreased by 74%

Total income increased by **2.16% (£ 24,972 against prior £ 24,443)**

Expenditures:

- **Increase** in court maintenance (£ 3,390 against prior £ 1,958)
- **Increase** in Repairs and Renewals (£ 6,367 against prior £ 817)



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Repairs and renewals increase driven mainly by vandalism to Courts. Council has installed speed bumps and log's at its own cost by court 3 to deter this from recurring.

Total expenditure is above prior (£ 20,460 against prior £ 13,120)

Excess of income over expenditure, £ 4,512 against prior £ 11,323

Balance Sheet:

- Cash in hand £ 27,388 against prior year £ 22,834
- Total net assets of £ 27,753 against prior year £ 23,241

Question on cost of damage - each fence damage cost circa 1000k

Question on what was the appropriate range of reserves. MA noted that is was a non for profit orgnaisation but there needs to be enough to covering costs and excess cash so 25-30k was about right.

Richard Cranston noted that at some point we will need to replace court surfaces estimated 50k per court.

6. Membership Report

Membership is healthy and at record numbers. Most members renewing with the exceptions of Some £99 members. Junior membership v nearly at full capacity

Many Clubs in area many struggling for membership so comparatively doing well.

- Total membership - 219 2019 vs, 216 previous year
- Adults 136 vs 130 previous year
- Juniors 83 vs 86 previous year
- Income from membership £23,848

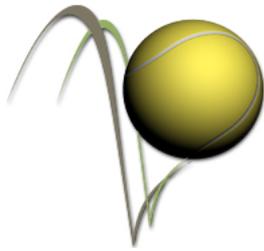
7. 2020/21 subscription rates

£99 pound offer was discussed and dropout rate queried. This appears mainly to be due to time constraints and people moving out of the area.

Question on near capacity of the club and was the 99 offer necessary? It was agreed that it is generally thought of as a good way to encourage new members and that capacity was not only based on number s of members but also court availability.

Motion passed to keep membership rates the same

- Proposed by David Brown , Seconded by Laura Flowers



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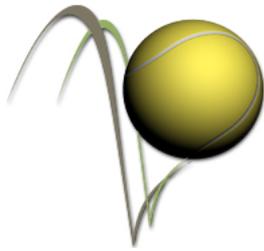
8. Clubhouse and grounds maintenance report - Peter Barkway

Improvements;

- New club house flooring
- New Table & Chairs
- Court blower
- TV
- External notice board
- Club house Clock
- CCTV Installation (FOC - thanks to Mick Scaddon)
- Tin Shed
- New BBQ
- Court coat hooks
- Car park lighting

Maintenance

- Costly Items > £400 each
 - New water heater
 - Plumbing (removed water tank and connected WCs to mains water pressure)
 - Shutter motor replacement
 - Repair of roof leak
 - Fencing Repairs
- Minor items
 - Gate padlock x3
 - Replaced front door locks
 - Replaced cupboard light and light bulbs
 - Gardening and weed killing
 - Repaired room heater



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Fencing needs repairs; Back of 1,2, & 3, Side of club house (gate to 4th court), Low fence on 4th court. At present getting quotes, Likely to be over £10k

9. Publicity Report January 2018 - Therese Cooklin

Another busy year for tennis publicity - includes all communication between members and the committee, website and email administration matters.

Increase communication with the local community and businesses and potential new members via the website, print publicity and social media.

Website; some changes this year. The website now has SSL security. I have set up email addresses or forwards for all committee members.

The website is the main point of call for prospective members, for members of the club regarding tennis news and events and for the general public. It is also the main heart where all other marketing feeds into. For example, Facebook page, newsletter posts, and YouTube videos.

Our website continues to rank on the 1st page of google for the following SEARCH TERMS - Chalfont St Peter, Chalfont St Giles and Gerrards Cross. Without getting too technical - SEO (search engine optimisation has to be maintained)

Created 36 individual POSTS on the website which are linked to the email newsletters

IMAGES - all labelled with tags

SOCIAL MEDIA - You Tube video made on the charity supper & uploaded onto website. This year the charity was for the Epilepsy Society and we made over £800. Shared with the local community and tagged the Epilepsy Society and CSP Parish council.

All website pages were updated for start of the new season. New membership form and new adult member offer. Junior and adult coaching seasonally updated. - Still get a few enquiries as a result of the website for coaching.

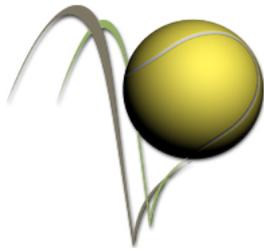
Other updates include LTA club policies, roll up times and check in for various social events.

FIXTURES updated - special thanks to Peter Aperghis for his time doing this.

