

Chairman's Report

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. As the sun beats down this late March, we have an enticing prospect ahead, both on the tennis and the squash courts.

To start, let's celebrate that play was possible throughout the last six months and the stops and starts of the previous 18 were avoided. Secondly, let's celebrate Stormont's team successes, whether promotion or keeping out of the relegation zone in some highly competitive Middlesex leagues – see pages 3 and 5 for details. This is the more significant because our teams operate on an inclusive basis with many players given the chance to participate. Finally, I am delighted that so many members continued to renew their subscriptions again this year. I also welcome our new members, many of them primarily squash players. Membership numbers continue at the high levels we have enjoyed for the last couple of years, so we will be monitoring court availability closely and closing our membership lists as we did last year, if necessary. One exception may be a squash only facility, similar to last year, as squash court usage is characteristically less in mid-summer.

All members are invited to join the Committee at the AGM on 20 April at 8pm in the Club House. The Notice of AGM is set out on page 2. More importantly, the meeting is an opportunity to question me and the Committee on our plans for the Club and for us to hear your feedback on what we are doing.

Fabien Zinsner will be standing down from the Committee after 11 years. His contribution has been very special and significant, including as captain of the men's first tennis team from 2009/10, webmaster to 2015, stalwart member of both squash teams and bon viveur. We will miss his gallic interventions, loyalty and commitment to the values he thought right. Happily, Fabien is continuing as a Club member and, when he can, as a tennis team member. That said, we are delighted that Thom Gould has agreed to take over as captain of the men's first tennis team and to join the Committee. We look forward to Thom's contribution. Like all Committee members, he submits himself for election at the AGM and I hope all members will support him and the rest of the Committee that is standing for re-election.

In my last report, I anticipated some progress as regards our purchase of St Luke's. I was not wrong, though until last week you needed pretty sensitive instruments to detect it.

The news in the last few days that Haringey and Anchor/Hanover have signed a Deed of Variation to their 2013 Section 106 Agreement is significant. The Deed determines the terms on which we can satisfy the obligation to make the court available to the public when not pre-booked by Stormont members. The next stage will be to finalise our acquisition, hopefully on the terms we agreed with Anchor/Hanover some three years ago. We are fortunate to have been able to use the court throughout this period. Full ownership will allow us to make the improvements to the court we want and introduce the electronic access system we need to facilitate public use. We will seek to minimise disruption to play while work is in progress.

The acquisition of St Luke's will also trigger the need to establish the corporate structure to hold our lease to the court. Members with a long memory will recollect that this is to be a company limited by guarantee ("CLG"), which will also be the entity through which the Club operates in future, as was approved in principle at last year's AGM. Thus, adult membership of the Club will involve becoming a member of the CLG and committing to contribute £1 (but no more) in the remote event that the CLG is wound up and cannot pay its debts. You will see from the AGM Notice that I am now asking members to give the Committee discretion to approve the formation and initial Articles of the CLG. These will be based on the template provided by the LTA. In due course, we will need to refine the Articles to suit the Club's detailed requirements and to approve the transfer of net assets, operations and goodwill of the Club into the CLG. Don't be surprised therefore if we hold an EGM mid-year to deal with these important formalities.

If you cannot make it to the AGM, please don't hesitate to contact me (07802 608580) or any Committee member and let us know if there are improvements or changes you would like us to make to the Club. As I say each year, Stormont is a private members' club so what we do is entirely with the interests of members in mind, having regard to the local community in which we operate and seek to cooperate.

*Tony Hulse, Chairman
28 March 2022*

AGM Wednesday 20 April 2022 8.00pm in the Club House

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Stormont Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club will take place on Wednesday 20 April 2022 at 8.00pm in the Club House. Video conference facilities will also be made available for those who cannot attend in person. Let Tony Hulse or Dinny Ravet know by email at their addresses below by no later than midnight on 18 April if you wish to participate by video conference. You will be provided with Zoom dial-in details and papers to support the agenda.

