

Ladies Captain Report-AGM 8th Nov 2017

E Team-captained by Dee

A very successful season coming 3rd missing promotion by one point!

Dee kindly gave in eventually and 'offered' to be captain (supported by Lesley) and what a great job she did -using her experience and wisdom to bring the team together and encourage the newer players which is just what the team needed.

Anisa had a great season winning 9 out of 12 of her rubbers and Sophie won 7 out of 10.

I have a feeling they will make 4th Div next year!

D Team-captained by Ann

The D's just managed to stay in 3rd div as they beat Leckhampton on sets won.

The away match v Leckhampton on grass took 4 weeks to compete with 7 different players.

Thanks to Karen cousins, Mary Merricks and Dee who helped out.

Special shout out to Etty and Lindsay who had been 'begging' to play in teams and pestering me for 3 years. I finally gave in and they have been a great addition to the D team. And they won their first set decisively. Rose and Lucy found real competitive spirit showing great determination and ability.

Special mention to Di -who played brilliantly and made herself available for all matches. She even gave up a chance to see Michael McIntyre for the team!

C Team-captained by Jen

The C team finished 5th and were beaten for 4th place by only one % point

Clare, (who had an amazing season winning 10/12) and Steph made a great pair especially in match v Chalford

The team made up of Lilian, Maggie, Heather, Kirstin, Clare and Steph supported Jen with great commitment, sporting competitiveness and above all fun aptly finished off with an excellent end of C team season night out!

Thank you also to Jane Muncer, Anna and Midge who helped out with the odd match.

B Team-captained by Rachel

B team finished 5th in Div 1 pipped to post for 4th by Bredon As. It was only after the seasons selection did we realise the average height of the team was about 5ft! Lots of new pairings and mixing around making it a fun season and we even had a wedding-another excuse for a prosecco night!

A really fun season mixing in new young blood with the more mature and experienced.....

A Team-captained by Katie

Hurrah! Back in the prem!! Aply helped by Louise and Julia. There was no messing here with no losses and one draw! They easily came top of the league with an 11 point lead with 80% sets won. Jo and Tina had 100% wins.

Most improved players went to Sophie Brown and Di Horsell- Well done!

This year we have had 43 women competing in the Summer league and its been a very solid and successful season. The A team have been promoted back into Premier (where they clearly belong!) and we have had no relegations.

As captain the most satisfying thing for me is turning up at the club and seeing mixed groups of ladies of all ages and abilities together on court practising. What strikes me sometimes when I visit other clubs is how miserable some ladies look on court. I find myself being more challenged in getting a smile than winning the match!

A big shout out to all captains for their hard work and commitment. It can be a time consuming role and making decisions under pressure when you have 8 people coming out and you are playing away and its drizzling-its not easy.

Thank you ladies!