

Padel – AGM Report November 2025

We are now in our 4th year of padel at Broxbourne and the sport continues to be a great success. You will see from the accounts that padel is making a substantial and growing income contribution to the club. We earn income from taking a share of court hire, social and coaching sessions and G4P memberships for BSC members. In addition, BSC takes 100% of the income from padel social memberships, racket hire and ball sales. We entered year 4 of the agreement with Game 4 Padel in July when our share of income increased from 25% to 30%, which will help to continue the income growth.

There are now over 400 Broxbourne players with a G4P membership, including 84 who are members of other BSC sections and 134 who have a padel social membership. There are over 10,000 players registered! It's proving to be a very accessible sport with new players coming on board continually. Court utilisation is one of the best for G4P's outdoor venues.

And all this growth has continued despite more padel venues opening up nearby.

This summer the club has hosted 3 LTA tournaments and the county closed finals. We held our 2nd annual club championships in September. The regular Americano tournaments are very popular – we now have 3 volunteers running these.

Unfortunately our coach Davide Sorcinelli has left the club and Al Beesley is now working more at other venues. G4P are trying to recruit a new coach and we hope for news about this soon. This coming weekend we have a visiting coach Javier coming to deliver masterclasses – most of the places for these were booked within minutes of the announcement going out!

Finally, I would like to thank the following people for helping to make padel such a success here:

- Sara Childe for her dedication to providing admin support and for providing such a good welcome to new players and members
- The grounds team for their day-to-day maintenance
- Jill and the bar team for managing the racket hire service
- James Shand, Julia Sharpe and Bradley Moon for running the Americanos
- Nick Emery for the initial idea to get padel to Broxbourne and for his help with the tournaments

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