

## MARKET WEIGHTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2020. We hope you enjoyed 2019 at the tennis club, and here is to an even better 2020!

### Committee Members: 2020 AGM

- Judy Copeland
- Stephen Moulds
- Tom Bowman
- Claire Robson
- Jill Atkinson
- Sally Abbott
- Roy Dean
- Anne Gowthorpe
- Ellen Hall

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### Club President:

As well as all the changes to the club's management already mentioned, John Sissons also announced prior to the meeting that he would be stepping down from his role as President.

Firstly, may we thank John for his many years of Presidency at the club. We hope to still see you down at the club for many different events!

John also proposed for Phil Pugh to take the role of President. This was seconded and all in attendance were in favour for Phil to become our new President.

The AGM minutes should have hit your email last week, so if you're fancying a read you can— if you've not received them please let us know and we'll get the minutes to you as soon as we can.

We held our AGM on Tuesday 21st January, and there were lots of lively discussions. It was great to see so many members in attendance, which reflected a real excitement and enthusiasm about the club's future.

As you may have read in the minutes, the meeting also marked some changes in the club's management committee. Prior to the meeting, Phil Pugh announced he would be stepping down from his role as Chairperson. May we take this opportunity to thank Phil for his 18 years in the chair. Under Phil's guidance, the club hasn't withdrawn any teams from the Driffeld League, instead adding more teams, bucking the general trend across the area, which is something we ought to be proud of! Roy Dean also announced that he would be stepping down from his role as Secretary, and we would like to thank Roy for all his efforts over the years. On the night, Katy Demaison announced she would also be stepping down from her role as treasurer. After being elected in absence, we would like to thank Katy for undertaking the role and also for being our welfare officer over the past year. Karen Williamson also stepped down from the committee, and we owe a big thanks to Karen for her many years on the committee, as well as being the treasurer and also the secretary too! Finally, James Philip has also come off the committee. We would like to thank James for his hard work, in particular in the development and maintenance of our website.

As with all change comes opportunity! It was decided on the night that Judy Copeland be our new Chair, Tom Bowman be our new Secretary and Claire Robson be our new Treasurer. It was also decided that Sally Abbott, Ellen Hall and Jill Atkinson join the committee.

We think we have a great team to help the club continue moving forward. Our first committee meeting has already taken place and we have great plans and ambitions for the club.

## 2020 Team Captains

Mixed A: James Philip

Mixed B: Jill  
Williamson

Mixed C: Nigel Allison

Mixed D: Sue Sissons

Ladies A: Julie  
Stephenson

Ladies B: Jill Atkinson

Ladies C: Fiona Cast

Ladies D: Tina  
Smallwood

Men's A: Tom  
Bowman

Men's B: Phil Pugh

## Social Media

Facebook:

Market Weighton  
Lawn Tennis Club

Instagram:

Market Weighton  
Tennis Club

## Clubhouse

We're still awaiting a response from the Feasibility Study conducted by the ERYC back in July! However, we have been told the report will be published imminently and are hopeful for a positive response. The next stage is to decide on where to gain an electricity supply from, and work is currently ongoing.

## Welfare Officer

Katy Demaison:

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Katy is stepping down from her role as welfare officer. Whilst we are sharply sorting a replacement, if you're interested in becoming a welfare officer please get in touch, it would be highly appreciated!

# Club News

## Sponsorship

We are now launching a sponsorship programme at the club, with two different packages available; Club Sponsors and Match Ball Sponsors.

Club Sponsors;

- 8ftx2ft kickboard on the fencing at the courts.
- Mention on our website which has over 10,000 views!
- Inclusion on our newsletters and Facebook page with over 450 followers!
- £150 p/a (plus £100 manufacturing costs)
- £500 3 year deal (includes manufacturing).

Ball Sponsors;

- Logo on website for 12 month period.
- One dedicated week where you are that week's ball sponsors– this week you will have special mention on our social media profiles.
- £50.

If you are interested in sponsoring the tennis club, or can think of anyone who might be, please get in touch and let us know!

## Increase in Grounds and Court Costs

Following on from the AGM, it was decided for the committee to investigate a £2,000 increase in grounds and court maintenance costs as the increase couldn't be accounted for on the night.

