



Committee Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2023

Committee: Edward Bailey – President, David Plaisted – Vice President; Roger Church – Secretary, Peggy Harker – Treasurer (and Life Member), Helen Webster – Membership Secretary, Anne Southwell, Francis Chew, Vaughan Speck, Clemise Speck, Rolf Tesmer

Dear Members

It was again very pleasing that our members were able to enjoy their tennis uninterrupted, with the Club being open for play throughout the year. It has been pleasing to see so many members using the courts throughout the week.

During the year the Club held:

- a very successful spit roast and trivia night, with the club room decked out in a tennis theme and the members trivia knowledge given a thorough testing;
- a successful Open Day in February, which was well attended by Club members and also the general public, a number of whom signed up to membership on the day;
- a very enjoyable Autumn Tournament and Spring Tournament, divided into two divisions (A and B) and played in a rapid-fire round robin format. The tournaments were played in good spirit and involved members ranging in age from 10 to 70; and
- a Working Bee at which about 15 members donated an hour or so of their time to give the Courts and surrounds some extra care and attention. It is true that many hands make light work and our thanks go out to all those who participated.

The Club also awarded the Ian Henderson Encouragement Scholarship to Illay Givoni – to support his tennis development under the direction of our Club Coach.

Financial results

The financial statement for the 12 months ended 30 June 2023 is available to any member, upon request to the Secretary. It shows a strong level of income and relatively stable expenditure year on year, and an operating surplus before depreciation of \$30,564 (LY\$30,078), which goes directly to our accumulated funds in the bank. The Club's cash balance is now slightly ahead of our projected trajectory for important capital expenditures in the future for court and other infrastructure upgrades and replacement, and includes an adequate buffer for any unanticipated items (that are not material in nature).

Unfortunately, in the higher inflationary environment that we are now starting to experience, the costs of maintaining the Club and courts are rising. The Committee is also conscious that our Courts playing surfaces, while still in good condition, are nearing the end of their expected life and have decided to increase the number of scheduled maintenance visits each year. The Committee is very conscious of ensuring that the Club's cash reserves remain in a healthy position and is managing its expenditure carefully.

Support from governments and Tennis Victoria

We acknowledge the financial support and other services provided to us by the State Government and the City of Boroondara. Boroondara and their Recreation and Wellbeing team have continued to be supportive, providing advice and other important supporting services.

Tennis Victoria have provided regular guidance to help us manage the many issues operating a sporting club in increasingly challenging times. Our affiliation fee covers a number of services, including insurances, and the added value of specialist sector advice has been of great benefit to the Club.

Courts and clubrooms

Our main asset is the court surface. This is carefully maintained by the installers, Grassports, assisted by a few members diligently sweeping and cleaning. The court surface was installed in 2014, with a life expectancy to be approximately 12-14 years and the courts appear to be tracking well to this estimate (although as mentioned previously we have increased our maintenance schedule). This is factored into our depreciation schedules.

Our LED court lights have been successful in bringing increased night tennis play, and have helped attract more players interested in night tennis during winter. We have initiated plans to look at the possibility of lighting for Courts 3 and 4 (subject to obtaining appropriate funding contributions from federal, state and/or local governments).

The clubrooms remain in good condition and we hope to provide a few more social activities that the clubrooms are so well suited to.

Coaching

Our coach, Danny Oltvay and his coaching business “VidaTennis South Camberwell” have had a solid year. Danny (and his talented and dedicated team of coaches) has attracted many clients and some of these have joined the Club. Danny’s holiday coaching programs have been well attended and it is great to see the younger generation using the courts.

Membership matters

Our membership level has been remarkably solid, with year-on-year totals remaining quite stable at 372 (LY377). We have seen a few members retire due to age, injury or moving homes, but we have been pleased that new members have joined us this year and we hope they will stay with us for many years to come.

There is a record level of family memberships, and we want as many of our younger members to have good access to the courts during ‘out of school’ hours, and to enjoy the excellent coaching service from VidaTennis.

Committee

The Committee has functioned well, with continuing good humour and a commitment to the Club. On behalf of all Club members, I thank them all for their service and demonstrating their community-minded values, along with our court captains and many others who contributed during the year.



Edward Bailey

President

for SCTC Committee

September 2023