

# **Chalford Tennis Club**

## **Annual General Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **Present**

Ali Brady, Rob Brady, Carole Clayton, Helen Williams, Nigel Williams, Mike Harding, Peter Ashcroft, Rachel Nesbit, Connor Brady, Jack Gower, Mat Lingard, Stuart McAllister, Emma Herbert, Andrew Boddan-Whetham, Mary Wormington, Barbara Devine, Dominique Shead, Bruce Winslade, Peter Nederlof, Chris Roberts, Jerome Tait.

### **Apologies**

Charlie Crisp, Sarah Lingard, Jeff Ford, Alison Sedgwick-Taylor.

### **Minutes of the previous AGM.**

#### **Matters Arising.**

- A request had been received for payment of membership fees by Direct Debit via the Clubspark website. A 3.5% cost would be incurred as well as tracking difficulties for the Membership Secretary and Treasurer. It was put to a vote with the outcome being against payment by this method.
- New membership fees were agreed and put in place at the beginning of this year.
- Ollie Westwood has become the new junior representative on the committee.
- Jack Gower has become the Club's new Juniors Coach.
- Megan Williams is doing a great job as the Club's IT consultant, dealing with the website and Facebook.
- Long term investment in the courts is proceeding.
- There was insufficient interest in the singles boxes to keep it going. Doubles ladders didn't work 100% for team selection. Jamie Nesbit suggested players pitched for a place at the team level most suitable for them which seems to be working. The ladies teams have evolved using this method with the possibility of entering a C team next season.
- No action has been taken regarding club kit.
- Plan to improve the Club's financial position. Thanks were given to Nigel W. for getting the membership fees in. Income has increased also thanks to Jack and Charlie with more Pay and Play and initiatives such as Rusty Rackets and Drills.
- The intention to open at weekends has been partly realised for now by opening on Saturdays.

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved.

Proposed: Peter Ashcroft  
Seconded: Nigel Williams

### **Chair's Report**

Each new committee member and particularly Chairperson brings a new perspective to the role and Rob and myself come at it from a business perspective. We see the tennis club (and the main club) as small businesses with money in and money out as the crucial facts that we need to keep a grip on. I would like to put on record my thanks to Mike Clarke for his support and knowledge as our treasurer and with that in mind let us consider, first, the courts; as our main money income is from membership and I presume, that if you join a tennis club, you do so to play tennis and for that you need decent courts. This has always been our first priority!

#### Courts

This time last year we set the ball in motion to get new clay courts. It took hours of work to get in

quotes and apply for an LTA interest free loan to alleviate pressure on our finances. I took a bit of a detour when I tried to enlist the help of a consultant who promised to find a quality product within our budget. As he was working on the World Cup pitches in Russia, I felt that he might be better qualified to make the decisions but it was very difficult to pin him down and when he eventually came up with a quote and recommendation, it was out of our budget. So we went back to the original quotes and have chosen Courtstalls – a local company – to do the work. The LTA have approved the loan and the deposit has been paid. We are literally waiting to hear when the work will be carried out!

I am fairly confident that the majority of our membership only require good courts to play on but there is more to a club than individuals or groups doing their own thing and so we turn to the coaching on offer:

### Coaching

As I have already mentioned, Jack has been offered a full time post at Rendcomb College and it was with great reluctance that I accepted his resignation as Head Coach! I have not given up hope that he will still play here and there is always a role for him here should he want it! I would like to put on record our thanks for his commitment and enthusiasm towards the club. He has introduced some great initiatives and we will build on the work that he has done here.

Our coaching team has expanded as Connor and Eliot have passed their level 2 coaching qualifications. Each of them pays an amount into the club funds for the work that they do – either in cash or by giving free hours to the club. It is vital that the members recognise that the coaches contribute to the club financially and the only comment received from the LTA regarding our finances last year was that we didn't get much in from our coaches. That is when we agreed a financial settlement with Jack and Charlie and it is a significant element of our 'money in' side of the balance sheet.

We are reviewing our situation now regarding coaching at the club and will need to advertise for a new Head Coach. Charlie has agreed to take up the mantle for now but he too has new directions in mind.

