



2007/8

Southwark City Tennis Club

Report

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FOREWORD

This is our third year of operation at the Burgess Park Tennis Centre. We have built on the solid foundations set with continuing progress amongst our junior players. We have achieved significant success on our vision “*for the Club to support the development of more players and better players in Southwark*”.

Highlights for the year April 2007 to March 2008 included a visit by our juniors to Queens Club and Wimbledon, record attendances at junior tennis camps and coaching sessions, our mini tennis team coming 5th out of 57 in Surrey, as well as coaching for the disabled and community groups and the staging of a number of fiercely contested tournaments. The move to a seven day a week coaching programme with free classes and lessons for below £1 is something we are very proud of.

In October we appointed our first Head Coach, Umran Ali to lead our coaching team of John Connolly, Milton Gayle, Valda Visinskyte and Denis McMillan.

The progress to date could not have been possible without support from a wide range of partners. From within the Club this includes a large number of volunteers and parents as well as the captains of our various senior teams.

We would also like to thank Pat Turner and her successor Tim Hetherington and Nicola Donnelly from Southwark’s Sport’s Development Team for all their hard work and support. Southwark Council also provided us with court time with a value over £7,000 and a £30,000 grant without which we could not have operated.

Looking forward to the coming year we have a lot of exciting developments including the operation of a satellite club at the new Geraldine Mary Harmsworth courts by the Imperial War Museum, the installation of much needed floodlights at the park and an expanded competition programme for juniors and more senior teams. We expect to achieve Clubmark status this summer. The Club is also keen to take over the running of the Centre from Southwark Council.

Tom Ulicsak,
Club Secretary

JUNIOR TENNIS

Our Coaching Programme

The Club devotes a huge amount of effort to getting juniors to participate in a non-traditional tennis playing area. A fundamental part of encouraging broad participation has been our pricing policy, coaching now runs seven days a week during term time and classes are less than a £1 with outdoor coaching on Sunday's being free. Squad players that play 5 or 6 times a week pay no more than £10 per half term.

Competitive Play

We held junior mini tennis tournaments as part of Surrey LTA's programme. This covered the Road to Wimbledon competition, U12, U10 and Green and Orange age groups. The events were very competitive especially with experienced players from other clubs taking on our youngsters. Our own Club championships produced the following results:

2007 Boys Champions

U16 – Stefan Naydenov

U12 – Stefan Naydenov

U10 – Dwight Hubbard

2007 Girls Champions

U12 – Diana Poveda

U10 – Carolina Poveda



Work with Local Schools

We are working under the Community Sports Coaching Scheme throughout the year with primary schools including Bellenden, Brunswick Park, Cobourg, Comber Grove, Crampton, Michael Faraday, St James the Great, and Victory as well as two secondary schools, the Academy at Peckham and Harris Waverley Academy. Promising children have been given free coaching vouchers and a number of schools have had competition days at Burgess Park.

Community Group Tennis

During the year we have put on a number of sessions for local groups including a Disability Day for juniors in conjunction with Southwark Sports Development Department. We have undertaken sessions with 7 local groups this year during the school holiday period. With 2 continuing during the Autumn term. Feedback from participants has been very positive.

League Matches

We took on Telford Park and Wigmore in friendly matches with large numbers of players winning convincingly on both occasions. The Club is midway through the local Southwark Lambeth junior league competition.

Advantage Girls

Sandra Sekabanja, put together a successful bid with the Youth Opportunities Fund for a long term programme of coaching for young women 15-24 (Advantage Girls). This is a difficult segment to attract and the response has been great with over 30 participants and a regular attendance of over 10 even in the winter months.

Tanner Street Coaching and Aylesbury Estate

With the support of the London Bridge Company we ran a coaching programme from May to September at Tanner Street. This attracted a number of local children and gave us experience of operating at a second site. With the support of the Aylesbury New Deal for the Communities we have been running an estate based tennis programme.

Salmon Centre Coaching

With the support of the Peter Minet Trust we have been providing afterschool sessions every Wednesday at the Salmon Centre in Bermondsey. This is run by Denis McMillan and 20 juniors so far have learned how to play.

