

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OLD BOYS' LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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Hon. Treasurer:	Hon. Secretary:	Hon. Match Secretary:
B. Rusling (Malvern)	A.J.K. Tatum (KCS Wimbledon)	J.R. Cooper (Colston's)

ANNUAL REPORT 2002

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report for the year ended 30 November 2002.

2002 AGM & Annual Dinner

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at The Queen's Club on 24th April 2002. Messrs Jackson, Tatum & Rusling were re-elected as President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer respectively. The position of Hon. Auditor became vacant following the retirement of Mr. Howorth, & authority was granted to the President & Chairman to appoint a successor for 2002. The Committee would like to place on record its sincere thanks to Mr. Howorth for the significant contribution he has made to the running of the Association over more than 25 years.

Messrs Brown, Cooper, Cummings, Pool, Seddon & Weatherill were all re-elected to the Committee. Mr. Spink was elected to the Committee for the first time, replacing Mr. Macintosh. At the meeting of the Committee which immediately followed the AGM, Mr Boden was elected as the new Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee's Report and Accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 November 2001 were presented at the AGM and unanimously adopted.

The AGM was followed by the annual dinner which was also held at The Queen's Club. As usual the dinner was a highly enjoyable occasion. Members and guests were entertained by an excellent speech (& an especially written "Pubs" song!) from fellow member, Mr. Robert Dolman, Chairman of the Jesters Club and Senior Partner at Wedlake Bell Solicitors.

Match Results

The 2002 Season got off to a winning start with a narrow victory over the Fitzwilliam Club to regain the Courtney Salver, where the Pubs team, led by Conor Boden, translated their seemingly unassailable 4½ – ½ overnight lead, into a nail-biting 5-4 victory, (this year the Pubs team will be in Dublin on 29th & 30th March in their bid to retain the salver. Make sure to catch them "fresh" from the experience at the Annual Dinner on 1st April!).

Including the Fitzwilliam victory, the Association notched up 12 wins in total, including ones against Bristol University, Ealing LTC, Oxford Penguins & King's College School. Whilst amongst our 3 losses (the lowest number for a good many years) was a narrow, final round 5-4 defeat to the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club.

For the second year, four mid-week matches were played against schools, with victories achieved against UCS, Harrow & Magdalen College School, and a defeat at the hands of Eton. Thanks go again to Nigel Spink for his hard work in organising both fixtures and teams. Anyone keen to be involved in these matches should contact Nigel as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

2003 Fixtures

The 2003 Fixture Card is enclosed with this report. If you would like to play in any of the fixtures listed, please contact the relevant Match Manager either direct, or via our web site – they will be delighted to hear from you !

Note: It is expected that Members who have agreed to represent the Association in a fixture and later find themselves unable to play, will find a suitable replacement for themselves and notify the relevant Match Manager.

D'Abernon Cup

As a result of the amount of walkovers in the 2001 competition and feedback from Team Captains, in 2002 we trialled a new round robin format for the first round of the D'Abernon Cup, grouping teams into two pools with all matches in each pool held at an indoor venue on a set day. The pool winners and runners-up then joined the previous year's competing semi-finalists in the quarter-final draw. In the semi-finals, KCS beat Lancing Old Boys, and the Old Paulines received a walkover against the Old Carthusians. The final was then played at the All England Club on courts 3,4 & 5 in glorious sunshine and was not only an exact rematch of the 2001 final, but also finished with the same score, the Old Paulines beating the KCS Old Boys 5-4.

Following feedback from team captains we will be continuing with this format for the 2003 competition.

Last year's Team Captains should have recently received entry forms for the 2003 competition in the post. If any other schools would like to enter, please contact Brian Rusling as soon as possible (contact details are on the reverse of the Fixture List enclosed with this report).

New Members

The following were elected members of the Association during the year:

Mr. Jonathan Basell	RGS, Worcester	Life
Mr. Edward Cooper	Bristol Grammer School	Life
Mr. Brian Levine	Haberdashers' Aske's	Life
Mr. David Brazier	Lancing	Annual
Mr. Sean Brazier	Charterhouse	Annual
Mr. Martin Raybould	Denstone College	Annual

As ever members are encouraged to be as active as possible in seeking new recruits for the Association. Application forms are available from the Hon. Secretary or via the website.

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Why not visit the Pubs Online? Our internet site is now in its 4th year & includes:

- Fixture Lists
- Facility to Register to play in Matches
- Latest Results & Match reports
- Aims of the Association
- D'Abernon Cup Draw & Results
- Membership Application Forms

Association Merchandise

The following Association merchandise is now available from the Hon. Secretary or via the website:

- Association Ties (Silk)..... @ £15
- White Tennis Shirt with Coloured Collar..... @ £20
- White Tennis Shirt with White Collar..... @ £15

Nominations

The following nominations have been received for the offices of President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Auditor:

President:	Mr. P. Jackson	Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. B. Rusling
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. A.J.K. Tatum	Hon. Auditor:	Mrs. Barbara Gabriel*

(* Mrs Barbara Gabriel is currently the Hon. Auditor of the Independent Schools Lawn Tennis Association)

The following members of the Committee retire by rotation in accordance with Rule 8 and being eligible offer themselves for re-election: Messrs C.P. Boden, R. Cake, S. Gent, C.M. King & N. Spink.

Mr. M.E. Barrett retired from the Committee during the year, & Mr. C.P. Billington has been nominated for election to take his place. The Committee would like to place on record its thanks to Mr. Barrett for all his efforts as Fixtures Secretary & as a member of the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (1st April 2002): AGENDA

1. To approve the Minutes of the AGM on the 24th April 2002 & consider any matters arising.
2. To receive the report of the Committee and Accounts for the year ended 30th November 2002.
3. To elect the Officers, Committee and Auditor for the year 2003.
4. To approve the following changes to the Association's Rules:
 - Rule 13: Amend the rate of Annual Subscription from £7 to £10 per annum (effective 1st January 2004)
 - Rule 13: Amend:
 - *"Any Member having paid the Annual Subscription for a consecutive period of ten years, or ten years in all, at the discretion of the Committee, shall be entitled to Life Membership on payment of £10.00"*

to read:

 - *"Annual Members may convert their membership to Life Membership with the approval of the Committee, after payment of an amount set at the discretion of the Committee"* (effective immediately).
5. Any other business