The final element on the credit side of the accounts could come from fund raising and social events.

However, I am aware that none of the socials organised this year;

Indoor doubles evening at Oxstalls followed by a curry at the Alehouse,

Doubles and lunch at the Club,

Christmas tournament

Spring tournament

actually broke even, let alone turned a profit, and maybe you think that is the way it should be – I am interested to hear your views

The tennis club put out a team to play skittles through the Summer and we had a full table at the Dinner Dance last Christmas.

We had a variety of people helping out with a clear up day and we managed to get the side of the club repainted as well as cleaning the courts and giving the hut a major spring clean. Thank you to the people who turned out to help during the day.

Stepping down:

I did let everyone know that I/we would like to step down but no one has come forward to take on the Chairmanship of the club. When Rob and I were persuaded to take on the role we did so with the view that we would do it as well as we could. We tried lots of new initiatives – singles boxes, structured and objective team selection and a wide variety of social events with mixed success. It may be that you are

all happy with things as they are and we have no wish to make anyone feel obliged to attend anything but it is a reality that the Chalford Sports & Social Club – of which the tennis club is an integral part - is struggling financially. The overheads are excessive and the reason that our tennis membership is still very reasonable (despite the increase this year!) is because the licence fees to the main club have remained static for the last 6 years. We believe that the tennis club pays its way and will fight against an increase in licence fees but it is really important that we all support the tennis club and therefore the main club if we wish it to survive. Our financial position is steady but if the main club goes the position of the tennis club is far from clear.

It has been a very busy Summer and I have spent hundreds of hours here over the past six months and I can see what a lovely club we have – it is the envy of visiting teams – so let us all pull together to help it thrive by supporting whichever events appeal. If there is something that you would like to see happening please feel free to talk to us about it as we are very happy to back any initiative that you can suggest.

We will resign or ask if anyone else would like to take over the role every year because enthusiasm is hard to maintain and I am sure that one of you will have more ideas and energy to offer than we have. However if no one does feel that they want to give it a go, can I ask you to bear in mind that the committee are all volunteers with full time jobs and families – no one gains anything by being on it and therefore if you are frustrated at the way things are run please feel free to put yourself forward and make a practical contribution.

In the meantime we would like to thank the members of the committee for all of their hard work and support and look forward to the year ahead.

**Ali and Rob Brady**

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Year from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018**

#### **Balance: £47,316.65**

In the 2017/2018 year, the club made a profit of £9,523.72 compared with a loss of £1,649.82 for the previous year (as a result of the repainting of three courts). This profit for the year was as a result of income of £16,361.50 (2016/17: £15,810.00) and expenses of £6,837.78 (2016/17: £17,459.82).

Membership fees were the largest contributor to income with £13,587.60, which was £1,531.60 higher than the previous year's figure of £12,056.00. Expenditure was down on the previous year due to the courts not being painted, however, electricity costs were up (£1,261.13 compared with £1,094.52 for the previous year). In addition, there were various other savings offsetting items, including changes to coaching payments.

During the year, we successfully applied for a £20,000 interest free loan from the LTA, repayable over 10 years. This, together with our own funds, will pay for two new synthetic clay courts, which we hope will be laid in the near future. We have recently paid a 25% deposit to the contractor (Courtstall) and will draw down the funding from the LTA when the balance of payment is due. As part of the LTA loan agreement we are required to maintain a separate, formal sinking fund account, which has now been established. We are required to transfer £10,200 of funds each year to the sinking fund to pay for current and future, maintenance and capital costs of maintaining the club and its courts. As at 30 September 2018, the balance of the sinking fund was £28,230.45 (contained within the overall balance of £47,316.65 above).

Accounts attached to minutes.

**Mike Clarke**

## Membership Report

We are now a club of 228 members which means, for the first time in 5 years, the annual membership report shows that we have grown by 7.5%. We have 16 more Adults, 3 more Students, 3 more Juniors, and a reduction of 5 parents. With the increase in fees, again the first in 5 years, the additional membership makes a positive financial difference. I'm not sure the membership grew because we put the fees up, but evidence from other clubs could support such a theory. East Glos charges £1500 for adult memberships and has over 2500 members! To summarise we have 74 Juniors, 10 Students, 140 Adults and 4 Life Members.

