



# SWANSEA

## TENNIS CLUB

Annual General Meeting - 2021

Executive Report

# 2021 Season

- COVID continued to be part of all our lives in 2021.
- Re-hired court attendants continued to implement covid protocols and overall effective club operation.
- Convenient and essential *Court Reserve*. Booking system is indispensable.
- Courts were open and ready for full season.
- Maintained events, lessons and activities to the extent possible within the rules.
- Competition ladders were once again the most popular item!



# 2021 Season

- Waiting list grew larger.
- Club's finances are in good shape.
- Court repairs were complete in November.
- Winter tennis.
- Structured and orderly operations brought about by using court attendants.



# Membership Report

- Traditionally approx. 500 members at Swansea
  - General guidelines suggest about 100 members per court
  - This year we allowed 575 members (140 Juniors / 435 Adults)
  - Family memberships were eliminated in 2021 and any existing family memberships were grandfathered
  - Membership fees are approaching their maximum limit that is established by the City of Toronto
- Once Membership limit is exceeded, a waitlist is established
  - We now have a large wait list, due in part to COVID
  - There are over 850 individuals on the waitlist as of the end of Oct 2021
  - Approx. time to membership from the current waitlist position (#850) is Summer 2024
  - Potentially look at off peak membership category to allow more people to join



# Membership Report

- Court attendants were the largest expenditure at the Club

They make the difference between a “club” and a set of courts surrounded by a fence:

- Convenient membership ID (shoe tag) distribution at the courts
- Prevent unauthorized access and use of the courts
- Facilitate ladders, special events, round robins, etc.
- Perform pandemic sanitization requirements
- Resolution of public hours conflicts and gatekeeping during this time
- Perform daily court maintenance and cleaning, which reduces use/cost of our maintenance contractor
- Assist with communicating club policies, announcements to members



# Competition Report

- Universal Tennis selected as the site for organizing competitions this year. It came strongly recommended by our club pro (Ben).
- Universal Tennis had the significant benefit of automatically rating our members when match scores are entered.
- 152 members joined the Swansea Universal Tennis page.
- 105 members have a Universal Tennis Rating.
- Due to COVID, competition events started late. We still managed to run a July ladder (60 participants), August/September ladder (55 participants) and the Club Championships (78 participants). Also ran a more informal 'Find a Player' events, and a couple of day events.
- Special thanks to Paul and Anton for entering match scores in Universal Tennis!



# Competition Report

- Competition Director thoughts on Universal Tennis:
  - The feedback from members was mostly positive.
  - It made running the club championship easier and created more competitive matches (fewer lopsided wins)
    - Having the members rated allowed me to give byes to higher rated players.
    - Allowed me to split the open division into 'A' and 'B'
  - The competitive nature of matches will be even better next year as the algorithm has the match results from the Club Championships.
  - You can post your own match scores on UTR. I encourage you to do this so that everyone's rating becomes more accurate.
  - We should continue to use it next year.



# Training/Programs Report

- Due to COVID our programs began in late June
- We offered evening Adult Clinics & Junior Summer Camps
- All programs were well attended
- We limited court usage to 3 courts in the mornings & 2 courts in the afternoons for the Junior Camps
- All adult programs were conducted on Court #4
- Once again, Court #4 was held exclusively for private lessons. If a lesson was not booked the court was returned to the booking system. This way members are given access to Court #4.
- In the September Adult Clinics & After School Junior programs were offered.....these were not very well attended.
- We had some growing pains with the administration of the Court Reserve system. We are very confident that next summer will operate in a much more efficient manner.
- Private lessons ran with pros Ben/Pavle of Armstrong Tennis Academy





# Social Events

- Friday Night Round Robins for Intermediate +
- Beginner Round Robins on Sundays (new feature this year)
- Philpott Charity Event
- Humberside Montessori (throughout October)
- Winter tennis (Saturdays 7pm - 9 pm at ORC and Tuesdays 7-9 pm at Aviva)
  - Details and registration on Court Reserve under “Events”



# Court Master Report

- Online booking:
  - A much requested feature by members
  - Convenient and user-friendly for members
  - Facilitates overall effective club operation
  - Continues to assist in the compliance for City contact tracing requirements
- Compliance with City of Toronto guidelines successful because we had court attendants



# Court Master Report

## ☐ LIGHTING

- Requests sent to City arborist to cut tree branches – no action to-date
- Branches causing shadows over courts #1 and especially #4
- Lighting expected to improve once branches are trimmed back considerably

## ☐ PADDED SCREENS

- Low cost wind screens held up another season
- Screens are getting worn. We will see how they make out over the winter
- 1” padded panels will be more durable
  - Will block wind and some sound
  - Solve the ball splaying issue
  - Costs more



# Court Master Report

## ☐ COURT MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

- Repair of multiple cracks on all 4 courts – COMPLETE
- This type of maintenance must be done annually to retain court integrity
- Club advised by Court Specialists to install fibreglass covering; it will significantly reduce cracks and provide longer lasting courts. We will explore this further.
- Purchased and installed new centre net straps
- Purchased new court drying rollers
- Gravel laid down at the back gate to prevent mud being tracked in
- Court 4 Training net is fairly damaged, not in great condition. Will be stored away during winter season. We will see if we can get another year out of it.
- Special Thanks to Paul Klevinas for being assistant Court Master



# Court Master Report

- City public access minimum are taken seriously
- Public access is also key to community relations
- Court Attendants facilitated an organized and pleasant play atmosphere during public access hours
  - Popular
  - Provides better security for the Club





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