AGENDA

1. Approval of emergency procedures for conduct of the meeting on a hybrid basis in person and by video conference call and for electronic voting.
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting to be read and approved.
3. To consider, and to adopt, the Chairman's Annual Report.
4. To consider, and to adopt, the Financial Report.
5. Election of Officers and Committee Members for the coming year:
 - a. POLLY GLEGG (Committee Secretary)
 - b. THOMAS GOULD (Men's Tennis Captain)
 - c. TONY HULSE (Chairman) (Maintenance, COVID, Restructuring)
 - d. KEVIN JAMES (Bar)
 - e. SALLY JAMES (Social)
 - f. BERNARD LO (Welfare, Data Protection, Restructuring)
 - g. JON PRICHARD (Maintenance)
 - h. PATRICIA PRICHARD (COVID, Restructuring)
 - i. DINNY RAVET (Membership, COVID, Ladies Tennis Captain, Maintenance)
 - j. SIMON RUFF (Men's Squash Captain, Webmaster)
 - k. ROY SEGER (Treasurer, Restructuring)
 - l. VAL WUTTKE (Newsletter)
6. To determine the subscription rates, entrance fees, guest fees and categories of membership for the year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023.
7. To approve the standard terms of the banking facilities used by the Club.
8. To approve in principle the acquisition of the St Luke's tennis court from Anchor/Hanover and to authorise the Chairman to negotiate and the Committee to ratify (or amend if thought fit) the terms and structure of the acquisition.
9. Any other business and any other points which members would like the Committee to consider during the following year.

Nominations for the Committee should be sent by email before 18 April 2022 to the chairman – tony@hulse.cc – or the membership secretary – dinnyravet@gmail.com

Further background to resolution 8 is included in the Chairman's report on page 1.

Stormont Calendar 2022

PLAY TENNIS IT' S SUMMERTIME

Join groups or Club Times. Bring your friends. Non members welcome up to three times for a £5 visitors fee. After that they must join Stormont if they want to keep playing.

- **APRIL 20 WEDNESDAY 8pm** – AGM
- **MAY 1 MONDAY** – Closing date to enter Stormont Tennis Closed Tournaments
- **MAY 7 SATURDAY 10-2pm** – ASK SAL Tennis clothing and Tennis shoes sale in the Club House
- **MAY 8th or 15th MAY SUNDAY** – Nick Hanika Squash Handicap Tournament
- **JULY 17 SUNDAY 1pm** – Stormont Tennis Closed Knockout Championship Finals from 1pm Stormont Closed (you must be a member of Stormont) tennis tournament is our club Knockout Championship Tournament. Ladies and Mens Singles, Ladies and Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Entry forms are on the notice board downstairs between the squash courts. Once the draws are up you arrange and book courts for your matches and bring balls. Winners go through. Finals on Sunday July 17 with umpires and ball kids. Start at 1pm and followed by a DELICIOUS BBQ

STORMONT TENNIS AND SQUASH CLUB HISTORY

Stormont Tennis Club has been around for more than 110 years. It was established in 1910 in Stormont Road, Highgate.

I am putting together material for a history of the Club which has survived two world wars, the depression in the 1930s as well as risk of closure in the 1960s.

If you have any memorable photos of Stormont that you think could be included I would be delighted to have a copy. I would also like to include memories of Stormont from Stormont members so if you or your family have any memories that you think would be of interest please email me them. They should include the name of the author and the dates (approximate is fine) when the events etc occurred.

Please contact me by email on StormontTennisHistory@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you.
Many thanks
Anne Ruff

TENNIS TEAM NEWS

STORMONT CLOSED TENNIS TOURNAMENT

on July 17 is the finals day of our club Closed Knockout Championship Tournament (you must be a member of Stormont). Ladies and Mens Singles, Ladies and Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Entry forms are on the notice board downstairs between the squash courts. Once the draws are up you arrange and book courts for your matches and bring balls. Winners go through. Finals on Sunday July 17 with umpires and ball kids. Start at 1pm followed by a delicious BBQ.

LADIES 1 IN DIVISION 1

In the winter there is no Premier or Intermediate Division so 1 is pretty tough.

