



**Southbourne
Tennis Club**

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**MINUTES OF THE 59th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
The Club and Company**

Held in the Club House on Monday 24th April 2023 and chaired by the Chairperson David Bull.

The Chairperson welcomed all attending.

Present: David Bull took the chair and 4 other Club Directors and 16 other members were present. Additionally, there were 9 proxy vote forms provided.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given from Ann Daniel and Jenny Hawkes.

**2. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 4th
APRIL 2022.**

The minutes for the 2022 AGM had been available on the club website for a number of weeks. These were unanimously agreed by the meeting.

3. ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM LAST MEETING

David Bull ran through the list of actions that were taken away from last years AGM.

- Coffee Machine
- Drinks Vending Machine
- Solar Panels

David explained how he had looked into each of these and why, for various reasons, they do not appear viable at this time. The Coffee and Drinks machine has been looked into before at various times, and the reasons for them not appearing viable currently are perhaps unlikely to change. i.e. Costs vs likely use.

The Solar power economics are very challenging for us currently, primarily because our main electrical use is for the floodlights, which need the electricity when solar would not provide any. Our everyday use for internal lights, computer etc. is quite low.

Keith Mitchell provided some experience of having battery storage for the electricity but expressed this obviously increase cost quite a bit further again. There is possibly some room to make use of lower cost overnight electricity to fill batteries, rather than relying on solar panels.

We agreed this is something we would “like” to be able to do and will keep an eye on how the market develops and whether the economics of this improve for us.



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4. CLUB RULE CHANGES

Colin Gilbey talked the meeting through the changes which were proposed for the club rules. These rules were primarily to document a couple of changes we had brought into practice earlier and to align the documentation to what happens in practice.

The meeting voted to agree the changes.

5. TO RECEIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

Officers' reports had been available for a good period of time prior to the meeting, on the club website.

Chairperson

David Bull talked through his report and invited questions.

Paul Woods thanked the committee for the recent quiz and bowling events which were well attended and received.

Paul Woods asked for thoughts on why we are not using the peg board at club sessions. David explained that the committee had discussed this and that we do not feel it would solve the problems of inclusivity. Whilst no vote was taken around this, the meeting appeared to broadly agree with this.

Treasurer

Carolyn Day presented the Treasurers report and explained the club's financial situation.

Peter Richardson asked a question about the accounts, for an explanation re: Current Assets and where the sinking fund is shown. Carolyn Day explained, and David Bull gave further explanation about the reserve fund model. Peter explained his thought is mainly that the accounts, in statutory format, make it look like the club has more "accessible" assets (98k) than it actually has (cash).



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Head Coach

Dave Sanger ran through his report.

A question was raised to Dave whether he has some thoughts on how to help teachers get children more interested in tennis. Dave answered the question and also agreed to take it forward with the member after the meeting.

Keith Mitchell praised the disability programmes run by Dave and his team.

Membership Secretary

Colin Gilbey talked the meeting through his report and the charts.

There were no questions.

Match Secretary and Safeguarding Officer

Celia Barron talked the meeting through her reviews. Time was spent explaining the Safeguarding inspection the club went through last year, which we passed.

There were no questions.

6. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st December 2022.

The accounts were proposed by Carolyn Day and seconded by David Bull. A vote was held to agree the accounts, and these were overwhelmingly agreed.

7. MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023/24

Dan Light, David Bull and Colin Gilbey talked the meeting through our rationale and proposals for increased membership fees in 2023/24.

It was explained that the committee prefer to have costs gradually increasing, somewhere close to inflation, so as to not need to play "catch up" at a later date.

John Woodham asked whether there was a need for a section to cover over 80's that perhaps only play once a week. David Bull explained that we haven't considered this however it is not possible to have options that fit everyone's circumstances exactly and that we consider our fees are competitive. As part of the fee setting exercise the committee looked, again, at what some comparable clubs charge and consider that we are competitive.



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Fee changes proposed were as follows;

Category	Current Cost	2023/24 Cost
Adult	£245	£255
Over 65's	£220	£230
Juniors	Leave unchanged	Leave unchanged
Girls Friday Club	£40	£45
Family	£490	£510
Country	£150	£160
Students	£80	£85

A vote was taken on the fee proposals and the meeting agreed to these.

8. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In line with the club memorandum and articles of association, Celia Barron and David Bull stood down from their positions. Both re-stood for election, unopposed and the meeting accepted that they continue in their positions.

9. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

David Bull explained that we are looking for help in various ways, which do not have to necessarily be committee positions. We need help especially with social events and fund raising.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Woodham asked if we have resolved our rent/ lease with BCP. David Bull answered this (No).

Jan Lawson asked a question (a follow up from previous years) about the etiquette of passing balls to the server between games. David Bull answered and agreed the committee will discuss at a meeting and he may add something to the monthly newsletter again.

Jan Lawson also raised thoughts regarding the etiquette of how members involve themselves with members with dementia. David Bull explained that Ray has agreed to offer time to hit with them – and in particular cases we are working with the members family.



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11. DATE, TIME, AND VENUE OF NEXT AGM

A Monday in April 2024 – TBC nearer the time.

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Daniel Light, Secretary

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Dated

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David Bull, Signed as a true record by the Chairperson

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Dated



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a) Chairperson **Southbourne Tennis Club**

Chairman's Report to the 2023 AGM

Although our last AGM was only 12 months ago progress has continued to be made across a wide range of tennis initiatives, infrastructure projects and maintenance issues around the club.

Tennis at the club has been very active over the last 12 months. Although we have lost a significant number of "covid" members (approximately 30) our membership figures are slightly higher than those pre-covid and the club is very busy and vibrant.

Attendance at club sessions seems to ebb and flow somewhat throughout the year but in general most of the sessions are well attended with numbers increased on previous year.

Our annual club tournament organised by Zoltan had the highest entrance for a number of years. Finals day brought out the sun and was very well attended by members and their families. An excellent barbecue was provided by Colin Gilbey with the kitchen being manned by John Woodham. The tennis finals started at 10:00 with the last ball being hit after 18:30. The quality of matches was very high and seemed to be enjoyed by participants and spectators alike.

A Learning Disability tournament was held in mid-summer. It was very well attended and thanks go to Dave, the coaches and helpers for making it such a success. The event was attended by the Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bournemouth and the Chairman of the Boscombe Rotary Club who sponsored the event. They had a great afternoon watching and meeting the players and their parents.

The Scala Singles League has been running throughout the year with an increased level of participation across the club. Most players enjoy the competition and the opportunity to play singles at their own level.

Our teams are doing well across the divisions. We had 10 teams entered in both the summer and winter Dorset league.

This winter our Ladies 1st team captained by Cleo Reid has won the first division and our Mixed 3rd team captained by Dan Light has been promoted. Many matches had to be rearranged due to bad weather which created a bit of a headache for our match secretary Celia.

An additional men's team captained by Neil Mackley has been entered into the summer league for this year.

At Christmas Ray Burningham, who has been at the club for over three decades, decided to take a step back from regular coaching with Dave's team. We will still see him around the club as he continues to coach a few members of the club.

The committee, coaches and many members would like to thank Ray for his commitment to furthering tennis at the club. Ray was presented with a retirement gift by Colin Gilbey and Paul Woods as a token of our thanks for all he has done at the club.

Tennis coaching at the club is going from strength to strength with our new coach, Taylor Bate finding his feet. The coaching sessions from mini tots to walking tennis and ladies mornings to learning disability are all very well supported.



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The main improvement project carried out over the last 12 months was the resurfacing of courts 1-3. As with many projects, it took longer and cost us more (£47k) than we anticipated. At the same time we took the opportunity to carpet the mini court to make it safer for our children and disabled users.

This was funded 50-50 between the club and the disability fund (£1100 each). Once the courts had settled down we were grateful to Dave and Matt for distributing a tonne of sand over the surface.

We also had repairs made to the baseline area of court 4. Courts 4-6 are due to be resurfaced in the 2024/25 timescale depending on the cost. It is anticipated that the courts will need to be levelled before being resurfaced and we have yet to get a quote for this work.

A wide range of maintenance issues arise out of nowhere from plumbing to electrics and furniture to gardening. We are grateful for the efforts of Colin Reeves who keeps on top of the majority of our issues and to John Woodham and Geoff West for repairing our new club house chairs on a regular basis.

Social events have again been thin on the ground this year. Our Christmas party was a bit of a let-down but we have already booked a new venue that comes highly recommended by club members and so we are looking forward to a better experience this year.

By the time of the AGM we will have had our Quiz Evening and 10 Pin Bowling Evening. If anyone would like to organise an event or evening out then get in touch with the committee and we will provide as much support as we can.

There are always opportunities for people with a bit of spare time to contribute to the club whether it is organising the kitchen for tournaments, keeping the weeds at bay or wielding a paint brush on the fence.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee, coaches and helpers for all their efforts during the last 12 months which I believe has created a happy and safe environment for people of all ages to play tennis and enjoy the company of fellow players.

