



Minutes of the 96th A.G.M held in the clubhouse February 27th 2017 7pm

Present

Club President John Schofield and 19 club members.

Apologies for Absence.

Pam Robinson. Janet Smith, Marianna Williams, Mike Dixon.

Approval of previous minutes.

One mistake, Helen Salmon not Robinson Club player of the Year at the County Awards, then approved.

Matters arising from minutes.

Secretary's Report.

The club has maintained its popularity, membership and facilities throughout 2016 and was again voted as 'Club of the Year' at the County Awards ceremony, the fourth year in succession. Anne Clayton won the 'Coach of the Year', John Schofield the 'Outstanding Achievement Award' Faye Edemenson R/up in 'Young Volunteer' Award and Richard Farrar the Harry and David Thomas Meritorious Award.

Good result all round.

- One of the club's honorary lifetime members Enid Davison died in 2016. She had been involved in playing tennis here for many years and always made a great contribution to social and charity events.
- Overall membership has increased by 10%. which is very pleasing indeed.

Some committee members have assumed specific responsibilities:

- Cecilia Cordova Website design and maintenance,
- James Bustard Health and Safety, and conducting research in to grants/ funding etc.
- Geoff Brown Tennismark.
- Jim Underwood Welfare/Child protection.

Improvements included:

- Resurfacing to the back of Courts 1/2/3.
 - Cleaning of courts.1/2/3 and repainting.
 - 3 new nets.
 - 18 chairs obtained for clubhouse.
 - A large permanent tennis club sign on the side of clubhouse.
 - Andy Gibbings' ground maintenance and ideas has ensured the courts and surrounding areas look really attractive and looked after.
 - New table tennis table purchased.
 - Wilson Drummond Ltd. very generously supplied materials and labour free of charge to refit Anne's equipment storage area.
- Club night attendance this year was variable and still not many ladies.
 - The Great British Tennis Week End on May15th excellent.
 - Our annual charity coffee morning was held in April raising £326 for Bridge House, Stockton, a hostel for the homeless as the chosen local charity for that year.
 - The Evening Gazette wish token scheme that John Schofield looks after again raised money for junior equipment.

- Club tournaments began and, as often happens there was rain, wind, sun on the May 3rd with the Sally Chambers opening season tournament. Organized by Darren. Winners, Winners. Cecilia Cordova / Bob Tiltman. R/up Dolores Tiltman/Adrian Smithies.
- Pre. Wimbledon tournament cancelled due to lack of entries.
- Summer Handicap Tournament July 31st.
- Lovely warm day, Winners Jill Baker/Sanjay Sharma. R/Up Faye Edemenson/Adrian Smithies.
- Rosebowl September 25th a warm and windy day. Winners Dorothy Seaman/Martin Williams. R/Up. Cecilia Cordova/Heather Reid.

All adult tournaments organised so well by Darren with his usual flair and efficiency.

Support though for club tournaments was disappointingly poor again but much enjoyed by those who did take part.

- Club Championships Results:

• Mens Open Singles	Marc Anderson	David Marley
• Ladies Open Singles	Tracy Spears	Helen Salmon
• Mens Open Doubles	Marc Anderson/David Marley	Mike Brazell/ Dave Hawkes
• Mixed Open Doubles	Mike Brazell/Hannah Brazell	Mike Seddon/ Helen Salmon
• Seniors Mens Singles	Mike Seddon	John Boddy
• Seniors Ladies Singles	Clare Williamson	Jill Gullon
• Seniors Mens Doubles	Mile Seddon/Keith Philpott	Dave Turner/John Boddy
• Senior Ladies Doubles	Janet Smith/Julie Philpott	Clare Williamson/Karen Crabtree
• Senior Mixed Doubles	Clare Williamson/John Gullon	
• Super Seniors Mens Doubles	Steve Anderson/John Gullon	Keith Philpott/Dave Woodhouse
• Super Seniors Ladies Doubles	Karen Crabtree/Julie Philpott	Dorothy Seaman/ Angela Johnson
• Super Seniors Mixed Doubles	Janet Smith/John Gullon	Angela Johnson/Dave Turner

- The Wimbledon Draw on April 13th was well attended, 21 pairs of tickets to the club this year, all allocated.
- The Club twitter account continues to grow under Jill Gullon, s supervision.
- 36 people attended Christmas Dinner at the Craythorne Arms on Dec.9th. Good evening arranged by Anne Brown.

Finally, a thank you as always to everyone who contributes in any way to our club, the centenary is only 4 years away!

Treasurers Report.