“When we were beginners we got taught good stuff that helped us learn how to play, then when we got better we were taught more things like how to serve, and different shots” Temi



Red Coaching and Team

Coaching for 4-7 year olds provides a. We are very grateful to Brunswick Park Primary School in allowing us to use their superb sports hall for our coaching on Fridays and Sundays. This means we can offer year round coaching.

Our Red team of Nicholas Adesalu, Andrew Brown, Michael Mhangami and Rishab Pamecha qualified for the county finals, eventually finishing 5th out of the 57 teams that entered.

Jack Petchey Scheme

We continued with the Jack Petchey Scheme. The award is made quarterly to the person under 24 who has made the most contribution to the work of the Club. So far awards have gone to Sandra Sekabanja, Valda Visinskyte, Mason McKone-Munian and Junior Babolala Davies.

SENIOR TENNIS

Senior membership continued to expand to well over 200 and we support them by providing coaching courses, league teams and competitions.

2007 Women's Champions

Singles – Jane Holliday

Doubles – Sharon Butterfield & Becci Garbett



2007 Men's Champions

Singles - Ikani Agabi

Doubles – Ikani Agabi & Niyi Bello



Champions versus Coaches Challenge Match

The coaches came out top in their annual challenge match against our club champions. Milton avenging last year's defeat to Ikani over a tight three set match while Valda again proved too strong defeating Jane.



Coaches and champions.

Men's doubles champions.

League Results – our first ever trophy!!

In the Southwark Men's Challenge Cup we made it through to the finals with our team of Lionel Bignone, Fabian de Joly Bressillion, Charles Hubbard and Arsenio Dominguez sharing the title and trophy with Old College after an epic struggle with the match running over two days. We were runners up in the Southwark Men's Doubles League and our two mixed doubles teams came mid table. Our two men's teams found the Surrey Kia Leagues tough going but came mid table. The Ladies team also finished mid table in the Surrey Kia League.

Ladder Tournament

The second year of our web based ladder tournament www.ropeyladder.com ended in a second victory for Bob Hubbard while Eliana Bruni made a late challenge to finish top.

NON-COURT ACTIVITIES

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

Facilities Development

We obtained planning permission for new floodlights and have achieved fund raising of £60,000 towards the budgeted cost of £120,000.

Decision Making

The Committee met 7 times during the year and was open to all members to attend. The Club has three Officers with Kate Gifford as Chair and Patricia Balogun (Treasurer) and Tom Ulicsak (Secretary). Eliana Bruni (Events), Sandra and Zeni Sekabanja (Communications), Sola Adesalu (Parents) and Sam Mhangami (Junior) make up the full Committee.

Communications

Our website had a total of 8,000 visits over the year doubling from the previous year. Our email updates go out to around 400 players and a junior email with around 150 recipients. We published and posted a newsletter to members as well as the noticeboards at the Centre.

Volunteers

As a community club we are reliant on members giving up their time to help run our activities. The Club has had ten volunteers trained as Level 1 coaches. This allows good coaching ratios to be maintained while keeping costs low.

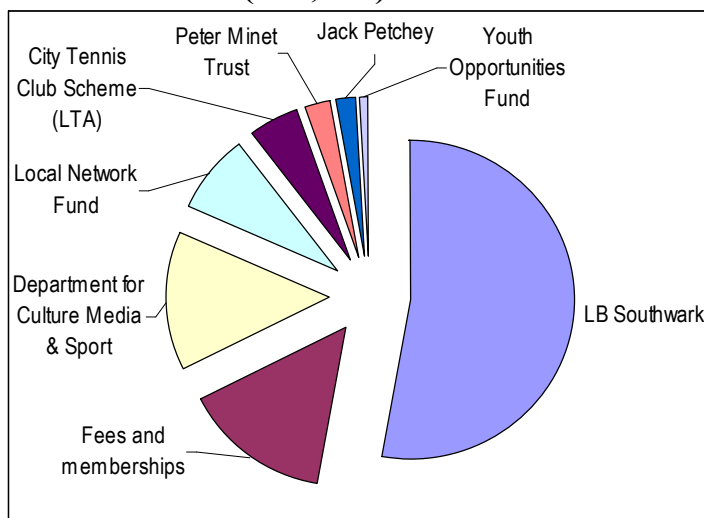
Disciplinary, Accidents and Child Protection

There was a disciplinary case brought by the Centre rather than the Club. This resulted in the individual receiving a life ban. There were no Club disciplinary or child protection cases.