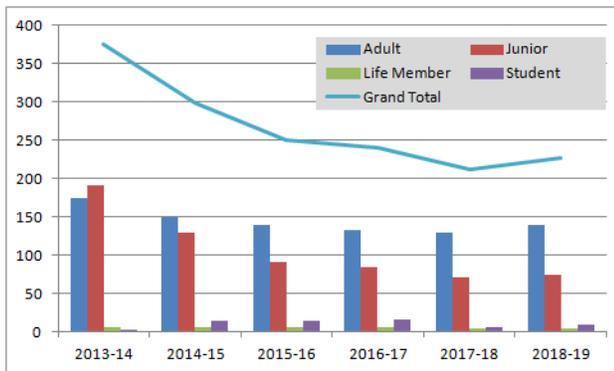
The increase, and reversal of the previous trend of declining membership, is in no small part due to the tremendous efforts of the Chairs promoting the tennis club, and the coaching opportunities. It's also worth recognising that their efforts are making an equally impressive difference to the wider Sports and Social Club too.

Membership continues to be recorded on the LTA's Clubspark system, which currently is free to use. That system needs to keep us compliant with the GDPR regulations, and to help us administer the club. Ali continues to feedback to the LTA about the shortcomings of the system, but its here to stay, so we'll make as good a use of it as we can.

**And as a reminder, our peak membership was 376 in 2013/14. We need to continue to grow the membership and I see no reason why we can't get back to those numbers. That's essential, to allow the tennis club to continue providing and improving the excellent facilities.**

| Type               | Count of Type |            | Sum of Paid   |               | Total Count of Type | Total Sum of Paid |
|--------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                    | F             | M          | F             | M             |                     |                   |
| Life               | 1             | 3          | £0            | £0            | 4                   | £0                |
| Adult              | 50            | 81         | £4,466        | £7,180        | 131                 | £11,646           |
| Parent             | 3             | 6          | £84           | £157          | 9                   | £241              |
| Student            | 1             | 9          | £23           | £261          | 10                  | £284              |
| Junior             | 29            | 45         | £615          | £996          | 74                  | £1,611            |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>84</b>     | <b>144</b> | <b>£5,188</b> | <b>£8,594</b> | <b>228</b>          | <b>£13,782</b>    |

|             | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 18 vs 17 |    |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----|
| Adult       | 175     | 149     | 140     | 133     | 129     | 140     | 8.5%     | 11 |
| Junior      | 192     | 129     | 91      | 85      | 71      | 74      | 4.2%     | 3  |
| Life Member | 6       | 6       | 6       | 6       | 5       | 4       | -20.0%   | -1 |
| Student     | 3       | 15      | 14      | 17      | 7       | 10      | 42.9%    | 3  |
| Grand Total | 376     | 299     | 251     | 241     | 212     | 228     | 7.5%     | 16 |



## Nigel Williams

### Team Results

Two teams were entered into the winter leagues of 2017/18 and two ladies and five mens' teams were entered into the Summer Dunlop League for 2018.

### Stroud Winter League      Captain: Carole Clayton

| DIV 1          |        |     |      |      |                |            |          |
|----------------|--------|-----|------|------|----------------|------------|----------|
| Team           | Played | Won | Drew | Lost | Points Against | Points For | Position |
| Painswick A    | 10     | 8   | 2    | 0    | 17             | 63         | 1        |
| Cirencester A  | 10     | 5   | 4    | 1    | 28             | 52         | 2        |
| Glos. Wotton A | 9      | 6   | 2    | 1    | 26             | 46         | 3        |
| East Gos       | 11     | 3   | 1    | 7    | 49             | 39         | 4        |
| Frampton A     | 9      | 4   | 1    | 4    | 37             | 35         | 5        |
| Painswick B    | 12     | 2   | 2    | 8    | 55             | 33         | 6        |
| Chalford       | 12     | 2   | 0    | 10   | 76             | 20         | 7        |

