

Minutes

Annual General Meeting



Held on: Monday 2nd November, 7.00pm via Zoom

1. Attendance: 28 Members attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Robin & Di Gray, Robin & Rosemary Gorringe, Paul Taylor-South, Mike Henry

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 9th May 2019 had been circulated to Members. The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Glenn Waterfall and seconded by Louise Turner.

3. Chairman's Report

This will be my final report as Chairman because I am stepping down. However, I am very pleased to announce that Louise Turner will be taking up the gauntlet. Louise served previously on the committee as social secretary and has some very exciting plans and ideas to take the club forward and I wish her all the best. I will be staying on as membership secretary and therefore happy to support her wherever I can.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our committee team - they continue to work hard on behalf the club and have been very supportive to me over the past three and half years. I would like to say a couple of special thank yous, firstly to Denise Woods for all her help supporting and providing timely reminders with all things club related, and secondly to Malcolm Dillon. Malcolm has been a fantastic sounding board. As maintenance guru not only has he proved to be irreplaceable but was extremely helpful with the various tennis club renewal projects.

In the 3 ½ years since I took over from Roger Standing a lot has happened; new floodlights, colour change and repainting courts (and in some cases painted twice), Club's 60th Birthday celebrations, Paul Jameson's Kilimanjaro MND fundraising event, relaunching of the VETS tournaments, introduction of doubles coaching clinics for our adult members and club teams, as well as a pathway for new and returning to tennis members and, of course COVID. When the pandemic first struck back in March, and having worked so hard to build membership, I was very concerned that we might see a substantial drop in renewals – but thankfully, we didn't and for that I am most grateful and would like to thank everyone who renewed their membership back in June and continued to support our club through a potentially rocky time.



ADLTA Leagues

Over the past three years and with help from Phil Cadman, we have introduced opportunities for our keen intermediates to play competitive interclub matches; In 2017 we entered a men's team in the lower Aldershot & District LTA leagues followed by a mixed team in 2018. And from next year, providing we get enough take up, we'll be entering a ladies team in the lower leagues too.

Family Time

From next summer we plan to introduce a fun family time session on Sunday afternoon. At least once a month we'll block book all three courts for a couple of hours providing time for members with young families to enjoy red/green/orange ball play with smaller child size nets and, weather permitting, they will also be able to enjoy the club's BBQ facilities.

Subscriptions 2020/21

As with any club/organisation we are continually battling with increased costs which in some cases have exceeded the inflation rate. So, I am pleased to announce that back in May, the Golf Club Board agreed to a zero increase in subscriptions for 2020/21. Clearly, this helps us remain competitive with other clubs in the area.

Membership

The club remains in a very strong position and current membership is up over the same period last year. At renewal on the 1st June we did see a higher than usual attrition, but thankfully, since then, 42 new member adults have joined the club.

Additionally, junior membership remains healthy, up 18 over last year and now running at 91.

	2020	2019
Adult Members (Playing)	193	183
Social Adult members	11	10
Juniors	91	73

Our fantastic bar & restaurant facilities

Our club benefits hugely from having a recently refurbished first class bar, restaurant, and wonderful sun-terrace and I was delighted to see so many tennis members making the most of them over the summer. However, we would like to see more of our tennis members using these fantastic facilities where they can relax after a match and enjoy a drink and superb bar food. Whilst the golf club has a dress code for golf members these rules have been relaxed for tennis players. This means you can wear your tennis gear in the bar (not restaurant) including collarless tennis shirts. If using the club when not wearing tennis gear, please observe the normal [GC dress code](#).

That pretty much concludes my final report. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure and needless to say it has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Chairman. Once again, I wish Louise all the very best in her new role.

Glenn Waterfall
Chair (2017-2020)



4. Financial Statement (Period 1/12/18 to 30/11/19)

The tennis section continues to make a healthy contribution to the overall group income mix. Our contribution is up £4,345 over the previous year.

The tennis club has remained focussed on managing its costs and the committee team continues to seek ways of controlling expenditure whilst improving the club's facilities.

