

BROOKLANDS

Brooklands Sports Club



Annual Report March 2009

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Company No. 254098

BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that the 79th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Brooklands Sports Club, Georges Road, Brooklands on Friday, 20th March 2009 at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the 78th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 26th March 2008.
2. To receive and if thought fit to adopt the Report of the Council and Audited Accounts for 2008.
3. To elect a President, Vice-Presidents, Officers, Life Members and Members of Council and appoint the Auditor for 2009.
4. Subscriptions: The following resolution will be proposed by the Council under Article 13:

Subscriptions for all members shall be as shown on page 2 of the Notice of Meeting, payable on 1st May 2009.

- (a) The **whole subscription shall become due on that date.**
- (b) For members paying by Direct Debit, 50% of the subscription will be collected on 1st May and the balance on 1st October.
- (c) Part season reductions will be made as applicable for new members.

This Notice shall be taken as a request for payment. Subscriptions once paid will not normally be refunded. Resignations must be submitted in writing to reach the Membership Secretary by 14th April.

BROOKLANDS SPORTS CLUB

Proposals for Subscriptions Due 1st May 2009

	Non Playing	Bowls only	All or any other sports
Single (19 and over)	£39	£77	£170
Couples each partner	£29	£67	£170
Senior Citizens (aged 65 or over)	£22	£44	£44
Students (aged 18)	£29	£55	£63
Ex Wardens	£6	—	—

Casual Team Players

£40 up to 4 matches per year.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Couples who pay annual subscriptions of at least £340 may enrol their children, who are in full time school education, free of charge.

DIRECT DEBITS

50% of the subscription will be collected on 1st May and 50% on 1st October.

PART SEASON

Reductions may be made for members joining part way through the season. Rates available upon request from Membership Secretary.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Corporate Membership will be considered upon application to the Club.

All cheques to be made payable to
BROOKLANDS SPORTS CLUB

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009

President: D. Alcock

Vice-Presidents:

D. Alcock	J. K. Brown	Mrs J. Chandler
D. J. E. Garnett	W. M. Harvey	Ms K. Holt
D. Hulmes	D. Kettlewell	P. J. Loftus
J. N. Marland	J. D. Marsden	B. McBurney
D. Meek	C. H. Moore	H. V. Morris
P. Simpson	R. Summers	

THE COUNCIL

Treasurer:	C. H. Moore, A.C.A.
Auditor:	HW Chartered Accountants
General Secretary:	P. A. Vickers
Membership Secretary:	A. J. Batty
Ground Secretary:	J. D. Marsden
Football Representative:	J. K. Brown
Cricket Representatives:	P. Belwood & J. N. Marland
Tennis Representative:	D. Peach
Hockey Representative:	G. Buchan
Ladies' Hockey Rep:	Ms L. Hargreaves
Squash Representative:	S. Coldrick
Bowls Representative:	I. Thompson
Lacrosse Representative:	Russell Stead
Welfare Officer:	D. Alcock

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

I. C. Johnston, D. J. Chandler, D. Alcock, C. H. Moore, J. D. Marsden,
P. A. Vickers & N. J. Hewitt

PLAYING COMMITTEE

Chairman:	N. J. Hewitt
Hockey:	G. Buchan
Cricket:	J. N. Marland
Ladies Hockey:	Ms L. Hargreaves
Lacrosse:	N. Hewitt
Tennis:	D. Peach
Squash:	S. Coldrick
Bowls:	I. Thompson
Junior Football:	J. Brown
Secretary to Committee:	J. D. Marsden

**MINUTES OF THE 78th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LTD.
HELD IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM AT THE CLUB
ON WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH 2008**

Present: President: I C Johnston Chairman: N J Hewitt
Hon. Treasurer: C H Moore Hon. Membership Secretary: D J Chandler
Hon. Secretary: P A Vickers Hon. Ground Secretary: J D Marsden
and 40 other members.

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the members, in particular the Life Members H M U Dabbs, D H Chandler and C H Moore.

Apologies were received from: D Alcock, D Meek, G Smith, H Tomkins, Dorothy Tomkins, Moira Hulme, Michelle Rothwell.

A number of members' deaths were announced during the year. A minutes silence was observed in their memory.

