

# **GREENWICH TENNIS CLUB**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017**

The Club is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.

The Club is also associated with the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association ("NSTA"), organiser of the area tennis competitions.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the Club are:

- To facilitate and encourage the game of tennis
- To provide facilities for the game of tennis
- To advance knowledge and skills concerning the game of tennis
- To encourage and promote competition in the game of tennis amongst members and against other tennis clubs or associations
- To promote social activities amongst members and persons interested in the objectives of the Club
- To raise and receive money by any lawful means for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Club

### **Executive Committee**

The 2017 committee comprised 12 members as listed below:

President	Peter Walton
Vice President	Michael Armati
Secretary	Dennis Karp
Treasurer	Mark Faigen
Booking Secretary	Judy McMahon
Competition Secretary	Frank Simpson
Committee Member	Caroline Elliott
Committee Member	Regan Bull
Committee Member	Andrew Bennett
Committee Member	Peter McIlwaine
Committee Member	Duncan Ramsay
Webmaster & Membership	Richard Hawkins

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## Membership Fees

Joining and membership fees were not increased this year.

	2016	2017
Joining Fees:		
Ordinary	\$150	\$150
Junior Concession	\$50	\$50
Annual Fees:		
Full Adult Member	\$120*	\$125*
Junior	\$35	\$35

\*A timely payment discount of \$10 is offered on full adult member annual fees received in August.

Visitors Fees:		
Per Visit	\$5	\$5
Casual Hire Per Hour	\$15	\$15

## Membership

At this date, comparative membership comprises:

	2016	2017
Full Adult Members	203	201
Honorary Members	8	8
Graded Juniors/Students/Juniors	<u>143</u>	<u>153</u>
	354	362

Since the last annual general meeting, the Committee has scheduled a number of prospective member's introduction trials with more applicants being invited to join the club.

Despite the large numbers, members have reported few problems in the use of the courts. Membership has been kept open for the time being.

## Club Championships

The 2017 Club Championships were played as usual during the latter part of October. The tennis throughout was played in great spirit and to a high standard despite the low number of entries. It is regrettable that the Ladies Open Singles event has not now been played for four years. This is a matter to be addressed by the committee next year.

Again this year the Special or Handicap events were conducted in a round-robin format which proved very popular with participants. It was very encouraging to see several of our junior players participate and excel. Well done to all who participated and to our eventual winners.

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The 2017 winners are:

Men's Singles	A. Bennett
Ladies Singles	Event not played
Men's Doubles	To be played shortly
Ladies Doubles	G. Thacker & J. Ford
Mixed Doubles	P. McIlwaine & G. Thacker

Men's Handicap Singles	A. Foley
Ladies Handicap Doubles	A. Kaderavek & K. McElvogie
Men's Handicap Doubles	A. Foley & M. Faigen
Mixed Handicap Doubles	J. Bell & J. Gibson

Thank you in particular to Richard Hawkins, Caroline Elliott, and Peter McIlwaine who ran the Club Championships and contributed to their success.

## Junior Championships

The 2017 Junior Club Championships were conducted in May. We now have approximately 60 juniors being coached on a regular basis and 52 players entered in the competition. Well done. Again this year the Junior Club Championships took on a round robin format so all players got plenty of tennis. They played with great enthusiasm, camaraderie and enjoyment. Well done to all who participated and our eventual winners

The 2017 winners are:

Mixed comp 8 years and under:	Eoin Cullinane
Runner up:	Ed Urqhart
Boys Under 10:	George Williams
Runner up:	Kai Locke
Boys Under 12:	Reuben Kapoor
Runner up:	Jesse Cochrane
Boys Under 14:	Sam Shepherd
Boys Over 14:	Lachlan Bayliss-Smith
Runner up:	John Neville
Girls Under 12:	Lizzie Bull
Runner up:	Eloise Oliver
Girls Under 14:	Annabelle Brown

Girls Over 14: A tie between Brooke Elliott and Mia Callaway

A big thank-you to Caroline Elliott, Regan Bull and Andrew Bennett who ran the Junior Club Championships, which has become a great platform for development of our Juniors.

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## **Coaching & Juniors**

This year we have seen some sixty junior members coached by Andrew Bennett and his team. The feedback has been tremendous and we would like to congratulate Andrew for his efforts with this program.

## **SOCIAL**

### **50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year.**

This year the club celebrated fifty years of tennis at the present location in Leemon Reserve. Two loam courts were laid on the site in 1967 and were marked out with either chalk lines or plastic strips. The courts needed regular watering to keep the dust down and prevent erosion of the material.

