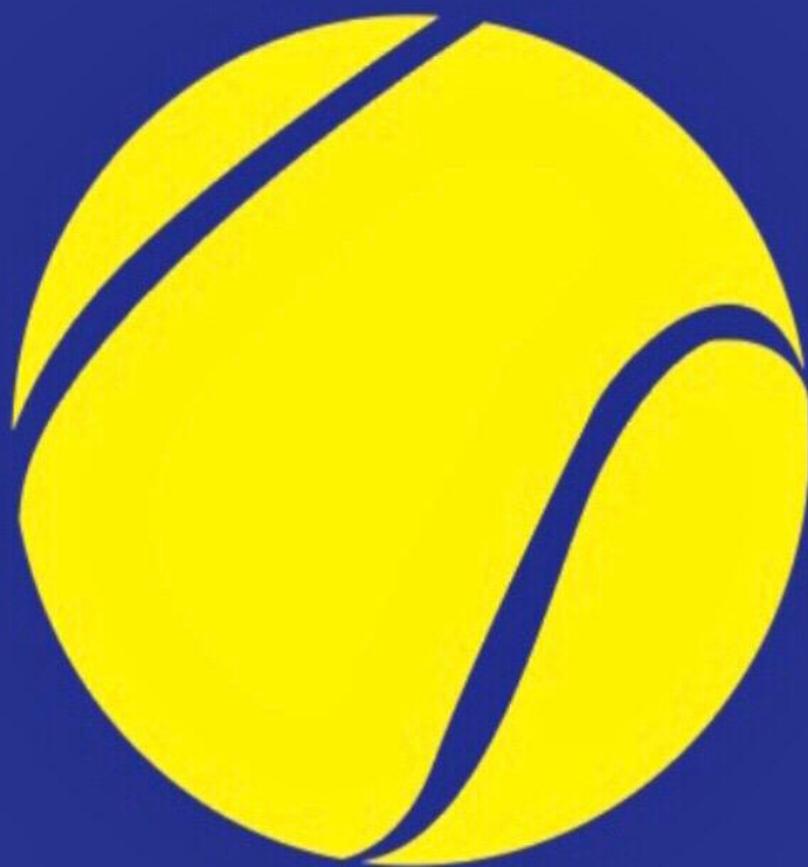


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HAYES REGAINS INDEPENDENCE

Hayes Tennis Club has launched its own October Revolution as It reached agreement with the Warman Trust to manage all its finances.

The change from October 1 ended an arrangement with Warman which provided backing for the tennis club over the past three years.

Now, with a healthy balance sheet and a growing membership, the club is aiming to achieve the goals set out in the 5 year plan put together earlier this year. We are in a good position to gain financial support from the Lawn Tennis Association and raise more funds from a proposed lottery.

The decision was made at a September 27th meeting attended by Warman's Treasurer Peter Bennett, representatives of the rugby and cricket sections, tennis Treasurer Alan Lennox and tennis men's captain Steve Race.

Alan said, "They agreed we would take back full control of our finances from October 1st. Life will be much easier for us.

"This is great news and will benefit the club greatly going forward . I would like to thank Warman and the Rugby and Cricket clubs for supporting the Tennis Club in the Spring of 2020 and subsequent months, when the Tennis Club was going through a very difficult time financially."

Phil Jopson said, "Excellent news Alan. Well done all who helped in facilitating this."

Ladies captain Sally Hills said, "Well done Alan. That is very good news for the club."

LTA SUPPORT

On October 11 Amy Martin, the LTA's Participation Development Manager, will come to Hayes to see how they can help to recruit and retain members.

WIN PRIZES AND HELP THE CLUB

The lottery will come up in November. A form has gone to Bromley Council so we can get a licence.

Members will have a chance to win money and help the club at the same time. Each ticket costs £2 a month, payable by standing order. You can buy as many tickets as you want. Initial monthly winnings will be £60 for first prize and £30 for second prize.

As more tickets are sold the monthly prizes will increase, and they will go directly to winners' bank accounts. Profits from the lottery will help run the club.

One of our biggest bills will be new floodlights, so we will look at crowdfunding and grants from Sport England to fund them.

The club plans to upgrade the floodlights to LED. So the electricity usage will be lower. That is good for the environment and cuts the cost of usage for the members.

The club has also recently bought a court sweeper and blower to help look after the courts. We are sweeping the courts more and looking after them better. We also cut trees last year to make the courts cleaner.

CLUB MATCHES

All these changes have happened at a time of great activity at the club. Men's 2 and 3 teams both won matches in the early Summer, though Ladies lost two. Mixed midweek Vets won two and drew one. Mixed 2 won one and lost two. Men's Vets 1 drew one and lost one. Men's over 60 won two and drew one. And Men's over 70 won two and lost two.

Later matches saw Men's 1 played 5, won 2 and lost 3. Men's 2 were relegated having lost 4 out of 5. Men's 3 played 8, won 3, drew one and lost 4. Men's 4 played 10 and lost 10. Ladies played 10, won one, drew two, and lost 7. Mixed midweek vets played 6, won 3, drew two and lost one, Mixed 2 played 6, won 3 and lost 3. Men's over 60 played 10, won 6, drew one and lost 3. Men's over 70 played 6 won 3 and lost 3.



In the club's Vets tournament organised by Andrew McIver, Phil Jopson and John Dear were the winners.

Off the courts, Warman Chairman Nigel Gallagher celebrated 20 tennis club's members involvement in the Warman Beer and Cider Festival.

On What's App Nigel said "An epic day Sunday, grateful for the support we had from tennis members. Hopefully now this opens the door to get more of you involved next year. Huge thanks to Steve and his Carpark team and all the people who ran the Pimms tent."

Nigel told the newsletter it was too early to know how much money was made but he was predicting similar figures to last year, that is £12,000 to £13,000.

Tennis President Clive Cushen congratulated Nigel on What's App and added that it took a tremendous amount of organisation from the Warman team. Clive said thank you to the 20 tennis volunteers wh turned out and made their own contribution.

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Footnote: The original October Revolution was 106 years ago on October 16 1917, the final part of Lenin's Russian takeover.

CROWDS ENJOYING THE FESTIVAL