- I am pleased to report that 2016 has been a good financial year for Yarm Tennis Club.
- Total income in 2016 at £32642.47 exceeded the income in 2015 by just over 6%
- More importantly, the membership subscription in 2016 increased by around £1950 on the 2015 figure--this represents an increase of more than 7%.over the membership subscription in 2015 and is the largest year on year increase of membership numbers in the last 5 years.
- There has been a lot of hard work in the background to set up the Yarm Tennis Club online subscription payment and a big thank you is due to Martin Williams as the membership secretary in helping to set up this system and helping to bring in what is by far the largest source of income to the club.
- At £20499.35p, the court repair and maintenance costs in 2016 were above our previous cash flow forecast plan, but we are still comfortably within the contingency cash plan.
- Ground maintenance and supplies increased in 2016 to just over £3700, but hopefully you will all agree that the extra cost has been justified in the high standard of the grounds.
- This cost does include:
- £720 for the biennial trimming of the conifers around courts 1 to 3 and also £600 to pressure wash courts 4 to 6.

- There have also been a lot of extra hours put in by Andy Gibbings, to restore part of the grounds that had previously been neglected and to maintain the rest of the grounds to an excellent standard.
- Repayments to the floodlights loan for courts 4/5/6 again totalled £1000.00 in 2016 and are expected to run until March 2022
- We had a healthy income in 2016, however, the total end of year balance at £38465.15 was lower than the 2015 figure by £11339.11. This was mainly due to the expenditure of just over £20000 to repair courts 1-3.
- Looking ahead, we also have plans for refurbishments to courts 7-9 and the committee will be looking at various strategies to fund these costs.
- The committee are aware that the maintenance of all the courts and to the grounds is very important and funds have been forecasted and allocated in the future budget for the ongoing cleaning and maintenance of all the courts over the next few years. Thank you to the committee and all members who give up their time in helping to run the club.
- A special thanks to Anne Clayton and Martin Williams for tirelessly carrying out vital roles to prepare and bring in the majority of the income to Yarm Tennis club.
- And, once again very grateful thanks to Mike Tuersley for giving up his professional experience to check and sign off the Yarm tennis Club 2016 accounts.

Membership.

- A very good year in terms of membership.
- Adult members up 7 from 135 to 142
- Junior members up 23 from 155 to 178 (largely Primary)
- Guardian members up 11 from 32 to 43 (following Primary)
- Student members down 1 from 11 to 10
- Membership income, due to both numbers and subscription increase, therefore up by almost £2000 (see Treasurer's report)
- Junior membership very strong – focus for 2017 should be retaining and gaining Adult members.

Senior Match Report.

Ladies

- Entering 4 teams again shows how the club has grown with more women and girls wanting to play for a team.
- Our success this year was our ladies C team captained by Jill Gullon, they won 10 out of 12 matches and finished champions of Div. 4 by 3 points.

Our other teams also did well our D team didn't manage to win a match but came close.

The B Team finished 3rd in Div. 3 and the A team finished 3rd in Div. 1 3 points behind the top 2 teams

- We start 2017 with 1 team in division 1, 2 teams in division 3 and 1 team in div 4. Let's see what this year brings, some younger legs hopefully.

Men.

- Another good effort with 5 teams although the Mens F team had problems in finding 6 people, and discussions this week will decide if there are enough men to field 36 players every week.
- Mens A Team in Div. 1 finished 5th out of 8
- Mens B team being relegated from Div. 1 to 2.
- Mens C team 5th in Div. 2
- Mens D team 5th in Div. 3
- Mens E team 4th in Div. 4
- Mens F team struggling in Div. 6.

Mixed League & Cup Matches

- The mixed teams with new captains for the season had success, the A team winning Division 1 and the B team R/up in Division 3. In the mixed cup the A team lost in the semi-final to Bishop Auckland.

Vets Winter League – 2016-2017

- The A team won the league and the B team finished 4th both teams in the same league.

- The Club has 14 teams in leagues and I would like on behalf of the club to thank all the team captains, it is a thankless task and all do it as best we can. If anyone would like to be considered as a team captain this year or next, then please let me know.

Coach / Juniors.

Junior tennis is thriving at Yarm. Friday summer sessions were a success with an increase in numbers. A few of the juniors played last year for the adult teams and hopefully will do so again this year. Mini Tennis was also thriving on a Monday.

This year a number of adult/junior themed events initiated by the LTA proved popular and included "Summertime Slam" in June just before Wimbledon, and "Monster Smash" for Halloween, great effort made with dressing up. Prizes supplied by LTA. We have enthusiastic children and parents, more adults would be welcome to take part and would be partnered with a child.

These events focus on playing and not worrying about the end result.

