



CHAIR REPORT

49th AGM 15th February 2023

Main event of 2022 was the court refurbishment which was disruptive as the courts were closed for 10 weeks from early July to mid September but the new courts were worth waiting for. The committee appointed club member Simon Spanyol as project manager & council liaison officer in the early summer; he did a brilliant job of overseeing the project. He was co-opted on to the full committee in September.

While the courts were closed South Norfolk Leisure enabled club members to use courts at their Framingham Earl Leisure Centre for free, club nights & matches were also played there. The staff gave members a warm welcome, were helpful & friendly even joining in with celebrating match wins. The club passed on thanks & good wishes to the staff at Framingham Earl when we said good bye.

The courts re-opened mid September; unfortunately the planned official opening was postponed due to the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II; we hope to have this in the spring of this year. There was some delay with the lights but these were completed in November. Attendance at club nights was excellent after re-opening with all 4 courts often being utilised, it has tailed off slightly with the winter weather. A daytime midweek session was held on Thursday mornings, with reasonable attendance, until Christmas; one issue is which day do you pick?

Three teams played in the Norwich City League, 2 mens & a ladies. Men's A won their division & will be promoted to Division 1, men's B struggled to get wins. The ladies finished second in their division & so should be promoted. There is a team in the mixed winter league, last year they were relegated & are managing to stay mid table so far this season. The club are always looking for opportunities to play in leagues & hope to resurrect the Veterans mixed team this coming year.

Roger Tudor will give more details but we have retained many members & have had a constant stream of new members throughout the year especially once the new courts were completed. I would like to thank Roger for the work he does on membership administration & club sessions booking management.

Sam Howlett will report on the coaching programme but I would like to thank him for his input to the club. Getting new coaches to assist is proving difficult for him but we hope for some new faces soon.

Some further thanks: to the committee for their support, in particular; Jerry Hazell for maintenance matters, Chris Harmer for running teams, Callum King for his input with the website, Simon Spanyol for his work with the new courts & now on the club house. Plus thanks & congratulations to Steven Halls & Ali Tennant, the successful team captains. Finally, in 2020 Sue Graham took on the role of safeguarding officer; she has decided to step down, I would like to thank her for the work she did setting up the policy document & wish her well for the future. This does mean the club is looking for someone to take this job on.

With the new courts & an ever expanding population in Wymondham there should be a new chapter for Wymondham Tennis Club which is coinciding with the club's 50th birthday, it was started in 1973. Like all volunteer run organisations members are needed to get involved with a range of things which make the club work; if you have the time and/or a particular talent/skill which you think the club can utilise please let the committee know.

Here's to a good year of tennis in 2023

Sue Lord

14th February 2023