The minutes of the 77th Annual General Meeting had been circulated in the handbook and were taken as read. There were no matters arising from the minutes, which were accepted as a true and correct record.

Finance and Management Committee Report

The President reported that our relationship with L A Fitness appeared to be one of greater cooperation. The frequency of meetings with them had lessened over the year. The new manager, Brandy Cole, was making an impact on the club. New furniture for the bar area will be delivered in the near future. He thanked the members of the F & M Committee for their work and assistance during the year.

Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr C H Moore presented the accounts for the year. The Club made a small surplus in the financial year. The income from pitch hire had increased and the finances of the club were in reasonable condition. Taking note of the current problems with Trafford Borough Council he indicated that we would remain solvent even if funds from them were not forthcoming. Our expenditure would be severely curtailed, however. He opened the meeting to questions on the accounts.

Mr S Kay asked whether a cash flow and expenditure summary could be provide in future years. Mr Moore indicated he would look into the request.

A question was asked regarding the cash input from Temple Tennis Club a few years ago. In reply Mr Moore said that the money had been used by the club for new tennis courts and for other capital expenditure projects. In terms of the Temple Club members; the money had purchased Life Membership of Brooklands Sports Club.

The formal adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Moore and seconded by Mr H M U Dabbs. The proposal was carried unanimously. The auditors HW Chartered Accountants were appointed for 2008.

Ground Chairman's Report

The Ground Chairman, Mr David Marsden, indicated that he had little to add to the report contained in the handbook. He was pleased to announce that our long-serving Groundsman Ron Rowlinson had returned to work after major surgery. He currently has an assistant working part time. During the year we shall commence recruitment for a full time assistant.

Mr J Cutler enquired of the surface of the bowling green on Good Friday, March 21st.

In reply, Mr Marsden stated that the timing of cutting the fine turf areas in late Winter/early Spring was a professional judgement left to our Groundsman. He indicated that the grass tennis courts would be treated next week. In response to a question from Mr Kaye he gave an assurance that the all-weather tennis courts would be brushed as appropriate. Mr Thompson expressed concern at the condition of the nets between the bowling green and the main cricket ground.

The netting for the all-weather cricket pitches will be replaced this year.

Mr D Shelmerdine queried the use of volunteers to work on the ground.

Election of Officers for 2008

The President was given a vote of confidence by Mr J D Marsden and credited with great endeavour in his second year of office. Mr Marsden proposed that Mr Johnston be elected for a third year. Mr H M U Dabbs seconded this.

Mr I C Johnston was unanimously elected President of the club for a third year.

Mr Johnston then proposed that Mrs J Chandler be elected as a Vice President. She has been a member for 51 years and it was fitting that she joined the elite ranks of the few ladies who had been so honoured. Mrs Chandler had served on committees and assisted her husband, Derek, in his role as Membership Secretary. The appointment has come with the unanimous approval of the existing Vice Presidents.

A proposal made by Mr I C Johnston and seconded by Mr G Buchan that the Officers of the Club, namely the Vice Presidents and the Council be elected to serve in 2008.

The meeting approved this. Election of the Playing Committee was proposed by Mr I C Johnston and seconded by Mr P A Vickers. The meeting carried this proposal.

Mr N J Hewitt was proposed and elected as Chairman of the Club. The Finance and Management Committee was proposed for election by Mr I C Johnston, seconded by Mrs B Johnston and carried by the meeting.

Subscriptions 2008

A resolution was proposed by Mr D J Chandler and seconded by Mr B McBurney to amend the subscriptions in line with Item 4 of the agenda. The meeting passed this unanimously.

Memorandum and Articles of Association of Brooklands Sports Club

Our Solicitors have drawn up the first draft of the revised documents. However, much work is required prior to it being available for the Playing Sections and the members for their comments. It will then be formally adopted at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

From the floor of the meeting Mr J Cutler indicated that money from the Lottery Fund might be available to assist in the replacement of the Bowling Section premises. The Club must approve the newly written constitution of the Bowling Section. The Council would view this constitution in the near future. If the Bowling Section receives money from the

Lottery Fund there is a 2-year moratorium on further applications from the Club.

The Chairman awarded the Endeavour Shield to Mr Jeff Kettlewell for his outstanding work in coaching the Lacrosse Junior teams.

