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Dear Member,

Once again I am delighted to write to tell you about another great year for the Association.

2010 saw the Association complete 22 fixtures, with a record of 11 wins and 3 draws, with some 45 players representing the Association. A preview of what's in store for this year, and a look back at 2010 in more detail are contained in the enclosed report, as well as details of this year's AGM and Annual Dinner.

This year's Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at The Queen's Club, Barons Court, London W14 on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 6.15pm. The agenda is set out at the end of the Annual Report. As usual, the AGM will be followed by the Annual Dinner which will be held in the President's Room at The Queen's Club (6.45 for 7.30pm; Dress: Lounge Suits).

We are delighted that Mr. John Inverdale, the much respected television & radio sports presenter & journalist, has agreed to be our guest speaker at this year's dinner. Amongst his duties, John presents the BBC's rugby coverage and of course the daily highlights show, *Today at Wimbledon*, during The Championships. We are very much looking forward to hearing about his broadcasting experiences, particularly at SW19.

Members are encouraged to support the Association by attending the dinner and bringing a guest or two. If you would like to attend, please complete the tear off slip below and return it to me as soon as possible (to avoid disappointment) and **no later than Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**. Members will notice that after a number of years of holding price levels constant, regrettably we have had to raise prices this year to compensate for the increased food and staffing costs being passed on to the Association by our hosts. We hope that members will still consider this good value for what has consistently been a most enjoyable evening.

A copy of the 2011 Fixture List is enclosed with this letter. If you would like to play in any of the matches, please take the initiative and contact the relevant Match Manager directly or via the Association website at www.PSOBLTA.co.uk

Members will also notice a letter and a 2011 Boodles Tennis brochure in this mailing from Committee Member, Chester King. We are most grateful to Chester as, in return for this enclosure, he has kindly covered all of the Association's printing and postage costs for this mailing. As this usually represents the Association's major annual expense, your Committee are once again able to divert these funds towards other aspects of the Association's running.

I wish you a happy and successful season in 2011.

Yours faithfully

Ashley Tatum (Hon. Secretary)

**ANNUAL DINNER REPLY FORM**

To: Hon. Secretary PSOBLTA, 87 Richmond Park Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT2 6AF

I would like to attend the Annual Dinner on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April and *will / will not\** be bringing a guest (male) (\*delete as applicable). The cost per person is as follows:

- Members.....£45
  - Member plus Guest.....£80 \*
  - Member plus two Guests.....£115 \*
  - Under 25 years old.....£25
- (\*Guests must be non-members to qualify for the special combined "Member plus Guest" rates)

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque payable to PSOBLTA for: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_



# THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OLD BOYS' LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

<b>President:</b>	P. Jackson CBE (Uppingham)	
<b>Committee:</b>	C.P. Boden (St. George's) Chairman C.P. Billington (Bradfield) A.J. Blackman (Reeds) J. Booth (King Edward's) G.B. Brown (UCS) R. Cake (Millfield)	J.R. Cooper (Colston's) C.M. King (Stowe) P. Siviter (Bromsgrove) J.B.M. Seddon (St. Paul's) H.B. Weatherill (Malvern) J. Yuill (Wellingborough)
<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 2010

The Committee has pleasure in presenting its annual report for the year ended 30 November 2010.

### **2010 AGM & Annual Dinner**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at The Queen's Club on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Messrs Jackson, Tatum & Rusling were re-elected as President, Hon. Secretary & Hon. Treasurer respectively. Mrs B. Gabriel was re-elected as Hon. Auditor.

Messrs Brown, Cooper, Seddon, Siviter, Weatherill & Yuill were all re-elected to the Committee. At the meeting of the Committee, immediately following the AGM, Mr Boden was elected as the Chairman of the Committee for the ninth year. The Committee's Report and the Accounts of the Association for the year ended 30 November 2009 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. We were treated to a highly entertaining speech from our guest speaker, Mr. Will Greenwood MBE, the world cup winning English rugby union international. Will regaled us with tales from his time playing for England, his three British Lions tours and of course that memorable night in Sydney in 2003.

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

2010 was a year of ups and downs for English sport – we watched the spectacular crash of the English football team at the World Cup, the denial of a Grand Slam tennis champion, loss of the F1 drivers' championship and for the Six Nations trophy to go to none other than the French. Uncharacteristically it was our cricket team which we could rely on! The Pubs season was very much the same – after reaching an all-time high of wins/draws in 2009 (19) – the 2010 season concluded with 11 wins, 3 draws and 8 losses. Although not record breaking in terms of results, it was an admirable season nonetheless.

The first match of the season was against our friends at the Fitzwilliam Club which took place at The All England Club. As always, it was a most enjoyable fixture and our Irish counterparts came through victorious in a tight 6-3 match. The Pubs will look for away glory in 2011 to regain the Courtney Salver in time for this year's annual dinner.

As the great philosopher Mike Tyson once said "Time flies, and where does it leave you? Old too soon and smart too late." This was not the case for the 'Old Boys' whose display of energy and experience notched up a 3-1 victory over the Independent Schools Tennis Association in our annual Ivory Shield match to ensure that some silverware remained in the Pubs' trophy cabinet.

