

**Wolverhampton
Lawn Tennis and Squash Club
2019-2020**

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(Minutes Secretary)

DAVID TILLEY

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JUDY LOADER

Notice is hereby given that

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held “virtually” on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.00pm

Details to follow

1. Opening and Apologies
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and Matters arising there from
3. Election of the President of the Club
4. Election of the Chairman of the Club
5. Election of the Honorary Secretary
6. Election of the Honorary Treasurer
7. Election of the Chairman of the Tennis Sub-Committee and the Tennis Sub-Committee
8. Election of the Chairman of the Squash Sub-Committee and the Squash Sub-Committee
9. Election of the Chairman of the Gym & Fitness Sub-Committee and Gym & Fitness Sub-Committee
10. Election of the Chairman of the Bar, Restaurant and Social Sub-Committee
11. Election of Minutes Secretary
12. Election of the three further members of the General Committee of whom at least one person shall be a man and at least one person a woman
13. The Report of the Hon. Treasurer and presentation of Accounts.
14. Election of Auditors
15. Any other Business

NB

- (1) All nominations should be duly proposed and seconded on the forms provided in the Club Office or Shop six days prior to the meeting.

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club
Financial Statements
30 September 2020

MURAS BAKER JONES LIMITED

Chartered Accountants & statutory auditor

Regent House
Bath Avenue
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Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Independent Auditor's Report to Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Year ended 30 September 2020

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club (the 'club') for the year ended 30 September 2020 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in equity and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the club's affairs as at 30 September 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the respective responsibilities of management committee and auditor section of our report. We are independent of the club in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out below, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the management committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the management committee has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the club's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters on which we report to you if, in our opinion:

- the club has not kept proper books of account or has not maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the club's books of account; or
- we fail to obtain all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Independent Auditor's Report to Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

(continued)

Year ended 30 September 2020

Respective responsibilities of the management committee and independent accountant

As explained more fully in the management committee's responsibilities statement, the management committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the management committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the management committee is responsible for assessing the club's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management committee either intend to liquidate the club or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Respective responsibilities of management committee and auditor

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the club's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the club to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Independent Auditor's Report to Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

(continued)

Year ended 30 September 2020

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the club. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the club those matters we are required to state to it in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the club, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Muras Baker Jones Limited
Chartered Accountants & statutory auditor

14 December 2020

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 30 September 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover		331,190	357,032
Gross surplus		<u>331,190</u>	<u>357,032</u>
Administrative expenses		438,040	470,467
Other operating income		<u>103,872</u>	<u>109,542</u>
Operating deficit		(2,978)	(3,893)
Other interest receivable and similar income		1,033	513
Interest payable and similar expenses		<u>1,231</u>	<u>3,059</u>
Deficit before taxation	5	(3,176)	(6,439)
Tax on deficit		<u>1,539</u>	<u>3,934</u>
Deficit for the financial year		<u>(4,715)</u>	<u>(10,373)</u>
Legacy - Disabled Access Development Fund		—	100,000
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>(4,715)</u>	<u>89,627</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements form part of these financial statements

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Statement of Financial Position

30 September 2020

	Note	2020 £	£	2019 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	7		898,436	965,965
Investments	8		3,943	3,943
			<u>902,379</u>	<u>969,908</u>
Current assets				
Stocks		9,559		8,784
Debtors	9	20,014		17,966
Cash at bank and in hand		455,545		462,201
		<u>485,118</u>		<u>488,951</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>173,729</u>		<u>227,525</u>
Net current assets			311,389	261,426
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,213,768</u>	<u>1,231,334</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		35,000	47,851
Net assets			<u>1,178,768</u>	<u>1,183,483</u>
Capital and reserves				
Other reserves			161,030	160,000
Profit and loss account			1,017,738	1,023,483
Members funds			<u>1,178,768</u>	<u>1,183,483</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the management committee and authorised for issue on 14 December 2020, and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr G Loader
Treasurer

Mr J Reynolds
Secretary

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 30 September 2020

	Other reserves £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 October 2018	60,000	1,033,856	1,093,856
Deficit for the year		(10,373)	(10,373)
Other comprehensive income for the year:			
Legacy - Disabled Access Development Fund	100,000	—	100,000
Total comprehensive income for the year	100,000	(10,373)	89,627
At 30 September 2019	160,000	1,023,483	1,183,483
Deficit for the year		(4,715)	(4,715)
Other comprehensive income for the year:			
Disabled Access Development Fund Income	1,030	(1,030)	—
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,030	(5,745)	(4,715)
At 30 September 2020	161,030	1,017,738	1,178,768

The Notes to the Financial Statements form part of these financial statements

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 30 September 2020

1. General information

The club is unregistered.

The address of the principal office is Neville Lodge, 53 Newbridge Crescent, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, WV6 0LH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Section 1A of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Revenue recognition

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods supplied and services rendered, stated net of discounts and of Value Added Tax.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have transferred to the buyer, usually on despatch of the goods, the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that the associated economic benefits will flow to the entity, and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transactions can be measured reliably.

Grant income is recognised when the club has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Lifetime membership subscriptions are recognised in full in the year of receipt.

Corporation tax

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, tax is recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is recognised on taxable profit for the current and past periods. Current tax is measured at the amounts of tax expected to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 September 2020

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation increase accumulated in equity in respect of that asset. Where a revaluation decrease exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains accumulated in equity in respect of that asset, the excess shall be recognised in profit or loss.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	5% reducing balance
Development	-	2% straight line
Equipment	-	10% reducing balance (computers and bar fittings 25%, gym equipment 20%)

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are recognised in the statement of financial position as assets and liabilities at the lower of the fair value of the assets and the present value of the minimum lease payments, which is determined at the inception of the lease term. Any initial direct costs of the lease are added to the amount recognised as an asset.

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 September 2020

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Finance leases and hire purchase contracts *(continued)*

Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the outstanding lease liability using the effective interest method. Finance charges are allocated to each period so as to produce a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Grants

Grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the company will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received.

4. Employee numbers

The average number of persons employed by the club during the year amounted to 25 (2019: 25).

5. Surplus before taxation

Surplus before taxation is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible assets	97,290	92,099
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	2,720	2,375

6. Cash and bank balances

	2020	2019
	£	£
Current account	251,069	259,062
Deposit account	102,491	102,184
Fixed term deposit account	101,030	100,000
Cash in hand	955	955
	<u>455,545</u>	<u>462,201</u>

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 September 2020

7. Tangible assets

	Premises £	Development £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 October 2019	513,671	1,919,114	688,196	3,120,981
Additions	—	20,432	9,329	29,761
At 30 September 2020	<u>513,671</u>	<u>1,939,546</u>	<u>697,525</u>	<u>3,150,742</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2019	445,634	1,175,069	534,313	2,155,016
Charge for the year	3,402	49,327	44,561	97,290
At 30 September 2020	<u>449,036</u>	<u>1,224,396</u>	<u>578,874</u>	<u>2,252,306</u>
Carrying amount				
At 30 September 2020	<u>64,635</u>	<u>715,150</u>	<u>118,651</u>	<u>898,436</u>
At 30 September 2019	<u>68,037</u>	<u>744,045</u>	<u>153,883</u>	<u>965,965</u>

8. Investments

	Shares in group undertakings £	Other investments other than loans £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020	<u>2,761</u>	<u>1,182</u>	<u>3,943</u>
Impairment			
At 1 October 2019 and 30 September 2020	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Carrying amount			
At 30 September 2020	<u>2,761</u>	<u>1,182</u>	<u>3,943</u>
At 30 September 2019	<u>2,761</u>	<u>1,182</u>	<u>3,943</u>

The club holds 2,898 Ordinary Shares of £1 each in Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis Club Limited.

9. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	10,197	14,720
Other debtors	9,817	3,246
	<u>20,014</u>	<u>17,966</u>

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 30 September 2020

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Payments received on account	93,132	107,078
Trade creditors	33,893	50,570
Accruals and deferred income	9,957	30,565
Corporation tax	1,539	4,021
Social security and other taxes	12,012	9,243
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	13,289	16,178
Other creditors	9,907	9,870
	<u>173,729</u>	<u>227,525</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	—	9,351
Other creditors	35,000	38,500
	<u>35,000</u>	<u>47,851</u>

12. Other reserves

This comprises £60,000 in respect of the development fund which is to be carried forward in respect of future development projects. In the last financial year £100,000 was bequeathed to the Club to improve disabled access to the club.

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Management Information

Year ended 30 September 2020

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Notes to the Detailed Income and Expenditure Account *(continued)*

Year ended 30 September 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover		
Subscriptions	331,190	352,194
Lifetime Subscriptions	—	4,838
	<u>331,190</u>	<u>357,032</u>
Other income		
Bar Trading Account	14,120	14,878
Restaurant trading account	(27,139)	(23,772)
Shop Trading Account	2,775	1,133
Indoor tennis	27,101	32,854
Squash courts	1,140	2,407
Visitor fees	4,605	1,515
Floodlights	1,545	1,800
Advertising	233	865
Sponsorship income	9,960	16,624
Key fobs and shoe tags (net)	(273)	(964)
Dance studio	11,292	19,909
Rental of office space	17,286	22,187
Tennis coaching programme	16,174	20,574
Community tennis programme	—	(583)
Commission from sweet machine	53	115
	<u>78,872</u>	<u>109,542</u>
Overheads		
Administrative expenses	438,040	470,467
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Deficit on club trading	(27,978)	(3,893)
Government grants recognised directly in income	25,000	—
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Operating deficit	(2,978)	(3,893)
Other interest receivable and similar income	1,033	513
Interest payable and similar expenses	(1,231)	(3,059)
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Deficit before taxation	<u>(3,176)</u>	<u>(6,439)</u>

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Notes to the Detailed Income and Expenditure Account *(continued)*

Year ended 30 September 2020

	2020	2019
Administrative expenses	£	£
Reception wages	30,864	41,029
Gym wages inc' professionals retainer	18,735	16,800
Gym maintenance	120	199
Gym sundries	9,078	9,558
Office wages	68,403	72,777
Rent and rates	11,548	26,017
Water	6,558	8,919
Electricity	21,861	32,021
Gas	14,670	15,299
Insurance	3,702	4,515
Repairs	5,285	4,149
Cleaning wages	19,096	22,876
Cleaning materials	6,353	6,174
Security - wages	4,604	5,398
Security - other	1,661	1,038
Groundstaff - wages	34,298	39,531
Groundstaff pension costs	996	983
Maintenance of grounds	15,666	15,377
Telephone	4,569	3,662
Office expenses	1,693	1,667
Computer expenses	3,552	2,868
Stationery and postages	1,961	2,446
Irrecoverable VAT	16,562	14,077
Marquee events	–	1,804
Marketing	4,390	7,260
Affiliation fees, match expenses, trophies, etc. - Tennis	1,178	(1,382)
Affiliation fees, match expenses, trophies, etc. - Squash	1,409	(2,839)
Squash professional retainer	6,621	10,818
Legal and professional fees	14,900	7,987
Auditors remuneration	2,720	2,375
Depreciation of tangible assets	97,290	92,099
Bad debts written off	3,090	811
Bank charges	4,607	4,154
	<u>438,040</u>	<u>470,467</u>

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Notes to the Detailed Income and Expenditure Account *(continued)*

Year ended 30 September 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Bar trading account		
Bar sales	58,960	92,653
Purchases (after stock adjustment)	(25,522)	(39,154)
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Gross profit	33,438	53,499
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	56.7%	57.7%
Wages and pension contributions	(18,605)	(36,276)
Stock taker's fees	(438)	(900)
Sundry purchases	(275)	(1,445)
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	(19,318)	(38,621)
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Surplus of income	<u>14,120</u>	<u>14,878</u>
Restaurant trading account		
Sales	42,870	69,098
Purchases (after stock adjustment)	(21,492)	(38,234)
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Gross profit	21,378	30,864
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	49.9%	44.7%
Wages and pension contributions	(43,203)	(48,941)
Cleaning	(720)	(720)
Gas and electricity	(204)	(204)
Stock taker's fees	(615)	(900)
Sundry purchases	(3,775)	(3,871)
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	(48,517)	(54,636)
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Deficit of income	<u>(27,139)</u>	<u>(23,772)</u>
Shop trading account		
Sales	11,834	14,990
Purchases (after stock adjustment)	(9,059)	(13,857)
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Surplus of income	<u>2,775</u>	<u>1,133</u>

Finance Report

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards which includes FRS102.

The Auditors have given the club a clean audit report.

At the time of the AGM in January earlier this year there was a Covid -19 problem in China. At that stage nobody could have seen the impact this virus was going to have on the rest of the world. The pandemic quickly spread throughout Europe. On the 24th March, a national lockdown was declared which closed the club for just under 4 months. During that 4-month period some parts of the club could reopen, notably outdoor tennis.

Thanks must go to those members who decided to financially support the club by continuing to pay their monthly direct debits. The club finally completely reopened on 25th July. This closure did have an impact on the club's financial position this year and will also impact on future years.

I have applied for many grants during the second half of the year as we had no idea how long the club closure would last. During this period we secured a small business grant for £25,000 and exemption from business rates to 31st March 2021. We also qualified for the furlough scheme which supported the club to keep all staff whilst the closure was in place. On reopening we took part in the Eat out to help out scheme in August.

In addition we applied for a Coronavirus business interruption loan (CBIL) for £100,000 which was declined for the club but agreed for Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis & Squash Club Limited. It was our original intention to transfer the club into the Limited Company on 1st April 2020. However due to the impact of lockdown and subsequent benefits it has been agreed by the General Committee to delay this change until 1st October 2021.