The Millennium Cup, which is awarded to the Playing Section that has made the greatest contribution to the Club was presented to the Cricket Section Chairman, Mr Jeff Marland. The award was for the Section's merger with Sale Moor Cricket Club, the work with Junior cricketers and their efficiency of subscription collection.

Any other business

The President related the current problems with the replacement of the all-weather tennis courts which was due to the Council's reluctance to honour the agreement we had with them. Mr S Kaye indicated that, in his opinion, the Club could lose many members if the courts were not replaced. This loss of members would have a considerable impact on the finances of the club. There was significant competition for tennis members in the area hence our facilities had to compete with the best available.

Mr Marsden said that two independent contractors had inspected the courts and would be forwarding their quotations for replacement of the surfaces. However it was necessary for the club to undertake research of all-weather surfaces and determine the most suitable for our needs in terms of playability, wear characteristics, cost and maintenance. An invitation to tender would be sent to appropriate contractors. In the meantime it was felt necessary to pursue our cause with the Council and, if necessary resort to legal action.

M Kaye felt that a commitment was needed by the Club to replace the courts. A meeting would be held with the Tennis Section and appropriate members of the Club Council in three weeks time.

Lack of lighting in the car park was a recent problem. L A Fitness will be contacted.

The Hockey Section have achieved Clubmark status.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.34 pm.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As my term as President of the Club comes to its end it has given me the opportunity to look back over the three years and see what we have achieved.

The tanking work in the basement, glazing of the balcony, the car park drainage, the painting of the outside of the building and the replacement of bar furniture, but there still remains a considerable amount of work yet to be done. The new directional flow for traffic entering the car park and the remarking of the parking spaces are still to be undertaken together with redecorating the lounge etc.

At the beginning of the year I stepped down as Chairman of the F & M Committee for personal reasons which gave the Chairman, Nick Hewitt, the freedom to look after the day to day running of the Club's affairs. This has proved a decisive decision and progress has been made during the year. Ron Rowlinson, our Groundsman, who has looked after the ground single handedly for over 25 years will have an assistant who will take up his duties in February.

Derek Chandler will step down as Membership Secretary in March, a role that he has been doing for some 20 years. I would like to take this opportunity on your behalf to thank him for all the hard work that he has done over the years. Andy Batty will take the role of Membership Secretary and I would urge all members to ensure that their membership fees are paid on time.

At the beginning of the year we were informed by Trafford Borough Council that the replacement tennis courts were no longer their responsibility. Many hours of negotiation with TBC, the Grammar School and the Department of Education took place and finally in mid September Trafford Borough Council conceded that they were responsible for the 50% funding which we had been seeking from January. By the time we were ready to finalise awarding the work to the chosen contractors weather conditions precluded an immediate start to the project. The work will commence in early 2009.

In June the Club celebrated its 125th birthday with a Dinner Dance held at Lancashire County Cricket Club. This proved to be a very successful event.

My congratulations must go to the Cricket Section. Despite the weather they had an exceptional season and were promoted back to the Cheshire County League. In October the Hockey Section organised a weekend festival, which incorporated a reunion and charity match by the 1988 GB Gold Medal winners playing a current GB team. A very successful weekend was enjoyed by all and some glowing tributes were made about the club and its facilities.

The Bowls Section obtained a Lottery Grant for a new bowls pavilion and once the revised Planning Application is approved the new building will be erected on the same site as the present pavilion and should be operational for the start of the bowls season. The Squash Courts have had their annual refurbishment which this year, although late in starting, the contractor has done a good job.

During the year the Secretary and myself have had regular meetings with LA Fitness which has taken a lot of time in getting approval for various projects. The crèche, which we were told last year would be operating as a beauty and physio unit is still unoccupied and there seems little prospect of this coming to fruition in the near future. A considerable amount of maintenance on the building has still to be started and we will be working to ensure that this is carried out in the foreseeable future.

Finally can I thank the Chairmen of all the sections, and the Committees of the Club who have given me support and guidance over the last three years and wish my successor an enjoyable term in office.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The President has covered a lot of the work carried out by the Finance and Management Committee in his report. Rather than go over the same ground I would like to detail some of the other areas that the Committee has been working on. Firstly I would like to thank all the officers on the Committee for their commitment and endeavours to ensure that the club is run in a business like and efficient manner. Without their sterling efforts the club would be in a sorry state.

