



**LYTHAM TENNIS CLUB**  
CHURCH ROAD LYTHAM FY8 5QD

### **Ladies Tennis Report 2019-2020**

Well what a strange year! There were good points and bad, for me from Covid 19.

I had no stress choosing the teams, as there were no Fylde or Ribble League matches. We were also not able to hold our Club Open Tennis Tournament, or hold any of the Ladies Fundraising Tennis tournaments that we have had over the last four years.

However, we did have a great Club Handicap tournament, with altered rules. Instead of playing the best of three sets, it was set at playing the best of 15 games. This meant matches could generally fit into the hour long playing slots, and also meant a few people entered, who might not have done previously, as they were unable to face the best of three sets with a hard handicap against them and very long matches. Thank you to everyone who entered and made it a success and congratulations to the finalists.

Judith Buckley won the Ladies Singles Final against Sarika Passi.

Marc Holdsworth won the Mens Singles Final against Chris Wilson.

Catherine Broadbent and Julie Cowser won the Ladies doubles against Tracy Fenton and Judith Dodson.

Ed Sawyer and Russell Thomas won the Mens Doubles against Marcus Clowes and Howard Hudson.

Kyle Hendry and Christine Kinley won the Mixed doubles against Judith Buckley and Tom Hough.

Although we could not socialise properly or advertise the finals, it was a lovely sunny day, players were well supported by friends and family, the tennis was fantastic and it was a pleasure to see people, even a little distanced.

Now a few Thank-yous.

Thank you to my lovely vice, Judith Cooper, and Simon Whitehead and Roy Lunio for their support over the last four years. It is with great sadness that I acknowledge that Judith will not be able to take up her role as Ladies Captain due to health issues. This is a great loss to the Club as she would have been a fabulous Captain and we all wish her well. However, she had chosen a very popular Vice Captain, Gill Totty, so I have offered to stay on for another year to talk Gill through the things that are supposed to happen through the year. I am really hoping we might be able to get back to a more normal season next year.

Thank you to all the team Captains, chosen at the beginning of the season, and agreeing to support their teams, even though "there seems more chance of a snowball fight in Hell, than playing team tennis", as was quoted back to me....you know who you are, making me giggle at a bad moment in time.

Another person, who missed out this year was Olivia Bickerstaff, who was going to make her debut in the first team. It seems very unfair that such a young player missed a full year of support in our great first team, and the experience it would have given her.

Many of us are looking forward to playing in the Winter Ladder, ably assisted by the great organising skills of Linda Haworth and Ed Sawyer, who seem to be in competition to see who can wear the courts out first. Thank you both.

Thank you to all the Committee members who battled on together as much as we could this year, especially Bernard and Frank with the many Covid rule updates. I am sure Frank's keyboard must be wearing out.

Finally, the most massive thank you of all to our Chairman, Bernard Crosby, who worked tirelessly to get the Dome up and running for indoor Winter tennis, including a lot of physical hard labour, sorting out the site around the courts and the Clubhouse. We are delighted that the new Dome courts have been named after him, although we were prevented from celebrating the opening in true Lytham Tennis style. In some ways, it seems a very small gesture, compared with the work he put in, but THANK YOU Bernard from us all.

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