



**Minutes of the Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm**

**Present:**

Andrew Wakely	(Chairman)
Fred Warneryd	(Men's Captain)
Rachel Godsave	(Ladies' Captain)
Alan Flitcroft	
Victoria Stephens	
Alessandro Noce	
Howard Spence	
Marc Newey	(Chief Executive)

**In Attendance:**

Peter Bradburn	(Course and Grounds Manager)
Nik Snapes	(Tennis Manager)
Dan Lott	(Racquets Director)

**1. Apologies:** Puk Kroijer, Lily Brown, David Burditt

**2. Minutes from previous meeting:**

Minutes of the AGM held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March were discussed and approved.

**3. Reports**

**Course and Grounds (PB)**

Grass courts opened on 30<sup>th</sup> April and have been very well received by members. The weather conditions have been dry, so have helped firm the ground up. The playability of the courts should improve through the season.

The smash court renovations are due to take place later this week. The courts will be brushed up and more sand will be put on them and brushed in to improve the playability.

The works for airhall 2 are set to start on 4<sup>th</sup> July and once this happens courts 7 to 10 will be out of action. The works access will mean that we will also lose courts 23 and 24 at this time. We will work on effective screening to ensure the remaining grass courts 19 to 22 can be used, however there will be noise coming from the site for the period of the works. We will also look at effective screening to replace the hedge between the tennis courts and the croquet lawns.

The working hours will be between 8am and 4pm.

AW pointed out that the net on padel court 2 has holes in.

**Action: DL to order some new nets for the padel courts**

MN thanks PB and his team for all their hard work getting the club ready for the summer season.

**Racquet Directors Report**

**Grass Courts**

The grass courts opened on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We have received great feedback on the work Peter/Chris and the team have done to prepare them this year. The work for airhall 2 will start on 4<sup>th</sup> July. This will take out grass courts 23 and 24 as they will be used for works access. Until this date the grass courts will continue to be on a rotation, then once the

works start the rotation will stop to allow more courts in play. Grass courts are bookable for members 24 hours in advance and open at 8am each day.

### **Junior programme**

The junior programme for the summer term is underway. Most groups are at full capacity especially at weekends. Due to demand, I have started a U3 under session on Saturday mornings cater for the younger children that there seems to be more and more demand for this due to more young family members. If there is more demand, I will look to add another option on a Monday afternoon.

### **Pickleball**

The ladies pickleball mornings that run on the last Thursday of the month are still proving extremely popular. Each session has 20 members signing up that proves there is demand for the sport at Roehampton. Last month we set up the 4 pickleball courts on court 1 in the ITC giving members a chance to book the courts for social play. We will look to do this for longer periods of time through the summer to expose the sport to even more of our membership. The racquets team are now planning the best way to implement the sport permanently and planning appropriate spaces to mark courts out. Many thanks to Louis Laville with all his input into this.

### **Racketlon London Open**

Dates for this year's Racketlon are 22-24 July. The event will require the use of ITC/Smash (4&5)/Grass top block (19-23) bearing in mind courts 7-10 could be out for airhall 2 there could be court pressure during this time. Members can sign up for the Racketlon by contacting Paul Lindsay.

### **Tennis Teams Update**

#### **Ladies**

#### **National Premier League**

- Roehampton won with great representation from new members & Hannah Klugman

#### **National League**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team (National Open) - Currently 1<sup>st</sup> having won 3/3. St Albans at home this Sunday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team (Div 1) - Currently 3<sup>rd</sup> having lost a close match with Putney at the weekend. Next match against Surbiton who are currently 2<sup>nd</sup> next weekend
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team (Div 3) - Currently 1<sup>st</sup> having won 2/2. First time we have entered a 3<sup>rd</sup> team due to the number of new members of the 1<sup>st</sup> team, which has pushed people down into the 2<sup>nd</sup> team, creating demand for a 3<sup>rd</sup> team, and also bringing

juniors into the team to involve in the women's teams and get some doubles practice

### **Surrey Winter League**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team (Div 1) - Finished 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team (Div 5) - Finished 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team (Div 8) - Finished 1<sup>st</sup> so will be promoted

### **Surrey Summer League**

- Not yet started. Matches being moved due to clashes with National League

### **Men's**

#### **National League**

- Both the men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team dominate the league presently with both teams sitting at the top of the league.
- Men's 4th team won vs Limpsfield 10-2

### **Juniors**

- 9&U Boys team won vs Wilton Oranges 20-0
- 12&U Boys B team won vs Dulwich 6-0
- 16&U Boys team won vs Esher 6-0
- 18&U Boys team won vs Esher 6-0

### **Club Championships**

The Club Championships have now started. We had a record entry into the men's singles event with over 60 entries!! With strong entries in a lot of other events also. The draws are available on the tennis noticeboard and have been emailed to all competitors. All events except the men's singles will be organised by members with certain play by dates on each round. The men's singles will start on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of June and involve players going through qualifying. This sets up a great atmosphere at the club with all members competing next to each other on the grass courts. Other rounds of the men's will be played on evenings through the following 2 weeks leading up to finals day. We are planning to have men's and ladies quarter finals and semi-finals nights on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Members will be encouraged to come down to watch these matches with refreshments served from the trailer.

Finals day this year will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June and all finals will be held on courts 25 to 28. At the conclusion of the matches, we plan to have a after party and prize giving in the outside pool area. We hope this will be a great event and welcome all tennis members.

### **Vets' friendlies**

I have now organised the vets' friendly matches for the Quad Cup and Triangular matches this season. These matches take place between Roehampton, Queen, Hurlingham, and Queens Club. These fixtures act as a great way to show case our club to others and involve a match tea afterwards at the home clubs. The first of these fixtures will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Padel report**

#### Court Surface/Playability

The top-up of sand on the courts in March seems to have helped with consistency of play.

#### Internal Leagues

The March leagues saw a stagger of two of the four leagues end date in the hope pressure on courts at the end of each league cycle will be reduced.

#### External iPadel league

Men's Team, captained by Craig de Silva, won the London league, and lost in the final of the National league. (Report attached)

The Club has entered one Men's and Ladies team in the iPadel summer league with both current captains happy to continue their roles. We will monitor court demand/use.

#### National Padel League

The Club has two Men's teams and a Ladies team scheduled to play on 28 or 29 May. LTA communication has been poor with no venue or confirmation of date/time.

#### Court Bookings

Bookings remain very popular.

#### Social Events / 2022 Calendar

- Club will run a social club night – Padel, Pizza and Pimm's on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – to make the year anniversary of the courts opening. Demand is through the roof with all session spaces taken within a day. PL to look at a repeat of the format if successful later this summer.
- The Club will host an LTA Grade 4 tournament on 16 July. PL to oversee and will bring in an outside ref from the LTA to run. Will encourage our members to take part but sign up will be on a first come first in basis via the LTA competition system.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Club will host an external tournament on 18th June via the Home of Padel (HoP) tour. PL and DL to oversee with HoP organising and running the event.</li><li>• Padel Club Championship to run mid-August for 2 weeks.</li><li>• Padel Club Championship Finals Day – 3rd September.</li></ul> <p>(Paul Lindsay)</p> <p><b>Dan Lott</b></p> <p><b>Racquets Director</b></p> <p><b>May 2022</b></p> <p><u>Date of next meeting – TBC</u></p> |  |
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