Our monthly meetings with LA Fitness continue to hopefully enhance our relationship though there are still a few up and downs and a few issues that need resolving. I would like to thank Peter Vickers and Ian Johnston for their hard work with the local and national management team of LA Fitness I know that their meetings have not always gone according to plan but I feel that a light can now be seen at the end of the tunnel.

We have employed a full time assistant for our Groundsman Ron Rowlinson. His assistant started work on the 2nd February this year. The need for an assistant became very clear to me after in depth discussions with both David Marsden, the Grounds Chairman, and Ron. All the work that Ron was carrying out was just to maintain the ground and very little planned maintenance or ground development work has been achieved. Now we have talked to Ron and have prioritised various improvements, which include drainage improvements on the back square and watering facilities for the squares, grass tennis courts, bowling green and the hockey astro turf.

We have also applied to Sport England for help in employing a Multi Sport Development Officer who will be liaising with local schools and business to help develop each section and to ensure that the growth of the club is assured. We, as a sports club, are a sleeping giant and we need to improve and develop our profile within the local community. Part of the role of this Development Officer would be to ensure that all sections are offering the best possible coaching for all members and to make sure that all volunteers, coaches and managers are allowed to progress and develop through attending courses that are both sport specific and club generic.

This year I have focused my efforts looking at the needs of the club as a whole and haven't worked very closely with the sections. Now that the club in terms of facilities appears to be heading in the right direction I can now spend more time working with the sections to try to work out their priorities whether it be their facilities, coaching or playing issues.

Finally I would like to thank Chris Moore, for his shrewd financial management, David Alcock for his support and guidance over several issues, Peter Vickers for his excellent administrative support and valued opinions and to Ian Johnston and Derek Chandler for their guidance and advice in all matters Brooklands and Trafford. Last but not least a big thank you to David Marsden for his unrelenting work with and without Ron in ensuring that we all have pitches courts and greens to play on.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The income and expenditure account shows a surplus of £2,183 after tax compared with £989 last year. Most items of income and costs are similar to last year but we had to incur professional fees in respect of registering the Club's title deeds at the Land Registry and drawing up the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club. Those costs were offset by the insurance payout for the tennis building which burnt down and by a small surplus on the anniversary dinner, both of which are shown in the income and expenditure account under sundry items. The large reduction in our bank balances last

year was reversed this year because we spent very little on capital items in the year. The replacement of the first set of tennis courts is imminent and with Trafford's contribution confirmed, we are confident that our programme of pitch replacements will be able to be met.

The coming year will show increased rental income following the rent review but our expenditure will also increase. We are employing a ground assistant and the reduction in interest rates will reduce our interest receipts substantially.

GROUND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Every year I start out in optimistic mood hoping that we will achieve our aims for the ground but 2008 proved to be just as frustrating as 2007.

There has been, nevertheless, some significant progress in that we finally won the battle with Trafford about their contribution to the refurbishment of the old tennis courts. A contract has now been entered into for the replacement surfaces, new fencing and improved drainage and the work should be completed during the first quarter of 2009.

Congratulations to the Bowling section in obtaining a lottery grant to replace the Bowling Pavilion with what we anticipate will be a vandal proof structure. Hopefully the new facility will be in place for the beginning of the Bowling season. At the same time the protective fencing to the Bowling Green will be improved.

Ron finally had both his hips relined at the beginning of 2008. Remarkably he recovered so well that he was able to return to work in late March. Aided by some part-time assistance he managed to maintain his high standard on the Bowling Green, Cricket Square and Grass Tennis Courts in spite of what turned out to be a fairly damp Summer.

With an eye to the future as well as improving our current standard of ground maintenance the F&M Committee have approved the appointment of a full time assistant groundsman. I anticipate that the new man will be in place during the first quarter of 2009.

The economic outlook for 2009 may look bleak but the outlook for Brooklands facilities looks promising.

