

# Men's Captain Report 24

Another year of mens' competitive tennis has passed and reflecting on it, it has overall been positive. We have seen a large number of players taking part in some form or another whether that be in the Internal Competitions, or as part of our league teams and from some of the matches that I have had the pleasure of watching, there was some great tennis, good competition and fun for those playing.

## **Team Tennis**

Carrying on from last season, we have 4 summer midweek mens' & 2 weekend teams and 3 Vets in the winter.

There was a mix of fortunes in terms of results with the midweek A & B's staying in the division and C & D's getting relegated. Our Hot Rackets 1's got relegated with our Hot Rackets 2 securing promotion. Our 3 Vets teams all managed to consolidate last season's promotions by staying in the division this year. Where we have gone down, I believe that this gives us a good opportunity to build and come back stronger.

c50 players were used across the mens' team programme and whilst we have given opportunities to a number of players, including our promising juniors, one of next season's aims is to provide an even better platform to provide more team tennis across the club.

Our team tennis programme also continued its double header of training sessions organised running from Feb-Apr and Sep-Oct to keep players a little warmer in the chillier months and outside of the summer season.

## **Internal competitions**

It has been another strong year for internal competitions, with a number of events across the year, from the summer club championship, to monthly American tournaments, to the Viren Ghelani O55's all being well attended with similar or better numbers than 2023. Congratulations to all winners but more importantly thank you to all who took part.

Sadly I will no longer be continuing in the role next year due to my recent health challenges that ruled me out for nearly all the summer and I need to take a step back to focus on getting 100% over the next couple of years. I would like to thank all the captains for their continued support over my time as captain and to all those who have played during this period. Your help whether it be in organising team & training sessions or players stepping in last minute to cover really does help to keep our competitive programme running and going from strength to strength. I wish you all the best for the future and to continue to provide opportunities to members looking to get involved in the competitive programme.