Open Day Publicity; Important to spread the word about the most important day in club's calendar.

We advertised in local community magazines Gerrards Cross Local, Amersham & Chalfonts Local and Beaconsfield Local. These community magazines go out to 8000 homes and businesses in each area. Reaches over 30 000 homes.

Facebook Promotion; The number of Facebook likes have increased from 127 likes to 136. Slowly going up. It would be good to get junior membership linked to the account and we are working on this. Still would like to set up Instagram - but lack of time. Need a volunteer for this



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New Neighbours; renews subscription - reaches over 300 new people moving into the area a year.

Banners; Banners installed prior to open day in various locations. Local Estate agents sponsored our open day board for free.

Also have a new noticeboard - thanks to Nick Lemon for installation

Print Advertising and Publicity; this year we had 1000 leaflets printed and a new banner designed and printed. You can see 2 of the banners on our club fences. The leaflets were printed for hand distribution around Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross prior to the open day and also for inclusion in the New Neighbour packs (an organisation that visit people moving into the area.) This year they handed out 342 packs to new people moving into the area.

Newsletters; the main communication between the committee and to adult and junior members in the club. I sent out over 38 notifications over the course of the year. This was total of 4650 emails.

CSP Chamber of Commerce meeting; we had over 30 business owners at the club. It was a great success

In Summary; As seen from the membership report, numbers have increased this year. The number of website enquiries have increased due to website posts, updates of pages and labelling of images, social media posts which are featured on the home page of the website and links to the website from newsletters and other sources.

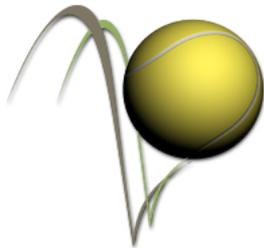
This will be the 10th year of running publicity and the website and email maintenance. I will be looking to stand down at the end of the year. If anyone has any website or online and offline marketing experience who could lend a hand this year with the view of taking over please get in touch.

10.Social Report - Ann Corrigan

As always, we had a packed social calendar over the past year and this year we enjoyed a very popular extra event - Wimbledon Men's Final Day barbecue which was well attended and very much enjoyed by all. We also had an impromptu, great fun get together when England made the Rugby World Cup Final and we gathered on a Saturday morning to watch the match with the help of bacon rolls and coffee. Great fun, despite the result.

The suppers took place each month from April and on 18 July 2019 we held our annual charity supper and raised an incredible £831 for the Epilepsy Society with the impressive and generous efforts of Nick Trigg and Adrian Radulescu who cooked a fantastic meal for over 40 people. Special thanks to both of them.

The October quiz was also well attended and again special thanks to Richard and Angela Cranston for organising teams, ordering our supper and overseeing a very fun evening.



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We finished the year with the Christmas dinner at the Greyhound in Chalfont St Peter on 13 December 2019 when 40 of us enjoyed a meal that was so enormous I think it kept us going until Christmas Day.

The coming year's events will, as usual, be on our website and the first invitation I'd like to extend to everyone is to come and help on our annual clean up day on 18 April 2020 so that our clubhouse and grounds are in perfect order for the Open Day which will be held on the following Sunday, 26 April 2020. Please come along and lend a hand both inside and outside.

So a successful year and my last as Social Events Co-Ordinator, a role which I've enjoyed for the past four years but one which I am happy to leave in new hands. I extend thanks to all who helped keep our social programme well supported and hope that with new ideas and so many new members to join in, next year will be equally successful.

11. Fixtures Report and Chalfont St Peter Team Competition Results 2019 - Mike Bird

I'm pleased to report that our club has a good-level of interest in competitive team tennis in the Bucks leagues and Farnham Common Winter Mixed League.

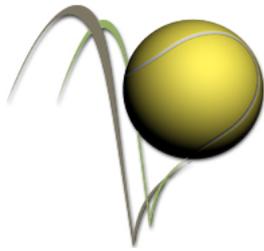
Last winter (2018/19), we entered 8 teams into competitive leagues (that's 3 men's vets doubles, 1 ladies vets doubles, 1 men's open singles, 2 mixed open doubles and 1 mixed vets doubles). Key successes were that Therese's mixed 1 team were promoted to Division 1 (top division!), Paul's mixed vets team were also promoted to Division 1 (top division) and Ed's Men's singles team were promoted to Division 2. A special mention should be given to the re-introduction of a Men's 3rd team, led enthusiastically by Derek, whose team finished 3rd in Division 8, but are now playing in Division 7 due to consolidation of the leagues.