OBITUARIES 2008-2009

GEOFF BARTON died in Wythenshawe Hospital on 5 September 2008 aged 78. He joined the Club as a social member in the early 70s. His aspirations to a sporting role commenced with Squash, however he will best be remembered for his exploits as a hockey goalkeeper. Despite being well into his forties, he volunteered to play for the fifth team. He always had the essential equipment, gardening boots, flat cap and pipe; although on occasions he forgot his hockey stick. Sadly, when the Hockey Association introduced the requirement for goalies to wear facemasks Geoff refused and so ended a legendary career in hockey goalkeeping. The Club will miss a stalwart member.

KEITH HAMMOND died in December 2008 after a battle against prostate cancer. Keith had been a member at Brooklands for many years and originally joined when the Wardens joined the Sports Club. He played snooker at Brooklands until the new club premises were built and he played bowls for Brooklands teams in the Altrincham, Sale and Trafford Evening Leagues. He had a great sense of humour and will be missed by his bowling friends.

PAT LONGMORE died on Saturday the 10th January 2009. Pat was the wife of the former steward of Brooklands Sports Club, Eamon Longmore. She looked after the catering side of the business and will long be remembered at the Club for her friendly face and cheerful demeanour. The Bowling Section members came from far and wide to sample her "Bowlers Special" meals. She will be missed by all who knew her.

AWARDS

MILLENNIUM CUP

The Millennium Cup is awarded to the Bowls Section for a generally solid performance in 2008. On the green the eight teams maintained their places in their leagues. Both Men and Ladies won individual honours. Bowls was the one section which retained its' members, nearly all of whom paid by direct debit which eases the load on administration. The Bowling Section took the initiative to obtain grant aid to replace the vandalised wooden building with a metal pavilion which should be in place by the start of the season.

ENDEAVOUR SHIELD

The Endeavour Shield is awarded annually to a person who puts in a huge amount of effort into helping to develop or run the sections of the club. This year the deserved recipient is Karen Keohane.

Karen has put in a huge amount of effort in getting the junior Tennis back on its feet. She has organised open days, Saturday coaching and also helped run the junior teams.

She has provided Junior coaching for 75 children at the club and has coerced and bullied, in a very nice way of course, others to help her.

Not only has she helped the tennis section but she has had been very influential in our bid with Sport England for a Multi-Sport Development Officer. She has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into the project and her enthusiasm is infectious and drags other people along and makes them focus on the job in hand.

Her passion and enthusiasm to develop the sports club and particularly the Tennis Section are plain for all to see. Being the 2008/9 recipient of the Endeavour Shield has rightly rewarded all her hard work.

SECTION REPORTS

CRICKET

As with 2007 our aim for 2008 was for the 1st XI to regain their place in the County League. By doing so this would also take the 2nd XI up with them. This was achieved with still 5 games to play. There were only 2 teams undefeated throughout the 2008 season in the whole of the Mellor Braggins League; Brooklands 1st & 2nd XI's.

The 1st XI played 22, Won 15, Drew 4, Lost Nil, Abandoned 3. John Birchall, Vishal Sharma, Dave Madden, Chris Hart and Elliot Woodage qualified for the League Batting averages; Vishal, John B, Mike Roberts, A J Hart and Steve Johnson for the Bowling averages. We amassed 429 points 45 more than any other team in the last decade even with 3 games abandoned.

In the Cheshire Cup we easily defeated CCCL opposition in the first 2 rounds (Winnington Park & Upton) before losing out to Elworth (on a faster run rate) in the last 16; a game heavily affected by the weather. In the 20/20 we reached the Final but didn't perform to our normal standard and lost to Weaverham.

Looking forward to next season, we have to expect a tough challenge. The level of teams played this year has been poor and it will be a big step up. Looking at the quality we possess and the team spirit we have built, we can do well in the CCCL Div 2.

The 2nd XI played 22, Won 7, Drew 8, Lost Nil, Abandoned 7 finishing 4th. The 2nd XI is a young and enthusiastic side, which was used to constantly out-field other sides. The young talent in the club is immense and this season has shown there are places in the 2nd XI for them. Luke Maitra, Caleb Jones, George Drakonakis, Jack Bagshaw & Paul Clowes have all been successful. We won the 20/20 Cup after coming close last year. This was the first season Anthony Platt had captained the 2nd XI and a big learning curve for him, every success to him in the CCCL next year.

