

GRANGE DYVOURS LTC

AGM 11 OCTOBER 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that the Tennis section continues to thrive and that we have had another very busy 12 months since our last AGM. Our facilities remain top class and we have an active programme of events throughout the year including Social Tennis, Team play, Competitions, Mini-leagues, Social Events, Coaching and Junior Tennis.

We currently have 195 adult members (excluding Lifetime members) a slight reduction from 12 months ago, mainly due to members moving away from Edinburgh for work reasons.

Social Tennis and Social Events

Social Tennis and our Social Events remain a key feature of the attraction of Grange Dyvours.

In addition to the usual social play on Fridays and Sunday afternoons, we held Grass Court Social tournaments on the first Sunday of each month during May to September with different formats giving fast moving fun events which were well received.

Also well received was the introduction of a monthly BBQ on a Friday evening during June, July and August.

Attendance at Sunday Social Tennis varies week on week, often weather dependent. The Committee is always open to ideas as to how to improve and promote Social Tennis for all members.

Our headline Social Tennis event is the Strawberry Cup held on the first Sunday in July. This year 40 members took part with many in fancy dress with the competition followed by tea via the Grange Dyvours Bake-Off.

Sunday teas during the Grass Court season remain a feature of Social Tennis. Many thanks to all the volunteers who took time to prepare the teas each week and in particular to Patrick Tyler for overseeing the tea rota.

Our Christmas meal held in December in the Long Room continues to be very popular with 43 attending last year, a record number.

The Grass Court opening evening and Wimbledon Ballot held in April was well attended, with 19 pairs of Wimbledon tickets available in our Club ballot.

We celebrated our Team successes at the Team dinner in June and the Championship finalists at the Final's Day BBQ following a fantastic day of tennis ending 6 weeks of intense competition.

Team Tennis

We entered 4 Men's and 3 Ladies' teams in the ESLTA team leagues this year with 64 members participating. Particular mention should be made about the Men's 4th team who have won back to back promotions winning League 6 this year, the Men's 3rd team who are promoted to League 5 and to the Men's 2nd team who are promoted to League 3 and will play at the same level as the Men's 1sts next year.

We also entered teams in the ESLTA Summer and Winter Social leagues.

Many thanks to the individual team captains for organising the teams each week and to the overall Ladies and Men's team captains Jennifer McGill and Stephen Davey who oversee and organise our Team Tennis.

The Annual Club Championship's ran from 16 July with Final's Day held on 1 September. 71 members took part this year. Many thanks to Stephen Davey for organising the draws across all the competitions.

Our singles Mini-leagues continue to run throughout the year and have been supplemented this year by a doubles Mini-league. Many thanks to Colin MacBrayne for organising the Mini-leagues.

Grounds and Equipment

Many thanks to Neil Ross who continues to oversee all things relating to the Courts and our facilities.

We are very fortunate that our Grass courts are maintained to such a high standard by the Grange ground staff Kevin and Tom, making our club unique. Due to the exceptional weather this year we closed Grass Courts 1 and 2 in July for 5 days to allow for some intensive maintenance and watering, which allowed the courts to be in excellent shape for the remainder of the summer.

Coaching

David Gibson continues to be our principal Tennis coach, focussing mainly on beginners and improvers.

He has recently introduced a cardio tennis session and has extended the number of group and individual coaching sessions during the week and at weekends.

Junior Tennis

The Junior section has continued to grow and now has over 70 members boosted by Fettes pupils joining and who attend group coaching after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also have around 10 under 5s who attend the new Tots' session on a Friday.

Due to the number of Juniors David has introduced a number of new coaching assistants including pupils undertaking their Gold Duke of Edinburgh.

Safeguarding

Under an LTA initiative all affiliated clubs are required to introduce and communicate safeguarding policies to protect children and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Policy can be found on a new Safeguarding page on our website with a summary and information poster on the notice boards and in the Tea hut. Also to be found on our website is our Code of Behaviour, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, Whistleblowing Policy, Reporting and Concern Form and Code of Conduct.

Acknowledgements

In addition to those already thanked for their contribution a big thank you to my fellow Committee members Mark Atkinson, Anne Bradbury, Anna Mattinson, Neil Ross and Patrick Tyler who give their time and advice to make the Club what it is.

Dave Jones
Tennis President