

## Tennis report 2023

It's been another great year for the Broxbourne tennis club. We've again added many new members and now have our highest number across the different packages with a total number now exceeding 530 and rising! Testament to the club we have attracted new members from all levels, ages and abilities, including some new men's 1<sup>st</sup> team members which has already made a great impact to the many competitive club matches played.

Thanks to the continued support and financial backing from the main club and committee we're now blessed with a fully operational tennis section with great facilities being utilised and enjoyed by all members. The maintenance and upkeep of our section is always ongoing and continual so again, we'd like to thank Gary Scanlon, Phil burrows, and the main committee members for their ongoing time, support, and financial backing.

We had another wonderful summer of tennis which saw a huge number of players enjoying the grass courts which played fantastically well and held up for the entire summer season even getting a small extension due to the extended good weather. We'd like to thank the grounds team, Dave, Ray and Jamie for doing such a great job as usual in their upkeep.

We had another fantastic summer club finals day albeit a very hot one, played and watched by many. Thanks to all those who played and those who supported and spectated and congratulations to our winners.

We'd like to give a special mention from the committee and everyone at the club to Sue Holland who has stepped down as our tennis club president after 3 years of hard work and loyal dedicated service to the club. From everyone here, thank you sue for doing such a wonderful job. We'd like to welcome our co chairman Dave Barnes who is adding to his many roles at the club and taking on the role as the new tennis club President! We know he'll also do a great job but just hope all this power doesn't now go to his head 😊. I'd also like to thank all our volunteer committee team members who do a huge amount of work behind the scenes.

We are always looking for more support from our members to join the committee and share some of the tasks, so if anyone is interested to find out how they could contribute and help out in any way please do get in touch.

### **Ladies teams:**

During the summer both our ladies Herts League teams had a very successful season with both teams finishing top in their respective divisions. We entered 4 teams in the Hot Rackets League with all teams finishing mid table.

We have just started the winter senior leagues; 6 teams compete across the 40's. 50's and 60's divisions.

4 mixed teams are also competing this winter.

We'd like to thank everyone who captained a team and those who played and represented the club over the last year with a special thanks to Karen Goodall on our committee who has the challenging job of allocating and managing court bookings across a very busy schedule of teams and matches!

Also, a special thanks again to our membership secretary Gemma Robson. Through her contacts within the LTA coaches, during the summer we have now hosted some regional and national Junior LTA tournaments at Broxbourne which have been a great success and fantastic addition and exposure for the club, with further competitions being planned for this winter and ongoing into 2024.

Well done to our incredible coaching team for all their hard work and dedication, always representing the club well and going above and beyond to ensure the success this club deserves.

### **Coaching Report 2023**

Its been a fantastic year all round with regards to the Coaching Programme, with the most mini tennis and junior teams entered in Hertfordshire, more regularly competing juniors, playing in external tournaments and two incredible young girls playing national events for 10u and 12u.

We have also entered more adult teams to cater for the increase in adult membership and more members wanting to play and represent their club, feeding from our adult grass roots programme, starting with Monday evening coaching and social tennis, through to our Dynamic Doubles groups and then Team Tennis nights.

We have achieved our targets of building a foundation of development mini tennis (u10) and junior tennis (u18) and feeding children through the coaching programme, getting them ready for matches from as young as 5 years old.

It has also been a great year for our juniors representing the club in the adult teams! With special mentions for Mylie Robson, playing and winning her ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team matches, James Hadju playing in the men's 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> teams, playing and winning some incredible matches and Elliot Frances who has been our youngest boy playing for the men's 4<sup>th</sup> team this year and also getting some great results for our club

Our goal next year, with the help of Gem Robson is to improve our u10 membership, whilst hoping to improve the Kidzone facilities, which will help massively with our u10's being able to practise more and play matches on the mini tennis read courts.

We have run some fantastic events this year, raising money for charity with ladies' club morning tournaments, parent and child fun tournaments in memory of James Woods, raising money for CRY (Cardio Risk in the Young), running the Don Graham memorial tournament which is the longest running junior tournament at Broxbourne, as well as some great Topsy Tennis Events and another great year of Club Championships!!

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There is a fantastic feel at the club at the moment, and its credit to a great coaching team, committee and amazing members!!

*Thank you all for a great year and we look forward to moving forward in 2024.*

Jim, the committee team, Dom, Harry and everyone at BTA Tennis Coaching