

ELTC REPORT FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON

Membership and Social

2019 has been another eventful year with many encouragements from our members' commitment and enthusiasm - numerous team promotions in the summer leagues, renewed enthusiasm for the men's winter floodlit leagues, what has become a regular spring mixed tournament, and new members joining regularly. But there was also much sadness in the tragic loss of Chris Abbott - one of our younger members. The collective membership has demonstrated both compassion and teamwork, and the club has remained a friendly and supportive place. The coaching programme remains as busy as ever, and all four coaches contribute strongly to the club's development.

On the social side of the club, I need to express all our thanks to Carol Kell, our recently retired social secretary, for the huge amount she has done to devise and promote successful fun and fundraising events over many years. The pizza and ploughman's tournaments have been regular features of the programme and have been well supported. We held another enjoyable and profitable race night earlier in the year. The Annual Christmas Party in November goes from strength to strength, thanks to the promotional skills of Jane Bearman and Carol, and Grims Dyke Golf Club again provided an excellent meal. Tea at Three has continued to be popular, and thanks are due to Mary Tiernan for organising this so well and to all who have donated their delicious cakes and scones.

Courts and Grounds

The experience of the courts being flooded again in October, for the second time in just over three years, was a shock. But, in another tribute to the strength of the club, everyone pulled together in an amazing way to get the courts back in action within a matter of days, with the help of our longstanding courts contractor. With so many involved, it would be invidious to single people out, so I simply want to thank everyone who gave so generously of their time and expertise. The committee has invited a team to be our flood action group, led by Stuart Hynes, and they have already done great work on mitigating the damage from any future flood and being prepared to deal immediately with its consequences.

The playing surfaces on all the courts are of course still relatively new and, although further re-sanding is needed in some places, remain in good condition. The five sets of floodlights have continued to perform well, despite the flooding.

The grounds are regularly tended by the gardeners and look attractive. The Committee is arranging some repairs to the decking outside the clubhouse. The external seating is proving durable, despite its exposure to weather and leaf-fall.

Clubhouse

The club house remains popular with players and supporters. Our thanks go to everyone who helps keep the facilities well stocked (and the bar - thank you, Jane Bearman) and who support the sterling work of our cleaner in keeping the space clean and tidy. We have replaced the strip flooring on the ground floor and freshened up the decoration, with help from volunteers.

Finances

While we have spent over £10,000 to restore the courts following the flooding, thanks to Stuart Hynes' efforts we are hopeful of some external help towards meeting these. In general, the club's finances remain sound, with outstanding loans to the LTA now down to £12,000 and regular payments made into sinking funds to provide for replacement court surfaces and floodlights when due. Although the club cannot secure insurance cover for flooding of the courts, there is some protection from the current size of the funds set aside to replace the carpets (£65,000).

We are fortunate that the club owns its own land, courts and premises, but this brings with it responsibility for their maintenance. The costs can be high, especially in a conservation area, with our extensive screen of mature trees, the shared services we have with Imada, and ensuring we meet our statutory health and safety duties. So, raising additional funds is important if we are to keep subscriptions reasonable – and we need every member to help with that.

Competitions

The Men's and Ladies' Teams competed well during the summer season, with two of the ladies' and four of the men's teams securing promotion.

Final Middlesex Summer League Positions 2019

Ladies' 1 – 2nd in Division 1, and promoted

Ladies' 2 – 6th in Division 2

Ladies' 3 – 1st in Division 3, and promoted

Ladies' 4 – 8th in Division 3, and relegated

Ladies' 5 – 7th in Division 4, and relegated

Ladies' 6 – 6th in Division 6, and relegated

Men's 1 – 7th in West Intermediate Division, and relegated

Men's 2 – 1st in Division 3, and promoted

Men's 3 – 1st in Division 5, and promoted

Men's 4 – 1st in Division 7, and promoted

Men's 5 – 7th in Division 8

Men's 6 – 1st in Division 9, and promoted

Ladies' Teams successfully competed in the Hatch End and Riverside Mid-Week Leagues in the Summer and Autumn. Many thanks to Christine Jamison and Trish Brown for organising matches, and to the teams for the donation of the refreshment takings to the club. Christine also kindly organised a mixed team in the Winter Veterans league.

