



Chairs Report AGM May 2017

Another busy year for Sound Tennis Sussex, here is some of our news and highlights.....

Huge congratulations to one of our players Chris Baily who took part in the first Sound Tennis International Tournament in Spain earlier this month. Chris became the first Great Britain player to be crowned champion winning the B3 men's singles. All of us at Sound Tennis Sussex are very proud of you Chris.

We have a new arrangement with Pav & Av a local centrally located club. Holding some of our coached sessions with Jane on a Sunday and offering a leisurely game during the week. The benefits have been we have saved on funds, the club is as central as it can be. The committee of the Pav & Av have been most welcoming making our venture into a mainstream club pleasant.

We are still using the Withdean for some of our coached sessions with Jane. The Withdean is an indoor venue so we are assured not to have any problems weather wise.

In October, Jane won a national award at the Sound Tennis National Tournament, VIP coach of the year. We are very proud of our coach

Hosting our 3rd Friendly with London Metro sports. This year we mixed it up a bit and had a day of mixed doubles in both B1 and B2+ groups. Many thanks goes to Gill Andersson and her gang of umpires and volunteers who were all brilliant :-)

Some of us have competed in regional tournaments and plan to compete in the Nationals this year in October.

The price of Sound balls this year has increased from £7 to £10 per ball. This is due to changes in currency exchange rates

Thanks to Jane Thomas who continues to be meticulous in her lesson planning to make sure all players and volunteers get the most out of our coached sessions.

Thanks to Helen Mitchell for making STS members most welcome at Southwick. We continue to have lots of fun and practise outdoors.

A huge thanks to Paul who again over the past year has worked so hard with dedication liaising, arranging, book keeping and lots more behind the scenes.

Without our volunteers particularly Steve, Ray, Sandra and Jenny the courts would be a lonely place. A huge thanks to you all. I note all of your game play has massively improved :-) and now we can all volley the dynamic in the game play has changed making it more 'interesting'....

See you on court....not in it!! boom

Christine Laurence

Chair STS