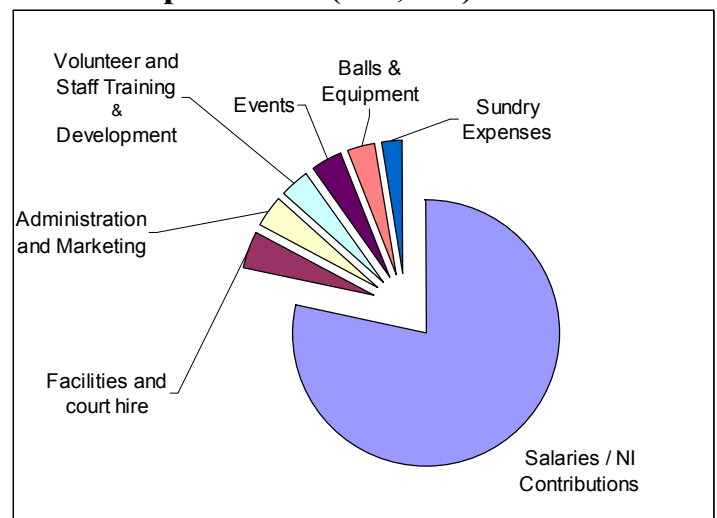
Finances

Our 2006/7 audited accounts are on our website and are summarised in the pie chart below. Audited 2007/8 accounts will be ready in September 2008.

2006/7 Income (£61,075)



2006/7 Expenditure (£56,536)



ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2007/8

We set a number of targets divided into 3 areas, more players, better players and enablers.

MORE PLAYERS

Over 350 participants at holiday training camps throughout the year.

Over 2,000 children introduced to tennis through our work with local schools.

Over 30 participants on the Advantage Girls Scheme (15-24 years)

Over 100 juniors participating year round on afterschool and weekend coaching

Over 100 attendees at our open days

Over 50 participants on club senior coaching classes.

Club membership increased to 420.

Junior programmes at Tanner Street courts and at the Salmon Centre in Bermondsey.

Established an Indoor Mini Tennis Red programme at Brunswick Park School to allow coaching for 4 to 7 year olds to continue throughout the winter.

BETTER PLAYERS

Junior players have won Under 12 and multiple red and orange tournaments in Southwark, Lambeth and Middlesex.

Ran a tournament programme from 5 to 16 years with events on the Surrey LTA calendar.

Red team came 5th out of 57 sides in Surrey.

Entered 12 teams into different senior leagues throughout the year.

Both men's doubles teams were top of their leagues and gained promotion in the Surrey Winter league.

Men's doubles team won the Southwark Challenge Cup and came runners up in the league.

Established regular women's squad training sessions.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Affordable Junior coaching fees – costs are from only £5 to a maximum of £10 per half term with all Sunday outdoor coaching being free. The coaching programmes is open to members and non-members.

Affordable membership fees - Our annual fees were held at £5 juniors and concessions, £20 for senior and £30 for families.

Raised over £15,000 in grant financing during the year and improved collection of fees.

Obtaining planning permission for additional floodlighting and so far raised £60,000 towards the cost.

Passed the standard for the LTA's Mini Tennis Accreditation.

Completion of all Clubmark standards, awaiting visit and assessment.

Three Volunteers trained as level once coaches, one as level 2 and one as level 3.

OUR SUPPORTERS

A big thank you to our supporters. It is only through their generosity that we can keep the costs low enough to ensure the broadest level of participation from across the community. The returns from this in terms of opportunities for community involvement and more active and healthy children, improved skill, self confidence and talent identification are already starting to show.



Southwark Council



Local Network Fund

local network fund
for children and young people

Awards for All



Lawn Tennis Association



Jack Petchey Foundation



**YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES
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