I hope to see you all at the AGM and on court during the coming season. Best wishes

David Bull

Chairman Southbourne Tennis Club



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b) Treasurer

TREASURERS REPORT for AGM

Accounts for the 12 Months to 31/12/22

Income and Expenditure

The comparatives for 31/12/21 were for 9 months as we changed the Year End date last year.

The Accounts for the year show a net surplus of £10,819 compared to a deficit of £4,820 for the previous period. This is mainly due to high repairs and maintenance costs last period due to the tarmacking of the car park.

Balance Sheet

Fixed assets have increased by £39k reflecting the cost of resurfacing courts 1-3 (£47k) less depreciation in the year.

The reduction in current assets reflects the reduced deposit account with the net cost of the courts resurfacing being taken from the Sinking Fund which is £16.7k at the end of the year.

Budget for 2023

The budgeted net income for 2023 is £24.3k. No significant outgoings are planned for 2023 so the sinking fund at the end of the year is expected to be £32.7k

This balance needs to be increased to allow for resurfacing of the remaining courts.



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c) Head Coach

Head Coach Report 2023

Since April last year we have seen a reasonable number of players in tennis and particularly players on the coaching programme. We appreciate all the support from the club and the regular tennis players who are still keeping up with their lessons.

This year we have tried to continue to sustain most of our Disability Tennis Programme and Community Tennis Programme. This has continued to give the opportunity to people who may not been able to access the sport. Southbourne Tennis Club is still a leader in disability tennis in the county and the country. We ran our first Learning Disability tournament for the first time in 2 years.

We have been part of the LTA Tennis Start programme giving around 30 new children a chance to play tennis for the first time and 12 new adults.

A big thanks to Zoltan Horvath, Matt Sanger, Ray Burningham, Liana Hodgson, Taylor Bate, Sarah Males, Matt Brown and the other volunteers who all help with the coaching, running tournaments and the disability programme at the club. More volunteers are always welcome.

This report details more news from the rest of the year.

Junior Club Sessions

Saturday Morning 10-11am & Monday Night 6-7pm

Aims of session:

To keep children active for 1 hour. Improve knowledge and skills of tennis.

Objectives:

The sessions are run offering fun competition and fun games making the sessions fun and challenging. There has been a high of about 25 children turning up on Monday evenings. Ultimately juniors will be able to progress from the Improvers group to the Intermediate group, from the Intermediates into Junior Teams, from Junior Teams into Senior Club Sessions (with approval from Coaches and Committee), from Senior Club session to play in Senior Matches for the club.

Adult Groups

These groups are based around standard. These are open to all members to help improve their tennis skills and knowledge.

There are currently around 55 adults taking part in these groups ranging from beginners, improver to advanced and from 18 - 90. Also, cardio tennis has around 12 adults taking part.



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Aims:

Improve standard of adults, improvement of knowledge of performance factors which involves technique, tactics, mental and physical parts of tennis.

To improve competition in the club. Improves standard of tennis being played and will lead to more players involved in the club and coaching programme.

Objectives:

Help players improve technique, tactics, mental and physical parts of tennis.

Progress players into club sessions, into teams and into club tournament.

There has been a steady increase of adults playing more regularly and enjoying their tennis.

[Junior Squads](#)

These groups are based around standard and age. These are open to all junior members to help improve their tennis skills and knowledge. Each group will on average have no more than 8 children per coach.

There are currently around 40 children taking part in these squads ranging from junior improver to junior performance.

Aims:

Improve standard of children aiming at Club to County standard if not higher.

To improve general competition in club. Improves standard of tennis being played and will lead to more performance players involved in the club coaching programme.

Objectives:

Improvement of knowledge of performance factors which involves technique, tactics, mental and physical parts of tennis. Players progress into junior teams and ultimately into Senior Club play and teams.

[U10 Youth Tennis Programme](#)

Starting with numbers; Youth **Tennis Term Club Membership for all Under 10s is included in coaching course fee** & total numbers for the year for Mini Tennis Members was 120.

We have been hard at work increasing the number of children under 10 participating in Club coaching sessions and in Mini tennis events. This has also aided in strengthening our links with St Katherine's School, St Peter's Primary School. We have over 30 players in our schools programme. We also ran the Dorset school games last year with 80 children taking part from local primary schools.

[Competition Programme](#)

We run a comprehensive competition programme as part of the LTA schedule and the club's programme for children. Adult Box leagues have been popular using the Scala App system.



