Seniors Report 2022 from Ray Huxtable

Winter Leagues

As I commented at our last AGM, it was very disappointing that we only entered one ladies team in 2021, having to withdraw the mens prior to playing the first match due to a poor response and availability problems

The ladies, organised by Mary Merricks, for which we appreciated, did suffer from some availability issues despite registering 13 players and finishing fourth in Division 1 and being relegated

We are hoping for better results this coming winter as 21 players to date have registered for two ladies teams we have entered, the A team, being run by Zena in division 2 and the B team, run again by Mary, playing in division 4. There appears to be much greater interest from the ladies this year as 27 teams have entered, split into 5 divisions

Once again the response from our over 60's men was very disappointing with only 5 expressing any genuine interest so reluctantly we have no mens team participating again. This apathy seems to be generally reflected in the county as only 8 teams have entered with 2 divisions of 4 each

There will only be 1 division in the mixed with 6 teams entered

Weekly Roll Ups

We have still managed to justify our 4 court bookings on Mondays and Thursdays with around 12-14 keen regulars attending whatever the weather throws at us, when it rains we just adjourn for coffee and cakes!

Not as many new members during the year compared to last but we did welcome Ailish Brown to our ranks

Our annual tournament was held in July, on yet another sunny day with 16 entrants followed by our customary buffet lunch, which seems to last linger than the tennis!

This year we tried a slightly different format, which seemed to be well accepted, in that a final was held with the leading man and second placed lady playing the leading lady and second placed man. This resulted in Maria and Mark Walker beating Jane Marshall and Graham Wellfair (last year's winners) My thanks to Carol Bailey and Judith Cutler for their assistance in the organisation