Some of the teams are very impressive hitting the ball hard and solidly and using wonderful angles. They are also frequently much younger than us.

However Stormont always fight Barbara, Dinny, Harriet, Sally and Sue Goddard were the regulars with Ping and Polly standing in for one match.

At present it looks like we will be relegated but points have been weirdly allocated for an unplayed match between Hazelwood and Hackney so we will just have to wait and see

Dinny Ravet Ladies First Team Captain

LADIES SECOND TEAM

Unless there are some remarkable and unexpected results in the final few matches of the season Stormont 2 should remain top of Division 4 and will look forward to returning to Division 3 next winter. Strong early results established our position and although the last two matches were more disappointing, we can feel very pleased with the overall achievement. Many thanks to all who contributed to this positive outcome: Polly, Norma, Sarah, Waed, Izzy, Harriet, Gina, Ping and Susan.

Jeni Walwin Ladies Second Team Captain

LADIES THIRD TEAM

Happily the third team had a good season against some strong teams and remain mid position in Division 5.

Many thanks to Jenny T, Susan, Amira, Katherine, Janete, Jane D, Izzy and Gina and to everyone who came to third team practices.

Sheena MacCallum Third Team Captain

NB

St Lukes padlock code is written at the bottom of the confirmation email of your booking. Please take the padlocks in with you for safe keeping and lock up afterwards. Please take your rubbish home. The code does change.

MEN'S FIRST TEAM

At the time of writing, the fate of Stormont Men's 1 hangs in the balance. The level at Division 2 is pretty ferocious, and most if not all of the teams we faced included at least one coach. Our slow and bouncy courts mitigate a fair amount of the visiting team's power, and perhaps for that reason our best results came when we played at home, notably a 16-0 win against a hapless Enfield Chase. Currently just outside of the relegation zone, we wait to see whether or not Pavilion can get the 12 points they'd need to overtake us from their remaining two matches. They beat us comfortably when we played them though, so in fairness they deserve to stay up in this group more than we do. Congratulations to all who played matches as we punched well above our weight and managed to stay competitive at this level – and that's no mean feat.

Thom Gould Men's First Team Captain

MEN'S SECOND TEAM

Having been reprieved twice from relegation from Division 5 by lockdowns, we always knew this winter season would be challenging for M2. So it has proved, and we have flirted with the bottom two positions throughout. Thankfully other results went our way in the end so that we avoided the drop with one match to spare and will be back in Div 5 next winter. Huge thanks to all my squad, especially Josh who played five of six and only missed the last one because of the postponement, Alex L, Alex M-S, Ash, Dan T, David P, Everton, Keith, Marc d L, Thom and Tony plus all those who attended practices but weren't able to play any matches.

Ian Lush Men's Second Team

MEN'S 3 WINTER SEASON

That was a tough season. Some very strong teams popped up in Division 7 and a number of near misses left us struggling for points. Our final match was against fellow strugglers OLMH 3. Thankfully Colin Cooper and Simon Binns strode into this match full of confidence and with an arsenal of fine shots, M3 managed to pull off a season saving victory. Hopefully it's enough to save us from relegation. We also enjoyed a number of Saturday afternoon practice sessions, which were always well attended and lots of fun. Despite just six matches, we managed to field 15 different players in matches and more in practices.

Thanks in particular to the following for your support and participation: Alex L, Ash, Bernard, Chris, Colin, Dan, David P, Eric L, Eric W, Greg R, Ian, John, Josh, Marc I, Mark C, Simon and Stuart.

Looking forward to many more victories in the Summer season, in East Division 10, beginning 4 May. Please do get in touch if you would like to join us.

Greg Nowitz Men's Third Team Captain



TENNIS FLOODLIGHTS

We plan to replace the squash and tennis coin meters with electronic card and phone readers. This will eliminate the need for players to hoard one pound coins and for Dinny to bank them. In the meantime, please put coins in the meters carefully as they get jammed. One £1 coin lasts 20 minutes for tennis.



