**Report To The Broxbourne Sports Club AGM From Tennis**

It has been a year of consolidation for the Tennis Section. We have been making good use of the popular Tiger Turf courts which have meant that we can play social tennis and matches all year round. The grass courts, something of a rarity now, have also given us good service through the Summer months.
A major coup for the section occurred when we were chosen by Herts LTA to provide a home for members of the closing Ponsbourne Club, some 20 of their members accepted our invitation and duly joined at Broxbourne.
We celebrated a successful winter season with the Mixed team topping the East Herts Winter league division 2A and the Ladies over 60’s coming second in Herts Senior League division 3A.
The finals of the Club tournament were held on Saturday 20th July. In the morning, the junior section held finals in 5 age groups showing how the next generation of players are making very good progress and enjoying their sport. The adults played for 5 trophies in a great afternoon of tennis. It was a busy one for Men’s Club Captain Paul Gambrill, winning two of his three finals. Play was watched by a large number of spectators including 23 past Presidents and honorary members, who enjoyed the annual Presidents’ Tea hosted by current Club President, Jenny Stocker.

As regards membership, we have seen a growth of 32 members (12%) in total on the previous year’s figure. Adult membership has gone up by 28 members (19%), this is largely due to the arrangement with Ponsbourne Tennis Club to offer their members a temporary home while they look for new premises. This generated £3,756 of additional income. In addition to this we have welcomed 17 new adult members to the club. Total adult income is estimated at £33,723 (income in ClubSpark from DD members is shown as the all-time total so includes last year.)

Junior membership has risen by 10 (9%). There is always a large turnover amongst this membership base, so it is encouraging to maintain growth. Junior income YTD is £3,839.

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|   | **2019/20** | **Paid members 2018-19** | **Paid members 2019-20** |
| **ADULTS** |   |   |   |
| Full | £290 | 74  | 97  |
| Summer only | £205 | 4  | n/a |
| Over 65’s | £205 | 31  | 28  |
| Mid-week | £175 | 16  | 13  |
| Full - Direct Debit  | £26.50 pcm | 5  | 19  |
| Young Adults (19-25) | £100 | 5  | 5  |
| Life / Honorary | £0 | 13  | 14  |
|   |   | **148** | **176** |
| Parent of Junior member | £30 | 8  | 2  |
| **JUNIORS** |   |   |   |
| Junior Racket (under 12) | £30 | 82  | 97  |
| Junior Racket (12-18) | £50 | 30  | 25  |
|   |   | **112** | **122** |
| Total  |   | **268** | **300** |

 We have had a great year in all areas of our coaching programme.

Our main focus has been to improve adult participation and adult memberships within the tennis section.  We have introduced three adult group coaching sessions each week which are free for adult club members.  This has worked so well as an incentive to get people to join up, but also to renew.

We have also built up our schools programme this year, which has enabled us to advertise and promote the club in a wider area around Broxbourne and is also a great way of inviting more children and adults to the club.

We feel our coaching programme now covers all areas of tennis, from beginner juniors and adults through to elite juniors and adult team players. Our men’s and ladies teams are doing well and our juniors are performing incredibly well, winning tournaments all over the county and now some of our juniors representing the county and being noticed by the LTA.

We have been working closely with the LTA this year to push our juniors to the next level and are really excited for the year ahead!