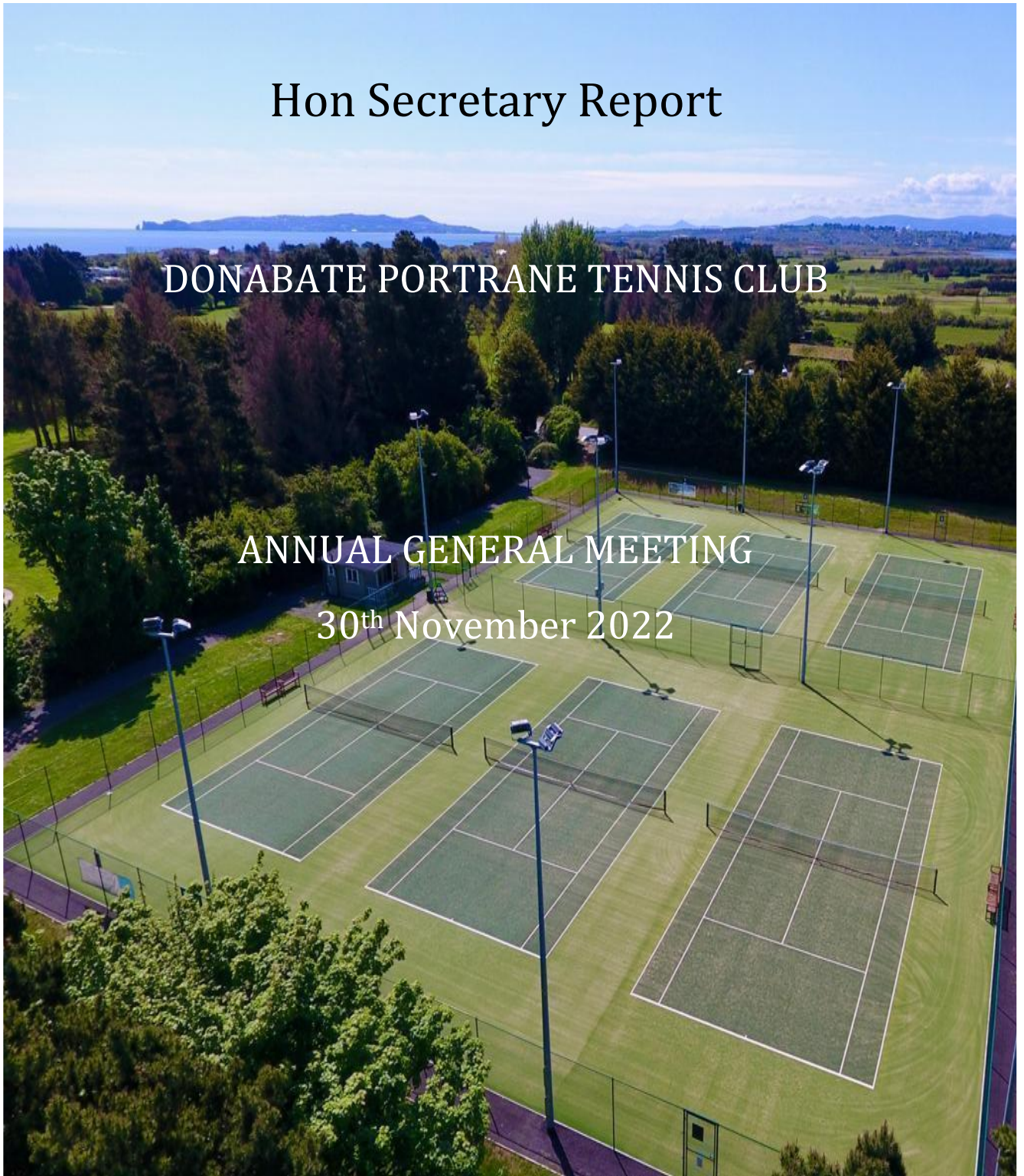


Hon Secretary Report

DONABATE PORTRANE TENNIS CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

30th November 2022



Overview by Michael Bonnie (Honorary Secretary)

The Management Committee continued to meet, since December 2021, on the second Monday of each month, due to Covid19 some of the meetings were via zoom.