WSTC Expenses/Income 2019				
	Actual 2019	Budget 2019	Variance	2020 Budget
Web/Online	£	£	£	£
Website	504.00	550.00	46.00	550.00
Globus Online Booking	720.00	800.00	80.00	720.00
Orange Broadband Internet	47.00	500.00	453.00	0.00
Social Events	536.24	600.00	63.76	1000.00
Marketing/Advertising	263.40	600.00	336.60	600.00
Maintenance	0.00			
Grounds/Gardening Maintenance	339.86	400.00	60.14	400.00
Pavilion Maintenance	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Floodlight maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Courts	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fence	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Equipment maintenance	100.47	500.00	399.53	500.00
Cleaning	1255.94	1200.00	-55.94	1250.00
Other costs				
Electricity	1023.88	1000.00	-23.88	1000.00
Coaching	1516.67	1500.00	-16.67	1500.00
LTA Affiliation Fees/Competition entry fees/LTA Venue Registration	483.50	500.00	16.50	500.00
Equipment Purchases	460.37	500.00	39.63	600.00
Tennis Balls	1728.80	2000.00	271.20	2000.00
Trophies/Prizes/engraving	1429.95	1500.00	70.05	1500.00
Cleaning materials, toilet rolls, paper towels etc	98.35	0.00	-98.35	100.00
Mix	120.51	200.00	79.49	200.00
Total Expenses	10628.94	13600.00	2971.06	13670.00
INCOME	34305.00			
Contribution	23676.06			



5. Men's Captain's Report 2018/19

In an unprecedented year West Surrey has been an invaluable place to get outside, play some sport and socialise – in a Covid safe way of course! Many thanks to the committee for ensuring our club was able to open quickly and safely when the restrictions were lifted – especially to Glenn and Malcolm for all their hard work and keeping everyone safe. Personally, I know being able to play at West Surrey has made the lockdown restrictions that little bit easier.

League update

The ADLTA league winter season finished in early March and both teams challenged well after successive promotions, but ultimately were unable to secure enough points to remain in their respective divisions. The winter 2020-21 season has just started, and this is being run as a friendly season with no promotion or relegation. No doubt the matches will be friendly but competitive! The summer Chaucer leagues were cancelled and hopefully these will resume in summer 2021.

WSTC tournaments

The final for the men's doubles in our annual winter tournament was concluded just before the restrictions were introduced in late March. Justin Worthy and Phil Rivet proved too strong against Stewart Reed and Pete Wilson in a match enjoyed by a few socially distanced spectators.

The summer tournament was played between July – September and Alastair Manson was able to retain the men's doubles trophy, partnering Simon Heilpern to victory. Congratulations to them and to the runners up Ian Simpkin and Tom Busby. It was encouraging to see so many people, including many new members, entering the summer tournaments.

The winter tournaments have again proved popular with a good number of teams in all categories. Keep up to date with fixtures and results online: <http://www.clubchampionships.org/en/event/442>. Ian Simpkin retained his singles ladder trophy in July. Ian quickly got to the top of the ladder when the season restarted in May and he remained unbeaten throughout the summer – many congratulations to Ian. It was great to see so many singles matches being played in the summer – everyone is welcome to join the mixed singles ladder – it's a good opportunity to meet other members and enjoy some competitive tennis. See our website for details on how to join.

The Tuesday night match practice sessions continue to be popular and we've welcomed some new members along recently. Everyone is looking forward to some competitive tennis throughout the winter season.



Thanks again to the committee for making my job as easy as possible, especially Glenn and Phil Cadman for helping to run our B teams and particularly Phil for organising all our fixtures. In these uncertain times it great to have the certainty of WSTC!

View our progress on the ADLTA website.

[Division 1](#)
[Division 4B](#)

Phil Rivet
Men's Captain

6. Ladies Captain Report 2018/19

Due to the covid-19 some of the leagues were cancelled but fortunately our winter league had just been completed before the virus become serious and the total shut down of tennis. As our AGM is 6 months later than normal it does seem strange to report on 2019 so here we go.

Summer Ladies Weekend Chaucer League

Very impressive tennis played by our ladies in this league where we ended up placed second to David Lloyd Woking.

Surrey Weekend Ladies League 2019/20

We had promotion once again and now in Division 08 West and have come runners up to Sheen so maybe promotion again next year.

Summer Championships 2019

LADIES SINGLES:

This year we had a new face in the finals Emily Woodhouse, she put up a good fight against Mel who was the worthy winner.

LADIES DOUBLES:

A couple of new faces in this final which is always good to see. Lena was paired up with Lydia Shaw and Mel with Lucy Weldon with Mel & Lucy the winners.

Winter Championships 2019/20

Due to Covid-19 finals day was unable to take place with spectators so matches were played when finalist were available.

LADIES DOUBLES:

Once again Claire & Jo had to play Lena & Mel who were winners again this year. My congratulations to all finalist, matches always a joy to watch.

As usual my thanks to all the ladies who enjoy and commit to these matches, Lena, Mel, Emily, Claire, Jo, Alice, Paola, Jill Floyd & Julie Smith.