### Dunlop Winter Floodlit      Division 3      Captain: Dominique Shead

|                 | Points | Played | Rubbers  | Sets    | Sets % | Games     | Games % |
|-----------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1 East Gos D    | 112    | 10     | 112 - 48 | 56 - 24 | 70.0%  | 407 - 306 | 57.1%   |
| 2 East Gos C    | 96     | 10     | 96 - 60  | 48 - 30 | 61.5%  | 406 - 342 | 54.3%   |
| 3 Frampton A    | 74     | 10     | 74 - 86  | 37 - 43 | 46.3%  | 353 - 370 | 48.8%   |
| 4 Nailsworth A  | 74     | 10     | 74 - 82  | 37 - 41 | 47.4%  | 342 - 331 | 50.8%   |
| 5 Chalford      | 72     | 10     | 72 - 88  | 36 - 44 | 45.0%  | 349 - 367 | 48.7%   |
| 6 Cirencester C | 48     | 10     | 48 - 112 | 24 - 56 | 30.0%  | 270 - 411 | 39.6%   |

## Dunlop Summer League

### Ladies A Division 1

|                   | Points | Played | Rubbers | Sets    | Sets % | Games     | Games % |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1 East Gos C      | 30     | 12     | 30 - 18 | 62 - 44 | 58.5%  | 446 - 416 | 51.7%   |
| 2 Nailsworth A    | 29     | 12     | 29 - 18 | 63 - 40 | 61.2%  | 447 - 351 | 56.0%   |
| 3 Cam & Dursley A | 27     | 12     | 27 - 20 | 62 - 43 | 59.0%  | 459 - 377 | 54.9%   |
| 4 Bredon A        | 23     | 12     | 23 - 25 | 53 - 60 | 46.9%  | 430 - 449 | 48.9%   |
| 5 Cheltenham CS A | 22     | 12     | 22 - 26 | 49 - 59 | 45.4%  | 388 - 465 | 45.5%   |
| 6 Redmarley A     | 21     | 12     | 21 - 27 | 49 - 61 | 44.5%  | 429 - 443 | 49.2%   |
| 7 Chalford A      | 15     | 12     | 15 - 33 | 37 - 68 | 35.2%  | 372 - 470 | 44.2%   |

Players: Ginny Whitton (Captain), Helen Williams, Dominique Shead, Rachel Nesbit, Caroline Stephen, Carole Clayton

### Ladies B Division 4

|                         | Points | Played | Rubbers | Sets    | Sets % | Games     | Games % |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1 Redmarley B           | 38     | 12     | 38 - 10 | 77 - 26 | 74.8%  | 491 - 306 | 61.6%   |
| 2 Charlton Kings A      | 27     | 12     | 27 - 21 | 63 - 46 | 57.8%  | 482 - 390 | 55.3%   |
| 3 Frampton C            | 26     | 12     | 26 - 22 | 62 - 48 | 56.4%  | 461 - 398 | 53.7%   |
| 4 Taynton & Tibberton B | 26     | 12     | 26 - 22 | 55 - 51 | 51.9%  | 434 - 420 | 50.8%   |
| 5 Aston Ingham          | 23     | 12     | 23 - 25 | 50 - 54 | 48.1%  | 411 - 431 | 48.8%   |
| 6 Chalford B            | 17     | 12     | 17 - 31 | 38 - 73 | 34.2%  | 365 - 520 | 41.2%   |
| 7 Beckford D            | 11     | 12     | 11 - 37 | 29 - 76 | 27.6%  | 334 - 513 | 39.4%   |

Players: Emma Herbert (Captain), Ali Russell, Megan Williams, Barbara Devine, Anne Green, Freya Kay, Ali Brady, Clare Westwood, Sophia Searle

