

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OLD BOYS' LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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Hon. Treasurer:
B. Rusling (Malvern)

Hon. Secretary:
A.J.K. Tatum (KCS Wimbledon)

Hon. Match Secretary:
M.E. Barrett (KCS Wimbledon)

ANNUAL REPORT 1999

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report for the year ended 30 November 1999.

1999 AGM and 70th Anniversary Dinner

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at The Queen's Club on 20 April 1999. Messrs Jackson, Rusling and Howorth were re-elected as President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Auditor respectively and Mr Tatum was elected as Hon. Secretary. Messrs Barrett, Boden, Cake, Gent, King and Macintosh were all re-elected to the Committee. At the meeting of the Committee which immediately followed the AGM, Mr Weatherill was elected Chairman for the sixth year.

The Committee's Report and Accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 November 1998 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. The dinner, which was the best attended since our Golden Jubilee Dinner in 1979, was a highly enjoyable occasion. Some 68 members and their guests were entertained by an excellent speech from fellow member, Mr John Curry CBE, the Chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club.

70th Anniversary Celebrations

The Association reached its 70th Anniversary during 1999. In June, over fifty members and guests gathered for an extremely enjoyable and sociable Cocktail Party at The Farmers' Club to celebrate the milestone.

The Association in the 21st Century

The Association has, over the last few years, grown in strength and continues to increase its membership. However, it is important not to be complacent, and as we enter the 21st Century, your Committee has been considering the future direction of the Association. One of the topics of debate, and one that has been raised at previous AGMs, has been whether membership of the Association should remain open only to Old Boys of Public Schools or whether it should be opened up to admit Old Girls as well. The majority of Public Schools either already are, or are moving towards, being co-educational, and this trend is accelerating. The Committee will, following consultation, make a recommendation to the 2001 AGM.

The Committee is extremely keen to hear Members' views on this subject. Accordingly, if you would like to express your views, you are encouraged to write to, or email, the Hon. Secretary.

Match Results

Hon. Match Secretary for 1999, Ashley Tatum writes:

“1999 proved to be a successful season for the Association, in which 11 matches out of 18 were won. The start to the season saw the Courtney Salver regained with a well-fought 7-2 victory over the Fitzwilliam Club in Dublin. The Association then narrowly lost the Avory Shield on the last rubber of an extremely competitive match against the Public Schools LTA side. The rest of the season included victories over The Queen’s Club, Sheen LTC, Cambridge Grasshoppers, and the Lensbury Club.

“The 1999 members’ round-robin tournament was played in brilliant September sunshine on the grass courts at the Civil Service Sports Ground in Chiswick. Thanks to Peter Norman for a sterling job as Referee and congratulations to joint winners Jonathan Cooper and Harry Kinahan.

“The Association has started the new millennium with a narrow 5-4 loss to Fitzwilliam, the match coming down to the final rubber in which the visitors edged home by a score of 6-7,7-6,7-5.

2000 Fixtures

The 2000 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 direct – they will be delighted to hear from you !

As you will see from the fixtures card, this year’s members’ round-robin tournament will take place on Saturday, 9th September 2000 on the grass, weather permitting, at the Civil Service Sports Ground in Chiswick. Any members who are interested in playing and would like to be contacted later in the year with details should return the enclosed tear-off slip to Ashley Tatum, by post or at the annual dinner.

D’Abernon Cup

Chester King, D’Abernon Cup organiser, writes:

“The 1999 D’Abernon Cup was a huge success with an entry of 22 teams. In the first few rounds there were some very close matches indeed, with some surprising results. The semi-finalists were the Old Carthusians (last year’s winners) who lost to the Lancing Old Boys and the Old Reptonians who beat the Old Paulines.

“The final was blessed with blue sky and superb grass courts kindly provided by the All England Club. The final produced some excellent tennis unfortunately for the Lancing Old Boys, the Old Reptonians were just too strong and the match was won after two rounds.”

Pubs on the Web

As we go to press, the Association is putting the finishing touches to its site on the World Wide Web. The site will include pages on the Association’s Aims, Fixtures, latest Results and the D’Abernon Cup. It will also have the facility for members to register for matches they wish to play in, and for people to request membership application forms. The site can be found at www.PSOBLTA.com , from the 1st March 2000.

Ties

PSOBLTA 100% Silk Ties are available from the Hon. Secretary at the continued low price of £15 each.

New Members

The following were elected Life Members of the Association last year:

Mr. Richard Barker	(King Edward's, Birmingham)
Mr. William Barker	(King Edward's, Birmingham)
Mr. Charles Billington	(Bradfield)
Mr. Benjamin Cramp	(Repton)
Mr. Andrew Hill	(Sevenoaks)
Mr. Francis Hughes	(St. George's)
Mr. Timothy Markall	(Bristol Grammar School)
Mr. Mark Siviter	(Bromsgrove)
Mr. Paul Siviter	(Bromsgrove)
Mr. James Yuill	(Wellingborough)

As ever, members are encouraged to be as active as possible in seeking new recruits for the Association. Updated application forms are available from the Hon. Secretary by post and will also be available at the AGM and annual dinner.

Membership List Management

As a result of last year's membership questionnaire, we have identified a number of members for whom the contact details we have on file are no longer valid. A list of these members is enclosed with this mailing. If any member has information regarding any of the names on the list we would be extremely grateful if they could contact the Hon. Secretary.