Consequently there is a deficit for the financial year of £4,715 compared to a deficit last year of £10,373 – an improvement of £5,658. It should be stated that in the second half of the year the club benefitted from the furlough scheme (£56,000), a small business grant of £25,000 and the Eat out to help of £1,768. The savings on rates in the second half of the year amounted to £14,000.

Cash balances have decreased by £6,656 to £455,545. Details of the cash movement can be found in the cash statement. This cash balance includes the “ring fenced” legacy of £101,030 for completing the disabled access improvements.

This deficit of income over expenditure is after charging depreciation (a non-cash item) of £97,290. Hence the cash income generated from the business was £92,575 compared to £95,575 in 2019. The traditional detailed income and expenditure accounts follows on from my report.

At the 30th September 2020 there was an overall bank balance of £455,545. This balance included subscriptions paid in advance of £93,132 which was £13,946 less than last year. This year capital investment was kept to a minimum to preserve our cash and resulted in additions of £29,761. This was mainly on drainage works needed to preserve our fill the gap planning application.

In addition we have also placed the legacy bank account on a twelve-month treasury account which finished after the year end and has now been reinvested on a 95-day notice account with Lloyds.

The treatment of the legacy account has been included in reserves and is called the “Disabled Access Development Fund”.

Within the subscription income line there are both ongoing subscriptions and lifetime subscriptions. The ongoing subscriptions were £331,190 compared to the previous year of £352,194. In addition,

there was also a shortfall in life memberships of £4,838. The total subscriptions were £331,190 compared to £357,032 in the previous year. This shortfall of £25,842 more than covers the overall shortfall for the year and once again shows the importance of subscription income to the club. The enforced closure certainly contributed to this decrease in subscriptions.

Clearly it is vital to continue the focus on membership retention to maintain the financial stability of the club. This is one of the club's main priorities.

The bar and restaurant finances have been closely scrutinised throughout the year. The combined results showed a year-on-year deficit of £13,019 compared to a deficit of £8,894 in the previous year. Sales in the bar and restaurant decreased by £33,693 (36%) in the bar and £26,228 (38%) in the restaurant. Overall the bar made a profit of £14,120, and the restaurant made a loss of £27,139. There are a number of staff who work in both departments, so the wages need to be considered as a cumulative total. It has become apparent that without the furlough scheme there would have been redundancies in this area. This resulted in Neil going through a consultation process with the bar and restaurant staff. This resulted in no redundancies but a reduction in staff hours. The gross margin in the restaurant increased from 44.7% to 49.9%, which is in line with budget and reflected better purchasing of raw materials. The gross margin in the bar dropped by 1% to 56.7%.

This is an area that will continue to be closely monitored by the Executive and General Committee monthly in the current year.

In reviewing the detailed Income and Expenditure, the tennis coaching programme including community tennis programme results decreased by £3,817 (12%) due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The income from the indoor tennis court also decreased by £5,753 (18%) to £27,101 which again was Covid-19 related.

Our sponsorship in the year was £9,960, which is very much appreciated and greatly assists the financial performance of the club. This is an area that will be focused on in 2021. It is encouraging to note that all rooms are now occupied and rented.

Our total income excluding subscriptions decreased from £109,542 to £78,872, as all other income streams were affected by Covid-19 restrictions.

Overall total income, including the grant has decreased by £31,512 (7%) to £435,062. Total expenditure in the year showed an overall decrease of 7% (£32,427). There was good control of costs during lockdown. Our utilities reduced from £56,239 to £43,089, a reduction of 23%.

The rates bill was £11,548, a decrease of £14,469 due to the suspension of payments in the second half of the year.

Both tennis and squash affiliation fees were badly affected as external coaching was prohibited due to Covid-19 restrictions.

The legal and professional fees increased from £7,987 to £14,900 due to advice on changing the corporate status of the club.

The level of depreciation in the year has increased from £92,099 to £97,290.

This year fixed asset expenditure (£29,761) was mainly on drainage works needed to preserve our Fill the Gap planning permission. The total of the hire purchase account at the end of September was £13,289. The equipment is due to be replaced in second quarter 2021.

On the Statement of Financial Position, the total members funds are now £1,178,768, a decrease of £4,715. Details of the decreases in the cash balances (£6,656) and the main areas of expenditure are detailed on the attached cash statement.

The fixed assets have decreased from £969,908 to £902,379 as a result of the additions less depreciation charge.

The General Committee decided to increase the level of subscriptions by 2.3% for this current year. The membership revenue for this current year will be affected by the rebate for lockdown one of 1.5 months and the refund for November month.

We are consequently projecting a budgeted deficit of income over expenditure of £40,000 for the financial year in 2020 / 2021, which equates to cash generated of £57,000 before charging for depreciation. This will represent a significant challenge and there will continue to be strict cost control in place. This additional cash will help to fund future projects in the club improvement plan which is currently being evaluated.

I would like to thank Ros, Claire and Jo at the Club; Lee and Chris at Muras Baker Jones and our printers Bridgnorth Print for their help in publishing these accounts.

Graham Loader
Honorary Treasurer

Wolverhampton Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

Cash Flow Statement For the Year Ended 30th September 2020

	£	£
Deficit of Income over Expenditure		(4,715)
Depreciation		97,290
Cash Generated		<u>92,575</u>
Working Capital Movements		
(Increase) in Stocks	(775)	
(Increase) in Debtors	(2,048)	
(Decrease) in creditors and accrued charges	(50,907)	
Total Working Capital Movements		(53,730)
(Decrease) in Grant from L.T.A.		(3,500)
(Decrease) in Hire Purchase		(12,240)
Total Cash generated		<u>23,105</u>
Application of Funds		
Fixed additions	(29,761)	
Total Application of funds		(29,761)
(Decrease) in Cash		<u>(6,656)</u>
Reconciliation of Cash Movement		£
Increase in Active Savings Bank Account		307
(Decrease) in Cash at Bank		(7,993)
Increase in Cash in Hand		0
Increase in legacy bank account		1,030
Total (Decrease) in Cash		<u>(6,656)</u>

Operations

I took over the helm from Marc Hughes in January and began the 2nd quarter with a vision and strategy to support WLTS. Who could have imagined that our plans would become a moving landscape focused on managing change?

On a positive, this report will reflect the Journey our club made, where we seized the day (carpe diem) and created opportunities to move the club forward.

My thanks to a great team whom throughout the year have never faltered and continue to be the foundations of our great club.

There are three elements which are our biggest achievements:

Planning permission

- Our 2017 planning application was about to expire in Mar 2020 and there were several tasks that needed to be completed. It is with a pleasure to report we have been able to secure Planning Permission in perpetuity, therefore any future plans can, if needed, be met. This was signed off by Wolverhampton City Council 4 days into lockdown!