Thanks to the people who have sourced prizes.

My thanks to the other captains who organise match practice and general organising of matches.



Denise Woods
Ladies Captain (November 2020)

Midweek Ladies – Lena Kirby – Vice Captain

The midweek team had a successful winter. Playing in the top division in the Surrey league we placed 3rd with the final standings between the top 3 coming down to the last match of the season. Sadly no play in the Summer due to Covid, but the Winter league matches are starting/ started on Thursday 22 October 2020.

Thanks to the mid-week squad; Jo, Claire, Emily, Mel, Paola, Alice, Denise and Lena

7. Mixed Captain's Report 2018/19

It is a pleasure to present my Mixed Captain's Report at this year's AGM.

As we are all aware, the year has been disrupted significantly due to Covid-19 and the restrictions that have been put in place to keep us safe in these difficult times. Thankfully it is good to see that members have been out playing since the relevant restrictions ended.

However, the restrictions during lock-down did not end in time to allow resumption of any of the Summer Mixed fixtures in the Chaucer League that were all cancelled as a result of the pandemic.

There was some play before the lock-down in the Chaucer Mixed Knock-Out Tournament however. West Surrey entered two Mixed teams in this tournament whose format involves a game of Doubles for each of the Mens and Ladies players then a game of Mixed. It is an enjoyable format in a knock-out system. The team of myself, Phil Rivet, Alice Manson and Jo Pearce got to the Plate Final which unfortunately couldn't be played. The other team of players, Lena Kirby, Emily Woodhouse, Mel Redman, Duncan Foster and Ian Simpkin, having won their first match were unable to proceed further having come up against a very strong team from Woking.

We also entered a mixed team in the lower ADLTA Winter Leagues to give other players an opportunity to play competitive interclub matches. We are pleased to report they did extremely well and were promoted for the winter season 2020. Thank you to all who supported the ADLTA mixed team: Laura Wells, Peter Jackson, Richard Embry, Andrew Collins, Lydia Shaw, Alan Richards, Lucy Weldon, Sue Parsons, Tim Arnold, Brady Johnson, Jill Floyd, Julie Smith, Denise Woods, Nicky & Richard Slynn and Glenn Waterfall.

So as always, I am most grateful for the players who are keen to support the Mixed Teams and all of the support of the Committee throughout the year who make our club a thriving place to attract a pool of players to perform well. The M In particular, may I place on behalf of us all again our thanks to Glenn who has done so much to support the club during his tenure as Chairman.

In addition, I wish all of the WSTC players my best wishes to have fun and play some safe tennis over the Winter months. For us all, it is so important to keep active, well-practiced and ready to take up battle in the tournaments which hopefully will be resumed again in the New Year.

Best wishes to you all

Paul Dudley
Mixed Captain



8. Club and Court Maintenance Report

It has been a challenging year as we've all wrestled with the dreaded virus, and just when we thought it was safe to go back in the water, it all seems to be kicking off again. So please be reminded that although life at WSTC feels almost back to normal at times, the virus is still very much present, and we do urge everyone to take all possible precautions to keep everyone safe and well. Hand sanitizer is available outside the clubhouse, please make use if it as whenever going into the clubhouse and before and after your game at the very least.

You will have noticed we have fitted door closers on the club house and store cupboard doors. This was necessary because both doors have been frequently left open and unlocked and no amount of nagging emails seem to have any effect on the problem. We know it is an inconvenience; however, the clubhouse door may be propped open but **ONLY** on the following occasions;

- Inter club matches
- Club roll up sessions on
 - Wednesday evenings
 - Saturday mornings
- Tuesday practice sessions

This assumes that at least one responsible adult is present. Please do not prop the door open if you arrive to play a singles or doubles match, and do not assume someone else will close it if you leave it propped open.

It has been a quiet and inexpensive maintenance year (with little to mend apart from the ball machine), but we hope to change that and get a few projects under way next year.

Here's a summary of what we have plan to do so far;

Replace ball machine: Our present one has been with us for 6 years and apart from the odd hiccup and a steady diet of new batteries, it has given good service and made many friends. After much research we have decided to replace it with a similar but updated model and we hope to have this in the next few weeks. We hope to find a new home for the old one where it can spend it's remaining years more sedately.

Upgrade the patio and club house surroundings: With the Golf Club newly renovated we would like to improve our appearance and not be seen as the scruffy neighbours. The paving and paths around the courts and clubhouse have become untidy and many slabs are broken. We are looking at options to upgrade the outside areas and barbeque and will update everyone with progress of our planned 'makeover'.