2021/2022 Committee members are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Current duration on Mgt Committee</i>	<i>2021/2022 Election / Re-election Result.</i>
<i>Robbie Harrold</i>	Chairman	8 Years	
<i>Michael Bonnie</i>	Hon Secretary	1 Years	
<i>Elaine O'Doherty</i>	Treasurer	2 Years	
<i>Ruth Browne</i>	Ladies' Captain	2 Years	Resigning
<i>Chris O'Brien</i>	Men's Captain	2 Years	Resigning
<i>Alison Herlihy</i>	Junior Co-ordinator	3 Years	Resigning
<i>John McFadden</i>	Child Protection Officer.	3 Years	
<i>Ann Marie O'Brien</i>	Membership Secretary	1 Year	
<i>Donald O'Keefe</i>	Facilities Co-ordinator [Vacant]	1 Year	
<i>Fergal McCarthy</i>	Marketing/Public Relations	1 Year	
<i>Deirdre Meyler</i>	Social Committee and Fundraising	1 Year	
<i>Dorothy Donnelly</i>	Minutes Secretary.	2 Years	

Committee Members stepping down this year are Ruth Browne, Chris O'Brien and Alison Herlihy. It must be brought to everyone's attention that without the filling of positions, the offerings that the club continue to have for their members may not be available for the coming year.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to thank the club's numerous volunteers in our sub committees who have been working hard in the background.

As you are all aware our club is run totally by volunteers, we must all appreciate and give thanks for the time and effort all the volunteers have given us over the year, without which, the club would not

continue. We are always looking for members to get involved. If you have an interest in helping out, then please let us know.

I am happy to report that DPTC continues to thrive. The Club prides itself on being inclusive to cater for all levels of players. Our membership is slightly down from 617 last year to 559 this year. This could be members returning to other activities that were prohibited during covid. The Committee is mindful of ensuring that all members have use of the courts and the usage on Acebook is outlined below for your information.

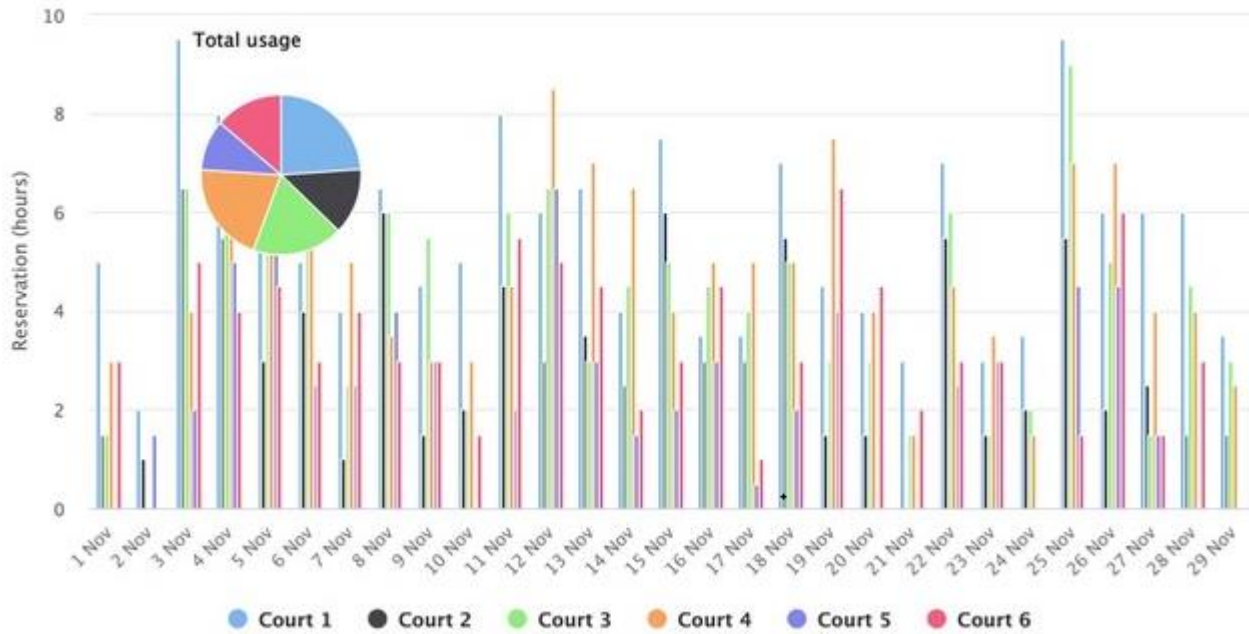
ACEBOOK:

Acebook, the court booking system, has also been instrumental in allowing the club to **continue to be compliant with the restrictions under Covid TI protocols** as this facilitated information for track and trace purposes before restrictions were relaxed in January.

