



2009/10

## Southwark City Tennis Club

### Annual Report

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# FOREWORD

This is our Club's fifth full year of operation and further recognition came from the Tennis Foundation who selected us as one of the first wave of Beacon Sites in the country.

We were selected by the Building on Opportunity for Overlooked Sporting Talent (BOOST) to do some more intensive work with some of our promising juniors. The tournament results of our players continue to improve. With the stand out result being Michael Mhangami winning the boys U9 Surrey championship.

Umran Ali was selected for a Winston Churchill Fellowship Award and visited New York and Atlanta to review community tennis projects there. Milton Gayle won the Jack Petchy Leader Award for his efforts at developing tennis. Four volunteers gained the Tennis Leader Award and six completed the Competition Organiser workshop.

Flicking through the 2007/8 brochure we were keen to take over the running of the Centre and get the floodlights in place. The slow progress on both these issues is a source of frustration but we will redouble our efforts to get this done in the coming year. Our goals for the coming year are to:

1. To get 200 juniors having played a minimum of six competitive matches with the Lawn Tennis Association
2. To get the floodlights installed at Burgess Park
3. To bid for a tender to run the Burgess Park Tennis Centre
4. Membership 460
5. To rebuild financial reserves.

Andy Murray continues to improve and came close to his first Grand Slam title in Australia. A number of British women are consolidating their places in the world's top 100. The inaugural ATP World Tour Finals in London in November have brought tennis into the headlines outside of the Wimbledon fortnight and the sport is enjoying an upsurge in popularity.

Finally, it just remains for me to thank our amazing sponsors notably Howard Rogg, Mike and Freddie Stotesbury, and the huge amount of work from our volunteers and staff. The Club would not be able to operate without these contributions.

Tom Ulicsak,  
Club Secretary

# NON-COURT ACTIVITIES

Our activities are based on a four-year development plan from 2005-9, available on our website [www.southwarkcitytennisclub.org.uk](http://www.southwarkcitytennisclub.org.uk) along with the Club constitution.

## Decision Making

The Committee were reelected at the AGM with Kate Gifford as Chair and Patricia Balogun (Treasurer) and Tom Ulicsak (Secretary). Asma Daud (Junior Representative) and Sola Adesalu (Parents) and Sam Mhangami (Competition). We held six meetings and voted to increase fees in November.

## Communications

Set up [www.ePark.com](http://www.ePark.com) websites for Burgess Park and Tanner Street. Established a Southwark Lambeth (and now Lewisham) tennis forum to discuss issues across the boroughs. Moved to mailchimp to manage emails (around 220 recipients).

## Volunteers and Training

Diana, Omar, Jessica and Asma passed their Tennis Leader awards and Ryan, Julietta, Jessica, Omar, Abdirahman and Junior passed the LTA's Competition Organiser course. Umran Ali took the conversion course to the new style LTA Senior Club Coach (Level 4) award and Ikani Agabi completed the Level 3. Charles Hubbard Junior and Elena Ruiz passed the Level 1 course.

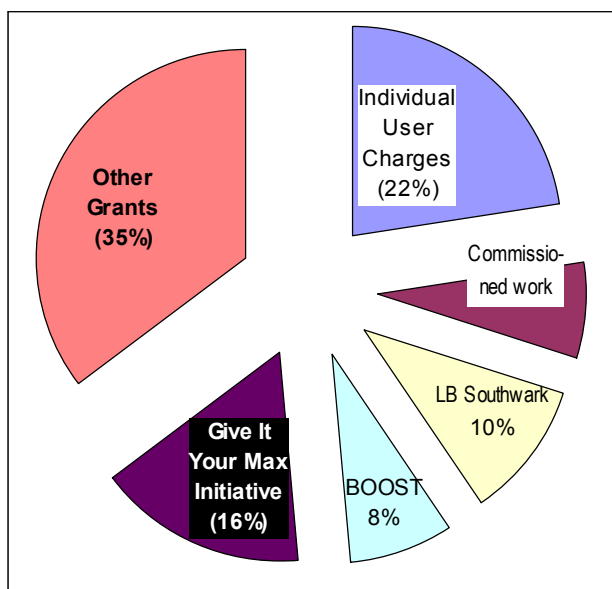
## Disciplinary, Accidents and Child Protection

There was one issue resulting in a short term ban and identified the need for further staff training. One accident on 4<sup>th</sup> April boy taken to A&E after falling over and bumping head; no treatment required

