

Oadby (Granville) Tennis & Social Club – Committee Reports 2019

Treasurer (Paul Handford)

As last year the figures below only show cash flow i.e. income/expense. To see depreciation costs and therefore our profit please see the full accounts, however our net profit for the year was £2,770.

Energy costs for the year were negative after allowing for floodlight contribution.

Cash at the end of the year £39,709

Cash at the start of the year £20,143

Increase in cash therefore £19,566

	18'19	17'18	16'17	15'16	14'15
Income					
Subs & entrance fees	£31,293	£30,972	£29,467	£26,574	£26,107
Visitors fees	£95	£90	£171	£92	£87
Hire of courts	£3,338	£5,996	£6,153	£7,609	£5,053
Hire of clubhouse	£3,652	incl	incl	incl	incl
Tennis income (incl Ratings tmt)	£2,669	£776	£2,225	£1,377	£1,242
Coaching (nett expense)	£0	£0	£390	£0	£4,762
Bar	£597	£896	£1,344	£1,197	£860
Floodlights	£757	£970	£971	£1,012	£968
Fund raising	£415	£2,315	£1,448	£1,069	£1,383
Donations	£0	£10	£0	£0	£50
Interest less corp tax	-£171	-£211	£40	£710	-£884
Feed in tariff	£2,600	£1,887	£2,152	£2,602	£1,412
	£45,245	£43,701	£44,361	£42,242	£41,040
Expenditure					
Rates	£2,688	£3,049	£2,602	£2,624	£2,798
Tennis Leics	£1,783	£1,723	£1,605	£1,665	£1,413
Insurance	£2,223	£2,166	£2,119	£2,162	£1,997
Light and heat	£3,164	£2,569	£2,386	£1,771	£1,789
Coaching (net)	£1,884	£497	£0	£171	£4,512
Grounds	£599	£881	£776	£1,794	£1,396
Cleaning	£1,371	£1,152	£1,119	£1,522	£1,179
Repairs and renewals	£5,247	£5,748	£2,035	£2,866	£2,125
Phone	£595	£595	£657	£680	£660
Post & stationery	£0	£59	£256	£220	£153
Advertising	£0	£0	£67	£67	£0
Sundry expenses	£605	£0	£13	£13	£21
Court replacement (final)		£2,292			
Loan repayment (1 of 10)	£4,500	£4,500	£0	£0	£0
Accountancy	£1,020	£972	£972	£948	£924
	£25,679	£26,203	£14,607	£16,503	£18,967
Surplus income/expenditure	£19,566				

Coaching: Expenditure: £24,762, Income £22,878 (see Coaching Committee Report)

Light & Heat: Electricity £2,568, Gas £595

Repairs/Renewals: Biffa £1,475, Grass cutting/new equipment: £1,672, Floodlight bulbs £1,770

Secretary (Sue Lester)

My main responsibility continues to be communicating with club members via regular updates (96% are now sent through Clubspark), full newsletters, Facebook posts, tweets etc and replying to numerous emails sent to info@oadbytennis.co.uk. The club's website and Facebook page also help us to keep members up to date with information and to promote the club to potential new members.

Clubspark court bookings make the process much easier than the old paper sheet system. We have adjusted booking slots to one hour, as requested. This suits daytime bookers, but evening time slots are under review and we will be seeking views on these.

I liaise with Tennis Leicestershire, attend their AGM and also local club forums. These forums inform clubs of LTA developments and encourage the sharing of good practice. There are now stringent new requirements for all clubs before they can register to be affiliated to the LTA.

In April 2019 the club was audited by the LTA in terms of Safeguarding. We fulfilled all requirements and policies are all available both on the website and in a folder in the foyer. We have three members (Jackie Rossa, Phil Harris and Martin Buch) who have completed LTA Safeguarding courses (in addition to our coaches/George Milne).

Clubhouse bookings continue to bring in income for the club but in the absence of a volunteer to take on the coordination of this there has been a reduction in income again this year. We still hire to regular groups and for afternoon events, but no longer hire out to non-members for evenings. Thanks to Simon and Angela for liaising with hirers.

Membership (Gary van der Byl)

Membership breakdown for 2019:

Category	2019 AGM	2018 AGM	2017	2016	2015	2014
Senior	52	49	51	60	69	53
Senior Helper	73	73	75	71	66	71
Senior Daytime	50	52	50	45	50	48
Student	7	7	12	6	4	5
Junior	102	82	72	74	55	59
Primary	116	94	98	92	80	91
Social	10	11	11	13	13	11
Parent Player	21	17	19	15	11	29
Coaching	14	7	6	7	6	12
Wheelchair	0	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Life	8	8	9	9	10	10
Total	453	401	404	392	364	389

Membership numbers continue to be strong and have reached a record high this year. Junior membership is particularly buoyant with 218 registered children and that is thanks to the hard work of George, Ben, Zaheed and the Junior Sub Committee. Other categories have more or less maintained the numbers of previous years, but we do seem to be encouraging more parent players and coaching members which is encouraging and offers opportunities for the future if we convert them into senior members.