The clubhouse was constructed at about the same time and the brick practice wall and the first barbecue were built in 1976.

The first artificial grass surface did not appear until 1987.

The earliest recorded president was Don Wilson, followed by Barry Sagar who held the position for 12 years.

In those days people were so engaged in tennis that they would spend all day at the courts and any prospective members were subjected to strict rules regarding standard of tennis.

In celebration of the Jubilee a sub-committee was formed to organise some special events such as a very successful social round robin where the Presidents Team was pitted against the Professional's Team. In May a French Open themed junior day was held as part of the junior championships. With the best will in the world, the "winter white ball" set for August had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

As a record, and to inform the younger members of the club, Frank Simpson has written an excellent "Brief History" which can be found on the website. Thank you Frank for your dedication in getting this done.

### **Christmas Party**

The annual Christmas party was held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Numbers were up on the previous year with the marquee located under the camphor laurel tree.

A highlight of the evening was entertainment performed by Jo Cunningham, her sister Merran and Mark Merrick on the double bass.

Catering was by Bern the Chef

The Xmas party as always was subsidised by the Club.

### **Round Robin Tournaments**

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There has been very little response to these tournaments in recent years, so this year none were scheduled. Members who would like to see these events re-instated should contact a committee member.

## Internal Mixed Doubles Competition

A huge thank-you to Bill Oliver who continues to run this successful competition for members on Saturday afternoons. Bill reports that more than 65 members participate.

Big thanks also go to the team captains; Jane Marquard (Sky Blue), Sharon Morse (Nike Red), Janice Gibson (Lime Green) and Annabelle Burley (Royal Purple) who ensure their teams are fully represented each week.

The end of year winner in 2016 was a tie between the **Red Team** and the **Purple Team**.

Earlier winners this year were the **Red Team** which won the Summer Competition, and the **Green Team** which won the Autumn Competition.

The end of year winner in 2017 was not known at the time of going to print.

Once again the competition proved popular with members of all standards with the two time-slot format ensuring the games were evenly matched.

It is sometimes difficult to find the 16 players on the day, so special mention goes to all those members who volunteer to reserve when required, in some cases backing up after playing earlier in the afternoon.

There is always room for more players; just contact Bill.

## Player of the Year Award

This award, given to the member who has participated the most in the Club's playing activity over the calendar year has continued to excite interest. In 2016 it was awarded to Edy Sirca.

The 2017 winner will be decided on the points system as published on the web site.

The award (\$100 plus a trophy) for will be presented to the winner at the Christmas party and the winner's name will be inscribed on the clock shield displayed in the clubhouse.

Points are awarded for participation in the internal Saturday competitions and the club championships.

Frank Simpson has again acted as the referee for the award, and our thanks go to Frank for keeping the point scores over some 17 years.

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## **Arthur Harrison Trophy**

The Arthur Harrison Trophy was donated by Arthur Harrison who for many years lived across the road from the courts and spent much of his time looking after the courts. The trophy is presented annually by the club to an individual who have made a great contribution to the club and improved their tennis during the year.

The trophy winner in 2016 was Caroline Elliott for her vigour in fostering interest in junior tennis and also in ladies tennis at all levels.

The trophy winner for 2017 will be announced at the Christmas party.

## **Maintenance and Improvements**

The “new” court surfaces, now 3 ½ years old seem to be standing up quite well. There have been some teething problems with a few imperfections reflecting in the new surface from the substrate.

All Grass Sports Surfaces have been contracted for an annual maintenance plan to clean drains, spray algae and weeds, and most importantly distribute sand around the courts by hand grooming.

Some of the fencing is showing signs of stress at lower levels. Consequently, the back fence of court 1 was replaced during the year.

Sewer maintenance is an annual event because of tree roots invading the old clay pipe joints.

## **Financial**

The audited financial statements sent with the notice for the Clubs AGM show that the club is in a sound and healthy position. The cash reserve as at 31 July 2017 was \$51,685 (\$44,031 in 2016), which is adequate to meet the anticipated future expenditure. The club also has a short-term provision for maintenance and refurbishment, which as at 31 July 2017 was \$5,000 (\$5,000 in 2016). The long-term provision for maintenance and refurbishment as at 31 July 2017 was \$17,000 (\$13,000 in 2016).

Thank you to our treasurer, Mark Faigen for your undying efforts in providing timely and accurate financial and accounting support to the club.

## **Acknowledgments**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all committee members for their support over the years. All members have contributed in their own way and it was indeed a pleasure to work in a spirit of goodwill and friendly co-operation.

Peter Walton  
President  
November 2017