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Also friendly matches have been arranged for ages 6-14 years old against other clubs.

Disability Tennis Programme

The disability work is going well. We have run 2 Disability/inclusive training session for coaches, one in July 22 and one recently on 7th March helping upskill the coaches at Southbourne. We also run taster sessions for Dorset Community foundation for children with Autism and with Poole Hospital Physios for children with a physical impairment. Over 20 children attended.

Numbers

Starting with numbers; Total number playing over a month is now 136 - 47 adults / 89 children.

This breaks down to;

Impairment specific groups;

12 adult / 15 children physical/wheelchair players, (5 walking tennis, 6 Adult wheelchair players, 1 Junior wheelchair player, 16 wheelchair players from Victoria Centre. 12 Childrens charity, 1 Child with CP)

20 Adult / 55 children Learning disability players, (2 adult learning disability mainstream, 18 people for our P&P LD session, and 28 from Linwood Schools and 8 with SCARF children's group. DS Active Children's Session added with 8 attending, 15 players with DCF Autism, 4 children Learning disabilities)

11 Adult Mental disabilities, (Boscombe Day centre 4 players, Moordown Day Centre 4 players, 3 adult mental disability/dementia)

3 children visually impaired players.

2 Adult / 2 children deaf players

Girls Tennis Programme

We have a girl only sessions on a Friday at 5pm for girls ages 10 and over, we have a regular number of between 10 – 16 girls attending.

Funding support for Disability and Community funds

- ▣ Bright Ideas for tennis £1500 towards our wheelchair and diverse abilities programme
- ▣ Local giving £500
- ▣ Fundraising £250

David Sanger
Head Tennis Coach



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d) Vice Chairperson

Unfortunately, there is no Vice Chair, and therefore no report.



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e) Membership Secretary

Membership Secretary's AGM Report April 2023

1 Overall membership numbers have stood up well since Covid/lockdowns finished.

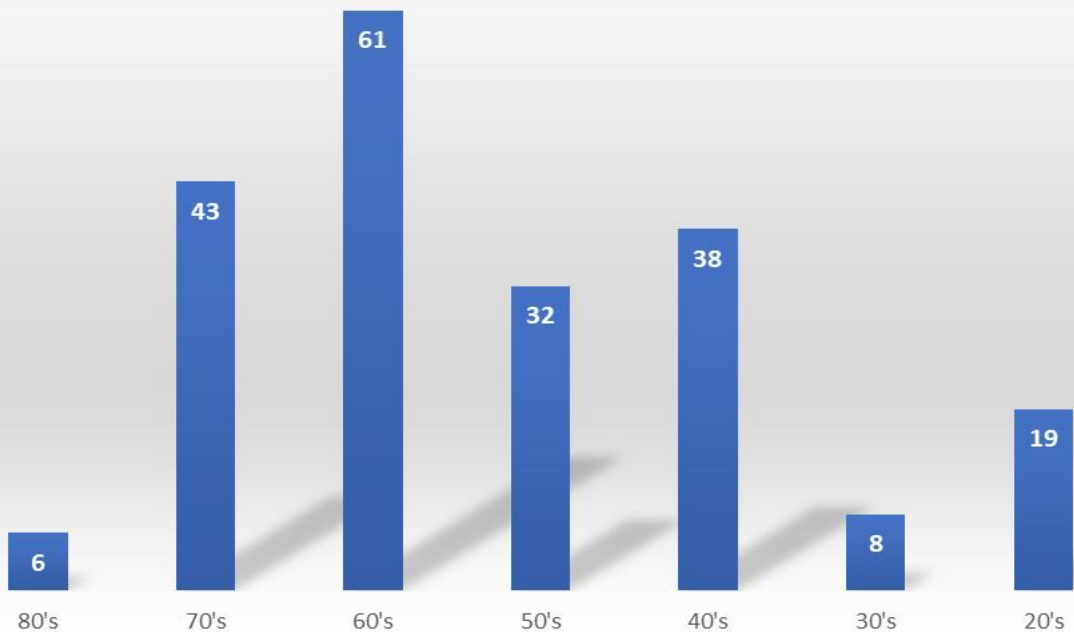
2 Members continue to be our greatest marketing tool. They 'sell' the club without realising it!