Clubspark continues to be a great help in the administration of Membership and details are held securely to comply with GDPR. We now ask our 'Helper' category members (who are not committee members or team captains) to be prepared to assist with tournament help, catering, bar or grounds work rather than one specific area and this seems to be working well. We monitor all helper duties completed and chase up any 'owed' hours.

We held our usual Open Day to coincide with Wimbledon and over the Wimbledon fortnight we recruited 30 new members, mainly Juniors. Grateful thanks to Katie England and all the helpers who organised the Day.

Tennis Secretary (Niall Bruce)

Having survived my first year as Tennis Secretary I would like to thank all of the team captains at the club who make my life a lot easier. If you have not been a captain before, you may not realise the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to get 6 players out each week!

In the summer leagues there were 5 men's, 5 ladies', 3 mixed, 2 men's vets, 2 ladies' vets, plus 2 men's Team Tennis (mainly singles) and 1 ladies' Team Tennis team. This provides the opportunity for a large number of our adult (and junior) members to play competitive leagues tennis but does impact on court space. Where possible, only 3 courts are used on a weekday evening, but all 6 courts do have to be used at certain times. It has already been discussed with the committee about the number of teams and, whilst this is unlikely to change, we will look at spreading the matches more evenly across a week where possible.

Results:

Men's 1 – 5 th in Premier League (won Play off to stay up)	Ladies' 1 – Won division 2
Men's 2 – 5 th In division 2	Ladies' 2 – 8 th in division 2
Men's 3 – 8 th in division 3b	Ladies' 3 – Won division 4b
Men's 4 – 6 th in division 5a	Ladies' 4 – 5 th in division 5a
Men's 5 – 7 th in division 6b	Ladies' 5 – 6 th in division 6a
Mixed 1 – Won division 2	
Mixed 2 – 3 rd in division 3a	
Mixed 3 – 6 th in division 6a	
Men's Vets 1 – Won division 1	Ladies' Vets 1 – 6 th in division 1
Men's Vets 2 – Won division 4	Ladies' Vets 2 – 5 th in division 4
Men's Team Tennis 1 – 5 th in National division	Ladies' Team Tennis – 4 th in County division 1
Men's Team Tennis 2 – 4 th in County division 2	
Men's Super Vets – 5 th in Group 1	

Congratulations to all the teams – whether they celebrated a winning season, or a battle for survival.

Winter league matches are underway, and we have entered 3 teams in both the men's and ladies' divisions.

Coaching (Ben Minski)

It's been one of the most successful years I can remember at the club for junior tennis. We've got the all-time highest number of junior players, most of whom are having weekly coaching sessions and 13 junior teams competing in summer and winter leagues. This year, our juniors have won 5 county championship titles, plus others have made various finals around the county. 9 players are in county training squads and many of them who represent the county in their age group have made debut appearances this year. For the first time we've had a player (Jack Minski) and coach make it to the U14 Road to Wimbledon international finals at Wimbledon for an amazing weeklong experience. We've also seen one of our youngest ladies' singles club champions (Emily Armstrong). The list of achievements could go on, but these are just a few of the outstanding things that have happened over a very long and full year.

Zaheed and I have worked particularly hard on creating a solid coaching structure this year. We now have 24 squads from Monday to Saturday averaging around 6-8 players in each to give a more quality based and individual approach for the players. This is a lot to take on with only 2 main coaches along with working around individual sessions, match season, plus commitments with after school tennis sessions, running the University of Leicester coaching programme, running county sessions and captaining 3 junior county teams at the same time. But we feel the current structure has really developed the standard of players we are producing from ages 4-18 and we will really start to see the benefits with quite a few more players kicking on and working their way into the adult teams in the next few years.

In terms of the adult club coaching, we have this year set up 2 new ladies beginners' squads as an add on to the Oadby and Wigston JUST Women for Sport campaign. This has really taken off with around 12 new players and members taking part in these sessions. Saturday morning adult coaching has also seen a lot of new players and members attending, averaging around 12 players per session for the last few weeks! This year we are looking to introduce some Men's only beginner/intermediate sessions to try to replicate the popularity and success of the new ladies' squads. Please keep an eye out on our Instagram, Facebook and twitter pages for more info on the specifics in terms of the day and time of these sessions.