Following investigation, we found a payment of £1,320 to 'Pavescape Ltd', and after research found that they were the contractors who completed the work on the perimeter fencing in November 2018. Therefore this payment was the club's contribution to the work, and this is the main attribute to the increased costs.

**Website:**

You can find out more about the club on our website, at:

<https://mwltc1.wixsite.com>

Many thanks to James Philip for this facility!

**Membership Day**

Following discussion at the AGM, we have decided we will be holding a 'membership day'. This will be on Sunday 26th April, starting at 2pm with the Quorn Family Cup for the juniors, then we will be holding our first Sunday tournament at 4pm. Finally, after the tournament we will conduct our Wimbledon Ballot after the tournament. All paid-up members who are opted-in will be in the hat. There will also be a buffet of sandwiches and cakes!

As this is the last weekend before the season, it's a good chance to pay your membership if you won't already have too!

More information will be circulated in due course.

**Social Memberships**

Again, following discussions at the AGM, the committee looked into social memberships. We decided against creating a social membership for this year. We thought that we haven't quite the facilities yet to offer an attractive social membership. We will revisit this next year when we hopefully have improved facilities and have more social events!

# What's On?

**Club Nights**

Club nights will be starting again on Sunday 9th February. These are great for keeping your eye-in, having a practice or playing with different people. They're also the ideal place for new players to start, so if you know anyone who may want to start tennis, invite them down!

- Every Sunday.
- 2-4pm.
- First time free! (non-members)
- Kids always free!
- Equipment can be provided.
- A helpful committee member will always be there to answer any questions.

**Cardio Tennis**

Cardio tennis is a highly fun, tennis-themed workout and coaching session. These have been proving extremely popular since Dave started back in September:

- Every Thursday.
- 10-11am.
- Pay and play (no need to book!).
- £6.

**Doubles Drills, Tactics and Matchplay**

Since launching at the start of December, these sessions have proved really popular! 90 minutes of high-level coaching from Dave, with great insights and drills to help you keep learning and practicing!

- Every Saturday
- 11-12.30
- Pay and play
- £8



### Private Lessons

If you're wanting some coaching from Dave but can't make any of his sessions, he also offers private lessons. These don't necessarily have to be one-to-one lessons either, you could organize a group/team to have some coaching and advice! Costs are as follows:

- 30 mins- £15
- 45 mins- £20
- 1hr- £25

### Quorn Family Cup

We will be hosting a Quorn Family Cup on Sunday 26th April, starting at 2pm. The Quorn Family Cup is an informal, fun family based competition. Juniors under 10 play with an adult family member on a mini tennis court. The winning pair from the competition also win tickets to an LTA Grass Court event in June. The morning will include more fun tennis, and after enjoying lunch the winners will then be free to watch the professional tennis taking place at the tournament!

Again, more information will be circulated in due course.

### Club Rules

Due to such high attendance at the AGM, it meant that we met the Quorum for changing the club's constitution as of Rule 11. We're making slight changes to the rules on committee size, membership brackets and the AGM date. A new copy will be sent once completed.

## Junior Coaching

### Free Course!

Dave is offering up a free two-week coaching course to all 9-11 year olds!

When:

- Saturday 29th February
- Saturday 7th March
- 10-11am.

To book, you can contact Dave or you can book online by searching 'DT Tennis Coaching ' into Google and visiting Dave's site.

### Monday Evening's

As the weather is now improving, and the nights are drawing out again, junior tennis coaching on Monday evenings will be re-starting!

- Mon 24th Feb– Mon 30th March
- 16.45-17.30
- 5-9 year olds
- £36
- Equipment can be provided.

You can again book online by visiting Dave's website at:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DavidThompsonCoaching/Coaching/Junior>

### Tennis For Kids

Tennis for Kids will be returning to the courts again! Dave will be running these courses on Tuesday evenings, starting after Easter. Here's what you get in a Tennis for Kids course;

- 6 high quality group lessons.
- A racket and ball set.
- A personalised t-shirt.

All for just £25 (plus £4.99 postage).

An email with a link to book will be sent once the courses are published.