In the summer competitions, we entered 6 teams into the Bucks leagues (that's 3 men's doubles, 1 ladies doubles, 2 mixed doubles) with mixed success. The men's 3rd team, led by Derek, came 2nd out of 7 teams, and should be promoted, and the men's 2nd team, led by Charlie and Kevin, came 3rd in their division, but with equal points to the runner's up. Unfortunately, the ladies team will be relegated. Other teams remained in their Divisions.

This winter, we again entered 8 teams into competitive leagues, and the placings are currently about mid-table.

Some interesting stats: in the winter leagues, we played 49 matches against 29 different clubs. In the summer leagues, we played 41 matches against 27 different clubs. That's 90 matches in the year, fielding 30 men and 13 lady club members - quite an impressive achievement. I should also refer to Stephen, who organised a large number of junior matches in 2019 and presumably will refer to these in his report.

I would like to particularly thank all of the team captains who've spent a lot of time and effort organising their teams and the home catering over the past year. This is not an easy task, given the changes in availability and injuries to players over the season.



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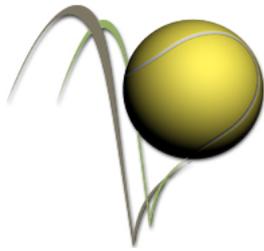
Hence I think we should thank Angela Cranston, Therese Cooklin, Carolyn Edwards, Pete Fisher, Charlie Phelps, Kevin Popely, Ed Ibrahim, Derek Harris, Anu Sekhri, Adrian Radulescu and Mike Bird for their sterling efforts. Entering teams into these competitions raises the profile of our club, helps to raise the standard of play, and hopefully encourages new members to join. A list of the final placings and team captains will be placed on the notice board.

On a final note, we have entered 7 teams into the summer 2020 competitions, the addition being a 2nd ladies team. There seems to be a flurry of interest in ladies playing tennis at our club, and I would encourage them to play in a team as well as social play. The new team will start in the bottom division; hence, the standard will be similar to what they are used to playing in during social play. The matches last about 3 hours at weekends and are very friendly, not too serious and similar to social play. There are usually 6 matches in a season, and with enough players there may only be enough slots for 2 - 3 matches each over the summer. We will need a ladies captain for this 2nd team, so hopefully we will attract a volunteer. We will also be looking for a new captain for the mixed 2 team as Carolyn is stepping down.

12. Coaching Report

Numbers and Participation rates:

- There are over 100 juniors in our coaching programme each week compared with 89 last year.
- The clubs membership has increased again this year. We have paid around £300 in non-member payments to the club this year.
- CSPTC's overall membership of 200 is fantastic when you consider one of our local rivals, Chesham 1879, have 9 floodlit courts and their total membership is 220.
- Coaching services are available to members 7 days a week. At the same time we have amalgamated some of our classes meaning that coaching takes place mainly on Wednesday's and Saturday's freeing up court time for members.
- This year we increased our adult class coaching offer. Adult intermediate classes take place on Tuesday mornings and adult improver classes take place on Wednesday evenings. CSPTC members can also benefit from attending classes at Farnham Common and Stoke Poges Tennis Clubs at members rates meaning there are 7 class options each week for CSPTC adult members to choose from. Weekly and course payment options.
- We have an increase in adult members playing tennis at the club and practicing with their teenage children this year. We should try to capitalise on this and invite the adult parents and their children to play for the clubs teams.
- We had just over 60 players attend our Summer Camps this year compared with 55 players 2019. Holiday camps generally are thriving participation wise.



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- We have several established links with local schools which have contributed to the junior membership growth.
- The club received 4 pairs of Wimbledon ticket for juniors based on the junior success of the junior coaching programme, our number of RCJ's and the fact we are working closely with the LTA.

Aspirantes:

- CSPTC is one of 9 clubs in Buckinghamshire selected by the Bucks LTA to run Aspirantes programmes. The first year was a trial which has been renewed.
- CSPTC member: Maddie Simpson is part of the Aspirantes Programme and has trained with County players this year meaning our Aspirantes programme is successfully producing players.

Competitions:

A very successful summer junior league season. We entered the following teams:

8/U team, 9/U team, 12/U boys A & B team, 14/U girls team, 16/U boys team, 16/U girls team

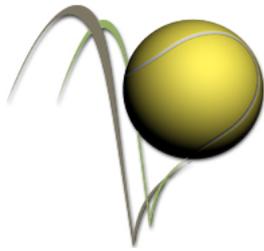
The highlights were our 16/U girls and boys teams who finished in 2nd place in their respective leagues.

Sunday Match Plays - run regularly throughout the year. The Bucks LTA are now promoting our match plays. We are the smallest club to run match plays regularly throughout the year. They take place roughly 9 months of the year.

