



## Annual Summary 2019

### Chairs Report

This past year has been a very enjoyable year where we have really been able to run 'business as usual' after several years of development work and it's been great to have been able to reap the benefits of a full year's use of the new LED lights.

In a sport of declining participation at club level it is testament to the club, its committee and members that our membership remains static. I hear from other local clubs this is not what they are experiencing, so we must be doing something right! However, we are not complacent and we want to attract younger players and we have plans afoot to encourage that age group to participate in the game.

The competitive element of our club continues to thrive with teams competing at all ages from 4 year olds doing Mini Reds to Seniors over the age of 80. We have had some great results from teams this year, with 2 men's teams being promoted and our Women's senior A team coming second in the Senior Division 1!

Many of us have participated in the smorgasbord of tournaments held throughout the year, including the over 45's open tournament where non-members can come and try us out. It was particularly pleasing to see the success of the Delta indoor tournament back in March, after a couple of years of falling numbers and a break.

The coaching programme continues to be very popular and it is a great gateway into the club. The launch of the Starter sessions and drills have been successful and have given people the chance to start playing from scratch.

We have had many events throughout the year but one particular highlight for me was the manic May weekend where we had an Open day on the Saturday, a Lawn party in the evening and then there was a golf day on the Sunday. There was a real buzz around the club but then maybe that was something to do with the cask of Corinium Ale!!

Personally (and I suspect many share this sentiment) the highlight of the year has been the loo! I remember AGMs from 15 years ago when the toilet was discussed and it is almost surreal to see it in place. We no longer need to apologise to visiting teams and it's actually a pleasure to go and spend a penny! This project really highlighted our wonderful community spirit with so many club members helping to make it happen.

Finally, absolutely none of the above would be possible without the commitment and hard work from the committee who do this entirely in their spare time. And then all the members who step up to volunteer, to be a captain, helping maintain the track and facilities or to organise events. I haven't named individuals in this summary report as there are so many and you know who you are!

This year is unusual in that every member of the committee is prepared to stand for another year. However, it's likely that there will be a few of us stepping down next year and allowing some others to be involved. To that end, if being a committee member is of interest but you are not sure what it involves, then please let me or another committee member know. It's quite fun at times!!

We all play tennis for pleasure and one of the aspects of the club I absolutely love is the diverse mix of ages, backgrounds, professions and talents and I don't experience that same mix in anything else I do. It's the coming together to share in the love of tennis that is so brilliant and it's what makes my role as Chair a pleasure!

Thank you and here's to a fun and successful 2020!

Rachel

Chair-CTC



## Membership Report for 2019

Jeremy Smith (Membership)

The following table details the change in individual members by category, in what was another stable year overall for the club:

Membership Category	2019	% change	2018	% change	2017
Women	111	+2%	109	-13.5%	126
Men	124	-3%	128	-6.6%	137
Students	7	-42%	12	+71.4%	7
Juniors	69	+1%	68	-15%	80
Children	45	+10%	41	-21.2%	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>-11.0%</b>	<b>402</b>

### Observations:

1. Total memberships have remained very stable after a slight drop in 2018.
2. The vast majority of payments were made online via Stripe or Go Cardless, which is by far the easiest method for the membership secretary to manage.
3. 5 payments were made by cheque, a drop from 15 last year.
4. 18 payments were made by bank transfer, a drop from 108 last year.
5. There were again a large number of late payments, which produces a lot more work for the membership secretary. The introduction of a late payment penalty is proposed from next year.



**Treasurer's report-Jonathan Vickers (treasurer)  
Financial year ending 30 September 2019**

The club's underlying financial position remains healthy. We began the year with £79,019 in the bank, and ended it with a balance of £63,129, having received a grant of £3,435 and a loan of £25,000 from the LTA, and spent £62,138 on floodlighting the back courts and installing a new toilet. This equates to an underlying cash surplus for 2018-19 of £19,039. The end-year balance includes £13,200 in a sinking fund we were obliged to create as part of our agreement with the LTA, to whom we also have an outstanding debt of £23,750.

