

## Tennis Chairpersons Report 2019

Welcome & thank you to everyone here tonight for attending the AGM for the Cambridge Racquets Club.

It has been another great year at the Club, with lots of activities continuing to be well supported.

A great new look to the Club has been the new Glass Balustrade. Very kindly organised and donated by Evan Tollestrop and Unex Systems. It looks fantastic, making an old building look way more attractive. It is also, so much more enjoyable for those sitting on the deck, to view the activity on the tennis courts below.

Our weekly tennis events continue to be very well supported, in both Summer & Winter. I have looked around at a few other Clubs to see what they offer & Cambridge by far would have to be the most active. I think we are a very welcoming Club and Wayne is a great first representative for our Club. He is enthusiastic, welcoming and friendly to all. We are lucky to have him & dodged a bullet earlier in the year when it looked like he may leave us.

The Club offers tennis most nights of the week with Monday nights for anyone wanting to have a hit. Tuesday evenings offers a Men's league, Wednesday is a Mixed Doubles league & Thursdays for the Ladies league. There is also a Wednesday morning also open to anyone who wants to have a hit. All of them are popular.

Club Champs were another success this year, with great attendance across all divisions.

Ladies Div 1 Singles Champ Mandi Portegys  
Ladies Div 1 Doubles Rosie Smith & Anna MaGahan  
Mens Div 1 Singles Champ Jack Portegys  
Mens Div 1 Doubles Mike Elliott & Chris Jacobson  
Mixed Doubles Div 1 Jack Portegys & Mandi Portegys  
Junior Girls Singles Champ Annabel Chapman  
Junior Boys Singles Champ Liam Frederiks

Current tennis membership stands at 226, slightly down from last year.

Fundraising, to replace Astroturf Courts is still proving to be challenging. We have tried many activities such as Movie Nights, Quiz Night, Raffles, donations etc & we collectively still fall short of being able to replace the 4 Astroturf Courts. If anyone knows of a fail-safe idea for fundraising please let us know. With the activities that we have done, it takes a lot of time & energy from the Committee members to organise. Unfortunately time & energy spent doesn't seem to equate to dollars in the bank. On that note, Grant Cowie has been reinstated to apply for Grants' on our behalf.

Having said that, the outstanding Fundraising event for the year was the Quiz night organised by the Committee, with some excellent prizes gathered by Andrea Groves.

Sheryl Carpenter organised a Float, representing CRC this year in the Cambridge Christmas Parade, which was a great success. Fun was had by all involved and some of the children and parents got to ride on the float. Feedback from people in the crowd said it looked fantastic.

All in all the Club runs smoothly with Linda & Wayne putting in a lot of time & effort to ensure that this happens.

Thank you