Coaching Team, assistants and the committee:

Most of the clubs coaching sessions will be run by myself moving forward. We have tried bringing in full time coaches in the past but the coaches inevitably move on due to the fact they cannot build up enough coaching hours at the club.

- We have several juniors who have undertaken coaching qualifications who will assist me with the programme. Lisa has completed her LTA level 2 qualification. Will is attending his LTA level 1 qualification. Sebastian is booked onto his LTA level 1 qualification. Holly, Emma and Laurie are all completing their tennis leader's qualifications. It is great to see that we have so many juniors who are interested in coaching.



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- The success of the tennis club is not purely down to the success of the coaching programme; it is down to a group of hard working volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure the club runs as smoothly as possible. Could we all put our hands together to show the committee your appreciation for all the hard work they put into the club throughout the year.

13. Election of Committee and Officers

The following members stated they were all prepared to remain on the Committee

- Honorary Treasurer - Mario Amato
- Membership Secretary - Paul Clarke
- Publicity Officer - Therese Cooklin
- Maintenance Co-ordinator - Peter Barkway

The following vacant positions received the following nominations;

- Chairman - Mike Bird, nominated by R Cranston, seconded by Ann Corrigan
- Honorary Secretary - Ann Corrigan, nominated by Therese Cooklin, seconded by Peter Barkway
- Club Captain - Nick Lemon, nominated by Mario Amato, seconded Paul Clarke
- Social Secretary - Jean Ford, nominated by Mike Bird, seconded Angela Cranston
- Social Secretary - Annie Peart Jackson, nominated by Tracey Mitton, seconded Stephen Thomas
- Fixtures Secretary - Derek Harris, nominated by Paul Clarke, seconded by Therese Cooklin

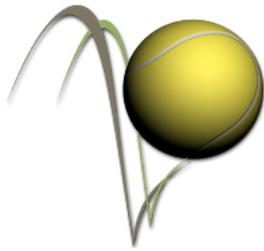
All new nominations were successfully voted in and all existing committee members were duly re-elected.

There were also 2 vacancies on committee as the members' representatives. Peter Spence and Anu Sekhri were unanimously voted in.

Laura Flowers also was appointed as the Safeguarding Officer for the second year running and co-opted onto the Committee

14. Appointment of Auditor

Geoff Coteman nominated to stay on as auditor for another year.



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15. Any other Business

Roll up tennis and club captain role; there was a discussion regarding standards of tennis on courts and the impact this may have on roll up sessions. The example of the Friday morning play being so successful was given because players were matched so that all got a fair game. The ethos of the club continues to be that all standards are welcome but it should be the role of the Club Captain to ensure that roll ups are fair to all members regardless of standard.

This would be discussed by the newly elected Club Captain and the rest of the Committee including how to join this up with the social aspect of the club.

Social; the committee wants to encourage members to attend social nights. All members are encouraged to contact the new social secretaries with ideas for social events.

Integration of new members; a concern was raised regarding how new members were made to feel welcome. The idea of a beginner's night had been discussed in the past. The Committee took an action to discuss this further. Stephen Wright pointed out that each new member was entitled to a free lesson at the Wednesday evening class as an introductory session.

Booking system; a question arose regarding the need for a booking system if we were at capacity. This had been debated in the past and the Committee will keep an eye on the need for this. Capacity really means court availability in key times due to coaching and roll ups.

Court 4 wind break. There was a request for a wind break on the back court as dog walkers can be off putting. The Committee to an action to discuss.

Access to leaf blower. Chris Holland requested access to the leaf blower; Peter Barkway agreed that members could use it with some brief training.

Web Cam - Question if the new CCTV could be converted into a web cam. It was noted that this would cost a large amount of money and people were encouraged to use the WhatsApp groups to determine if roll ups were going ahead.

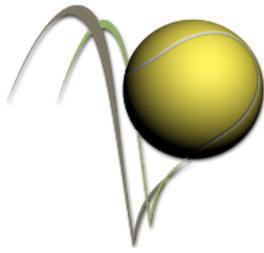
Bushes and fencing behind the back of courts 1,2 and 3 - A question was raised about what was being done about the bushes and trees behind fencing whilst fencing. Peter Barkway noted that these provided a natural windbreak but the trees are dying, killed by ivy. The area is covered with brambles overrun and in time will collapse.

The option would be to dig existing trees out and plant new trees for protection. Heavy machinery would be needed to clear. This was something that the Committee has debated at length but would be costly.

Richard Cranston asked what the membership thought about it. A member straw poll resulted in leave as is for short term, but this would have to be discussed by the committee at some point in the future.

AOB

A concern was raised regarding smoking outside the club and the perception that gave the club. Smokers are encouraged to be discrete.



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The Committee thanked Richard for his hard work as Chairman and the meeting closed