Lockdown

- This presented its own challenges and hopefully this will be the last time we talk about this. As the clubs COVID19 officer I completed all Furlough requirements, risk assessments and Health & Safety requirements to ensure that the sporting activities could resume as soon as the government guidelines permitted. This created an extremely high workload and we had a number of volunteers which I wish to thank, a special mention to Helen Tottey has supported the club in a variety of ways. We had an enforcement officer visit which celebrated our hard work and they congratulated us on the measures we had put in throughout the club. In addition, in our club survey resulted in 100% positive feedback on our safety measures from our members
 - As silver lining from lockdown restrictions gave us the opportunity to introduced new online booking system across the club enabling members to book into various activities including Outdoor Tennis, Gym & PIT, Fitness Classes and Tournaments

Team

To move the club forward, the key was to ensure we not only maintained the day to day activities but also build on these to progress the club.

Marketing

With the departure of Paul Berry, a freelance marketing professional, who was in essence our marketing team, we have had the opportunity to recruit Taylor Penny who has been focusing on:

- Social Media
- Sponsorship
- Brand awareness
- Website development

Taylor joined us in the latter part of the year and has already had a great impact on our brand, club profile and sponsorship strategy as well as having excellent feedback on social media +900%.

House & Grounds

The unsung heroes that work in the background seamlessly and save the club an absolute fortune in calling out contractors. My thanks to Dave Pope, Phil Taylor, Rob Varga, Ian Broughton and Debbie Holden.

A few of their key achievements:

- In the storms a tree 40ft high, fell and bounced on tennis court 9 (Newbridge)
 - Team removed this piece by piece and repaired all fencing within a week
- Increased the cleaning regime due to COVID19 taking on
 - Gym, PIT, Studio
 - Fogging Machine to intensify cleaning with new equipment
- Put up three new marquees for our outside fitness
- Highest ever usage of grass courts meant highest ever grass maintenance

Reception

This team are the face of the club and are the 'go to team'. The expectation is that they know everything..... and they do. They use their strengths and optimise the team to support the members. My thanks to Nikki Parkes, Clair Jones, Aimer Harper-Griffin & Chrissy Harper

A few of their key achievements

- Reviewed the layout and created a professional outlook for reception
 - Introduced a dedicated stringing area
 - Rationalised the range
 - Selling merchandise that you would need, e.g. towels, shower gel, razors, anti-perspirant
- Post lockdown highest recruitment of new members in the year, boasting double the normal monthly targets
- Reviewed all signage across the club and created a brand to be proud of

Bar & Restaurant

The team are an integral part of the club members engagement and become the heart of the club. A difficult start to the year where we had closed the Restaurant in the evenings in Oct 2019, the hygiene rating had been downgraded and we were running at a loss with an operating margin of 48% (ideally 60%). Not a great combination for profit. The team were exceptionally resilient as they met many challenges throughout the year, my thanks go to Gilly Dench (returned after 18months), Maria Wright, Kelly Groves, Margaret Phillips, Amber Phillips, Jan Taylor, Richard Dews and Barry Hodson.

A few of their key achievements:

- Re-opening of the Restaurant in evenings from January 2020
- Renegotiate and introduce new suppliers to support cost price reduction, equating to a 35% reduction in costs overall
- Avoided Redundancies
 - Agreed a reduction in hours for the whole team
- Training for all staff on Hygiene by Neil Patel
 - Hygiene certification for all staff
 - Key routines put into place to increase hygiene rating
- Ownership of cleaning the Bar & Restaurant within their team hours
- Rotary clubs introduced for breakfast meetings
- BBQ's set up for 7 Tennis events rather than using third parties
- 'Eat out help out' government scheme utilised to drive member numbers

Security

This is the team that makes sure you can sleep at night, working in the shadows they secure the building each evening. My thanks to Tom Watson (Head of security), Rob Tyrell & Oscar Trump

Additional income

- All office space rented an income of approx. £25000+ per annum
- In addition, we capitalised on other venues not re-opening after lockdown
 - increasing rental income
 - E.g. additional classes of Yoga and French hiring the club

In summary a great set of achievements from a fantastic team of employees, coaches & volunteers that even in difficult times work together to make us what we are..... 'the WLTSC community'

Thanks
Neil

General Manager Membership

This year was a difficult year with COVID19 and lockdown:

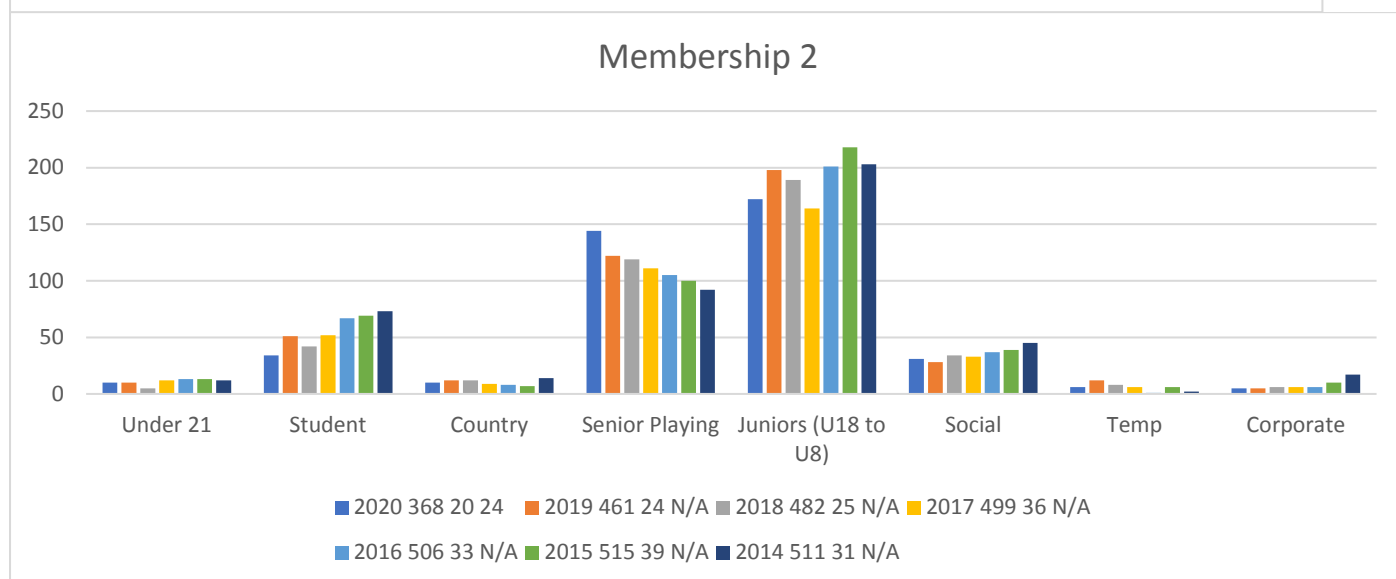
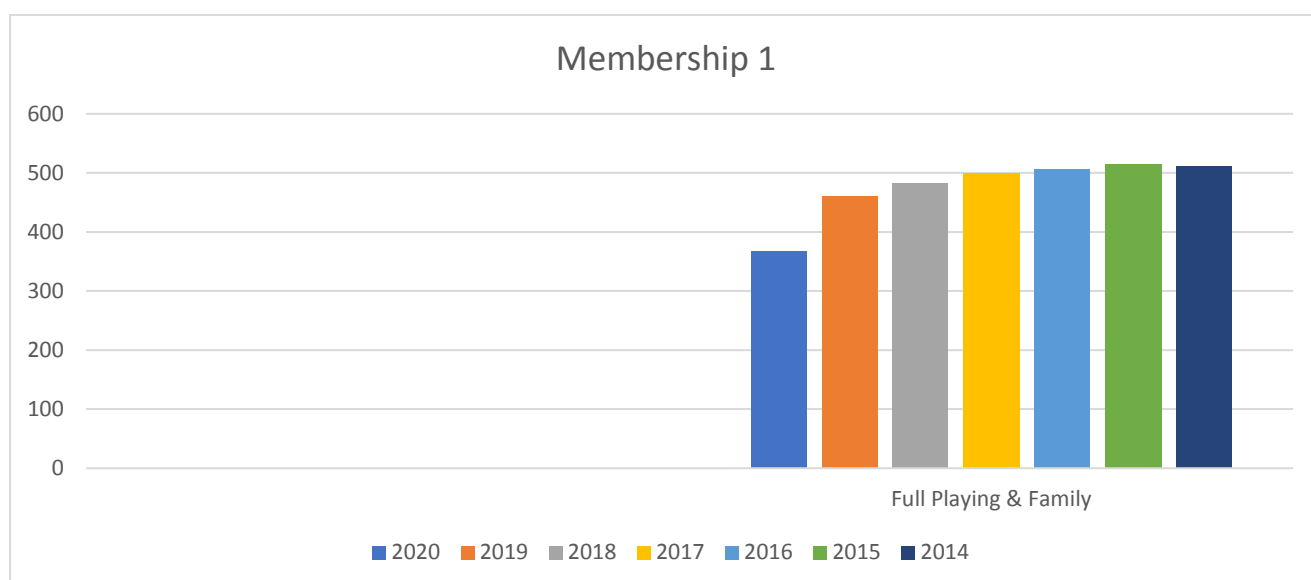
- Effectively losing 16 weeks to recruit (2019 we recruited 73 new members over this period)
- Foregoing our annual promotional offer in Aug, comprising of a new member offer 15 for the price of 12 months (2019 we recruited 30 new members over this period)