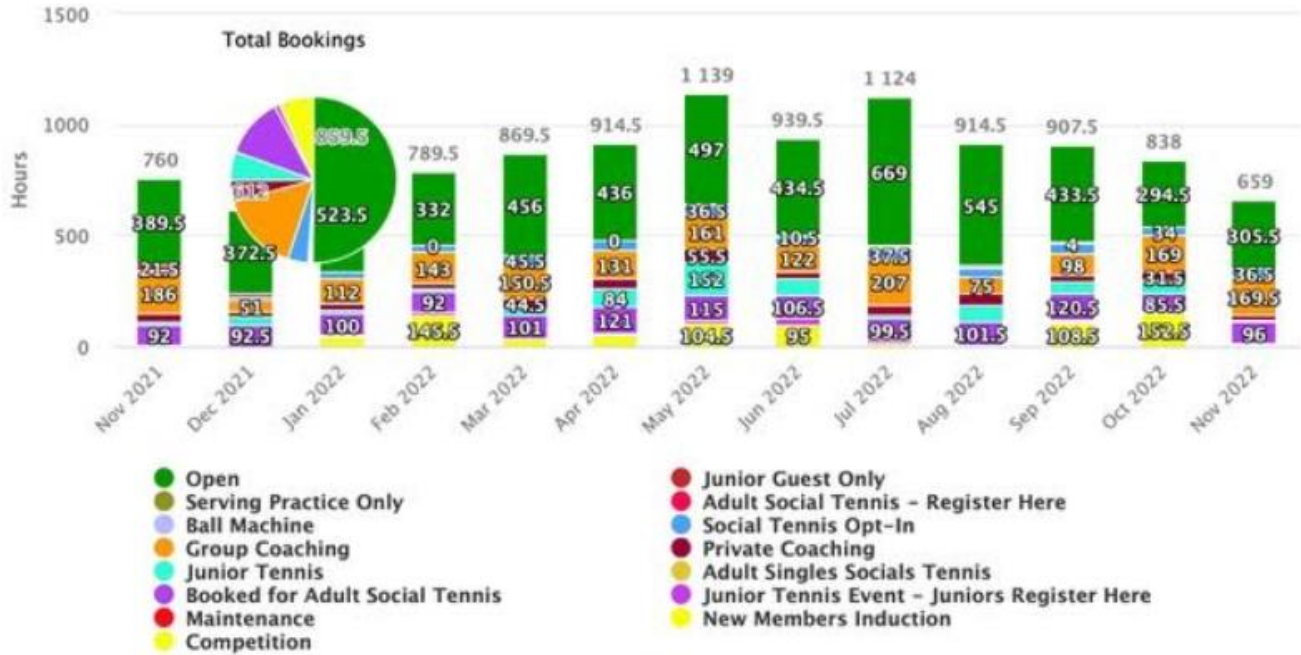
It also allows for payment via the court booking system, so DPTC hopes to continue a cashless process for all events, bookings etc going forward.

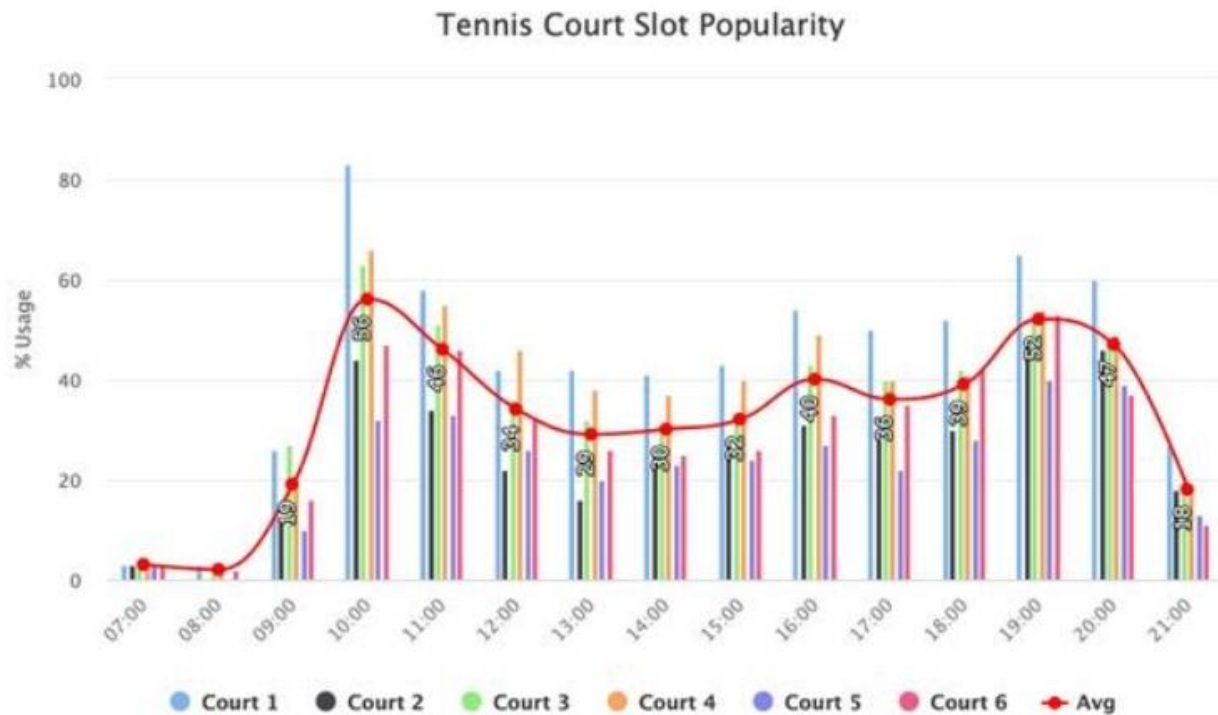
The committee are ever mindful as the membership numbers grow that courts are available when members wish to play and therefore Acebook reports, and the yearly members survey allow the management committee to review the members experience. See below for details.