The 3rd XI had a mixed year. In terms of personnel 25 bowlers, 32 batsmen and 33 different players were used throughout the 2008 season. The captaincy also changed hands from Ross Willard to Andy Batty half way through the season. Unfortunately our results were similarly inconsistent. For the first half of the season we looked dangerously weak batting, failing to break 100. Although we were taking plenty of wickets we were not making enough runs and getting sufficient batting points to hold a respectable position in the league table. After 9 games we had Won 2 Drew 2 and Lost 5 and were languishing at the edge of the relegation zone. We went on to shoot up the table to finish 4th playing 16, Won 7, Drew 4 and Lost 5. What the second half of the season showed was that we are far too strong a team, and indeed club, to spend much of the season struggling to stay in the league. Relegation would be disastrous in terms of development of the juniors who pass through the 3rd's to the 2nd & 1st's and thus adversely affecting them. It was poor performances not poor players that put us in that precarious position.

The 4th XI played 16 Won 5, Tied 1, Drew 3, Lost 3 & Abandoned 4 finishing 3rd in the league. This was a good effort in a closely fought division with all sides capable of beating each other on any given day. In contrast to previous years we were stronger with the ball than the bat. Col Barrett was the main contributor to this success with 28 wickets at a superb average of 9.32. Col was helped by Mo Bilal, Rob Leach, George Drakonakis, Chris Moore & Andy Batty who all consistently made contributions with wickets and tight bowling at crucial times to put pressure on the opposition.

Hopefully next season the 4th XI will continue to provide the same exciting and enjoyable cricket it has given this season, while allowing the continued development of the junior cricketers taking part.

The "Fiery 5th's" used some 35 players in 20 games, 7 Won, 4 Drew, 3 Lost & 6 Abandoned and finished 4th. Two games stand out, the first a dramatic run chase at home to Runcorn. They set 198 to win in 45 overs. We reached only 65 at the halfway mark and 2 wickets down. A change in bowlers allowed Dom, Sean and Rob "the batter" Conville to double the total by the 34th over but it was the 6 onto the bowling green by student Rob Griffiths that set the tone and some good running between the wickets kept the rate at 6 per over. With 6 overs left James "the bowler" Conville used this as his opportunity and led the attack with several boundaries – 12, 9 & 13 off consecutive overs with skipper Pete Whyley at the other end and there to score the winning runs with 1 over to spare.

Secondly, who can forget the majestic 106 not out by Elliot Woodage leading to a win away at Mobberley. Entering the field at 50 for 6 off 16 overs to support skipper Whyley chasing 178. He set about his work in a calm and steady manner and nonchalantly stroked the bad balls out of the village green. Still there at 111 with 15 overs left some doubted if nerves would hold out but Elliot remained solid. At 12 to get off the last over, Whyley managed to keep off strike and Elliot rose to the challenge with a 6 off the first delivery and the win was on. It was a pleasure for all Brooklands supporters there.

2009 will bring more juniors into the 5th's whilst others move on up the ranks but that is what the 5th's are for.

All our Junior sides did well this season: - U9 & U11 enjoyed their season, U12 won their league, U14 won league & cup, U15 won all their games and u18s won their league.

Thanks to all the Junior Team Managers, Captains and Coaches.

TENNIS

Brooklands enjoyed a successful year in the S. W. Manchester League in 2008. Both the Ladies' A and Men's A teams finished a very creditable 4th in the 1st divisions of their leagues. The rest of the Men's teams did well with the B team finishing 7th in Division 3, the C team 4th in Division 3, the D team 3rd in Division 4 and the E team 5th in Division 5. What was particularly encouraging for the future of the club was the number of young players making a major contribution to the team's success.

The highlight of the year was the mixed Ladies and Men's team winning the Garwood Cup bringing silverware for Brooklands. The club organised a successful open day in April which involved the coach visiting local schools and over 80 new visitors attending the open day. The coaching programme saw consistently good numbers with over 70 children enrolling on the coaching programme. The inspiration of the Nadal /Federer final was very real with an upsurge in interest following Wimbledon

The junior teams performed admirably in their leagues with the U13 and U18 maintaining their positions and the U15 winning their division outright, beating Lymm in a close fought title race. The club organised a popular club night for juniors and a number of tournaments throughout the year

Conor Keohane represented the club at the prestigious Road to Wimbledon event, where he reached the last 16. Also representing the club on national Television, was Phil Rothwell playing on the hallowed ground of Wimbledon against the 1987 Wimbledon Champion Pat Cash.

