AGM 7th October 2014. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Tennis Year runs from October to October the AGM acting as a marker.

Over the last 12 months a lot has happened from the introduction of the Mini Leagues to the completion of the Racquet Development.

Tennis Membership has grown throughout the year. At present there are 267 adult members.

Membership of the 150 Club has remained static at 17 members.

The Junior tennis section has remained strong with an average of 40 members throughout the year. 5 Junior teams participated in the East Scotland Junior Leagues this season. Thank you to David Gibson the Grange Dyvours Junior Coach.

Bruce Beadle joined Grange Dyvours as our Adult coach. Bruce offers Group and private coaching to Grange Dyvour’s members.

Thank you Lee and Tom the Groundsmen and to Neil Ross for overseeing the maintenance and development of all the Tennis courts throughout the year.

Thank you to Neil Ross in particular for overseeing the development of our “new court 7 “ as a replacement for grass court 3 which was lost to the Squash Development.

Neil Ross will present his Grounds report covering many exciting changes this season and for the future.

April 2014, the Tea Hut was spring-cleaned and the Grass courts were declared open to what was to be a spectacular summer of tennis. One of the longest grass seasons in recent years.

The Grass Social season was busy with a variety of fun tournaments being played. I would like to thank all those members who helped to organise and run some of these events. There is a Social Report summarising all the events, organisers and winners.

May saw the start of the Ladies and Gents Doubles East Scotland League matches.

Var Mitchell and Stephen Davey successfully captained the teams.

The Captains’ reports are to be found on the Grange tennis website.

It has been encouraging to note many new members participating in the teams and the committee appreciates the time and effort of the captains to achieve these outstanding results and the challenges they face, from cajoling members to play and due to the increasing strength and quality of players to give everyone a fair chance to play as well as to select a potentially winning team.

To celebrate the Teams success a Team Dinner was held on July 26th in the Long Room.
June ended with the Strawberry Cup, themed “Unusual Sports”. Thank you again to Stephen Harris and Anne Bradbury for organising the competition and to those who participated and dressed sportingly for the occasion in more ways than one.

After a superb summer of tennis Final’s Night on 13th September celebrated the success of the Championship players and winners.

This season we have seen the continued improvement in the distribution and advertising of tennis information through the new style newsletters. Thank you to Antonia Lee-Bapty for her patience and expertise in editing and formatting the attractive newsletters.

Thank you too to Fenella Kerr for helping to edit the posters, which have appeared in the Stockbridge Spotlight magazine, advertising the Tennis Section as well as the Grange Club. While we have no specific numbers on how many members join due to the advert I am confident the advert highlights our existence and promotes new members throughout the year.

A huge thank you to Chris Close for his photographic expertise input this season. Chris’ input has been invaluable this year in connection to the fridge magnet design, posters as well as his time, patience and professionalism in producing the Grange Dyvour’s banner.

Grange Tennis hoodies continue to be popular with the members and I am sure a new order will be place in time for Christmas 2014.

Thank you to Debbie O’Connor for administering and continually updating and streamlining the Grange Tennis website.

Thank you to all those members who have provided Sunday Teas throughout the Season. They are always beautifully presented, tasty and a welcoming part of the Grange Club.

Thank you to David Jones for setting up and running the Tennis Mini Leagues.

Thank you to Heather Anderson, David Jones, Neil Ross, Sandie Sutherland and Paul Werninck who have given their time and expertise throughout the year on the Committee. It is important to highlight their commitment to making the Tennis Section run smoothly, organize competitions, events and make sure we have the best possible courts. And not forgetting you the members for making the Club fun, competitive and attractive for present and potential members.

Thank you.

Anne Bradbury

President 2012-14. Grange Dyvours LTC. Tuesday 7th October 2014