No major new investments are planned for 2019-20. We have assumed that membership income will be roughly the same as this year plus a 2% inflation uplift.

All figures in £	2017-18	2018-19 <i>budget</i>	2018-19	2019-20 <i>budget</i>
<b>Total cash at bank brought forward</b>	<b>131,524</b>	<b>79,019</b>	<b>79,019</b>	<b>63,129</b>
<b>Income</b>				
Membership	33,640	34,000	33,279	34,000
Match fees	2,582	4,000	4,214	4,000
Visitors	1,956	2,000	2,555	2,500
Other	3,438	2,000	2,079	2,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>41,616</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>42,127</b>	<b>42,500</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
LTA/league fees	960	980	1,070	1,000
Rent and rates	5,892	6,650	6,498	7,500
Coaching retainer	1,640	3,000	3,500	2,500
Maintenance	5,187	6,000	5,638	6,000
Balls	1,807	1,800	1,317	1,500
Electricity	1,272	2,000	1,469	1,500
Toilet	1,030	1,000	1,163	250
Other	2,887	3,400	2,433	3,000
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>20,674</b>	<b>24,830</b>	<b>23,088</b>	<b>23,250</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>20,942</b>	<b>17,170</b>	<b>19,039</b>	<b>19,150</b>
Grant and loan receipts		+30,000	+28,435	
Loan repayments	-2,500	-2,500	-1,250	-2,500
Interest received	+34	+30	+23	+20
Major capital investments	-70,980	-65,000	-62,138	
<b>Total cash at bank carried forward</b>	<b>79,019</b>	<b>58,719</b>	<b>63,129</b>	<b>79,779</b>
Of which, sinking fund			13,200	26,400
Outstanding loan			23,750	21,250

My thanks are due to Paul Jenkins, for auditing the accounts.

Members are invited to receive the accounts and to approve the budget for 2019-20.

**October 2019**



## **AGM Juniors Report**

Lindsay Raphael & ETTY Wateridge (Junior Chairs)

Firstly we would like to thank Adam, Jono and Zac for all their help and support with the juniors and for giving up their own time to help run our tournaments, we couldn't do it without you.

The 2019 winners of the Penny Alberry awards were Riley Webb for his team tennis, squad sessions and for getting picked for Gloucestershire in County Selection and Bella Boyd for her continued enthusiasm and the amazing amount of energy she brings to her tennis sessions week in and week out.

The highlight of our juniors year was the Cirencester Junior Championships held in June. We had a good number of entrants and all those who played were hugely enthusiastic, showed great team spirit and displayed some fabulous tennis.

The Road to Wimbledon is dictated by age, so fewer participants but a successful afternoon of play with our two winners, Will Pereira and Decima Archer both going on to play at Wimbledon.

Unfortunately the MIRA adult and junior tournament had to be postponed due to lack of entrants and will hopefully attract a greater number of players in November.

Once again we entered a number of teams in the LTA team tennis tournament, previously known as Aegon, but sadly again it was a less than satisfactory experience. This was due to a lack of players from many clubs, including our own. However, happily the U14 girls played brilliantly, winning the majority of matches and finished joint top of their category. Our mixed U10s also won their group, but only had to play one match to do so as their other opponents were unable to raise a team.

To date the current total junior membership is 131 which breaks down as follows: 68 juniors and 43 child memberships.



## **CTC Facilities Report 2019**

Enlightened with success after the completion of the new floodlights on the back courts and moving the fence to create the new grass area, the most important development at the club this year has been the new loo.

It was not a cheap exercise but came significantly under our £10,000 budget, most of which went on the installation of the septic tank. The design is intended to accommodate any future development of the clubhouse with the loo itself being the best we could make without spending unnecessary cash on a permanent structure. Thanks to a dedicated team of helpers who helped build, paint, lay flooring, supply chocolate croissants and vitally plumb the thing in, I hope we have created a space where everyone can celebrate their special moments and be inspired, with the help of new **HOT RUNNING WATER**, to keep the place clean and tidy. We have also upgraded the electrics in the clubhouse and improved the access lighting.