### Mens A Premier Division

|                            | Points | Played | Rubbers | Sets    | Sets % | Games     | Games % |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1 Beckford A               | 38     | 12     | 38 - 10 | 80 - 26 | 75.5%  | 535 - 306 | 63.6%   |
| 2 David Lloyd Gloucester A | 36     | 12     | 36 - 12 | 77 - 31 | 71.3%  | 523 - 346 | 60.2%   |
| 3 Cirencester A            | 27     | 12     | 27 - 21 | 60 - 46 | 56.6%  | 450 - 385 | 53.9%   |
| 4 Painswick A              | 23     | 12     | 23 - 25 | 56 - 58 | 49.1%  | 451 - 474 | 48.8%   |
| 5 East Gos A               | 21     | 12     | 21 - 27 | 53 - 61 | 46.5%  | 449 - 466 | 49.1%   |
| 6 Chalford A               | 20     | 12     | 20 - 28 | 42 - 65 | 39.3%  | 384 - 492 | 43.8%   |
| 7 Redmarley A              | 3      | 12     | 3 - 45  | 12 - 93 | 11.4%  | 246 - 569 | 30.2%   |

Players: Charlie Crisp (Captain), Jimmy Haycraft, Jonathan Buckley, Will Allan, Jack Gower, Jacob Williams, Alex Parker, Oliver Nunn.

**Mens B Division 2**

|                    | Points | Played | Rubbers | Sets    | Sets % | Games     | Games % |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1 Winchcombe A     | 35     | 12     | 35 - 12 | 77 - 32 | 70.6%  | 530 - 352 | 60.1%   |
| 2 East Gos D       | 35     | 12     | 35 - 13 | 76 - 36 | 67.9%  | 506 - 389 | 56.5%   |
| 3 Painswick C      | 29     | 12     | 29 - 18 | 63 - 44 | 58.9%  | 435 - 390 | 52.7%   |
| 4 Chalford B       | 27     | 12     | 27 - 21 | 62 - 49 | 55.9%  | 463 - 398 | 53.8%   |
| 5 Bredon A         | 21     | 12     | 21 - 27 | 49 - 63 | 43.8%  | 409 - 464 | 46.8%   |
| 6 Redmarley C      | 9      | 12     | 9 - 35  | 25 - 75 | 25.0%  | 307 - 478 | 39.1%   |
| 7 Minchinhampton B | 4*     | 12     | 7 - 37  | 24 - 77 | 23.8%  | 311 - 490 | 38.     |

Players: Mat Lingard (Captain), Tom Priestley, Tim Chilman, John Seex, Stuart McAllister, Connor Brady, Rob Brady

**Mens C Division 3**

|                            | Points | Played | Rubbers | Sets    | Sets % | Games     | Games % |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1 Cerney Lakes A           | 38     | 12     | 38 - 10 | 82 - 25 | 76.6%  | 535 - 315 | 62.9%   |
| 2 Chalford C               | 34     | 12     | 34 - 14 | 71 - 35 | 67.0%  | 501 - 388 | 56.4%   |
| 3 Gloucester Wotton B      | 28     | 12     | 28 - 20 | 64 - 44 | 59.3%  | 479 - 372 | 56.3%   |
| 4 Painswick D              | 22     | 12     | 22 - 26 | 53 - 59 | 47.3%  | 440 - 457 | 49.1%   |
| 5 Frampton C               | 20     | 11     | 20 - 24 | 42 - 53 | 44.2%  | 378 - 425 | 47.1%   |
| 6 Tewkesbury Tennis Club A | 15     | 11     | 15 - 29 | 34 - 67 | 33.7%  | 325 - 485 | 40.1%   |
| 7 Cirencester E            | 7      | 12     | 7 - 41  | 21 - 84 | 20.0%  | 321 - 537 | 37.4%   |

Players: Ben Wadsworth (Captain), Tim Marshfield, Alex Curzon, Adam Mills, Jacob Williams, Connor Brady