This has meant the potential loss of recruiting approx. 100+ new members in total. This together with the increased government restrictions has impacted the membership numbers, most significantly full playing & family, down 73 members (note 26 moved to senior playing) and 19 moved to U31.

On a positive note:

- Under 31 new categories introduced at AGM, to help retain and attract this demographic
- Membership highest increase in Aug -Oct without any promotional activity
 - Oct -Mar New members 52
 - Mar-Jul New members 0
 - Aug -Oct New members 65

Thank you to all of you who recommend us to friends & family and make new members feel welcome.



Membership history over the last 6 years

As of September:	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Subscription Income	£331,190	£357,032	£374,331	£374,929	£360,372	£357,528	£350,104
Full Playing & Family	388	461	482	499	506	515	511
Under 25	22	24	25	36	33	39	31
Under 31	19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Under 21	6	10	5	12	13	13	12
Student	38	51	42	52	67	69	73
Country	11	12	12	9	8	7	14
Senior Playing	148	122	119	111	105	100	92
Juniors (U18 to U8)	185	198	189	164	201	218	203
Social	30	28	34	33	37	39	45
Temp	12	12	8	6	1	6	2
Corporate	5	5	6	6	6	10	17
Sub Total (paying)	864	923	922	928	977	1016	1000
Life & Hon.Life	27	25	24	19	19	19	22
Junior Family & others	122	117	135	138	146	135	133
TOTAL	1013	1065	1081	1085	1142	1170	1155

SPORTS MANAGER REPORT 2019/20

Keep Healthy, Play Sport and Make Friends.

It certainly has been a year of change with a new management structure proposed and implemented last January which split management of the Facilities and Sports into two distinct areas. Following a successful handover of the facility areas to Neil I've been able to spend more time overseeing all the sporting activities at the club and to continue to review and improve our sports offer and continue to increase participation levels.

My role will be Head of Squash, Racketball and Tennis which includes managing all our coaches and overseeing our fitness department alongside our Head of Fitness, Paul Fothergill. The main aims will be to have a programme of sporting events that meets the needs of the club and its members whilst maximising the use of all our sporting facilities; inducting new members and ensuring members have a great experience at the club. Additionally, I will be responsible for liaising with outside agencies such as England Squash and the LTA to provide continuous improvement, innovation and to maintain the high profile of the club.

A full review of the rackets and fitness programmes were completed resulting in some positive changes to the weekly sessions and to the coaching programme as a whole. All squash, racketball, tennis and fitness classes/courses are now bookable online which has been an incredibly positive change overall.

The detail of the coaching and programme changes have been covered by our respective Chairmen and I thank them and their committees for their support, feedback and ideas throughout the year.

I'd also like to thank all our coaches and trainers for their continued dedication and enthusiasm and in my capacity as Operations Manager since September 2011 until January 2020 I'd like to thank all our admin, reception, bar and catering, ground staff and volunteers for all their good work and support in helping to continually improve our club.

With all sporting areas of the club now bookable online this has enabled me to accurately measure and report our participation levels monthly and gauge the overall use of our facilities. Participation in all areas has been increasing gradually up to March and we have witnessed a real upturn in some areas following the enforced closure last summer. As an example, although indoor activities still had some restrictions; in September we had 1565 gym/class bookings, 819 squash and racketball court bookings and nearly 5000 tennis court bookings.

The pandemic has certainly been a challenge however the decision to create some touchtennis courts on our grass courts was a superb initiative which brought together squash players, racketball players, tennis players and gym and fitness class users. This culminated in our first Unisex Club Championships which resulted in young William Hale becoming the singles champion and, teaming up with his sister Lily, they became the touchtennis doubles champions.

Prior to the pandemic and with the help of all our committees we have added to our coaching teams with Miles Jenkins and Steve Pearcey joining Darren Lewis in delivering more coaching on the squash and racketball courts. Simon Newell led the way inspiring our junior squash players every Sunday alongside our volunteers and with Amber on maternity we recruited Jake Lawley to help grow our mini tennis numbers and assist our Local Player Development centre.

Towards the end of this club year we established an excellent link with Tettenhall Special School to deliver a weekly session to a wonderful group of youngsters with autism. A huge thank you to our volunteers for helping myself and Max deliver the coaching.

We delivered some extremely well supported finals during the year and although some squash and racketball competitions have had to be postponed I very much look forward to our busy competition programme returning in full as soon as possible.

Look out for our new Player Development Programme which is accessible for all levels and ages of player and will help all members improve, develop and get the most from your membership.

