

Presidents Report 2022

I'd just like to say a warm welcome to everyone here tonight for our LTC AGM.

When we were here last year talking about covid restrictions it would have been inconceivable that covid talk would still be in current news, but it is. Tennis for us this year has luckily continued as normal. Tennis has kept our members active and has maintained the social, competitive and mental health benefits for all concerned.

Our tennis membership very is healthy at all levels juniors right through to seniors. Junior sessions are well attended in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. It is testament to this that four of our older juniors Alex, Cameron, Rory and Blair are helping in sessions with a view of attaining a Tennis Level 1 coaching certificate this year. They are also achieving Duke of Edinburgh and Saltire Awards by doing their valuable volunteering. We wish them well and are delighted to have them alongside our enthusiastic coaching team. The juniors are back being able to enjoy competitions and organised club social events like their trip to Innoflate at Halloween.

The large Senior section continue to enjoy a good chat and cuppa after their well attended sessions. It's great that they also meet out with these to enjoy some social outings.

During the year again we maintained the courts to a high standard for our members. The re lining of the white court lines made a significant difference to the quality of the courts. We attend to weeding and moss treatment when required. The bowling club have cut away some foliage too that will help things.

The ongoing search for funding help will continue with a view to be able to replace our aged clubhouse with a more modern and sustainable structure. Alan Ritchie and a sub group of members have been looking into possible design quotes and taking this forward. Losing out in the voting in our recent bid to Falkirk Councils Capital Project fund was a great disappointment after so much effort especially by Claire our Treasurer. We can and intend to re apply when bids open again later in the year. We also intend to pursue other sources of funding for projects like ours.

The Club Championships and Central Leagues were reinstated post covid and all participants enjoyed the challenges of other club visits and competition. This year we have two gents teams in the Doubles Competition. Our club Championship Presentation Ceilidh was enjoyed as a first social gathering for many people last September.

We look forward to another busy active and successful year at LTC. Thanks must go to the committee and also the many other members for all their help and support during the year to the benefit of our Tennis Club.

With regard to our committee I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank Alan for all his hard work over the years as our secretary. His patience, diligence and wit has got us through the last few seasons with good humour and his way with words of reply... legendary. It is with great pleasure that Alan hands over to Elizabeth Donald. Alan will still be involved with Laurieston as he now takes over the reigns at Probus and a new challenge. We wish him well and we welcome Elizabeth and I'm sure you'll show great support to our new secretary.

Eleanor McGlashan
President