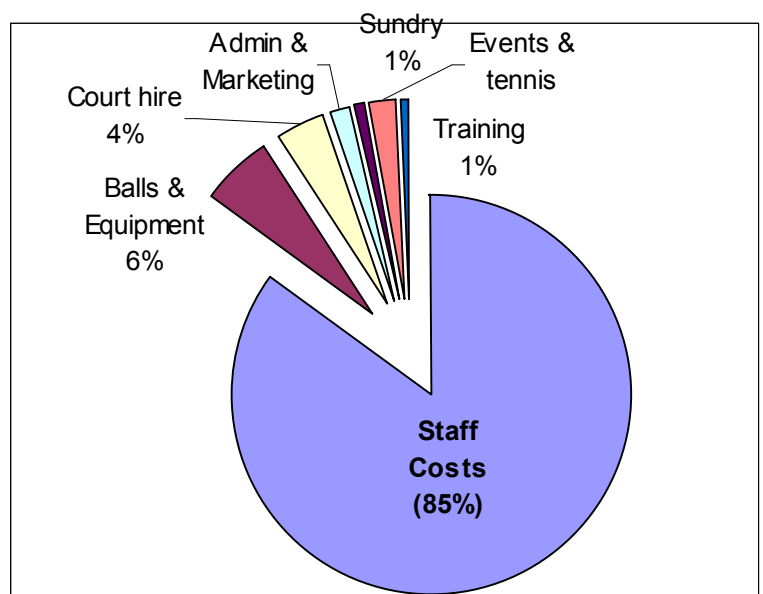
## Finances

We have made an estimate for the 2009/10 financial year and this is summarised below. Overall we managed to stabilise the situation from a big loss the previous year

**2009/10 Forecast Income (£82,000)**



**2009/10 Forecast Expenditure (£85,000)**



# JUNIOR TENNIS



## **BOOST Scheme**

The Boost Charity has provided generous funding for talented juniors at the club. The aim is to help with the development of talented junior players. Initially our target group for this funding was 6 to 9 year olds but this has since been extended. The funding covers tournament entry fees, cost for individual coaching and for cost of group lessons that will be aimed at this group of players. Players and parent sign a basic contract committing to work hard.

## **Competitive Play**

We ran 12 junior LTA tournaments over the year and 56 juniors had LTA ratings.

The standout result was from Michael Mhangami who won the Surrey Orange county championship.

33 children played in the Purley Junior Tournament (Nicholas Adesalu, Naomi Brown and Michael Mhangami were all winners)

The Club managed the London Youth Games team for Southwark with boys and girls teams (including Andrea Poveda and Tobi Bello from our club) competing at Crystal Palace on 21 June.

## **League Matches**

During the summer of 2009 we had 8 teams entered in Surrey leagues, boys red (2<sup>nd</sup>), 10U (1<sup>st</sup>) 1U6 (1<sup>st</sup>), girls red (3<sup>rd</sup>), orange (1<sup>st</sup>), 10U (1<sup>st</sup>), 16U (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Well done to all the players Rotimi Taiwo, Harry Edgeler, Naomi Brown, Rachel Ekerin, Michael Mhangami, Andrew Brown, Zoish Unwalla, Alexandra Mukasa, Nicholas Adesalu, Rishab Pamecha, Abdullahi Daud, Chiedza Mutasa, Adicqua Ellis, Ryan Morris, Tobi Bello, Omar Daud, Andrea, Carolina and Diana Poveda.

## **Schools Tennis**

Milton worked at Bellenden, St Pauls, St Peters and Crampton schools. With support from Southwark Council we are launching a new school programme called Tennis 123. This is to promote the take up of extra curricular sessions.

## **Disability Tennis**

We coached at Tuke, Spa and Highshore schools and organised a well attended Special Schools Tennis Tournament on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We worked with Southwark Council on a Physio camp session on the Tuesday 4th August and organised a week long tennis camp as well as extra curricular classes in September.

