

Seniors Report 2023 from Ray Huxtable

Winter Leagues

As previously reported we only entered two ladies teams last winter and they did us proud, the A team captained by Zena, finishing top of division 2 and the B team, captained by Mary, finishing runners up in division 4 resulting in both being promoted this coming winter

The lack of interest I highlighted concerning the mens league last winter became even more pronounced as the months went by resulting in only 22 of the scheduled 48 matches being completed!

This coming winter it is good to report that enough interest has been expressed to for us to enter both a mens and mixed team as well as our two ladies once again, a record number of 29 ladies teams have entered around the county split into 5 divisions and there will be 2 leagues of both mens and mixed

The emphasis this winter seems to be on more divisions of less teams which should help to ensure all the fixtures can be completed

Weekly Roll Ups

We have still managed to justify our 4 court bookings on Mondays and Thursdays although numbers have generally been down on previous years. around 12-14 keen regulars attending whatever the weather throws at us. We have welcomed some new members during the year Hazel Blackburn, Jenny Souter, Paul Williamson and Paul Godden to our ranks. We seem to get many new players who compliment us on our welcome and friendliness but then never return!

Our annual tournament was held on October 5th at the third attempt with 16 entrants followed by our customary buffet lunch, which was enjoyed by all present

A very competitive four rounds resulted in a final between Nicky Whittet and Mark Walker playing Jane Marshall and Jack Fillingham. This was a very close match going to a long tie break which eventually Jane and Jack won

Finally it is common knowledge that for a variety of reasons I have decided to stand down from my role on the committee after six years and am pleased to report that Nicky Whittet has offered to replace me

