



Ladies Captain's report 2021

It has been another disrupted year of tennis but we have been very lucky to be able to continue as much as we have. It looked a little different for most of the last year and the beginning of this, but as soon as we could the number of ladies wanting to play regularly has been great and the enthusiasm has been brilliant. We have again been lucky to welcome some new members as well. So a big thank you to all the ladies it makes my job so much easier.

We entered 2 teams in the winter league this last year who only played one match but based on the previous year the 1st and 2nd winter league were promoted. Thank you to Karen Morris for heading this league up for us and it continues to be a great way of introducing some of our junior girls and newer members into league doubles matches. We have entered a third team into the winter league this year which has already started and I thank Leza for agreeing to captain the third team – all teams are doing well so far! Karen has highlighted that there is an increasing number of hardy ladies willing to play throughout the winter which is great thanks Karen.

Our summer league fixtures proved to be quite challenging having both the 1st and 2nd teams been promoted in 2019 and missing last years Summer league!! Thank you all for playing and your commitment, the 1st and 2nd team have gone down a division and the 3rd team finished mid table. Thanks to Katie Stanley and Hilary for captaining the teams and doing all the arrangements so well. We have also entered another team for next years Summer league which shows how healthy ladies tennis is in Balsall and Berkswell tennis club.

Katie Stanley has yet again headed up the ladies vets team and I thank her for her continued commitment to this. Last year the ladies finished 7th out of 10 teams so they stayed up and they have won the first match of this season so far.

The ladies Wednesday nights remain very popular and as soon as we were allowed we were back. Most weeks we have 20-24 ladies coming up for 2 hours of practice and it continues to serve as not only great fitness but vital social interaction and support as well especially over the last 18 months which we have all really appreciated. The number of juniors joining us remains very stable and they are all making huge progress in ladies doubles and are being included in the various league matches over the year, I am very grateful for their commitment.

Finally many thanks to all the ladies for your support over the last year again and lets look forward to it staying more stable so we can continue to enjoy our tennis. Any new ladies are always very welcome to join us.