The next challenge on the horizon will be how to improve the track which is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain.

To everyone who *remembers to lower the nets* every time they finish playing, sweeping the clay courts and cleaning their shoes in the water.

Also to everyone on the cleaning rota for doing their bit and to the small team of regular helpers.

Thank you.

George Brooks **A cleaner future for fully flushed facilities management.**



## ADS Tennis Report 2018/19- Adam Swan (Head Coach)

### Current Programme

We remain steady regarding numbers with a good spread of juniors and adults of all standards attending coaching each week plus around 30 regularly having private lessons across three coaches.

The current programme I feel remains balanced and gives members multiple chance to access coach led sessions.

### Festivals

We were once again the areas provider of tennis festivals with two taking place this year.

### Aegon Team Tennis

This year we entered a men's team in the county division with hope of playing against various clubs across the county. Due to opposition not having teams available, we only played one match and won the entire division. We were then selected to play Regional tennis again next summer which I declined.

Also, it was a fabulous year for our juniors with a great showing for all of our teams including a girl's U14 team which were undefeated for the summer. Riley Webb, who represented us in the team event was also selected to attend county training for Glos.

### Coaches

The coaching team remains solid with Adam, Jonno and Zach.

### Drills

Drills remain a great asset for the club members and we have five drills sessions running every week. The two Starter drills per week been very successful and have encouraged more people to join the club.

### Penny Allberry Award

The award for this year has gone to Riley Webb for his general love of tennis and his selection for county tennis.

Bella Boyd has been selected as the girls winner due to her huge enthusiasm to her tennis sessions and the amount of energy that she always bring to the court. Well done to both!

I think that it has once again been a good year for the coaching programme and we are all looking forward to 2020.



## **Men's Captain's Report 2019- Shane Horsell (Men's Captain)**

Overall a good year, with two promotions and two relegations.

More importantly the tennis was played in a good spirit, and good fun was had by all.

I would like to thank all the 47 Men who played in the Summer League and in particular my Captains for all their hard work.

### **Men's A – captained by Adam**

A good year for the Men's A – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Premier League behind very strong David Lloyd and Beckford teams.

With Zach 6<sup>th</sup> in the league stats, Ben Knapp 10<sup>th</sup>.

Remember it was just a few years ago we didn't have a team in the Premier League.

### **Men's B – captained by Shane**

A very good season, finishing top of Division 1 however one team did not finish all their matches, so if the league awards their two outstanding matches to them 4-0 & 4-0 we would finish second, but potentially now two teams in the Premier League.

4 players made the top 12 of the League Stats : Shane 1<sup>st</sup>, Paul Harris 5<sup>th</sup>, Hugh 9<sup>th</sup> and Dan 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Men's C - captained by Charlie**

A big thank you to Charlie for stepping in as captain, when David Clarke pulled out on the eve of the season with an injury.

A difficult season having lost a couple of our best players from the previous year.

Paul Bird top performer 7<sup>th</sup> in league stats. However the team narrowly got relegated by 2 points and goes down to Division 3.

### **Men's D – captained by Jeremy**

Also big congratulations here; top of their league and heading up to Division 2.

Special mention to Jeremy who was second in the league stats; Chris who was 10<sup>th</sup>, Gordon 11<sup>th</sup> Paul Ash 12<sup>th</sup> and Paul Jenkins 15<sup>th</sup>.

As previously highlighted this team spends a lot of time in pubs and curry houses talking tactics and clearly it is working.

### **Men's E – captained by Christophe**

In a tight division 4 this team were relegated by one point. With Barry being top performer in 19<sup>th</sup> place in the league stats.