## Other Activities

- Jack Petchey winners were Memuna Koroma, Laila Mnini, Damilola Muyi-Opakye, Jinal Patel, Tom Baidoo and Diana Poveda.
- Summer University tennis camps at GMH and Burgess Park.
- Summer programme at Tanner Street Park Tanner Street Park supported by Tesco Charity.
- Salmon Centre coaching continued with Denis McMillan emphasising competitive matchplay.
- Work with the Aylesbury NDC to provide coaching at local schools and on the estate.
- Linked up with Friends of Burgess Park to help with the May open day at Burgess Park.
- Ran tennis sessions as part of the Mix Event in August.
- Umran introduced some Friday social sessions at Burgess Park.
- 12 teenagers taken to Barclays ATP Championships at O2 arena
- Sport England event at Lilian Baylis with Denis Lewis and Lady Chapman from Youth Sports Trust to announce launch of £10 million women and carers scheme.
- Lilian Baylis event for Barclays ATP Championships with Pat Cash opening practice wall.
- Ran women and girls taster tennis sessions in August and followed this up with free Girls classes from September 2009
- We participated in the 75th Anniversary event for the Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park in April.
- Participated in the Aylesbury Creation launch event on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.



## Tennis Leaders and Level One Coaches

Abdirahman Daud, put together a successful bid with the Youth Opportunities Fund for a programme to support young volunteers learn how to coach and gain their Tennis Leader and Level 1 coaches. The group ran the Christmas party and a tournament for the other juniors.



# SENIOR TENNIS

We had a record number of entries for the different events with the following entries women (23), women's doubles (22), mens (31), mens doubles (22) and mixed doubles (30).

## **2009 Women's Champions**

Singles – Antonia Onwochei

Doubles – Cecely & Eliana Bruni

## **2009 Men's Champions**

Singles – Webber Emile

Doubles – Bob Hubbard & Clive Mongelard

Charles Hubbard Jnr and Antonia Onwochei won the mixed doubles event.

In the consolation singles events Khuan Hoang and Charles Hubbard Snr came out on top; Amy Swan & Rachel Kearon and Martin Husk and Darrell Carey won the doubles. The events also included an increasing number of juniors making the step up with the best result being Diana Poveda finishing as runner up.

## **League Results**

In the Surrey Aegon league (4 singles and 2 doubles matches) the men's first team led by Ikani Agabi finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 3 narrowly missing out on promotion to a strong Wigmore team. In Division 4 the second team finished bottom, however, this hides the fact that Martin Husk's team lost 3 of their 4 matches only after a final tiebreak shoot out.

In the Surrey doubles league for summer 2009 the women's team finished second of the seven teams in Division S.

In the summer Southwark Men's Challenge Cup we made it through to the finals narrowly losing to Old College on countback.

In the Surrey winter leagues the men's team are playing in Division S and the women's team in Division R. We have a men's and a women's team in the Southwark leagues.



The men's doubles event.

## Coaching

We further increased our coaching programme in 2009 introducing evening classes at Burgess Park. Over the year we ran 54 six week courses with a total of 324 lessons delivered.



As part of Southwark's Silver Active programme we held an Over 50's course at Burgess Park.

Despite the horrible weather in January we launched a 10 week women's only session at GMH Park. This was hugely successful with some 30 players attending the sessions.

Working with the Aylesbury NDC we introduced a free membership and voucher scheme for residents of the Aylesbury estate and 220 hours of court vouchers were given out.

## Social Tennis Sessions

We introduced some social tennis sessions in January 2010. This has involved the junior players competing against some of the adults with the chance to stop for a cup of tea and some gossip.

Women's doubles competitors



# ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2009/10

## MORE PLAYERS

Over 400 participants at holiday training camps throughout the year.  
Over 3,000 children introduced to tennis through our work with local schools.  
Over 150 juniors participating year round on afterschool and weekend coaching  
Over 100 attendees at our open days  
Club membership increased to 460.  
Added new venues at Lilian Baylis Old School and Peckham Central Venture

## BETTER PLAYERS

Good Aegon Surrey league results (1st in Boys 1U6 and Girls Green, 3rd girls Red , 2nd boys Red, 3rd boys Orange , 1st Green boys and 2nd Girls 16U )  
Ran a tournament programme from 5 to 16 years with 12 events on the Surrey LTA calendar, 56 juniors now with ratings.  
Our second junior county champion.  
Entered 12 teams into different senior leagues throughout the year.

## OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Was selected as part of the first wave of Beacon sites by the Tennis Foundation.  
Passed Clubmark annual review process.  
Affordable Junior coaching and membership fees – costs were only £5 to a maximum of £10 per half term with all Sunday outdoor coaching being free.  
Nine Jack Petchey awards and Milton Gayle gaining the Leader Award.  
Raised over £15,000 in grant financing during the year and improved collection of fees.  
Four teenagers got the LTA Tennis Leader's award, six completed the Competition Organisers course.

# THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