Tennis Court Usage



Tennis Court Booking Types





ACCREDITATION:

The Tennis Ireland Clubmark Silver accreditation DPTC originally achieved in 2017 was again awarded last year (2021) and remains in place for a further 2 years following the 2021 review.

MEMBERS SAFETY:

The management committee is committed to keeping our members safe. This is monitored by risk assessments and review of injuries on court etc. Thankfully there have been no injuries sustained on court due to our courts or facilities but there have been a few injuries from members from falls and muscle strains.

New member induction continues to be performed by our Head Coach, Hugh O'Loughlin. This has proved very valuable for new members and gives them a great introduction to the club and courts. It also includes a bit of play so as to give an overview of the level of the new member, (ITN no) which is now captured on Acebook. Our thanks to Hugh for his continued assistance with this.

Free guest invitation July and August

During the summer months July and August, the club allowed members to invite friends to try out our courts for free. This was very popular with friends of members and resulted in 25 new members joining during this period. The new membership process probably encouraged new members to join .

New membership process

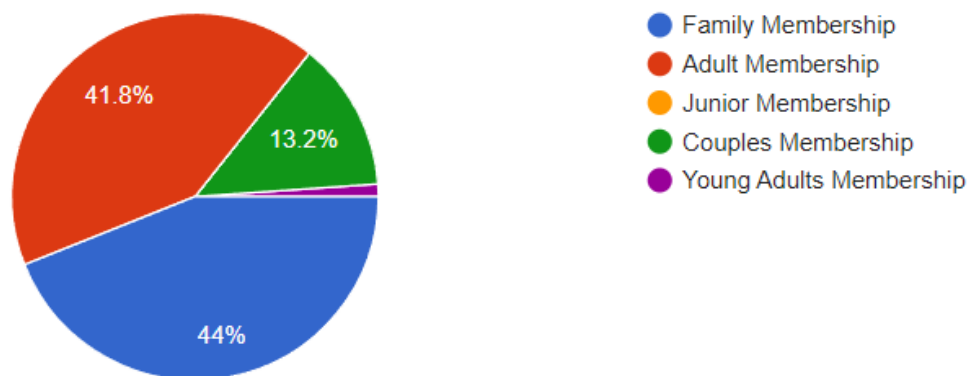
The club is now using Acebook as our membership system. This means that we are able to support a rolling year for new members, so whatever the date a new member joins and pays their membership fee, their membership renewal date will be 12 months from that date. This allows the club better flexibility to gain new members and means the 6 months winter membership will no longer be offered. This rolling year is open to new members only, all renewals keep their initial registration date.

MEMBERS SURVEY:

We encourage our members to give feedback comments to our committee members throughout the year. The Member's Survey is held the month prior to the AGM and questions on the facilities, bookings, communication etc are requested from the members.

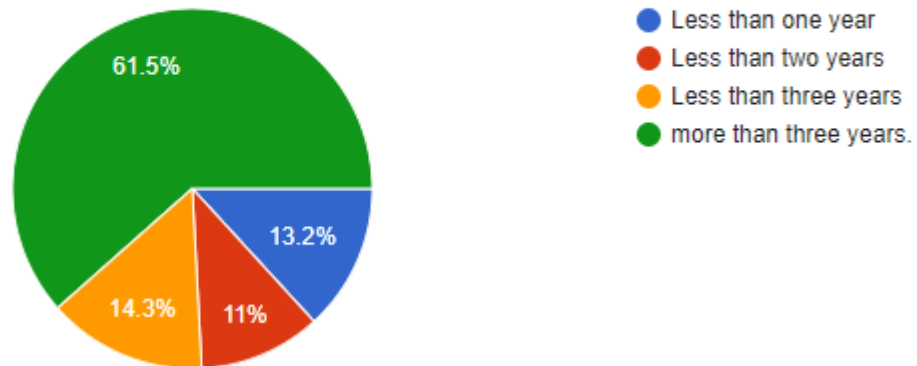
Tell us a bit about your membership

91 responses



How long have you been a member of the club.

