

GRANGE DYVOURS TENNIS CLUB

AGM 6th October 2016.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Tennis Year runs from October to October the AGM acting as a marker.

We have enjoyed another good season, rounded off nicely by an extra week of grass play and September weather that was perfect for tennis. This year saw the consolidation of activities introduced over the past three years including minileagues, team play and Sunday tournaments.

New members have continued to join throughout the year. At present there are 218 adult members. The 150 Club has 19 members.

The Junior tennis section has remained strong with an average of 40 members throughout the year. 3 Junior teams participated in the East Scotland Junior Leagues this season. Thank you to David Gibson the Grange Dyvours Junior Coach.

David and Bruce Beadle remain the club's tennis coaches, available for group and private coaching.

Thank you to the grounds staff Lee and his assistants Tom and Kevin; and to Neil Ross for overseeing the maintenance and development of all the Tennis courts and facilities throughout the year.

Thank you to Neil Ross in particular for overseeing significant improvements to the tea hut and the installation of cricket safety netting at court 7.

Neil Ross will present his Grounds report covering improvements past and future.

In April, the Tea Hut was spring-cleaned and the Grass courts were declared open on 22nd. They closed on 11th September.

The Grass Social season was busy with social play, American Tournaments and the Strawberry Cup. I would like to thank all those members who helped to organise and run these events. There is a Social Report summarising all the events.

April saw the start of the Ladies and Gents Doubles East Scotland League matches.

Jennifer McGill and Stephen Davey again successfully captained the teams.

The Captains' reports are to be found on the Grange tennis website.

It has been encouraging to again note many new members participating in the teams. The committee appreciates the time and effort put in by the captains to achieve these results and the challenges they face from cajoling members to play to selecting a potentially winning team.

To celebrate the Teams' success a Team Dinner was held on July 29th in the Long Room.

July began with the Strawberry Cup, themed "Vintage Tennis". Thank you to Stephen Harris and Norman Gibson for organising the competition and to those who participated and dressed up for the occasion.

This year our championships included a vets section, allowing members to opt to compete in either the main draw or in the over-50s draw. Finals day on 3rd September was blessed with great weather allowing all matches to be completed, and then celebrated at the Finals Night party. Thanks to all those, young and not so young, who took part in our Championships.

This season we have continued distribution and advertising of tennis information through our newsletters. Thank you to Antonia Lee-Bapty for her patience and expertise in editing and formatting these very attractive newsletters.

We continue to use the Stockbridge Spotlight magazine in Spring and Summer to advertise the Tennis Section as well as the Grange Club. While we have no specific numbers on how many members join due to the advert I am confident the advert highlights our existence and leads to new joiners throughout the year.

A big thank you to Debbie O'Connor for administering and continually updating and streamlining the Grange Tennis website.

Thank you to all those members who have organized American Tournaments, and provided Sunday Teas throughout the Season. The teas are always beautifully presented, tasty and a welcoming part of the Grange Club. A big thank you to "Tea Tsar" Patrick Tyler for organizing the tea rota.

Thank you to David Jones, Neil Ross, Lucy Manico, Ollie Wilson and Mark Atkinson who have given their time and expertise on the Committee. It is important to highlight their commitment to making the Tennis Section run smoothly, by organize competitions and events and making sure we have the best possible courts. And not forgetting you the members for making the Club fun, competitive and attractive for present and potential members.

Thank you.

Sandie Sutherland

President 2014-16. Grange Dyvours LTC. Thursday 6th October 2016.

