

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2020

Tennis West of Scotland
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Report of the Directors for the Year ended 30th September, 2020

We have pleasure in presenting the 105th Annual Report of the Association.

Directors

<u>President</u>	John Jellema (Hamilton)	(6)
<u>Vice-President</u>	Barry Gibson-Smith (Western)	(7)
<u>Company Secretary</u>	John AE Stevenson	(6)
<u>Ex-officio Past President</u>	John Shemilt (David Lloyd West End)	(6)
<u>Competitions Sub-Committee Chair</u>	Mrs Christine Lockhart (Newlands)	(6)
<u>Director</u>	Mrs Amanda Slater (Whitecraigs)	(6)

Seven meetings of the Board of Directors were convened during the year and Directors' attendances are shown in brackets.

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Competitions Sub-Committee

Christine Lockhart (Newlands) – Chair

John Stevenson (Executive Director)
Elizabeth Stevenson (Competitions Coordinator)
Barry Gibson-Smith (Vice-President)

Caroline Eadie (Strathgryffe)
Martin Gordon (Western)
Jordan Gray (Thorn Park)
Gillian Guild (Queens Park CTC)
Gillian McLeod (Clarkston)

52 clubs are currently affiliated to Tennis West of Scotland



REPORT

At the 2019 Annual General Meeting, we all looked ahead to a great 2020 season. Nobody could have predicted what would then happen.

The pandemic has changed all our lives and, at the time of writing, shows little sign of nearing an end or a return to normality as we know it.

Throughout 2020, Tennis West of Scotland has adhered to the advice and guidelines issued by the government, **sportscotland** and Tennis Scotland with the result that the activity that it offers has been much reduced. The last year has been all about planning, revising and then often cancelling activity as guidelines constantly changed.

A period of hope in late summer allowed us to organize a 'one-off' league competition for players to return to competitive activity. This proved popular and good weather ensured that over 500 matches were played. The West of Scotland Open championships, which had been cancelled in August, were rescheduled for indoors at the end of October. Doubles events were cancelled at short notice due to government restrictions but the singles events were successfully completed. Calum MacGeoch and Anastasia Rentouli were crowned West of Scotland singles champions for 2020. It was just a pity that nobody was permitted to enjoy watching the high level of play they both produced. Results can be found on the web site, launched in early 2020, at www.tenniswos.co.uk

Regrettably, nearly all other competitions had to be cancelled. As I write, junior players are still allowed to train and compete in a safe environment and I hope that they will be able to continue throughout the winter.

Next month, clubs will be invited to submit entries to the 2021 league and cup competitions. It will seem odd to do so however it does provide hope that, by next year, tennis as we know it will have returned to normal.

Lack of competition has resulted in Tennis West of Scotland realizing a significant deficit in the last financial year. Fortunately, the company has reserves to weather such a year. It also took advantage of the government's job retention scheme with one member of staff being furloughed for a period of five months during the summer. The Board is very aware that many clubs have also been negatively affected by the current situation but also pleased that so many clubs have reported an increase in membership. The Board will therefore propose only a few minor increases to fees in 2021.

As my term of office as President comes to an end at the forthcoming AGM, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all clubs for their support over the past three years and wish them every success in the future. I would like to thank all volunteers, both on the Board and at clubs, for their time and effort in trying to improve the game of tennis for all. Finally, I would like to thank the Tennis West of Scotland staff for their support to myself and the wider tennis community during my time as President but especially over the past year.

Good luck to my successor, Barry Gibson-Smith, in whose hands tennis in the West of Scotland will continue to flourish.

John Jellema [President]