91 responses

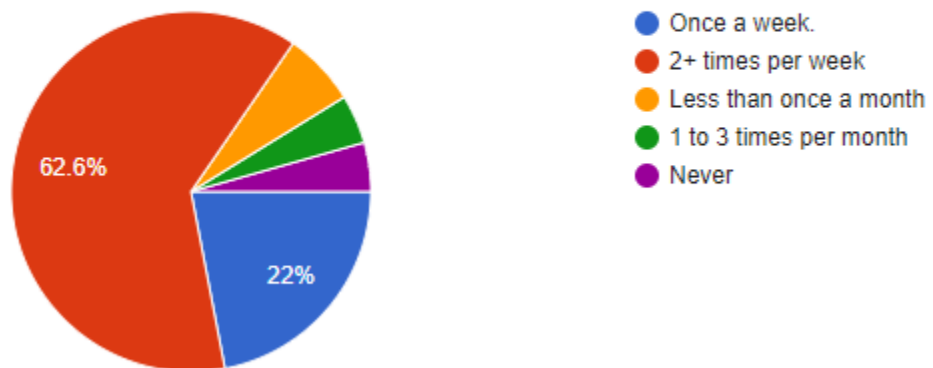


Most

of the responders have been with the club for more than three years.

On average, how often do you play tennis and let us know about the court availability?

91 responses

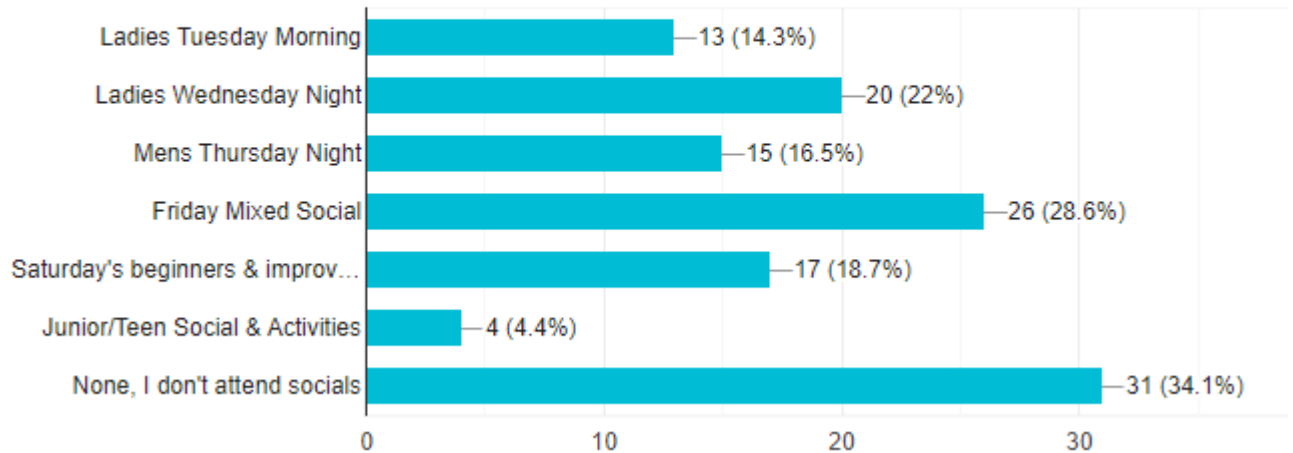


62.6% of the responders played tennis more than twice a week, these responses should therefore offer an excellent insight into the court availability as the membership grows.

Focusing on hours when courts are in demand during core times, evenings, and weekends, court access currently can be booked by 94. % of those who wish to have a booking.

Which Social do you normally attend, you can choose more than one.