MIXED 1 TEAM

The mixed 1st team finished firmly in the middle of the Division 2 so we happily stay at a level that is just tough enough!

The team was made up of four women, Dinny, Sally, Sue Goddard, and Barbara.

And five men Fabien, Paul, Thom, and Nick Ruff.

Sally James Mixed 1 Team Captain

MIXED 2 IN DIVISION 3

The idea of the second team was to give different people a chance to play and with 14 different players we all had fun and played some delightful tennis. Never mind the weather we play together so long as our opponents are willing to turn up.

Barbara, Dinny, Harriet, Jenny Taylor, Ping, Polly, Sue Goddard, Dan, Everton, Josh, Nick, Mark Campbell, Tim and Thom all played.

We were joint second for a while but at time of going to press there are still some matches to be played and we don't know where we will end up. The excitement continues. Nail biting stuff!

Dinny Ravet Team Captain

MIXED VETS IN DIVISION 5E

Weekend tennis usually on a Sunday.

Most players used to be over 55 or 60 but they dropped the age to players having to be over 40 which has changed it a bit. The skill level of the teams fielded by different clubs vary dramatically but we always have fun.

Amira, Barbara, Dinny, Gina, Harriet, Janete, Patricia, Ping, Susan, Colin, Everton, Ian, John Lanham, Keith, Mark Campbell, Tim and Tony all played.

We will finish sixth of eight.

Dinny Ravet Team Captain



TENNIS

JUNIOR SUMMER TENNIS TERM, JUNIOR CAMPS AND ADULT CLASSES ARE ALL AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.tptennis.net INDIVIDUAL CLASSES AND SMALL PRIVATE GROUP LESSONS CAN BE BOOKED DIRECTLY WITH ME ON 07984349767

Rates for 1hour private sessions (shared up to four) people – £50
Adult groups £12.50 (60 mins)
Adult groups £15 (90mins)

Junior classes £10 a week* (45mins)
Junior classes £12.50 a week* (60mins)

All junior classes are bookable on a term by term basis.
We have spaces in some classes for the next term. 95 children currently attending.
Thank you to all and have a great summer of tennis

Easter Camp has spaces still available for both weeks.
Book at: www.tptennis.net

Junior teams have been entered into the Middlesex junior county divisions for this season.
Good luck to all!!



Paul Salter
Head coach
Stormont LT&SRC

Below is Isabel Hughes (Izzie).

She has been working with me on Tues/Wed and Fri assisting in the 3.45 mini red classes

She is a Level 1 LTA assistant coach and will be helping on the program midweek and on tennis camps.

Izzie is brilliant with the children and is a strong player. She is looking to take her level 2 at some point in the near future

She also works on Saturdays assisting in the Teddy Tennis programme.



Cherry Tree Woods courts I am starting an overload programme there after Easter – see www.tptennis.net



Celebration – we received the Middlesex U.14 Division Winners' Team Lanyard last season.



AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLASSES Monday to Friday 3.45-6.15pm
95 children enrolled, still some spaces available in certain classes. www.tptennis.net

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SQUASH

Stormont First Team Chases Wild Goose

As autumn 2021 rolled around, the Stormont squash team emerged from a state of hibernation, much like a sloth of bears. Blinking in the bright lights of the squash courts, we swiped hopefully at the ball, achieving varying degrees of success against the denizens of Middlesex division four. We achieved a few admirable victories, but alas also plenty of defeats, and we'll be finishing in fourth place out of five – vulnerable to relegation unless I make some kind of sacrificial offering to the Squash Gods.

Summer 2022 will see us defending our spot in division four too – whilst also enjoying some pleasant jaunts around north and west London, sampling exotic cuisine, meeting diverse opponents from a range of cultures, and trying to beat them at our wonderful sport. If you'd like to whack a squash ball around a bit but aren't sure where to start, why not come along to club time on Wednesdays from 7.30pm.

Simon Ruff First Team Captain

PS: 29/3/22 Excellent last match 20-1 victory – maybe the Squash Gods heard our prayers.



