

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### 2019 -2020 SEASON

The past 2019/2020 season has been both interesting and challenging. It has seen the Club undertake the following:

1. A make over of the first and second story of the Club House;
2. Updated and improve its Website to improve the user experience and to facilitate communications with members;
3. Installed new LED lights across the 5 courts in order to improve tennis when the light fades; and
4. Painted the fences around the Club and key structure supports for the Club House.

We have also had to close the Club for a period of time, due to the Level 4 Covid lock down.

### OUR CLUB SPIRIT

The Club remains in very good heart and is a happy and friendly place to play tennis and socialise. This is largely due to efforts of the Management Committee – (each of which has their own area of activity to focus on), the Head Coach (and his coaching team) and other volunteers who positively contribute to Club activities through out the season.

The Club is also in a good financial position after undertaking a number of expensive capital projects.

As a result we are able to hold the membership fees for the 2020/2021 year at the same level as the **past 3 seasons**. This makes us one of the best value Clubs in the area.

This year we had our Peter and Jean Thomson (both life members and members since 1950 and 1944) very kindly donate Peter's original Gladstone Tennis Club blazer to the Club. This has been framed and we are delighted to be able to display it for all to see. A big thanks to Peter and Jean.

I also want to thank Amber Edgar, a Club member and design consultant, who graciously advised the Club and worked tirelessly over several months to deliver a much needed upgrade to the Clubrooms. Many thanks Amber.

## **OUR VISION**

Last year, the Committee set out its "5 year Vision" for Club into a short document, sent out to all members for their interest. We have updated this Vision and this is available for members to read on the Website.

## **OUR HEAD COACH**

With Martin Colenbrander, we are very fortunate to have one of Auckland's premier professional tennis coaches at our Club, attracting junior, intermediate and senior players to the Club and providing a range of individual and group coaching sessions.

Martin also works behind the scenes on Club activities and has a genuine passion for the Club. His efforts in attracting and retaining sponsorship are fantastic. A big thanks to Martin.

Martin also did a great job in organising the Club's premier fundraising event – "Wimbledon White" in 2019 which was a huge success. Wimbledon White 2020 promises to be another great night.

I will call on shortly call on Martin to give his Coach's Report.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

We are also very fortunate to have the support and assistance of a very dedicated, supportive and enthusiastic Management Committee. Thank you to all of the Committee members for your great ideas and hard work during the year – it is very much appreciated.

In particular, the Committee members deserve special thanks as follows:

- **Andy Doole** for his role as R&M co-ordinator and for his outstanding work in attracting and retaining key sponsors.
- **Juliet Reynolds** for her huge efforts in applying for charitable grants to assist with capital projects during the year.
- **Celia Ryan** for her fantastic efforts managing the hiring of the Club to third parties.
- **Jeremy Skinner** as our new Treasurer which is a key role.
- **Blair Peterken** who heads up our membership subcommittee and is driving new ideas to attract members.
- **Alexander Babukhin** for his consistent support of the Club both as a committee member and a sponsor for the past 8 years.

I will call on shortly call on Jeremy to give his Treasurer's Report.

## OUR SPONSORS

I would like to extend my huge thanks to all our new and continuing sponsors, and other benefactors, for their continued support for our Club. Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated and I encourage all members to show their appreciation to our family of sponsors.

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

The strength of our Club remains its members. They bring such a variety of skills, continually put forward new ideas and commit their time and energy.

While our overall numbers are down, our number of playing members has never been higher – which is great to see.

The Committee's continuing aim is to grow our membership. We have employed a number of new strategies this year to attract new members and we have seen a number of new family memberships in the last 12 months – which is very pleasing.

Our Head Coach continues to be a great facilitator for visitors to join the Club.

## **CLUB FINANCES**

The Finance's Report provides greater detail of our Club's financial position, which is healthy when compared to other comparable Clubs in the Auckland regional area. My thanks to Jeremy Skinner for taking on the Treasurer role for the Club

A snap shot is:

1. Bank account at end of FY 2019/2020 is \$6,000.
2. No Debt.
3. Healthy family of loyal sponsors.
4. Expenses under control.
5. Capital projects undertaken and more still in the pipeline.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Communication between the Club, its members and other organisations is vital. The website and Facebook pages that have been set up and kept up to date are invaluable tools.

The Club has a good level of communication and a number of fun social activities.

Our new Website enhances our ability to update members on the Club's activities and upcoming events.

## **OVERVIEW**

The Club exists in world where our members cannot travel overseas, summer weather is approaching (hopefully), we have (through our head coach) a strong coaching offering, and we have a real focus on attracting new members to the Club.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee, Head Coach, Club Members and our generous sponsors, for their support in making our Club experience a continuing success, and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2020 /2021 season.

Geoff Hosking

President

1 July 2020