We have seen a bounce back in new members and we continue to induct them into all areas of the club and do our best to ensure members get the most out of their membership. Being furloughed for some of the year reminded me of how valuable the club is and what it offers to members, volunteers and staff, epitomised in our tag line "Keep healthy, play sport and make friends" in what I hope you will agree is a most welcoming environment.

There have been numerous memorable moments during the reporting year but I have to say without doubt that the most rewarding was seeing members return to the club after the initial lockdown and listening to the positive impact the club has and continues to have on members' health and wellbeing.

There are many challenges ahead for clubs but with your help and support I sincerely hope that our club will continue to grow, be welcoming and inspiring.

Keep healthy, play sport and make friends.

Marc Hughes

M. HUGHES CMgr, MAPM, RAF

Sports Manager
Welfare & Safeguarding Officer

AGM Squash & Racketball

This has been my first full year as squash & racketball chairman, having been left an excellent committee and structure by Guy Birkett and although we have had interesting times, I would like to celebrate our journey, successes and our people.

My thanks to our squash committee who are integral part of WLTSC community - John Reynolds, Cathy Grinsell, Simon Newell, Kate Fuller, Beth Grinsell, Pete Roberts, Allan Walton and Helen Tottey, who without them this programme for squash, racketball and junior development, would not be possible. Also, Simon Newell, Helen Tottey, Guy Burkitt and Robin Chipperfield are deserving of particular mention for their volunteering.

Our Objective:

Grow participation through effective collaboration, communication, and engagement of new and existing members of our community.

Our Values:

- Get Heathy - Squash published in Forbes magazine as the healthiest sport in the World
- Make friends - Squash & Racketball and socialising are a perfect match as seen on many of the clubs FB posts!
- Play Sport - Whenever we can, we will and this year we added touchtennis to help us keep active (see separate touchtennis summary from Clayton)

Coaching team

This year we welcomed Steve Pearcey and Miles Jenkins (world ranked #145), who alongside Darren Lewis, make up our Squash and Racketball coaching team.

Events

Our year is based around events that create competitive play and fun social times. This year these have been reduced but we still managed:

- One Squash tournament including 50th year Carver cup celebrations
- Women's Squash event with 30+ non-members trying squash, showcasing the gender equality of the sport and enjoying indulgent cake afterwards!
- Annual Christmas Sports Day burning off the Christmas calories
- World Squash day each quarter

Carver Cup 50th Year celebrations

In November the annual Carver Cup squash tournament was extra special as it was the 50th year since Carvers sponsored this event. Special thanks to Rod Willetts for organising and inviting many of the previous winners, it was a lovely evening of celebrating our sport.

Tournaments and winners

Tournament	Champion	Runner-up
Carver Cup (Squash)	Jordan Evans	Tom Watson
Dave Smart (Racketball)	James Henderson	Chris Dawson
Expocet R/B Championship A	Marc Hughes	Robin Chipperfield
Expocet R/B Championship B	Beth Grinsell	Tom Watson
Expocet R/B Championship C	Mark Fletcher	Ben Pollard
Expocet R/B Championship D	Ben Williams	Rob Binnion
Flint & Partners Senior Squash	Steve Pearcey	Jan Gromadski
Flint & Partners Vintage Squash	Robin Chipperfield	Stephen Pass
Flint & Partners Veterans Squash	Allan Walton	Aleks Stojanovic

Teams by Beth Grinsall

We entered 6 teams with respective captains:

Team	Captain
Warwickshire 1 st	Alan Walton
Warwickshire 2 nd	Pete Langston
Central	Beth Grinsall
Shropshire B team	Beth Grinsall & Pete Roberts
Shropshire C team	Beth Grinsall & Pete Roberts
Racketball	Jonathon Evans

Warwickshire 1st team was sponsored by Ash Labib (AI Aesthetics), Roy Cashmore (Viking Electrics) and Karl Becker which enabled us to bring Miles Jenkins world ranked #145 and Jack Turney who along with Darren Lewis, made up a strong team for our first year in this premier team.

A special mention to Pete Roberts and his team, his first captaincy of Shropshire B team was a resounding success winning the knockout cup however COVID-19 meant he narrowly missed out on promotion due to not being able to play the final match! My sincere thanks go to all of the captains for so ably marshalling and organising their teams and for all of the club members who turned out to represent their club.

Leagues by Peter Roberts

From October 19 to March 20 (pre COVID-19) the leagues were highly active with a large number of members partaking in Squash and Squash 57 (racketball) leagues, some members **contesting** in both - Squash had 4 divisions and Racketball a whopping 9! It was great to see the enthusiasm for leagues again when restrictions lifted slightly to allow 'squash bubbles' and we look forward to re-introducing these again when permitted.

Junior development by Simon Newell

I am pleased to report the junior programme has grown in the last 12 months with over 20+ juniors attending either our Sunday Squash 101 (4-12 year olds) or Wednesday Squash Academy (10-17 years) run by Miles Jenkins. It is great to see the next generation of squash players developing each week. As a natural progression the 'Juniors are now coaching Juniors' and there is a staged mechanism to help players reach their potential.

Before COVID-19 we hosted a County wide Bronze event for over 50 juniors and in August we hosted Shropshire Junior Academy with 30 juniors attending. Our aim is to collaborate more with the counties to help develop players and strengthen the reputation of WLTSC for squash and junior development.

Racketball by Helen Tottey

We had record numbers taking part in the Dave Smart handicap tournament last October and the Expocet tournament in February showing just how much of an appeal racketball has. The mixins were very popular with large numbers regularly attending and creating a great social atmosphere. And when COVID-19 stopped play, we moved outside to touchtennis (see report from Clayton). With the addition of Steve Pearcey to the coaching team, daytime coaching has encouraged more people to play, never one to shy away from the camera, Steve recorded drills to help members keep practicing and a challenge to add some competitiveness!

Chairman's final note

Finally, can I acknowledge and thank Marc Hughes, for continuing to work with myself and the committee to support the growth and development of Squash and Racketball.

In summary, an interesting and challenging year but our resilient WLTSC community took us through it and we look forward to what we can bring next year.

Thanks

Neil Patel

Squash & Racketball Chairman

Dec 2020

Tennis Chair Report – 2020

Introduction

I never thought that when I accepted the position of Chair of Tennis would I be facing a year like this one has been. Nevertheless, whatever challenges have been thrown at us I believe that your Committee has risen to them and been able to deliver a successful season of tennis with the bonus of significant improvements along the way.

The year started with the arrival of Neil enabling Marc to take full responsibility for sporting development and a greater focus on tennis activities.

In early March Amber announced the arrival of her daughter Lily Mae, and I'm delighted to see that Amber has now returned to the Coaching team alongside Simon, Nick, Max, Tom, Clayton and Jo. During the summer Jake Lawley also joined the Coaching team from Tipton.

Whilst it's been a year like none other in recent history there were many positives to take from it and to build upon for the future.

Coaching

Our team of Coaches have delivered one to one lessons to many members and have contributed to the successful expansion of our group sessions, squads or team training. We have catered for an aspiring group of beginners, through a blossoming Rusty Rackets squad to team and performance squads, not forgetting a bit of fun on Fridays at TGI.