Club night participants floored before the game even starts

Resilience and Enthusiasm

Stormont II started the season well, with a clean 18-5 win against Finchley Manor followed soon after by an equally tidy 18-6 win away at Brondesbury. We don't have to talk about it after that...

A ten match loss streak may have damaged our league table position, but certainly not our spirits as the team showed great resilience and enthusiasm in the face of strong competition in the division this season. Despite our losses, the appetite in the team seems to be one in favour of team coaching, regular training and I've even heard talk of the dreaded taboo... cardio sessions!

We were incredibly lucky this season to have one of the deepest squads I've known in my time here at Stormont, with an array of talented young players nipping at the heels of the team and improving at a rate of knots. We got the opportunity to play three new debutants, a warm welcome to Sam, Conor and Daniel who all showed their skills and will certainly be regulars in the years to come. And many thanks to Puneet, Tony, Stu, Zach, Zen, Nat, Hugh and David for your excellent performances.

We've every intention of putting in a 2nd team for the summer season, so please do get in touch if you would like to play!

Mike King Second Team Captain

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JUNIOR SQUASH

It has been a super busy term for the Play Squash team at Stormont.

This term we welcomed new coach Adam Edge to join the coaching team with Brendon Mounter. We now have junior squash after school sessions for players of all levels on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays as well as Saturday morning sessions. We continue



with our enrichment sessions with students from Archer Academy and have now connected with Fortismere school to join our after school programmes. Both schools will be looking to take part in the England Squash National Schools competition next year. If you think your school would be interested in having a squash programme please contact us. We offer programmes for both primary and secondary schools.

Stormont now has 16 players who are part of the Middlesex Junior Squad, and are playing England Squash competitions regularly earning England Squash rankings. Notable player rankings are: BU11s: Adi Chandramouli (18) and Thomas Orton (47). Ethan Moreno and Zen Shah will also be playing for and representing Middlesex in the forthcoming County B team matches on 3rd April.

Following the successful Match Play and Junior Club session on 13th March we will be introducing this a monthly event and the next two sessions will be on Sunday 15th May and Sunday 12th June 3-5pm. These are informal sessions where players can come along to just play play play with Brendon coordinating the matches. These are just £5 for members and £7.50 for non members. Reminders will be sent out to everyone nearer the time. Our photos here and overleaf, show how much fun everyone had.

Vickie Prow

LET'S PLAY SQUASH!

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13 Lanchester Road,
London N6 4SU
www.stormontlsrc.com

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SUMMER TERM 18th APRIL - 23 JULY 2022



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FREE First Session for new players

Booking is essential
All equipment provided

Join at any point - termly cost pro rata
Contact Vickie Prow 07796 181286 or email
northlondonsquashcoaching@gmail.com

Tuesdays

4-5pm Beginners
5-6pm Beginners/Intermediate
6-7.30pm Advanced Academy (invitation only)

Wednesdays

4.30-5.30pm Beginners/*Squash Stars
5.30-6.30pm Development/Intermediate
6.30-7.30PM Intermediate/Advanced

Fridays

4.30-5.30pm Beginner/*Squash Stars
5.30-6.30pm Development/Intermediate
6.30-7.30pm Intermediate/Development

Saturdays

10-11am Beginner/*Squash Stars
11-12pm Development/Intermediate
(No sessions during May/June half term)

TERMLY PRICES - 13 Weeks
£120 MEMBERS (NON MEMBERS £150)
£180 ADVANCED ACADEMY)



Junior Squash Stars
(7-11yrs)
£30 Dunlop Squash Kit
& 2 free sessions

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JUNIOR SQUASH



(Above) The Match Play and Junior Club session on 13th March





Come and join us in
North London



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Easter Squash Camps

Stormont Easter Squash Sessions

Monday 4th | Tuesday 5th &
Thursday 14th April 2022

9.30am - 12pm Beginners & New Players
1pm - 3.30pm Intermediate

Only £25pp per session - All equipment provided



BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Venue: Stormont Lawn Tennis & Squash Racket Club
13 Lanchester Road, London, N6 4SU
www.stormontltsrc.co.uk



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