### **Men's F – captained by Martin**

A big thank you to Martin for volunteering to run the team and for being so enthusiastic.

The F team had a lot of fun and a great season finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 5.

Roger finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the league stats, Rob 8<sup>th</sup> and Martin 17<sup>th</sup>.





## Women's Captain Report -Ro Lyon (Women's Captain)

This year wasn't as successful for our women's teams in terms of results, with two of our teams being relegated, but the attitude has been great – even the teams that struggled seemed to enjoy the fight.

The results were as follows:

**A team, captained by Katie:** finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Premier Division, on the same number of points as David Lloyd Gloucester in 4<sup>th</sup> – a good result in a tough division. Kudos to Ange, who was 6<sup>th</sup> in the overall league statistics.

**B team, captained by Amanda:** finished 5<sup>th</sup> in Division One, on the same number of points as Beckford in 4<sup>th</sup>. Another good result for a team of new partnerships and players.

**C team, captained by Clare:** a hard season for a team newly promoted into Division One. But they battled gallantly and cheerfully and are looking forward to tearing up Division Two again next year.

**D team, captained by Ann:** finished a comfortable 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division Three (and so were our best placed team overall). Anne-Maree and Lucy topped the statistics, with an impressive 75% win rate.

**E team, captained by Irene:** like the C's, this team had a great spirit and played some really good tennis, but couldn't convert it into wins often enough and so were relegated from Division Four. Promotion will be the aim next season.

Once again the team captains have been absolute stars and made my job really easy. Many thanks to them. (They have all written more detailed season reports for reading out at the AGM.)

We will be looking for some new volunteers to step forward to captain teams next year, as well as a couple of people to join the team selection panel, so please have a word with me or Shane if you might be interested.

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## **Seniors Report 2019-(Ray Huxtable)**

### **Winter League**

We entered 2 ladies, 1 mens and 1 mixed team again last winter with varying successful results

Ladies A finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 10 and B 6<sup>th</sup> out of 10

Mens and Mixed both finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 6

My thanks to Mary, Rosemary and Graham for taking responsibility for the arrangements of agreeing fixtures to ensuring everyone arrives on time and at the correct venue to play

Having managed the mixed team it became obvious to me very early on just how much time and effort goes in to running a team, particularly when systems break down

Graham takes the accolade for turning out 13 times, Mary and Rosemary both 12 times

All four teams have been entered again this winter

### **Weekly roll ups**

Although not restricted to any age our twice weekly sessions do appear to have quite a heavy majority of "seniors" participating! Despite reducing numbers annually there is still a hard core of around 18 continually enjoying their tennis whatever the weather

Our annual tournament was lucky with the weather once again, winners being Rosemary and Malcolm (much to his surprise) Judith once again kept the scores and blew the whistle

My thanks to Roger for his communication skills in keeping us informed, sadly, due to injury he has not been on court much during the year

It is with deep regret that we lost dear "Dougie", having reported last year he had to give up playing, he passed away in September-a true man of Yorkshire grit who will be seriously missed by us all

Ray Huxtable



## **County Mens Report-(Adam Swan Head Coach)**

### **Cirencester Win the County Men's Team Tennis Event!**

A dramatic headline for sure and great for the club...we did however only play one match...which we won...which gave us the title! Frampton were our opposition and were quite frankly dispatched with ease. I then went about trying to organise the other fixtures only to find that other clubs, having paid to enter the event, were in fact not that bothered about playing in it. That led to a quiet season and an awkward phone call with a lovely and very excitable woman at the LTA's head office congratulating me on being promoted to the Men's Regional Division for 2020, and inviting me to take my team of winners on a tour around the country playing against professional opposition over a period of four months. We declined. Well done us though!

The County Men's 45's team this year was made up mainly of Cirencester players, with Adam, Charlie, Ash and Miles all selected to play. A long season playing against mainly lovely and very competitive players was embraced by all who competed for Glos, with some fantastic tennis played and plenty of pills popped. Later in the season vs the likes of Shropshire and Wales, we did sound a little like a Spanish Fandango Band rattling around with pain killers in our system, but we all competed hard and secured a place again in the national second division for 2020.