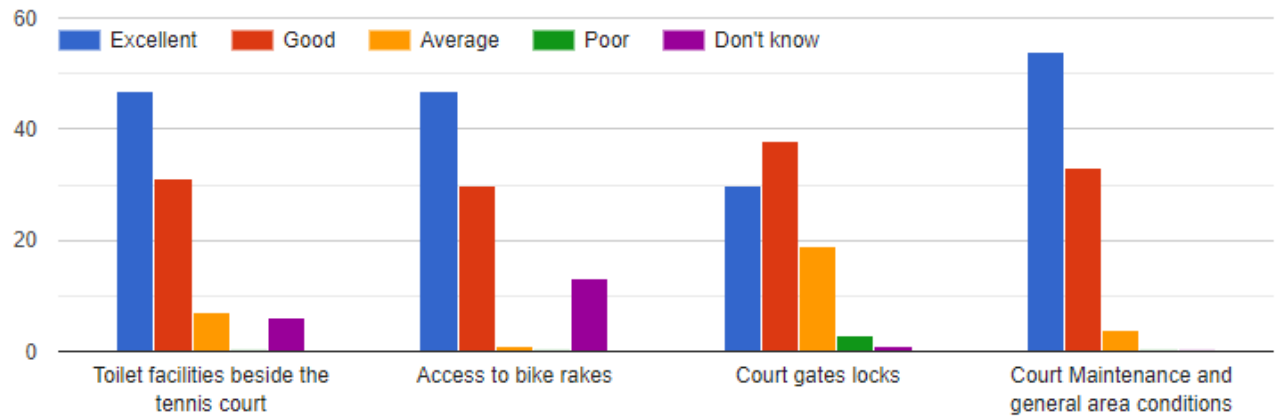
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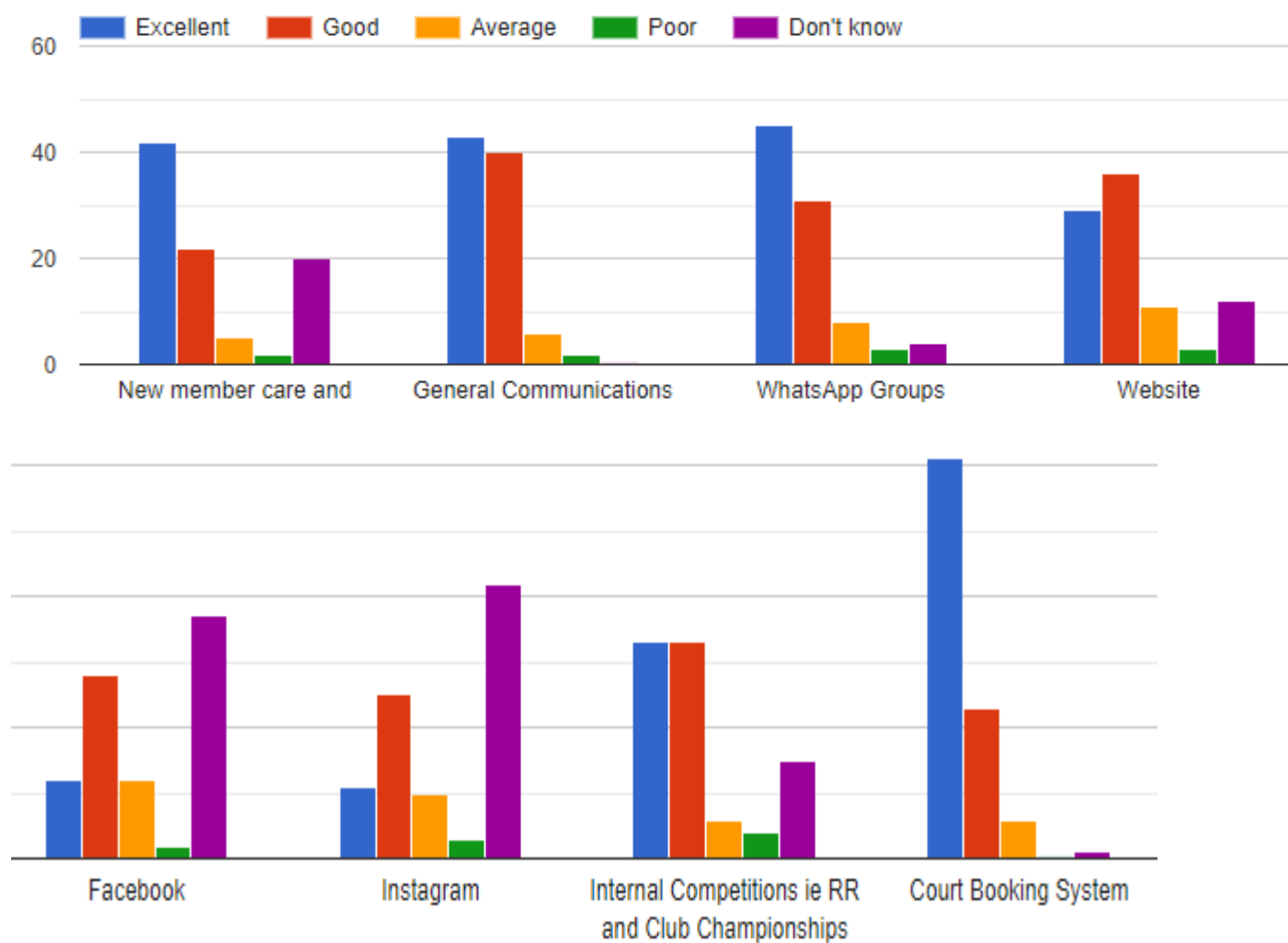
Rate our Services.....