We all believe that the long-term future of the Club will benefit from a thriving Junior Program and this year we had the opportunity of bidding to become a Regional Development Centre in the LTA Junior Performance squads. Nick Morris put a lot of effort into the bid, and with great thanks to Alex Gage for putting together a super promotional video, Nick, Marc and I faced up via Zoom with the LTA National Performance Pathway team. Winning the bid would have brought £250k into the Club over 3 years. Unfortunately, whilst putting up a strong case we lost out to Edgbaston, but we learnt much and will get stronger. We are very lucky to have retained many of our Junior Performance squad and we look forward to their future success in their age group categories.

Of course, not all our Juniors are performance players, they all start as Tots, progress to Orange, Green and Yellow balls, and eventually join our LPDC squad. All part of the pathway we provide at WLTSC for these dedicated juniors.

Teams

Sadly, the league season got cancelled in April so each one of our 13 team captains can claim the honour of an undefeated season, and Jonathan Whitehead had his quietest season for a long time. We hope that times will enable us to play in the Staffs League next year.

Our Men's 1st team, thanks to a strong performance last winter, did get the opportunity of representing the Club as one of the top 8 teams in the country in the National Finals. Against higher ranked opponents our youngest ever team of Tom Welsh, Fin Cook, Henry Parry and Ed Cooper fought through to the Quarter Finals and were 2-2 in the tie with a 10 point shoot out decider for a semi-final place. Both sides had match points but in the end the tie went to Halton 14-12, a great experience for our young team.

Member Participation

We reopened the Club on May 14th having put into place all the health and safety precautions that we could and we pride ourselves that we have produced an environment where all of our members have felt safe. In the 5 months to the end of October there have been over 11,000 court bookings shared amongst 400 playing members, and they were not only tennis players. With Claytons help we laid out some touchtennis courts on the grass and invited our Squash and Racketball players to take up the sport. Some have even gone on to pick up tennis rackets and enjoy having a hit outdoors. One of the great positives that was borne out of necessity was extending the MyCourts booking system to the outdoor courts and pre-booking events and training. The feedback that we have had has been overwhelmingly in favour of keeping it in place. The benefits on many fronts have been such that we ask ourselves why we did not do it before.

Tournaments and Leagues

In the short period of 5 months we managed to squeeze in our Club Championships, the Veterans and Vintage Championships, unfortunately the Junior Championships and the 100+ event are now on hold as I write this in November. We are determined to get them played as soon as we can and will then launch a rebranded FA Cup.

We were lucky to have our US college players home during the summer and along with a record entry they graced the Club Championships which this year was of the highest possible standard. Tom Welsh and Adeola Greatorex reigned supreme taking the singles, doubles and pairing up to win the mixed doubles titles. A special mention to Ed Cooper who made the men's singles final such a contest, and to Megan Davies whose talent was on display in the ladies and mixed doubles finals.

It was also a pleasure to see so many of our rising star juniors playing in the competition and neither Adrian Watts or Chris Quick will forget their matches with Billy Moxon, and to cap it all we saw a 64 year age gap between John Williams and Alex Krasnaslabodtsav in the C plate Final. To me that epitomised everything that is good about WLTSC.

We ran the Vets and Vintage competitions concurrently and we salute those members who had the courage to enter all 6 events. In some cases, age took its toll with a few withdrawals, but we successfully concluded all competitions in September.

Thanks to our Catering staff for providing BBQs at both events

Amongst all those competitions we had time to run a Wimbledon Whites team event and a Roland Garros Bleu event on dry and sunny Sundays. The same cannot be said for our first ever Club match against the Albert which got washed out but not before both sides had had some fine competition. We also welcomed Adrian Watts squad from Wall Heath for a Sunday afternoon. I'm sure that we'll do them all again next year.

We started the Leagues again in September and were thwarted at the end of the first session. Thank you to all our members who participated. We will be resuming play as soon as restrictions allow.

Future

We will continue to look at ways of improving your experience as members and we will always welcome your ideas. We know that with an increasing participation in tennis there is greater pressure on indoor court booking, and whilst we will manage that to our best ability we know that in an ideal world we would benefit from more indoor courts. We are currently looking at the cost of replacing the

grass courts with a permeable acrylic surface that will be playable year-round. The next stage would be to put a permanent structure over the courts. Neither of these will happen overnight and there are many hurdles to overcome in this long-term project.

Committee

Your tennis Committee consists of me, Gregg Davies, Emma Bolland, Karen Fletcher, Jon Whitehead, Marc Hughes and Simon Bird.

None of what we have achieved in 2020 could have been possible without their support and hard work. They have all got accustomed to my Zoom Committee meetings (another first).

The one thing we have missed in 2020 is a Presentation Evening. A great shame because there are some unsung heroes in the Club that would have been recognised on the night. We will not forget them, and we will make sure that the 2021 Presentation Evening is twice as good.

Roll on 2021. Let us hope that we all pull through this Covid situation in good health ready to start a new season.

And finally thank you to all you members who make this such a brilliant Club that inspires me to put back into it as much as I get out.

Steve Chilvers – Tennis Chairman

Roll of Honour 2020

	Champion (s)		Finalist (s)	
Club Champs				
Men's singles	Tom Welsh		Ed Cooper	
Ladies Singles	Adeola Greatorex		Isabella Walker	
Men's doubles	Tom Welsh	Gregg Spooner	Sol Shahar	Oscar Searle
Ladies doubles	Megan Davies	Adeola Greatorex	Nikki Parkes	Mae McCutcheon*
Mixed doubles	Tom Welsh	Adeola Greatorex	Megan Davies	Oliver Davies
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Veterans Champs				
Men's singles	Marc Hughes		Robin Chipperfield	
Ladies singles	Cathy Grinsell		Jane Hatton	
Men's doubles	Stephen Giddings	Robin Chipperfield	Nigel Eastwood	Marc Hughes
Ladies doubles	Jo Birch	Erica Claxton	Cathy Grinsell	Gerry Davies
Mixed doubles	Robin Chipperfield	Jo Webb	Jon Whitehead	Cathy Grinsell
touchtennis Champs				
Unisex Singles	James Hale		Guy Birkett	
Unisex Doubles	James Hale	Lily Hale	Allan Wright	Neil Patel

Gym Chairman

I am very proud to be in my 5th year as Gym Chairman with our key aim being to support members Health & Wellbeing. I wish to commend our Energize team Foggy, Bren, Billy & Adam who are outstanding and consistent in their performance creating vibrancy and making them the heartbeat of the club.

We started 2020 with an amazing January spring boarding the membership into the new refreshed “Kickstart” (Detox) program which was a huge success, creating a spiritual team feeling of wellbeing throughout the club. This was also extremely well supported by all of the catering team preparing our ‘healthy eating menus’. (2021 event has been postponed).