In August, we had an incredibly close fixture with The All England Club. With the match tied at 3-3 after two rounds, we thought the nine year wait of recording a win would end. However, the skill and style of the All England team came through victorious with a 5-4 win. As always it was a most enjoyable day and our thanks go to the All England Club for hosting us. Let's hope that 2011 will bring us one step closer still - no-one beats the Pubs ten times in a row!

Other victories in the year included wins against the Civil Service, Felsted, Northampton Wanderers and Edgbaston Priory. We had a highly entertaining match against the International Club, where the IC initially turned up one player short – however, being the club that they are, at a moment's notice, they picked up the phone and had a county player arrive within 30 minutes! This did not deter the Pubs spirit and we came through triumphant, 5-4.

Particular thanks must go to the King family for their continued support of the PSOBLTA and allowing us use of the magnificent Stoke Park Club for matches.

This season we had a hugely impressive 45 players turning out for the Pubs, which is a record number of players for a season. A big thank you to everyone that played with particular thanks to those who made their debuts in 2010: Tim Barkey, Michael Hart, Michael Kalfayan, Paul Reardon, Sancho Simmonds, Philip Siviter and Gary Thomson. The most-capped player again goes to Brad Keenes with 13 appearances.

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

### 2011 Fixtures

The 2011 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 ([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 themselves unable to play, should find a suitable replacement for themselves and notify the relevant Match Manager.*

### D'Abernon Cup

Once again, teams were grouped into two pools for the first round of the D'Abernon Cup, with all matches held at an indoor venue (St. George's College or Stoke Park Club) on a set day. As pool winners and runners-up, Old Paulines, Old Westminster's, Old Radleians & Old Georgians, then joined the previous year's competing semi-finalists in the quarter-final draw.

The quarter-finals saw Old Bromsgrovians, UCS Old Boys, Old Westminster's & KCS Old Boys advance at the expense of Old Radleians, Old Paulines, Old Carthusians & Old Georgians respectively. The closest match at this stage was the UCS Old Boys victory against Old Paulines which was decided on sets won after ending 2-2 in rubbers. In the semi-finals UCS Old Boys defeated Old Bromsgrovians and KCS Old Boys prevailed against Old Westminster's, both matches ending with a score of 4-0.

The final was played in sunshine on the grass courts at The All England Club. The decisive blow was delivered by the UCS 3rd pair, who defeated the KCS 2nd pair in a Champions' tiebreak after coming from a set down in the second round. Going into the final round leading by four matches to two, UCS secured the crucial win required and took the match by a score 5-4. This was the 23rd time that UCSOB had won the competition (out of 76 holdings of the event), but their first victory since 1982. Congratulations to Captain, Geoffrey Brown, and his team for this remarkable achievement.

Our grateful thanks go to Stoke Park Club, 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 Bromsgrovians (1)	} Old Bromsgrovians (w/o)	} UCS Old Boys (4-0)	} UCS Old Boys (5-4)
Old Radleians			
Old Paulines	} UCS Old Boys (2-2 on sets won)	} KCS Old Boys (4-0)	
UCS Old Boys (3)			
Old Carthusians (3)	} Old Westminster's (2.5-1.5)	} KCS Old Boys (4-0)	
Old Westminster's			
Old Georgians	} KCS Old Boys (2-1)		
KCS Old Boys (2)			

The qualifying round robin days for this year's competition will take place on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April (St. George's College, Weybridge) & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April (Stoke Park Club).

## New Members

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

### Life Membership:

Mr. Pete Griffiths	Bradfield	Mr. Jonathan Nicholson	Newcastle GS
Mr. Garry Hogarth	Mill Hill	Mr. Paul Reardon	St. George's College
Mr. Michael Kalfayan	Bristol GS	Mr. Howard Rogg	Dulwich
Mr. Michael Lavey	Oakham		

### Annual Membership:

Mr. Gary Thomson          Glasgow Academy

## Recruitment

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 continues to be the place to visit to catch up on the latest results and gossip during the season. The website is a great resource for volunteering to play in matches, checking results and even getting maps & directions to our fixtures. The site is updated regularly throughout the season & includes:

- Fixture lists & latest results
- Facility to register to play in matches
- Directions to matches
- 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. Visit the website to view pictures:

- 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 CBE	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 Blackman, Boden, Booth, Billington & King.

In addition Mr Johnny Barr (Stewart's Melville) and Mr. James Compton-Dando (Framlingham) are proposed for election to the Committee for the first time under Rule 9, thus replacing Messrs Cake and Yuill who are stepping down. The Committee would like to place on record its grateful thanks to Ralph and James for all their considerable efforts as members of the Committee and service to public schools' lawn tennis in general.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (6.15pm on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011): AGENDA

1. To approve the Minutes of the AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 & consider any matters arising.
2. To receive the report of the Committee and Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010.
3. To elect the Officers, Committee and Auditor for the year 2011.
4. Any other business.