- The latest event ran in January was the Aussie Open, not Aussie weather but 20 brave souls turned up and enjoyed quick 7 minute matches. Following the AGM last year, a Sports relief event in conjunction with the cricket club took place with a free coaching session, money raised to sport relief, and 2 adult /juniors events during the day.
- The GBTW attracted lots of new faces trying tennis ending with the U10 Quorn Family Cup – 30 people playing on the mini tennis court with their families. Winners John and Oliver Boddy represented YTC a similar event at Ilkley Tennis club and won there.
- The annual Mixed Junior Bigland Bowl, 14&U Road to Wimbledon, and Junior Club Championships all took place.
- New last year was a new LTA initiative 'Tennis for Kids' venues offering tennis for 6 weeks for free for 10 children from age 7 to 9 new to tennis, a good programme and very enjoyable, 4 converted to members. Will be repeated this year and two courses on offer. The training programme is in Leeds for which I am attending in a couple of weeks.
- Our juniors compete in Winter and Summer County leagues from ages 8&U to 18&U. Our 9&U team won Boys 1214 & 18 all won Girls 12&U won.
- Our older juniors continue to volunteer both here at Yarm and in the County. They are a great asset to our club and are highly thought about in the County. We have at the moment volunteering Faye Edemenson, Olivia Sample, Lucy Graham and Luke Godfrey.
- Our Winter programme which started in September has only had one Friday cancelled. These groups have grown, our sessions, when all attend, have 32 (in the winter there are only 6 courts with lights- so ideally 24 players. Over the 4 hours we see 96 children playing and turning up weekly, 38 of those are girls.
- Some of these children have individual lessons and a group of them have taken it upon themselves to organize themselves for practice every week, and it's thanks to their parents for sorting it out.
- This year the mini tennis in the winter was outside on a Monday evening, instead of going inside on a Saturday afternoon. The first group are only 5 (and girls) but all wanted to keep going, and by having smaller groups these children are progressing nicely. Again thanks to Angela for coming each week to collect the money.
- I still go into 16 primary schools across the area linking the children to our club.
- We have 5 children that compete out and about and in 2016 2 of our juniors represented the county, Harry Tweed at 12&U and Oliver Boddy at 9&U.
- Thanks a couple of parents that help on Friday nights, Pete Keopple who is always willing to help set up and squeegee the courts, Gary Ferguson and John Boddy who give any help required.

Fantastic parents help run the teams Sandi Tweed, Dave Orr, John Boddy, Jayne Cornforth and Jane Huggins. A big thank you to them.

Extra hands are always welcome not necessarily coaching, teams need looking after in many ways.

Election of Officials for 2017 Season

Nominations are requested for all officers of the club (current incumbents in brackets) and for up to 10 other committee members.

The current officials and committee members are:

- President (John Schofield)
- Club Captain* (Martin Williams)
- Membership Secretary* (Martin Williams)
- Vice-captain. (Darren Walker)
- Treasurer* (Tony Li)
- Secretary* (Dorothy Seaman).
- Assistant Secretary (John Schofield)

Committee members. Anne Brown, Anne Clayton, Jill Gullon, Jim Underwood, Cecilia Cordova, Geoff Brown, James Bustard, Keith Philpot.

(Please note that payment of annual subscription is waived for those club officials marked*)

Club President.

Proposed. Anne Brown Seconded. Jim Underwood

Committee officials / members.

Proposed Jon Hall. Seconded Adrian Smithies.

Grahame Bartram to join committee.

Proposed. Kathleen Smithies. Seconded Jon Hall.

Subscriptions for the 2017 Season.

The outgoing committee proposes the following:

1. That the Junior (Y7 – Y13) and Student categories be merged into a single Student category
2. That there is a new "Away Student" category for those living and studying away from Teesside area.

2016-2017 proposal

That subscriptions be amended as follows:

	2016	2017	2016	2017
Member type	Pay by end April		Pay May onwards	
Adult	£137	£140	£147	£150
Couple	£236	£241	£253	£258
Family	£343	£351	£368	£376
Student	£70	£67	£75	£72
Junior Yr7-Y13	£66	n/a	£71	n/a
Away Student	n/a	£30	n/a	£35
Young Junior up to Y6	£45	£46	£50	£51
Guardian	£25	£25	£25	£25
Winter Student		£35		£35
Winter (young junior)		£25		£25

Subscriptions and changes approval - Proposed Anne Brown. Seconded Angela Johnson.

- Martin Williams outlined if in future any funding could be from LTA, maintaining Tennismark accreditation is vital. All policies in order for future reviews.
- Application in hand to extend floodlight time to 10pm Work on courts 7/8/9 next to be considered. Members views welcomed via committee members.

AOB.

- To have a third team in the winter vets. league.
- Cardio. Tennis sessions, (which have ceased since coach went on maternity leave) several people keen to continue.

Meeting closed at 8pm.

Dorothy Seaman