**Mens D Division 4**

|                   | Points | Played | Rubbers | Sets    | Sets % | Games     | Games % |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1 Northleach      | 40     | 12     | 40 - 6  | 85 - 17 | 83.3%  | 542 - 280 | 65.9%   |
| 2 Gotherington A  | 30     | 12     | 30 - 16 | 65 - 38 | 63.1%  | 483 - 359 | 57.4%   |
| 3 Nailsworth B    | 23     | 12     | 23 - 25 | 52 - 55 | 48.6%  | 423 - 431 | 49.5%   |
| 4 Painswick E     | 20     | 12     | 20 - 28 | 47 - 62 | 43.1%  | 402 - 463 | 46.5%   |
| 5 Cam & Dursley C | 19     | 12     | 19 - 29 | 42 - 60 | 41.2%  | 364 - 440 | 45.3%   |
| 6 Chalford D      | 19     | 12     | 19 - 29 | 43 - 68 | 38.7%  | 349 - 482 | 42.0%   |
| 7 Bredon B        | 15     | 12     | 15 - 33 | 36 - 70 | 34.0%  | 356 - 464 | 43.4%   |

Players: Jamie Nesbit (Captain), Nigel Williams, Simon Laverack, Paul Nederlof, Maurice Moore, Rod Birt, Sam Brady, Elliot Herbert, Ben Minnican

## Mens E Division 6

|                    | Points | Played | Rubbers | Sets    | Sets % | Games     | Games % |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1 Cerney Lakes B   | 24     | 8      | 24 - 8  | 51 - 19 | 72.9%  | 348 - 191 | 64.6%   |
| 2 Painswick F      | 18     | 7      | 18 - 10 | 38 - 21 | 64.4%  | 269 - 222 | 54.8%   |
| 3 Tetbury Dolphins | 14     | 7      | 14 - 14 | 33 - 30 | 52.4%  | 252 - 241 | 51.1%   |
| 4 Charlton Kings   | 11     | 8      | 11 - 21 | 26 - 46 | 36.1%  | 239 - 327 | 42.2%   |
| 5 Chalford E       | 9      | 8      | 9 - 23  | 20 - 52 | 27.8%  | 226 - 353 | 39.0%   |

Players: Richard Lilwall (Captain), Guy Tabony, Peter Watts, Andrew Boddam-Whetham, Vincent Schermuly, Simon Gower, Henry Bendle, Jamie Lomax

## Election of Officers

No officers were standing down from their posts and no new additions to the committee, so there was a block vote for all to retain their positions. The vote was carried.

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|---------------------------|--|
| Chairpersons              | Ali and Rob Brady  |
| Vice Chair                | Rachel Nesbit  |
| Treasurer                 | Mike Clarke  |
| Secretary                 | Carole Clayton   |
| Membership Secretary      | Nigel Williams   |
| General Committee Members | All those above and Peter Ashcroft, Helen Williams<br>Charlie Crisp, Mike Harding, Jeff Ford |

Proposed: Bruce Winslade  
Seconded: Mat Lingard

## Any Other Business

- There is an ongoing problem with the condition and lack of social play balls which seem to keep disappearing. Rob B stated that £563 was spent on provision of balls last year and £899 this year. The match balls are fed in to the blue bag for use at social and another hopper for anyone else who doesn't mind balls in much poorer condition. Various options were mooted to stop the balls from disappearing, including locking them in the toilets and so only access by someone who has the code or in the officials room with boiler. Bruce W has offered to donate 100 balls that aren't the usual Dunlop Fort to see what happens to them and also to restart the ball bouncing test to keep up the quality of social session balls.
- Bruce W brought up the point that only having LTA doubles teams may be detrimental to club if it is the only competitive forum. More could be offered in the way of individual player tournaments against other clubs, team tours etc. to satisfy more members. Rob B stated that initiatives had been set up in the past with unfortunately little up take but to be looked at again. Bruce W also suggested there was too much emphasis on coaching and not enough on playing.

- Peter N asked if there was a user setting on Clubspark to book part of the hour for play rather than a whole hour as is currently the case for coaches and administrators. It was suggested that if members who had booked courts were 15 minutes or more late for play that their use of the court should be forfeited.
- Stuart M asked if the angle of the floodlights on courts 3,4 and 5 could be adjusted as they seemed to be dazzling players. Courtstalls would be asked to check them when carrying out works.
- Timeline for new clay courts: Courtstalls are awaiting carpet delivery which could be November. Once works are completed courts should be playable after a week.

**Date of next meeting:** to be arranged.