



2019/ 2020 Manager's Report – Wayne Peterson

The past 12 months has been one of challenges, triumphs & unpredictability as we try to adjust to operating and surviving in a COVID-19 dominated environment.

Of immediate concern to us is the social and economic impact of the coronavirus. The 2019/20 annual accounts reflects significant reductions in revenue due to loss of bar, squash subscriptions & tournament fees.

Finance

A net operating surplus of \$4068.82 was achieved in 2019/20 financial year, a very good result considering the impact of COVID-19 and Lockdown Level 4 & limited Level 3 club access which meant our facility was unusable and therefore unable to generate revenue during the period of the lockdown.

We received \$11229.00 of COVID-19 Wage Subsidy & \$1000 Sport NZ Resilience Funding to assist us with covering our wage & operation bills during the lockdown period.

Premises Hire remains an important source of income for the club, thank our membership for being so understanding & flexible when we are hosting visiting crews at the club.

Facilities

All of the clubs squash court lights were replaced with LED lights, installed by Josh Hynds from My Electrical.

Team leader Tim Pevreal; Mike Young, Murray Browne, Pete Hobman, Jim Farrelly & Darcy Stannard helped Josh with the lighting installation, as well as doing ceiling patches, general lights replaced around the club, new blue court lines put up, and a general sweep dust and tidy.

A big thank you to Ian Tutbury from ITC Contracting for the use of their scaffold system.

For our tennis members the major focus has been fundraising for the 4 x replacement astro tennis courts. Our members have put in a massive effort to raise money through donations, movie night & sausage sizzle fundraisers, quiz & casino nights.

The TAB have granted the club \$20k towards the tennis court resurfacing project & this has given the Management & Tennis Committees the green light to proceed with the installation of Tigerturf Elite turf for courts 3 & 4 in January 2021.

Tournaments & Club Social Events

Covid had an impact on the latter half our club tournament calendar, but with a bit of juggling around we successfully held & hosted all of our major tournament events.

These included:

Cambridge Racquets Festival Squash Tournament, Waikato Masters Squash Tournament, Waipa Open Squash Tournament, Women and Wine 900 series Squash Tournament, CRC Xmas Tennis Tournament, New Years Tennis gathering and both Tennis & Squash Club Champs.

Congratulations to our 2020 Club Champions, it was a fantastic effort by our Squash & Tennis Committee's to successfully run these events this year!

Our clubs social programmes continue to attract & engage club members & community interest, these programmes are an essential tool for growing the club membership.



A big thank you to our squash committee for reigniting the Business House & Thursday Club Night programmes, these are great feeder programmes for generating interest in new club membership. Special mention goes to Kerryn McLellan & her team of helpers for starting the Monday evening Women & Wine Squash Nights & for organising the Series 900 Women's Squash Tournament. These programmes are really creating a buzz around town & helping to generate real interest in ladies squash.

Club Committees

Both codes & committees (Squash & Tennis) have had a busy 12 month period.

Tennis participation continues to grow throughout the club. Both junior & senior numbers are strong across the board & the tennis committee have been proactive with implementing new social programmes, as well as continuing to develop existing leagues that are again popular with club members & non club members.

New Tennis Chair, Richard Hill is particularly interested in growing & fostering our Junior Tennis Programme & has taken it upon himself to successfully run our Junior Tennis Club Night on Friday evenings.

As mentioned above, our Squash Committee have actively promoted new social club events which are helping to foster our club "vibe" & introduce new members to our club.

Squash Chair Mike Young has some exciting new squash activities that he & his committee are keen to implement next year, and they'd love your input of fresh ideas & energy into the club & committee.

Thank you to our standing & exiting committee members for all of your energy & time that you have put into this challenging year, it has been an absolute pleasure to work with our committee members.

Special thanks to Club President Linda Webster for overseeing a number of major club capital projects. Linda has enormous amounts of energy and enthusiasm for the club, and this is infectious when you are around her!

Collectively our committees have all of "Club IP" and knowledge on how to successfully run and operate our club, we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team!

Conclusion

Cambridge Racquets Club remains strong, vibrant and successful. Your Management Committee and the two Code Committees continue to work hard to realise our objectives and plan for sustained success into the future.

To this end, we ask all members to continue to support our loyal sponsors, and indeed, help us identify possible new sponsors & members. To all our volunteers who give of their time and expertise so generously throughout the year, Thank you!

We look forward to a bright future.

Wayne Peterson
Club Manager