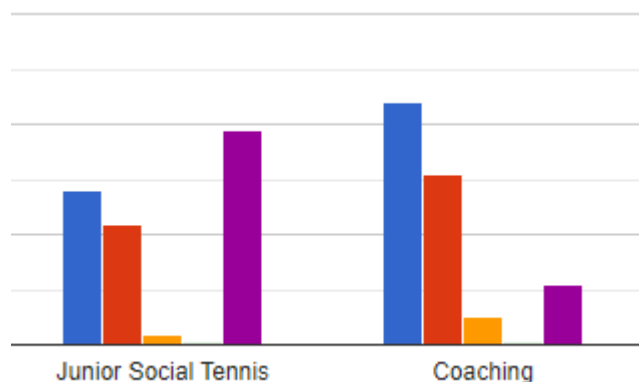
Can you rate the facilities at the tennis club

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n terms of experience, please rate the following





The feedback from the survey will be used by the committee to formulate a plan for the coming year.



VOLUNTEERS:

Unfortunately, we were unable to fill all our positions since November 2020 and the committee has tried to cover all the vacant posts.

We are again most grateful for all our other volunteers, Eilis Kavanagh who looked after recruitment documentation for the last number of years, is resigning from this role, Kathryn McCarthy, Carol Rankin for organizing social tennis as well as our captains past and present.

We want to welcome Sam Culleton and Ian Smillie as the new ladies and mens captains and Olivia McCormack who is the new junior Co-Ordinator.

Captain's Report:

Winter League (Ladies) 2022

Team	Class	
One	3	Playoffs
Two	6	Secured position
Three	6	Playoffs
Four	7	Semi Finals- promotion class 6
Five	8	Secured position

Summer League (Ladies) 2022

Team	Class	
One	5	Winner -secured promotion
Two	6	Semi-finals - secured promotion
Three	7	Secured position

Senior League (Ladies) 2022

Team	Class	
One	3	Qualifiers
Two	5	Semi finals - secured promotion to class 4
Three	5	Secured position
Four	6	Secured position

FLOODLIT LEAGUE (LADIES) 2022

Team	Class	
One	3	Secured position
Two	4	Secured position
Three	5	Secured position- only one point away from qualifiers

Mens 2022 League

- The Men have achieved some great results over the last few years and we are holding our own in the stronger leagues beating some great teams.
- We have seen so many new talented players join us over the years thanks to our club gaining these promotions as it offers them the competitive environment they strive in.

Winter 2022	
Team 1	Class 4 - Secured position
Team 2	Class 6 - Secured position
Team 3	Class 7 - Secured position
FloodLight 2022	
Team 1	Class 3 - Secured position
Team 2	Class 4 - Secured position
Team 3	Class 5 - Secured position
Summer 2022	
Team 1	Class 5 - Playoffs
Team 2	Class 7 - Secured position

Thanks to Damien and Robbie for Captaining Teams 1&3.

Mixed League 2022 Team One, Class 2, WINNER!



First time the club has achieved promotion to a class one DLTC competition

Club Championships 2022

Thank you to Director of Tennis Stephen Murtagh
for organising with great efficiency

Order Of Play for Finals Day:

9:30am

Court 4 WD2 - Fennell/O Mahony -v-
Hannon/Malone

Court 6 MD2 - Culleton/Keely -v-
Roche/Slattery

11am

Court 1 WS1 - A. O'Reilly (1) -v- C. Garcia

Court 3 MS1 Plate - E. Martin -v- G.
Moroney

Court 4 MS1 - I. Smillie (3) -v- M. Dunne

12pm

Court 6 WS2 Plate - J. Hannon -v- A. Herlihy

1pm

Court 1 Mens Doubles 1

Court 3 MS 2 - D.Keely -v- J.Roche

Court 4 Womens Doubles 1

3:30

Court 1 XD1 - Brown/Reilly -v-
Walsh/Bukovec

Court 3 WS2 - Malone -v- S. Murray

Court 4 XD2 - Hand/Hand -v- Hannon/Keely



Committee: Ali Herlihy, Kate O Mahony, Niamh Liston, Olivia McCormack, John McFadden, Judith Alberto Sanz, Coaches, and DPTC Youth forum

Social Tennis - Red ball, Junior and Teen Socials

Competitions - Round Robin, Club Champs, U12/14/16 Stars and Stripes, U18 Junior League, Secondary Schools League

Teen Development - DPTC Youth Forum, Play and Stay Assistants, Blitz events, Table Quiz, Leinster Tennis Youth Forum, Inter Club Social Ratoath, Hot Shots

Junior Captains 2022 Our thanks to Katie Moroney and Peter Oliver for their help during the year!