February saw us in full flight providing full classes, full programs and great energy supported by the members in strong numbers, which was very pleasing to see and be part of, delivering a wide range of fitness activities.

Without a doubt an unprecedented year was to follow for us all during the Covid 19 pandemic but as ever the Energize Team stepped up to the plate providing on line streamed P.T classes and circuits throughout all of the Lockdown periods and restrictions followed by post Lockdown 1 classes outside under the protective cover of the new marquee. These included two classes a week in the studio which also regenerated the popularity and following for the Energize Team. The inclusion of the pilates & yoga classes are also growing from strength to strength.

All of these sessions provided a strong uplifting feeling for everybody involved in them, either from home or at the club helping to support people’s health & wellbeing, creating member interaction and even the occasional laugh together, on screen or off!

Essentially losing four months of the year (April, May, June, July) to enjoy our gym/pit created some challenges for us as a team which we approached objectively rearranging both rooms to optimise our training space and provide a totally safe environment for all members putting your health & safety first. At this juncture I would like to thank Neil Patel and the club’s team for all their diligent support in helping us achieve these results.

The General Committee has also remained stoic throughout this very difficult chapter always attempting to deliver the best possible decisions for the membership which at times has been extremely challenging & stressful.

As I write this shortened annual report we are in the depths of Lockdown 2 taking us into December, so let us all hope that 2021 allows us to start enjoying our fabulous club again in the way we are all used to.

“We are still the best, so stay part of it “

Nigel J Mynott
Gym Chairman.

Gym & Studio

System Energize have been at the club now for 7 years. The personal training side of the business is well supported and we are looking to add another trainer this year to give us further variation on the class timetable.

From January to March it was business as usual in the gym and studio, another successful 'Kickstart (detox)', then we were looking forward to another good year at the club with organised walks, a weekend in the mountains, mud runs, further progress on the gym extension and then Covid hit and our plans had to change.

The pandemic has been horrendous for many not least the members of our club. The Energize Team offers our deepest sympathies for those who have experienced the worst the virus has brought. The impact on all of us has been significant, the mental health of many suffering in these strange times with us all having to find different ways to go about our lives. The trainers at the club did a fantastic job of quickly repositioning the classes on the Facebook platform, initially we weren't sure if this would work filming from our gardens, kitchens etc. However, it really did with many classes getting over a thousand views. We received lots of messages saying that the classes had helped give a little structure to 'lockdown' and I am really pleased and grateful for the reliability and professionalism Brendon, Billy and Adam displayed.

We are currently reviewing the strength equipment in the gym and looking at ways of using the space we have more efficiently.

I hope that when I come to write next year's AGM report it will not even mention Covid. We plan a 'kickstart' as soon as it is safe to do so. We plan to do two or three walks for fun, a weekend walking and camping in the mountains, mud runs, two other endurance events, Wolverhampton to Aberdovey bike ride, the Lord Bilston Challenge and as many other events as we can get involved in.

Thanks for your continued support from the System Energize Team.

Paul Fothergill
Head of Fitness

Touchtennis.

Since introducing this relatively unknown sport to the club on one grass court in the latter part of summer 2019, who would have thought it would become so popular a year later!

With smaller rackets, a smaller court and high density foam balls, this sport is quick to pick up and fun to play so was just what we needed when emerging from lockdown whilst indoor facilities were still not permitted to be used. The grass courts allowed 6 socially distant courts to be marked out and after a 'touchtennis Tuesday' afternoon allowing people to come and give it a go while I was there to give tips, the squash and racketball players and gym users who don't play tennis, quickly picked this up. Later when doubles was allowed, the grass was used every single day (even on some damp days) for hours at a time with the common backdrop of laughter and within weeks Racketballer's Bonk was named, the home of cheap cans and unrivalled banter! Before long, finding they could, rally, score and compete on a touchtennis court, most were then brave enough to venture on a full size tennis court and to this day are still playing tennis.

As we neared the end of the summer months, touchtennis was so popular it was rightly included in the highly attended Club Championships, with a mixed singles event and a doubles. James Hale and sister Lily, joined forces to take the inaugural doubles title and James completed the double by taking the singles winners medal against Guy Birkett in a great final.

The club also hosted a mid-week touchtennis goitronic challenger event in late August, sponsored by Jason Mansell which was a huge success and saw James Hale reach the final and enter the world's top 20 narrowly losing to Walsall's Joe Farr as the event ended near 10pm. Currently in a heavily disrupted Covid 19 year, the club proudly have around 8 players in the top 100 in the official rankings with super Jan Gromadzki, Noreen Simpson and Lily Hale continuing to enter other official outside events.

To conclude, touchtennis has been amazing for the club this year with around 60 players enjoying learning a new sport and having fun and it really saved members sanity. Massive thanks to its great supporters who have really helped me to drive its success and could visualise the potential, Helen Tottey, Neil Patel, Marc Hughes and Steve Chilvers, I can't wait to relaunch in 2021 with bigger and better events.

Clayton Edge
Midlands Touchtennis Ambassador

Last word from the Chairman

The past nine months has been one of the most turbulent periods in the club's long and illustrious history. We have been, and continue to be, faced with unprecedented challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With the recent news about the availability of a vaccine there is hopefully some light at the end of the tunnel. In those circumstances, I consider that we have done well to retain the number of members that we currently have and to limit the financial impact of the virus on the club. The next year will be determined primarily by the roll out of the vaccine which, as it progresses, should lead to a greater relaxation of the guidelines. This will then hopefully enable the club to be fully open again.

Many of the plans that were outlined in my report last year will be carried forward into 2021. This will include changing the club's status from an unincorporated association to a company limited by guarantee. Once this is in place, we will then recommence work on the long-term project to develop and improve the club's facilities, commonly known as "Fill The Gap". The proposals for the project will be formulated and then put forward to you for comment before seeking your formal approval to start the development at an Extraordinary General Meeting. The results of the recent members survey have shown that there is a majority view amongst members that we need to invest in the club's infrastructure if we are to retain our position as the leading Racquets and Fitness club in the area.

Whilst this year has been very demanding and we have had to take several difficult decisions during the course of the year I continue to consider myself highly honoured to serve as your club chairman. As club chairman, I am just one part of the great Newbridge team. On your behalf I would like to thank all those members who give up their time, without any financial reward, to serve on the Executive Committee, General Committee, Sub Committees or have volunteered their services. I would particularly like to mention Helen Tottey who helped so much during the first lockdown and was responsible for the recent club survey and Tanita Patel who helped during the first lockdown. Without the help of our committee members and volunteers the club would not be the special place that it is.

As always, I am indebted to the great dedication and enthusiasm of our staff who are led by Marc Hughes on the sporting side and by Neil Patel on the facilities front. My thanks go to:

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Bar and Restaurant: Gilly, Barry, Margaret, Maria, Amber, Jan and Kelly

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Finally, my continued thanks to you for being a member of such a great club. Let us hope that next year is a more enjoyable one.

Your fellow member

John