Flood lights: A large majority of players have been very pleased with the new floodlights, but some members are still unhappy with their performance. We have approached the suppliers for possible solutions to the perceived problem, and some small changes could be made but with no guaranteed outcome. Any changes to the system would require a new planning application, and for that to succeed our residential neighbours would need to agree, and there is a considerable expense involved. We have asked those members most dissatisfied with the lights to undertake the work needed to implement the changes.

Malcolm Dillon
Health & Safety/Maintenance co-ordinator

9. Election of Committee Members

The following members were elected to the committee:



Chair: Louise Taylor was proposed by Priscilla Sitwell and seconded by Denise Woods

Friendly Matches Secretary: Paul Taylor-South was proposed by Denise Woods and seconded by Phil Rivet.

Membership Secretary: Glenn Waterfall was proposed by Louise Turner and seconded by Phil Rivet.

10. Wimbledon Ballot 2021 – Club allocations & draw

Steve Alsford (Club Ballot Administrator) reports:

As before clubs will be allocated tickets based on the number of registered members who are linked to the club and who have also opted in to the draw. Please opt in even if you don't want to attend as this will help other members. If you are drawn, you will just need to reject the tickets.

However, clubs will no longer have any role to lay in the allocation of tickets. This will be done through the LTA's system. They will make the draw and you will be advised by email if you have been successful. You will have no choice of day, only the option to accept or reject the tickets offered.

It's a real shame that we won't need to have the fun of the ballot morning, nor have the option of choosing the date if successful.

11. Club Championships

Winter Knockout Championships 2019/20	Runner Up	Champions
Ladies Doubles	Claire Marks & Jo Pearce	Lena Kirby & Mel Redman
Men's Doubles	Stuart Reed & Pete Wilson	Justin Worthy & Phil Rivet
Mixed Doubles	Claire Marks & Mike Henry	Ian Simpkin & Mel Redman

Summer Knockout Championships 2020	Runner UP	Champions
Men's Singles	Not Played	
Ladies Singles	Not Played	
Men's Doubles	Ian Simpkin & Tom Busby	Alastair Manson & S Heilpern
Ladies Doubles	Jo Pearce & Denise Woods	Julie Smith & Lena Kirby
Mixed Doubles	Jill Floyd & Paul Dudley	Julie Smith & Ian Simpkin

FLOODLIT 2019/20	
League 1	Ian Simpkin & Paul Dudley
League 2	Glenn Waterfall & Andy Horne
League 3 Group A	Lucy Weldon & Alan Richards
League 3 Group B	Nigel Minchin & Christopher Bell

UNISEX SINGLES TENNIS LADDER	
Champion 2019/20	Ian Simpkin

12. AOB

Member	Question/comment	Answer
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Paul Dudley	Paul complimented the golf club management, golf members and restaurant/bar staff for making him and his friends/family/fellow tennis players very welcome on the occasions they have used the restaurant and bar since the refurb. Paul said the atmosphere was very friendly.	
Phil Rivet	Can we get another bench for each court? This will help with social distancing and will be really helpful with other clubs so we are not all congregating round one bench	Glenn Waterfall agreed it would be a good idea and will put it on the agenda for the next committee meeting.
Nick Oldham	I've noticed small bits of moss growing on the courts in recent weeks, are there plans to have this treated before the winter really sets in? Could get really slippery/hazardous if it grows much more.	Malcolm Dillon advised that he has asked Alec Macindoe (Head Groundsman) to treat the courts over the next 3 weeks.
Nick Oldham	Would the club be open to a suggestion on amending the current ladder format? Many years ago I used to play in a squash club ladder where you had mini leagues or grids of 4 players per month (so 3 matches to play each month). A suggested points system would be something like: 1 point for playing 1 point per set 1 point for winning the match e.g. A 2-1 victory for player A would mean 4 points whilst their opponent player B received 2 points. If points are even with 2 players at month end, you can go back to head to head record. At the end the month, first position of the mini league moves up (promotion), 2nd/3rd remain where they are & 4th moves down (relegation). There are variations to this system but I think it might freshen up the current setup	Glenn Waterfall advised the system is fully automated and managed online with a scoring system which is preordained and unfortunately cannot be modified.
Diana Hewitt	Please could the extractor fan from the golf club be altered (?) so that we do not have to hear it, or often smell what is being cooked!? The smell is particularly noticeable from court 1 but it can certainly be heard from all courts.	Louise Taylor advised the vent has been fitted with a noise reduction device which has done the trick. Unfortunately, we will have to live with the cooking smells which in any event were prevalent from time to time before the refurb.

Signed..... Name..... Dated.....