The club has had another very successful and busy camp season with the Easter and summer camps both having around 35 players each day enjoying playing with friends and having coaching. Again, we can't remember it ever being this busy. The club also ran the key stage 2 and key stage 3 Oadby and Wigston school games event once again with 24 schools taking part and competing. We also ran for the first time an All-Inclusive Wimbledon Festival for 6 Special educational needs schools which was a fantastic fun day of tennis and a lot of them having their first ever experience of the game. This is something we will definitely hope to do more of.

Finally, a huge thanks to all the coaches over the year who have helped to contribute to the club's successes and its programme, their continued support to all players and parents, their enthusiasm towards the game and their coaching and efforts to make the club the best it can possibly be. Big thanks to George (with help from Sue) who does a huge amount on the administrative side of things in terms of registers for sessions, emailing parents, junior league tennis fixtures and supporting myself and Zaheed. The club programme would not function in the way that it does without them.



Grounds (Paul Heighton Towers)

We have managed to complete some good improvements around the club during this year and my helpers have continued to work hard to keep the grounds well maintained. We have had several working parties through the year. Thanks very much to everyone who attended. I will be organising one more before Xmas, probably late November!

Over the year, we have changed the benches on all courts to ones that will be easier to maintain. The club house gable ends have been clad with uvpc which means no more maintenance. Benches outside the club house have been repainted and we are in the process of fixing a couple of the other benches and the outside chairs ready for repainting. The club has purchased a cordless leaf blower and hedge trimmer which should make things easier.

Probably the biggest project this year has been changing the front fence. This was completed in August and from the positive feedback from members I think it was a job well done. Special thanks to Jo and Derek Buchanan who helped me take down the old fence and to those who helped take the fencing away which saved the club some money.

There remains the matter of "to paint or not to paint" and if we paint, what colour? My thought is to consider this question next year but open to members' views and suggestions about this!

We have widened the entrance to facilitate easier car entry and exit and slanted the fence to try and make it easier to see pedestrians and cyclists. Despite this in August we had an incident of a cyclist hitting a car leaving the club. It has highlighted again how important it is to be aware when leaving the car park.

We have purchased and will be putting down a speed bump at the entrance to help slow down exiting the club. I have spoken with the county council highways dept about them repainting the markings on the cycle path, but it seems they are no longer what they term "prescribed markings" so are unable to refresh them.

Just a reminder to please use the hooks for the court sweeping mats which helps to keep the courts tidy and safer. Please continue to sweep the clay courts after using them using a circular motion from out to in and then picking up the mat rather than dragging it to the side which leads to a build-up of sand at the side and so less sand on the courts.

It would be helpful if members could take their rubbish off the courts including ball tins, water bottles and food. Also, if you see a stone or twigs etc pick them up. It all helps to keep our courts well maintained and hence improves their life span. With the colder weather coming could we all remember to slightly slacken off the nets after use. It will help to maintain the nets during the winter. Thanks.

Angela continues to do a great job in keeping the grassed area cut. I have arranged for the hedges to be cut and for the overhanging foliage to be cut on courts 1-3. It all helps in producing a pleasant environment in which to play our tennis. We can all do our bit by putting our rubbish in bins and picking up rubbish if you see it.

Thanks to Gordon for continuing to maintain the lovely flower boxes outside the club house.

I continue to enjoy my role as grounds person and, if re-elected, will endeavour to complete the list of outstanding tasks and to maintain the club's grounds and general environment to a standard befitting one of the best clubs in Leicestershire.

Tasks still to be completed:

Sorting out a new club sign. Mike Minski is looking at this for us.

The parking area behind court 3

The garage exterior and repainting of garage doors

The fence between courts 4 and 5

Looking into the flooding issue particularly on court 2 near to the club house.

The future possibility of putting up a small viewing area behind court 4 which Gary vdB is still looking into.

As always, if you have ideas/suggestions on how to improve the club or feedback on anything please let me know.

Premises (Derek Buchanan)

I will start by thanking those who have supported me as a new member of the committee and in my role looking after 'Premises'. I have enjoyed my time undertaking this role, although taking some time to 'find my feet'.

My main task this year has been to start mapping out all the assets and ensuring they are assessed and maintained, both for safety reasons and ensuring they provide members what they need. Going forward, this will be collated within an 'asset and maintenance' plan, which will set out what needs to be done both on an annual basis and looking forward over the next 5-10 years. The work will obviously be prioritised against 'safety' and 'maintenance replacement' needs, with agreed budgets as appropriate.

In addition, work on the premises this year has included:

- Electrical testing, including minor repairs to electrical entry systems and lighting
- Replacement/upgrading of the outdoor 'eaves lighting'
- PVC cladding replacements for the 'pitched fascia'
- Some minor plumbing repairs, including replacement of leaking taps.

Obviously (and certainly not least!) the critical aspects of cleaning, etc., takes place regularly and something we all take for granted and takes place seamlessly thank you to Angela especially and others involved, greatly appreciated!