The junior section is a very proactive section of our club with juniors continuing to take part in social and competitive events each year. On behalf of the committee and youth forum, our sincere thanks to all our juniors for taking part and representing their club so well, and of course thanks to our volunteers, parents and coaches for their help with events - without help none of it would be possible!

Junior Co-Ordinator role is vacant - if interested please email
juniorcommittee@donabateennis.com - with thanks!

We kicked off 2022 with our annual Adult and Child Fundraising event, raising funds for local mental health initiative Eggheads. Our Round Robin competition runs all year round with approx. 4 rounds and approx. 20 juniors taking part in singles doubles events. Giving them plenty of match play and opportunity to meet others in their club.

We ran our Junior and Teen Socials each term with the help of our assistants with the introduction of a Red Ball social for our U8's.

We welcomed the return of Spring Stars and Stripes for our U12/14/16 players and were delighted to have teams of boys and girls, entering in each age group total of 30 juniors taking part.

Our U18 mixed team had a very successful Leinster Junior League campaign winning our 1st junior pennant for our club with a panel of approx. 9 juniors. Very well done to the Boys Secondary school team who won the Secondary Schools Tennis League, the team was made up of all members of DPTC!

During the summer our U16 teens were invited to social matchplay in Skerries.

Our Junior Champs ran during the Summer with matches being played during the holidays and Finals day took place on Sept 10th. Very well done to all who took part and Congratulations to our U18 Junior Club Champions Matthew Burke and Ava Marshall.

The Autumn U12 Stars and Stripes recently finished again. We were delighted to have 2 teams of 6 boys and Girls taking part each week. We are midway through the U14 Stars and Stripes with 6 Girls and 2 Boys taking part.

The DLTC Junior Autumn League ran through October, and we were thrilled to have 3 teams, 1 girls and 3 boys, all doing very well, against tough opposition. The Girls finished 3rd in their group.

Our Sincere thanks to Katie Moroney and Peter Oliver our Junior captains for their help this year. They have nominated Rachel Herlihy and Rory O'Mahony as our junior captains for 2023.

DPTC – Child Protection Officer’s Report

Incidents

- No incidents reported

Highlights for 2022

- Safeguard Audit
 - There has been no follow up in 2022 from the Safeguard audit DPTC submitted in 2021
 - A consultation to review our progress is scheduled with Tennis Ireland in January 2023.
- Safeguard Policy Development
 - Following a request from the Youth Development Forum, the club has developed a communications policy specific to the YDF to promote improved communications on the Whatsapp channel. This is approved in principle and will hopefully be ratified by the committee subject to consultation with Tennis Ireland
 - The club updated its transport policy to clarify its position in relation to car-pooling.
- Safeguard Promotion
 - The team sent out reminders and info at key points of the year, for example at the start of league and round robin campaigns
 - The team liaised with coaches throughout the year
- Certification
 - The Safeguarding team have all completed and are up to date with relevant Safeguarding training.
 - Eilis has maintained the database for the Safeguarding certification for all club volunteers.

Thanks

- Eilis will be stepping down from her role as CPO.
- Huge thanks to Eilis for her significant contribution; thanks for your time, your enthusiasm, and your excellence.

Plans for 2023

- Recruit and train (Safeguard 1 and 2) a Second Child Protection Officer (preferably female).
- Engage with Tennis Ireland in relation to Safeguard audit
- Invite Tennis Ireland to a meeting with parents/guardians to promote Safeguarding 1
- Continue to engage with Young People, Parents/Guardians, Youth Development Forum, and Coaches to promote Safeguarding values.

AGM and SURVEY

Sam Culleton and Ian Smillie were elected as the new Ladies and mens captains. The remaining committee were reelected.

No other positions were filled.

Members at the Agm were enthusiastic about pursuing Padel Tennis in the club.

Issues highlighted in the survey , AGM and raised in 2023 will continue to be appraised by the committee.

And finally.....

I, as hon secretary, would like to thank particularly the individuals who make up the current DPTC Management Committee - all of whom have given their precious personal time and commitment to all Club matters and events which arose throughout the year. The above synopsis was all written by them.

A big thank you to Ruth, Alison, Eilis and Chris who are stepping down this year for your great service and success you brought to the club.

So, many thanks to everyone for making our club such a fantastic friendly community, not alone in terms of tennis, but also in the social events, friendship and care we show to all our members. I would personally like to thank all those who have helped me in my first year as secretary.

Here is to the continued success of the DPTC in 2023!

Michael Bonnie

Hon Secretary

Donabate Portrane Tennis Club