



# Bishop's Castle Tennis Club

## **Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2022**

1. This last year has been about a recovery from the Covid pandemic, a stabilisation of the Club and running the Committee without a Chair. The Committee met monthly with a member acting as Chair to support each of these. Everyone has played their part to deliver a successful Club through the season.
2. The Club has done very well in maintaining our membership when so many Clubs in Shropshire have seen their number reduce to pre-pandemic levels. We have retained and expanded our adult membership and now have a total of 80 adult members of which 2 are 3 month taster members.
3. Junior membership has reduced post Covid following the opening up of all the other sports and now stands at 3. This is still an increase in membership compared with 2019 levels. The fall in Junior membership has also been reflected in the numbers wanting to attend coaching courses leading to a number of the courses being cancelled.
4. The Club would like to thank Lucy Taylor for all the hard work she has put in over the years and to take this opportunity to wish her well in the future from all of us. With Lucy now retired we have started to develop a partnership with 'We do Tennis' who have, so far, successfully run both a 2 day Junior course and a very popular Adult Evening Coaching session. Club member Wendy Griffiths has successfully completed her Level 1 in Coaching and working with 'We do Tennis' to deliver Junior coaching at both our Club and other local Clubs. Our relationship with 'We do Tennis' will develop with many more future coaching opportunities for both adults and juniors. Please keep your eye on the website for future opportunities.
5. Our new working arrangement with Bishop's Castle Enterprise House has supported both the management and development of our ClubSpark website. Helen Randle has led on this as well as local PR radio and press coverage through the year to raise our Club profile.
6. During the last year we have also been developing our own in-house maintenance of the courts and grounds with particular thanks going to Jenny Olivant and Phil Taylor as well as Sue Cooper. The regular member working parties have been a great success and integral to maintaining our beautiful space. All of this has helped the Club to reduce our expenses, better manage our budget and allow us to return a surplus, helping our sinking fund to continue to grow.
7. The Club has also been involved in a wide range of competitions both within the County and within the Club. We have fielded 2 mens and 2 womens doubles teams as well as 2 teams in the Mixed Doubles Autumn League. Both the mens and ladies club competitions were well attended and resulted in very competitive finals.

8. More 'Club Play' sessions were developed during the year and these are now available on Monday morning and afternoon, Thursday evening and Saturday morning. Hopefully these will allow all our members to develop their game and also find partners to play with at other times.
9. The very successful Quiz night on the 1st of April raised just over £500. Correspondingly the Race Night at the end of September proved to be an enjoyable evening although was poorly attended and raised £200. A big thank you to all those who participated to make it happen with a special thank you to Kathy Taylor as Quiz Master and Larry Monk for leading the Race Night.

### **Financial Report for 2021 – 2022**

1. Club finances for year-end present a favourable net surplus of £2,642 compared to the budget of £810 with an income of £8,314 from adult membership, £35 from Juniors and £535 from 'Pay and Play'. Our sinking fund currently stands at £28,720 but with the addition of this surplus will stand at £31,362 as at year end.
2. Our surplus for the 2022/2023 season is budgeted at £2,259.