I am currently putting a plan together for next year, which should be available soon. Still time to include any comments/ suggestions from anybody as to what should be done and most welcome! Thoughts for next year already include:

- Minor outstanding electrical upgrades/ repairs
- Painting of outdoor building fascia
- Indoor painting
- 'Tidy' of storeroom etc...

In addition to this, please also let me know if anything needs addressing more urgently. This can either be via putting a message on the notice board or text me on 07500 081111.

Finally, just want to thank everybody for their support and welcome I have had this year including Sue, Angela, Simon, Paul HT and many more!

Social (Louise Mehmet)

First and foremost, I want to thank all members who have supported with kitchen duties during the Opening Season Tournament, Annual Tournament and the 2 Ratings tournaments. By offering a good catering service during these events we raise healthy profits for our club. These are our main fund raisers and I'm pleased to report that profits are in line with previously years.

We had a new event this year with Paula's CHOCOLATENNIS event which introduced a few of the ladies' coaching group to other members. Thanks to Paula for organising. As this goes to press, we are organising a Spooky Tennis Mixed Doubles event, thanks to organisers Kylie and Rosie.

Events at the club, supported by members, have raised over £1,660 for charity this year (£1,400+ for LOROS and £260 for Papyrus) and thanks to Jenny/Sheila/Katie and team (LOROS) and Liz /Jo (Papyrus).

Chris Zarins has very kindly offered to take on and relaunch the American tournaments which takes place on the first Wednesday of each month. These are great tournaments for players of all standards and the chance to socialise post tennis when the bar is open and pizza is served! Looking ahead, Tinsel Tennis 2019 will take place on Sunday 21st December.

If you have an idea for an event that you think members will enjoy please do come forward, as long as there's a racquet involved anything goes!

Bar (John Welsford)

The decline in the use of the bar has continued this year unfortunately as there were no external events in the club house during the period and therefore no premium price sales.

In addition, there were only a couple of club member events to boost the regular weekly use by members. Even at club tournaments and organised social events there is not a great consumption of alcoholic beverages. A sign of the modern age?

The reduced consumption has resulted in stock with a 'best before' date becoming out of date. Other stock, such as red wine, where there is little or no consumption will become undrinkable. If consumption cannot be increased a reduced range of products will need to be considered.

See below for a summary of the bar income and expenditure for the year. The reduced margin reflects the lack of full price outside business.

	2019	2018
Sales	£2020	£2550
Opening stock	£660	£732
Purchases	£1310	£1725
	£1970	£2457
Closing stock	£563	£660
	£1407	£1797
Contribution	£613	£753
Margin	30%	29%

Juniors and Coaching Committee (George Milne)

This has been another excellent year for Junior Tennis at Oadby (Granville). The numbers attending group coaching sessions has steadily increased over the year and we now have over 100 children regularly attending. Thanks go to coaches Ben O'Connor Minski and Zaheed Essof for all their hard work, together with their assistants. Two developments have been particularly successful. Firstly, the introduction of a girls' only coaching group which started with four girls and now has sixteen. Secondly, the focus on a structured approach to the 8 and underage group which had resulted in our having over 40 members in this age group of which around 30 are attending group coaching sessions.

The coaching committee (myself, Ben, Zaheed and Sue) has met regularly over the year, reviewing and planning activities. We hosted LTA Ratings Tournaments at Grade 4 level in February half-term and in July. These events were extremely successful and, apart from providing vital competitive tennis, also provided valuable income to the Club.

The Coaching Committee regularly reviews income versus expenditure for coaching. We aim to break even, rather than make a profit, but following a review at the end of 2018, in January 2019 the cost of sessions for juniors was increased from £4 to £5. The club accounts only cover 6 months of this increase. It is also important to mention that £3,300 of court hire fees was paid by the coaches, which needs to be factored in. Any profit made going forward will be ploughed back into the junior programme.

We entered thirteen teams in the 2018 County Junior Winter League. Three of those teams were winners in their leagues. We entered fourteen teams in the 2019 Team Tennis County Junior Leagues. One of those teams won their league.

These matches have provided valuable competition in terms of the development of the players and giving them the opportunity to play competitive tennis. We now have 62 junior players, with ages from 6 to 18, who have LTA membership and a Player Rating which is necessary for them to be able to compete in LTA leagues or tournaments. We have also encouraged our players to enter Ratings Tournaments around the County. Thanks go to all parents who have supported these events especially those who kindly provided transport to away matches.

As always, I am pleased to see that some of the older juniors have now become established players in the senior teams and that a number also entered and achieved considerable success in our club tournaments.

Thanks go to all the parents for encouraging their children to play tennis here at Oadby (Granville) Tennis Club.