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Men's Tennis Captains Report 2019-2020

Well what an Interesting year!

One that I don't think any of us this time last year would have ever predicted!

This time last year I was trying to recall the many mistakes I had made through my first year as Men's Captain and thinking hard of ways that I could learn and ensure that I didn't make them again and how we could improve on the season past particularly with our Men's Team Tennis.

I was looking forward to having 5 teams back with our new 5th Team playing in the newly created division 9 which was going to give far more opportunity for our male members to enjoy competitive team tennis at least when we get back to playing team-tennis we can look forward to this.

So unfortunately, I cannot report on any Team Tennis as we never got any started.

However, we have at least after the initial shutdown managed to have tennis played at our club and with the changes in member's lifestyles I have often seen all 6 courts packed to the brim at times like 10.00 am on a Tuesday morning a sight not seen before.

So my 2nd year has been all about helping to manage how we can maximise tennis through the pandemic and how we can do it in as safest way as possible.

I think we have also learnt a lot as well maybe the 1 hour on the hour playing rule has worked and should be maintained.

Due to Pam's continued 'never going to give up' attitude we managed to get the Handicap Tournament played and what a great success this was thanks Pam for never giving up on this one. She continued to ignore the NO!! replies from the committee and found a solution and a format that worked and maybe for this tournament could remain? (Another lesson learnt?)

I am not going to list out all the issues we have faced but please be assured there have been many but what has been truly brilliant is the way we have all worked as a team to protect and still move forward our Tennis Club. We have the Dome and what a tennis experience that is and hopefully we can find ways to getting back in it as soon as possible. We have a proven format for still playing competitive tournament Tennis, Ed Sawyer & Linda Howarth have done a fantastic job getting the Winter Ladder up and running and I have already witnessed great matches being played so, despite the pandemic our tennis is prospering and I assure you will continue to do so.

Four years, doesn't feel like four minutes since Marc asked me to be his Vice Captain. I hope I have made some contribution thanks to all my fellow committee members for putting up with me.

I cannot close without saying a massive thanks to Roy & Pam your support has been immense, and to Hazel, Steve & Helen whose support never gets seen and recognised.

Simon Whitehead