Club Senior Tournament 2019

Men's Singles	Winner	Tom Green
	Runner Up	Dominic Averkiou
Ladies' Singles	Winner	Jemma Cole
	Runner Up	Valerie Copenhagen
Men's Doubles	Winners	Tom Green and Joe Averkiou
	Runners Up	Dominic Averkiou and Sejal Gokal
Ladies' Doubles	Winners	Jemma Cole and Ashley Hey
	Runners Up	Nadine Averkiou and Valerie Copenhagen
Mixed Doubles	Winners	Joe Averkiou and Gemma Cole
	Runners Up	Matt Araujo and Ashley Hey

Plate Tournament

Men's Singles	Winner	George Cooke
	Runner Up	Luke Davidson
Ladies' Singles	Winner	Elizabeth Norman
	Runner Up	Maxine O'Connell
Men's Doubles	Winners	Chris Jolly and Paul Treadwell
	Runners Up	Stuart and Cameron Hynes
Ladies' Doubles	Winners	Claire Barton and Elsbeth Baxter
	Runners Up	Jane Bearman and Elizabeth Norman
Mixed Doubles	Winners	Bill Hudson and Claire Barton
	Runners Up	Goudarz Azar and Elizabeth Norman

Junior Tournament 2019

Singles Results

U18 Boys' Singles	Winner	Ryan Thomas
	Runner Up	Alex Rothwell
U18 Girls' Singles	Winner	Tess Copley
	Runner Up	Riya Rajdev
U14 Boys' Singles	Winner	Marco Murro
	Runner Up	Kiaran O'Connell
U14 Girls' Singles	Winner	Riya Rajdev
	Runner Up	Maisie Averkiou
U12 Mixed Singles	Winner	Marco Murro
	Runner Up	Kiaran O'Connell

Doubles Results

U18 Boys' Doubles	Winners	Senthur Shanmugarasa and Elliott Castle
	Runners Up	Ollie Reilly and Josh McClintock
U18 Girls' Doubles	Winners	Riya Rajdev and Tess Copley
	Runners Up	Ondine Watson and Maisie Averkiou
U18 Mixed Doubles	Winners	Kiaran O'Connell and Maisie Averkiou
	Runners Up	Riam Divani and Riya Radjev
U14 Boys' Doubles	Winners	Jamie and Kiaran O'Connell
	Runners Up	Alex and James Rothwell

The John Wrathall Cup was awarded to Tess Copley

And finally,...

In addition to those members of the retiring Committee singled out for mention earlier, I want to thank everyone who has served this year for all their hard work: Anne Craig (Hon. Treasurer), Christine Jamison (Hon. Secretary and tireless maintainer of the clubhouse), Graham Smith (Men's Captain and Assistant Coach), Rajshri Krishnan (Ladies' Captain) and her successor Elsbeth Baxter, David Emms (Director of Coaching), Carol Kell (retiring Social Secretary), Jane Bearman (Bar Manager, and patient despatcher of so many of the club emails), Anthony Stevenson (Junior Co-ordinator and Assistant Coach), Karen Partridge, Ruth Wyatt and Stuart Hynes (Club Representatives, but who do so much more than that). We are delighted that Paul Averkiou volunteered to return to the Committee during the year to take responsibility for our Grounds.

Lastly, my thanks go to the Men's and Ladies' Vice-Captains, Norinne Walsh (Child Protection Officer), Tom Green (Assistant Coach), again to Rajshri Krishnan for auditing the accounts and dealing with the match fees, to all team captains and those parents who have helped with running Junior Teams.

I look forward to the club continuing to go from strength to strength in the coming year. We have a great team!

Giles Denham
President
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