**SECRETARY REPORT (ANNE LOUISE HICKS) YEAR 22-23**

Welcome everyone.

I must say this club is going from strength to strength and lots of people ask me about it and hopefully I encourage them to come and along, see what it is all about and hopefully join!

**FACILITIES.**

Court 1 is completed and has been a great success, especially with the wet summer we have had.

The visiting clubs are very complimentary of it and indeed seem to be a tad jealous ….

We have had the lights on all courts upgraded and the light boxes on all the courts now use pound coins instead of tokens.

The council erected bicycle stands, and these have been very useful to our members who use bicycles.

Our clubhouse is very bright and user friendly.

We receive money from bridge club, art club and crochet club who all use it at times when we do not need it.

They are very happy with the clubhouse and good parking facilities.

Local schools use the courts for tennis during the school terms and we have been very lucky to have a friendly school next door who have accommodated our new court 1 and in return we allow them to use the courts for their sports day etc.

Nikki has helped out with a few sessions with learning disability groups and groups from Mencap.

**TENNIS**

Nikki is our coach and has been very busy. She works hard and the following are some of the sessions she organizes:

* There have been 4 beginner adult blocks ran, these proved to be very popular being snapped up within 5 minutes of being advertised! A new block is starting again after Halloween which has been filled from the reserve list from the summer block! Relatively good turn over from these classes to people joining 😀😀
* Cardio fun tennis
* The autumn /spring leagues
* Fun tennis throughout the year in the form of American doubles and Halloween and Turkey tennis.

Somehow, she manages to do this alongside competing in tournaments up and down the country!!!

She is ranked number 1 in the TENNIS IRELAND SENIORS

She has had 13 wins this year which is truly remarkable …the highlight of these was winning our Tyrone Open tournament for the first time and winning the inter provincials in Waterford in the 30’s and she represented Ireland along with Donna McSorley in Turkey the ITF world masters.

**TOURNAMENTS**

**External:**

Irvinestown, Enniskillen, Limavady, Ballycastle, Belfast, Letterkenny … lots of our members entered these and were very successful showing us that we have a great standard of tennis in our club.

Some members also traveled to Sligo, Galway, Dublin, Waterford and Stephen Cuthbertson won all 3 of his matches in the Belfast interprovincial 65 ’s which was a remarkable achievement!!!

**Internal:**

The Tyrone Open was run by Edwin and his team.

Our internal tournament was run by Veronica.

Thank you to all these people who helped make these events a great success.

We had a great entry in the Tyrone open tournament and also our own internal tournament was a great success.

More of our new members are trying out these tournaments and really enjoying them, which is great to see as it brings on their tennis so much.

As the saying goes ……. it’s not about the winning but the taking part…!!!

All the members worked at our tournaments and there was great praise from everyone for the warmth and hospitality shown by the club.

We thank our sponsors: McAleer Jackson Accountants and Mc Bride Spar group who sponsored the Tyrone Open Tournament and Marie Therese McSorley and Adams and Pollock funeral Directors who sponsored our internal tournament.

**JUNIORS**

Again, our coach has been very busy!!

4 blocks of coaching since the last AGM, which accommodated c.90 juniors aged 4 - 17!!

Summer Camps saw nearly 120 kids participate in over 15 different groups, one of which was run as an autism friendly class!!

**MEMBERS**

The club now has 191 members, with revenue for membership at £23,880

Adults….142 and 49 juniors of which ….80 males….111 females

The committee members have worked tirelessly to keep this club going all year.

Olive has managed to stock cupboards and go to the skip regularly and lift money in light boxes, all very helpful jobs.

Stephen Cuthbertson & Gary Curry have managed to keep the courts and outside of the club in a lovely tidy condition and the rest of the committee are behind the scenes supporting Conor as needed.

I want to thank them all and am stepping down as secretary… Karen helped to cover me when I headed off on holidays and it was greatly appreciated.

I know Conor is stepping down from his role and he will be sorely missed, and I want to thank him personally for his patience and support in my role on this committee.

Here’s to lots of tennis in the next year 23/24!!!