

# THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OLD BOYS' LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

<b>President:</b>	P. Jackson (Uppingham)	
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<b>Hon. Treasurer:</b>	<b>Hon. Secretary:</b>	<b>Hon. Match Secretary:</b>
B. Rusling (Malvern)	A.J.K. Tatum (KCS Wimbledon)	J.R. Cooper (Colston's)

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report for the year ended 30 November 2005.

### **2005 AGM & Annual Dinner**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at The Queen's Club on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2004. Messrs Jackson, Tatum & Rusling were re-elected as President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer respectively. Mrs B. Gabriel was re-elected as Hon. Auditor.

Messrs Boden, Billington, Cake & King were all re-elected to the Committee, and Messrs Booth & Blackman were elected to the Committee for the first time. At the meeting of the Committee, immediately following the AGM, Mr Boden was elected as the Chairman of the Committee for the fourth year. The Committee's Report and the Accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 November 2004 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 most enjoyable occasion. Members and guests were treated to an entertaining, thought provoking and of course, amusing speech from comedian & writer Tony Hawks, the co-founder of the Tennis for Free campaign.

### **Match Results - Jonathan Cooper (Hon. Fixtures Secretary) writes:**

2005, and the Association has gone from strength to strength. A record of 26 matches completed and I am pleased to report 14 wins, 3 draws and 9 losses. Not only a record number of matches but also a record number of players in the year. Thanks to all those who supported the fixtures.

The first match of the season saw Conor Boden, in his last year as captain, lead the Pubs to a victorious triumph over the Fitzwilliam Club 6.5-2.5; bringing the Courtney Salver back to the UK. Conor also achieved his hitherto elusive ambition of combining a Pub's victory with an Irish rugby victory over England. Whilst the rest of our team would have appreciated a different rugby result, all of our thanks go to Conor for making this fixture so enjoyable in his reign as captain.

Also, in the year, the ISTA boys proved too strong for the old boys as the Independent Schools team regained the Avory Shield with a 4-0 win. We have our sights on these young stars in our recruitment drive – if you can't beat them, recruit them! With the 2006 match taking place before the Annual Dinner, we hope the Pubs team will be able to show-off the silverware to all attendees. Other wins for the Pubs include St George's Hill, KCS, Queens Club and the now re-established annual fixture against the International Club.

Many thanks go to all the match managers for their efforts in arranging teams.

## 2006 Fixtures

The 2006 Fixture Card is enclosed with this report. As always there are fixtures for every standard. If you would like to play in any of the fixtures listed, please contact the relevant Match Manager directly, or via our web site ([www.psoblta.co.uk](http://www.psoblta.co.uk)) – 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 they are unable to play, will find a suitable replacement for themselves and notify the relevant Match Manager.*

## D'Abernon Cup

Once again, the D'Abernon Cup first round grouped teams into two pools, with all matches in each pool held at an indoor venue (St. George's College) on a set day. As pool winners and runners-up, Lancing Old Boys, Old Rugbeains, Old Bradfieldians & Old Carthusians, then joined the previous year's competing semi-finalists in the quarter-final draw. The quarterfinals saw KCS Old Boys, Old Reedonians, Old Carthusians & Old Paulines victorious. In the semi-finals, Old Paulines advanced past Old Reedonians extremely tight match on a count back of games after sets were and KCS Old Boys won through against the Old Carthusians. This meant that the same two teams as in the past four years contested the final at the All England Club. This time KCS Old Boys reversed the result from last year and regained the cup. Our grateful thanks go to both St. George's College and The All England Club for their generous support of the Association through hosting these events.

Quarter Finals	Semi Finals	Final	Winners
Old Paulines (1) Lancing Old Boys	} Old Paulines (4-0)	} Old Paulines (2-2, on games)	} KCS Old Boys (7-2)
Old Rugbeains Old Reedonians (3)	} Old Reedonians (4-0)		
Old Edwardians (4) Old Carthusians	} Old Carthusians (3-1)	} KCS Old Boys (3½ - ½)	
Old Bradfieldians KCS Old Boys (2)	} KCS Old Boys		

Last year's Team Captains will shortly receive entry forms for the 2006 competition. The qualifying round robin days will take place at St. George's College, Weybridge on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April & Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. If any other schools would like to enter, please contact James Booth 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. Ed Fry	Reading Blue Coat School	Annual to Honorary
Mr. Robert Morgan	St. George's College	Life
Mr. Alex Hackett	Radley	Life
Mr. Anthony Heljula	Millfield	Annual

## Recruitment

Possibly the only downside of the Association completing so many fixtures in 2005 was that we were too busy playing tennis to tell potential members about what fun we were having! Hence in 2006 recruitment of new members will be a major aim. We will have a specific focus on getting application forms to as many potential members as possible, ensuring that we utilise key opportunities such as the D'Abernon Cup, matches against schools, ISTA matches and the Youll Cup.

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

**www.PSOBLTA.co.uk**

The Pubs website goes from strength to strength. We registered over 400 “hits” in 2005, with less than a third of them coming from the Hon. Secretary checking he had updated it correctly! Now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year, the website is proving a great resource for volunteering to play in matches, checking results and even getting maps & directions to our fixtures.

The site is updated at the start of every month & 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 (downloadable)

### **Association Merchandise**

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

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

### **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

The following members of the Committee retire by rotation in accordance with Rule 8 and being eligible offer themselves for re-election: Messrs Brown, Cooper, Cummings, Seddon and Weatherill. Mr. Yuill has joined the Committee since the last AGM and being eligible offers himself for election under Rule 9.

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (28<sup>th</sup> March 2006): AGENDA**

1. To approve the Minutes of the AGM on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2005 & consider any matters arising.
2. To receive the report of the Committee and Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005.
3. To elect the Officers, Committee and Auditor for the year 2006.
4. Proposal to amend the Association Rules – Addition of the following clause:

*6(b) FIXED DURATION MEMBERSHIP – The Committee shall have the power in their discretion, to offer a five year membership without payment of Subscription to members of the ISTA Team that play against the AELTC and to members of the Youll Cup winning team each year.*

5. Any other business