**Newton Abbot Squash and Tennis Club**

**Chairman’s Report 2018**

Welcome to the 2018 Chairman’s report. Thanks to you all for your continued support of the club and your high levels of participation.

I am happy to report that this has been a successful, competitive and clearly enjoyable year.

This year’s AGM is on Tuesday November 13th at 7.30pm in the Function Room and the committee and me will be delighted to see you there.

Squash and Racketball/racquetball have once again competed excellently in league fixtures with 5 men’s squash teams, 2 ladies’ squash teams, 2 mixed racketball teams and 2 ladies’ racketball teams. Combine this with highly successful club nights, excellent junior mornings and a touring ladies’ racketball team and you have a terrific programme of events coupled with great support.

Our squash juniors proved outstanding in the Devon Championships- well done to all of you.

I would like to give a special mention to Bill Moody for all he has done and continues to do to support and encourage junior squash and to wish him luck in his continued progress as a major contender for Teignbridge Sports Personality of the year. Thanks also to Lee Curtis for continuing to lead the squash first team and to Tom Boyle, Denise and Steve O’Donnell, Nick Whalley and Lisa Madge for creating and running a very successful summer teams’ season.

The squash/racketball courts have all been sanded and re-lined and the glass backed court has been serviced, as has the heating system.

Our tennis section has been equally busy and successful. Two men’s teams and 2 ladies’ teams competed in the Exeter and District league and ladies’ A again won their league and further promotion. Great stuff. Well done. This year a mixed team competed in the South Devon league and won the cup! Brilliant! Club sessions on Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings have been well supported and a Thursday evening club night has been added.

The dilapidated and dangerous fencing along Marsh Road has been replaced with a much improved construction and plans are well advanced to replace all the remaining fencing. My thanks to all of you who have helped via generous loans and sponsorships.

Membership numbers have remained largely stable but as always we all need to do all we can to promote the club and bring in new members. There have been some small technical glitches with the on-line payments system and I thank you for your patience whilst these issues were being resolved.

We have been able to maintain membership fees at last year’s levels, thanks largely to the support we continue to enjoy from The Recreational Trust.

The Trust have impressive plans for the future development of the centre. Soon you will be able to view, comment and provide support for this exciting development. The Sportsman’s Bar is more successful, comfortable and enjoyable than ever -with food and Sunday lunches to match.

Over the years the Recreational Trust have done a great job in supporting the member clubs and instilling a feeling of unification, increasingly so with the welcome addition of running clubs, pool teams, darts teams and the growing success of the Function Room as a multi-use facility. We are all stronger together and I Would strongly urge against any isolationism or sectarianism. What is good for all member clubs is good for us all.

On your behalf I would like to thank the committee for their highly commendable and continued great works in keeping things alive, solvent and progressive. We have a new secretary in Jane Gick and new committee members, Sally Mutton and Tom Boyle. New committee members with fresh ideas and fresh enthusiasm are always welcome. Come in and join in with the good works – you will be most welcome.

Merci beaucoup to Jane Comyns for all her splendid works as recent secretary.

And finally, thank you all for your continued support during my tenure as chairman and au revoir. This is my last Chairman’s Report. I will be standing down following the AGM.

With very best wishes to you all,

Chairman Glyn.