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The 2023-24 season saw Broxbourne Hockey Club represented by 5 Ladies teams, 4 Mens teams, several junior age groups and a superb summer league presence. The Ladies 1st team competed again at regional Premier level, one below the National League structure, and the Mens 1st Team were promoted into the equivalent league after a successful, high-scoring season. Further promotions and strong league positions means that the senior teams continue to be a strong hockey club not just in our local area but in the south-east of England.

Our Summer League remains a very successful venture, now being run for over 25 years, attracting many clubs across Ladies, Mens and Mixed teams, and this year had the most teams that we have ever attracted. This brings a great attraction to the sports club, match fees from our teams *and* oppositions, and further revenue across the bar throughout weekday evenings from April to August.

Our Saturday home matches draw plenty of support, and we enjoy a populated bar presence with a friendly and welcoming attitude to players, spectators and fellow Sports Club members. Monthly social events and an annual Badger Ball not only involve all of our members but bring further revenue into the club. The committee and helpers work tirelessly to deliver these events and my thanks go out to all of them, along with thanks to the bar staff for supporting us.

Currently we have 4 club members representing England at the Masters Hockey World Cup in New Zealand, along with a few ex-Broxbourne players flying the Badger flag. We are very proud of their achievements and hope that by the time the AGM takes place, we have some World Champions in our company.

The 2024-25 season has started for the hockey section and league & cup results are looking positive. Membership numbers are encouraging and we hope to be able to add an extra men's team next season. Junior numbers could be higher and this is a big focus for us to continue developing our own players. That said, this season we have plenty of junior players

transitioning seamlessly into the adult teams, which has been our strength for many decades.

Overall, we see success as being an inclusive, friendly club and can proudly say that we are achieving this, if not exceeding expectation. Alongside this, we work on improving the quality and abilities of our players through our coaching and development, and drive the higher teams to achieve great results and compete in the best leagues. 2023-24 has been a strong season for Broxbourne Hockey Club and we look to build on this in coming years.

Tom Evans

Co-Chairman