

Nottingham Park Tennis Club

Chairman's report June 2014

Last year has been a good one for the club apart from the injury to Carlton our head coach. We have been able to maintain continuity of the coaching programme through Jean. Jean has had a difficult year and our best wishes are with them both and for Carlton's recovery.

At Jean's instigation the club have appointed Activeace to take over a number of duties, coaching the younger juniors and initiating cardio tennis on an experimental basis.

The committee now has a full complement of officers and members. You may already have noticed improvements to the running and appearance of the club. All that is needed now is your increased enjoyment and utilisation of what is on offer.

It is clear to me, as a more senior member of the club, that social habits of sports players have changed but we would nevertheless like to promote the Friday evening social tennis with a drink at the bar afterwards.

The main emphasis next year must be finalisation of our negotiations with the NTLA and the preparation of a 5 year business plan to support grant applications.

Our subscriptions no longer cover our outgoings and the essential maintenance of courts. The treasurer will explain why and we have decided to propose a small increase with the possibility of index linking in future.

I feel much more confident than at this time last year that the club will be able to move forward and improve on all fronts now that we have a full team in place with clearly defined responsibilities.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts and for coming forward to help in the running and administration. It would be unfair to single out individuals because everybody has helped in their own way to move the club forward.

Enjoy your tennis.

Bob Cullen