

2018 Report from the Tennis Chairman / Committee

Tennis committee:

I would firstly like to thank the tennis committee for all the tireless hard work, time commitment and effort that they have given to the club with a special thanks to Jane who continues to be ever present with her invaluable organisation skills, arranging meetings and providing information. The club would not be a success without the people that volunteer their time to make it a great facility for our members.

The tennis committee is always looking for innovative and new ideas to make the club even better, so if you would like to be involved please don't be shy.

Memberships:

2018 – 2019

158 Adult Members broken down as follows:

Full	82
Mid-week	16
Over 65s	27
Summer	4
Honorary	13
Junior Parent	11
Young Adults	5

129 Junior Members broken down as follows:

Racket Sports 12-18	31
Racket Sports Under 12	87
Sports Club Juniors	11
Total Members	<u>287</u>

Tennis Courts:

The tennis facilities have continued to attract attention as the surfaces continue to be well received and utilised one year on from the tennis court refurb project, which took place in 2017. Not only do they look fantastic, but they have been endorsed by club members and visiting teams alike.

The Tennis Committee will continue to manage the playing facilities to the highest standard possible.

Proto-type Indoor Bubble Facility:

An indoor bubble proto-type (Supplied by Bubble Tennis) is currently under development and it is hoped that this will provide an indoor tennis / multi-sports facility from October 2018 on court 9 for the winter months. Being desirable for Coaching and Social tennis, a booking system will be in place to make sure that every member will have the opportunity to sample its benefits – mainly staying dry! Photos and further news will appear on the Broxbourne Sports Club website and an official opening will take place sometime in October.



Tennis Coaches:

It's been another positive year in respect of coaching at the tennis club. The coaches have introduced an elite coaching programme for junior players, more competitions and girls only coaching groups to encourage more girls into tennis.

New Coaches, Nicole Voss has joined the coaching team and the club are excited to get her started on the programme, working with adults and juniors of all standards.

Junior players, the tennis club are proud to inform BSC that we have the top under 8 boys in the county (Herts) - Ritchie and Georgie Clayton, and also have two boys playing in the under 10's County Squad - Ethan Forbester and James Mitchell.

Surfaces:

The (grass) Lawn Tennis Courts have looked and performed to a high standard this year and it's been a pleasure to play on them. They have also been used prior to Wimbledon as a training venue for a number of World Ranked junior players. This has brought in some additional revenue for the tennis club by hiring out these facilities on an hourly basis and increasing our foot print as one of the few tennis clubs in Hertfordshire that still have lawn tennis courts.

Tennis Pavilion Tidy:

I would also like to give a special thanks to volunteers helping with the Tennis Pavilion Facelift. This has been possible through local business donations and grants. This has once again been well received by members and parents using the Tennis Pavilion.

Final thanks:

My last thanks go out to the Ground staff for their continued help during the year.

Nick Emery, Tennis Club Chairman