Nominations

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

President:	Mr. P. Jackson
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. A.J.K. Tatum
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr. B. Rusling
Hon. Auditor:	Mr. D.P. Howorth

The following members of the Committee retire by rotation in accordance with Rule 8 and being eligible offer themselves for re-election:

Messrs G.B. Brown, J.R. Cooper, N. Cummings, J.H.R. Pool, J.B.M. Seddon and H.B. Weatherill

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (4th APRIL 2000): AGENDA

1. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 20 April 1999 and consider any matters arising.
2. To receive the Report of the Committee and Accounts for the year ended 30 November 1999.
3. To elect the Officers, Committee and Auditor for the year 2000.
4. The following resolutions have been proposed to update the Rules of the Association:

Rule 7 (a) GENERAL MEETINGS

Amend “An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such place and hour and on such day in the month of February as the Committee may appoint.”

To read “An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at such place and hour and on such day in the months of March or April as the Committee may appoint.”

Amend “Particulars of resolutions to be brought forward at the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary on or before the 1st day of December of the previous year.”

To read “Particulars of resolutions to be brought forward at the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary on or before the 1st day of February of the same year.”

Rule 10 NOMINATIONS

Amend “Candidates for the offices of President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Members of the Committee may be nominated by a member of the Association, and every such nomination shall be sent so as to reach the Hon. Secretary on or before the 1st day of December in each year.”

To read “Candidates for the offices of President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Members of the Committee may be nominated by a member of the Association, and every such nomination shall be sent so as to reach the Hon. Secretary on or before the 1st day of February in each year.”

Rule 19 ALTERATION OF RULES

Amend “No alteration of these Rules or of the rates of subscription shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting by a resolution carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting at the meeting.

To read “No alteration of these Rules or of the rates of subscription shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting by a resolution carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and voting at the meeting.

(Note: At no point in the Rules is a Special General Meeting defined. The Committee believe this should read Extraordinary General Meeting.)

Rule 19 ALTERATION OF RULES

Amend “Any alteration so made shall take effect as from the 1st day of March following, unless the meeting shall by the like majority otherwise decide.”

To read “Any alteration so made shall take effect immediately, unless the meeting shall by the like majority otherwise decide.”

5. Any other business.

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The following Members are those for which the Association has no valid current contact details. If any Member has any information regarding any of the names on the list we should be most grateful if they could contact the Hon. Secretary by telephone on 0181 408 1726, or via email at AshleyTatum@hotmail.com.

Name	School	Name	School
D K Athill	Emanuel	T C Jenner	Mill Hill
M G Balme	Marlborough	A D Lawton	Whitgift
G K Bantoft	Lancing	Major K W Leaver	Adenham
G E Bean	St. Paul's	R G H Leworthy	Bradfield
R F E Bingley	Marlborough	J C E Lightfoot	Charterhouse
R Booth	Rugby	T A Maclagen	Charterhouse
H H Boulter	Chillon	R Maclaren	Oundle
J C Boulter	Chillon	A C Macrae	Eastbourne,1981
G Bridges	Bradfield	Prince H H de Mahe	Centurion
N W Browne	Dulwich	A J Martin	Monkton Combe
A C Butler	Eton	P H Meadows	King's Rochester
A R L Butler	RNC Dartmouth	Sir W Michelmore	Sherborne
J E Marks CBE	Eton	D G C Mockridge	N/A
Count Chapski	Eton	S C Mount	Bradfield
W D Charlton	Dover	J R Murray	St Paul's
D L Coutts	Winchester	J S Nuthall	Repton
L G Cox	Charterhouse	H J Oldham	City of London
M Cubbitt	N/A	S A Paish	Whitgift
A R Cummings	N/A (Joined 1981)	B P Pembo	St Dunstan's College
S C D'Earth	Dulwich	A M Puckle	Sherborne
R G Davies	Eltham	C Ram	Pangbourne
J H Deeker	Epsom	D Richards	Highgate
G H Denton	Clifton	J C Robinson	N/A
I B Dunlop	Bishops Wordsworth	J Salomon	Rugby
A S Elliot	Cheltenham	EMC du Sautoy	Lancing
K England	1981	M J K Savage	Repton
T G Figgis	Oundle	D K Simons	Felsted
M H Finlinson	Uppingham	I V Stenson	RGS Newcastle
J H Folley	Kings Worcester	S W Stickney	Dulwich
J D Fowler	N/A	J B Stimson	Hurstpierpoint
H M Fung	N/A (Joined 1991)	A Tennant	Eton
L L Glover	KCS	M F Turner-Cooke	St. Paul's
I S Graham	KCS	K H Tuson	Haileybury
R J Harding	Tonbridge	J B Visser	N/A
A D Healey	Haileybury	J M Waddell	Charterhouse
W B Henderson	Eton	J S Way	St. John's Leatherhead
F E Hill	Wellington	R W Webb	Taunton
The Earl of Hopetown	Eton	J F Wheeler	Stowe
E J Hudson	Epsom	P H Widendanger	Dulwich
B J Humphreys	John Lyon Harrow	J Winstanley	N/A (Joined 1981)
R L Ibbotson	Bedford	W H Woolston	King's Canterbury