## **Tournament Report 2019-Shane and Di Horsell (tournament organisers).**

It's been an enjoyable year organising the tournaments which have been great social events with plenty of good competitive tennis.

We started in March with the reinstatement of The Delta Mixed Tournament which was very well supported with 28 players. The format was the same as it has been in the past, with a sliding handicapped scoring system and a different partner each round. This made the scores very close indeed with Adam, Shane and Jonathan Vickers joint first for the men and Paula first for the women. We ended the evening with a shared buffet and lots of fun and enjoyment was had by all.

April saw the Men's and Women's Singles Tournaments take place. Eight men entered and lots of very good competitive matches were played culminating in an extremely close and tense final between Oscar and Jonno. Oscar was the eventual winner. Only two women entered so it was a straight final between Rowena Wakefield and Stephanie Emerson with Rowena being the winner.

The 12th of May was a beautiful sunny day for the Men's and Women's Doubles. We had 8 pairs in the men's tournament and some great tennis played. Zach & Martin Leay were the winners with Steve Lamble & Joe Denish as runners up. The plate was won by Jeremy & Chris and the runners up were David & Wynne.

The women's numbers were down on last year due to holidays and several injuries so only five pairs entered. This meant there was no plate, everyone competed for the main event. The winners were Katie & Julia with runners up Rowena & Maggie. All in all with the sunshine, much chatter, great tennis and Lindsay's lemon drizzle cake it was a very enjoyable day!

Mira's lucky dip tournament was held on the 30th June. 18 members entered and it was played with the sliding handicapped scoring system and a 'lucky dip' different partner each round. This produced some extremely close scores and the overall men's and women's winners were Paul O'Reilly and Rowena Wakefield respectively with Andrew Lazenby and Ro the runners up. Many thanks to Midge and Graham for running the tournament on the day while we were on holiday.

Adrian's Over 45 Mixed Open Tournament took place in August and was as always an extremely well organised, well attended enjoyable day with 16 pairs not only from our club but several other clubs too. Unfortunately the heavy rain showers throughout the day resulted in many frustrating dashes off court and stop start games. The eventual winners were Shane & Di with runners up Steve & Ro. The plate was won by Mary & Rod Elliot (from Minety) runners up were Julie & Mike Taylor. For a more detailed account please refer to separate report\* below from Adrian (organiser).

The Mixed Doubles Tournament had to be cancelled on the original date due to rain and then was played two weeks later, on the 6th October. Twelve pairs entered and it was a dry and sunny day which was a relief! The cup was won by Zach & Lindsay, runners up were Ash & Ange. The plate was won by Ro & Jeremy, runners up were Etty & Jonno.

Thanks to everyone who entered and supported the tournaments throughout this year, looking forward to more sociable and enjoyable tennis in 2020!

### \*The Open Over 45's Mixed Doubles Tournament

The competition was held on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019 with 16 pairs playing on the front four courts of the Club.

About a third of the players were from other clubs, with one pair coming from Cheddar TC.

The weather was a difficult mix of sunny spells and very heavy showers.

The morning round robins went fairly well to plan but the afternoon was much more difficult, with heavy showers happening more and more frequently as the time wore on.

The finals were actually played in a thunderstorm (with a double rainbow appearing immediately after them!).

Di and Shane Horsell won the Main Final when Ro Lyon and Steve Lamble conceded having had their serve broken and were 3-1 down.

At the same time, in the Plate Final, Mary and Rod Elliott beat Julie and Mike Taylor 10-6 in a championship tiebreak which they agreed to play at 2-2.

The weather made the finals virtually unplayable and the players should be commended for their fortitude!

I would like to thank all the players who made the best of a difficult situation and Judith Potter for dealing with all the catering matters.

Adrian Potter