3 The 'younger' age groups have improved representation.

4 The April Special Offer is again having a positive impact on membership numbers.

5 The winter months have been surprisingly busy, with 4/5 members or more every month (except December!).

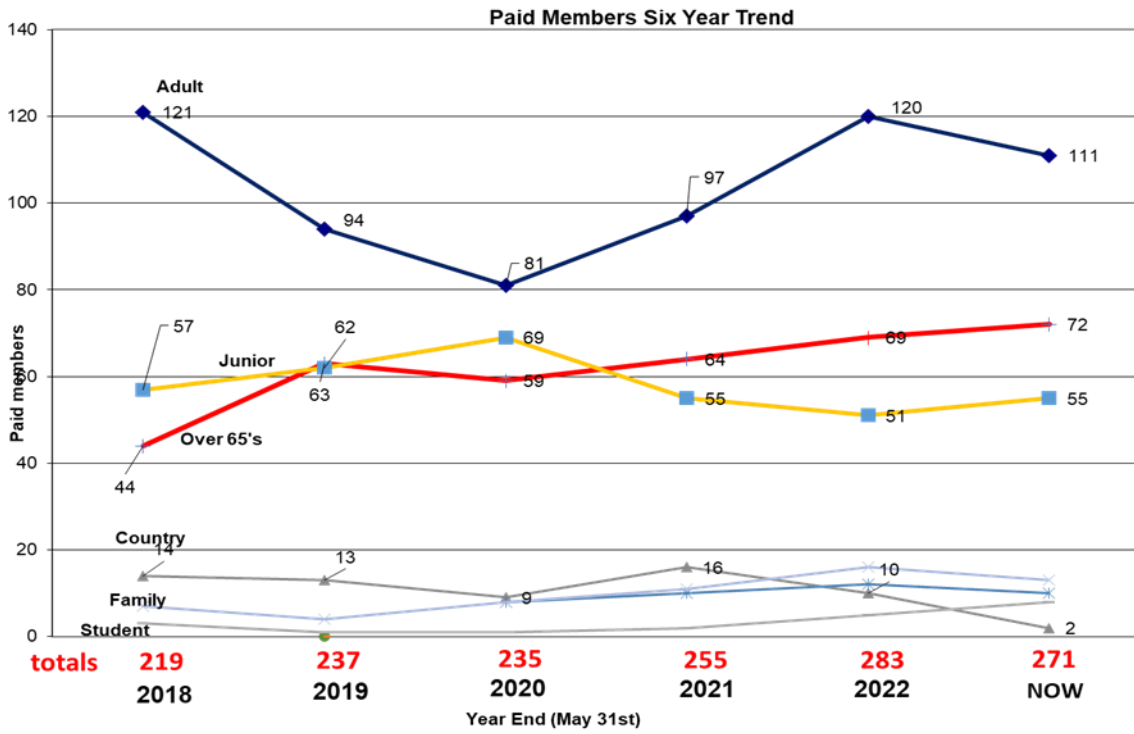
April 23 - member numbers by age





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f) Match Secretary

Match Secretary Report – AGM 2023

Match Report

Results from last 2 seasons

TEAM	SUMMER 2022	WINTER 2022-23
Men's 1 (Pat Browne/Lloyd Harkcom)	Promoted to Div 1	Relegated to Div 2
Men's 2 (Owain Gosling)	3 rd in Div 3	6 th in Div 3
Mens Over 45s (Pat Browne)	4 th in Div 1	4 th in Div 1
Ladies 1 (Cleo Reid)	5 th in Div 1	Winner Div 1
Ladies 2 (Carol Young)	4 th in Div 1	4 th in Div 1
Ladies 3 (Lena Chavez/Karen Goodlet)	6 th in Div 2	4 th in Div 2
Ladies Over 60s	2 nd (1 division)	5 th (1 division)
Mixed 1 (Kirsty Holmes)	4 th in Div 1	2 nd in Div 1
Mixed 2 (Lloyd Harkcom/Lena Chavez)	Relegated from Div 1	Promoted to Div 2
Mixed 3 (Dan Light)	Promoted to Div 5	Promoted to Div 5



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g) Safeguarding

SAFEGUARDING REPORT AGM 2023

In June 2022 our Club had an LTA inspection with regards to Safeguarding & Welfare at our club, looking into whether we were upholding the standards set by the LTA. This was an in depth survey of Safeguarding provision, and there were a large number of "boxes to be ticked". These standards are set so that tennis at our club is a safe and welcoming sport for everyone.

Along with a large number of forms to be completed and sent to the LTA we were also visited by the Regional Safeguarding Officer who then informed us that we had met all the required safeguarding standards. We have also taken on board certain suggestions to make Safeguarding within the Club more apparent.



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h) Social Secretary

Social Secretary Report – AGM 2023

Unfortunately, there is no Social Secretary and therefore no report.