Following a successful tournament in July, the men's Singles was a close contest between Phil Rothwell and Gary Brown 6-4 5-7 6-4. Unfortunately this year we did not have a Ladies singles competition. We had a great turnout for the presentation evening, which was this year held back at Brooklands.

The Annual Tennis section Breast Cancer Tournament was held at the club on Saturday

6th September 2008. This started out as a fundraiser for the Breast Cancer Campaign's £100 challenge supported by the Ladies Section five years ago. The Gents were keen to get involved so now two tournaments are run simultaneously, the numbers limited to 24 gents and 24 ladies by the number of courts available. The tournament is organised by Judith Winship and Suzanne Hogarth. Ian Winship and Adrian Hogarth run the event on the day. Beth generously provides free refreshments, and thanks also to all those who donated prizes.

Five years on there's a loyal groundswell of supporters of this event and thanks to their continued support we raised £730.00 for the Breast Cancer Campaign. The amount raised this year was further boosted thanks to Dave Brotton's sale of Tretorn tennis balls with all profits going to the Breast Cancer Campaign. Bracing us for the continued wet weather, gazebos were hastily sourced to accommodate the 48 players and supporters for the inevitable downpour. Amongst the entrants was 81-year-old Derek Marshall back playing tennis following recent major heart surgery? "My daughter thinks I'm mad", said Derek who was glad to be back playing tennis "There are always people worse off than you". Also joining us were the younger end of the tennis section, including 17 year old Vicki Fosh and Sister Jenny. Fortunately, someone was looking down favourably on us. After the previous day's storms the sun came out an hour before the start and the heavens opened ten minutes after the finish when everyone had just made it back to the clubhouse. 2008 has been a good year for Brooklands Tennis; we do hope that this continues into 2009 and beyond!

HOCKEY

This year to date (January) continues many of the themes of last year, but with hopefully one crucial difference - promotion for the 1st Team!

The 2007/08 season saw us as the only team to beat the eventual National League Division 1 league winners - and beat them both home and away, but slip-ups against the lower sides meant we finished second behind Southgate. April therefore saw us pitched into a weekend two-leg play-off at Chelmsford against a Hampstead & Westminster side fighting to stay in the Premier Division. Several young, but very talented school-boys in the side gave us an average age of less than 22 years and the lack of experience of a big occasion played a part in leaving us 2-0 down at half-time in the first leg. Skill, fitness and determination, however, played an even bigger part in a second-half fight back that left the play-off balanced at 2-2 on the Saturday night and the team hopeful that they'd weathered the storm.

The real storm, sadly, was to arrive on the Sunday when torrential rain totally flooded the pitch and the youngsters were washed away by water, experience and sharper finishing to lose 4-1.

So the promotion push is underway again this season. At the Christmas break the 1st Team is unbeaten, but lying third only a point behind the leaders with our destiny in our own hands.

Other teams enjoying a successful 07/08 season were the 3rds and 4ths, both of whom were promoted. All other sides finished comfortably mid-table with no real relegation scares.

This season the 2nd Team are sitting comfortably fourth in the Northern Premier League, but perhaps the performance of the season so far is the 3rd Team. Despite only being promoted to the division this season, they're leading North West Division 1 - a great effort!

The 4th Team, on the other hand, are finding life in their new, higher league slightly less straightforward, lying eighth in Division 2 and only three points above trouble. It'll be

interesting to see how we've fared by the time you read this.

The 5ths and 6ths are comfortably mid-table in NW Divisions 5 and 7 respectively with the 7ths fifth in NW League 9 South. So all-in-all the 2008/09 season is going well with most teams now in leagues that suit and challenge their abilities - but so much depends on the 1st Team getting to the National League Premier Division.

Last year, at an individual level, goalkeeper Lee Ible again played in the full Welsh squad and the England U18 Squad had Peter Jackson, Henry Weir and Martin Scanlon from our youthful 1st Team. This year Lee has again represented Wales, along with Mark Bateman and Peter Jackson, Scott Evans and Andy Bull are in the England U18 Squad.

The highlight off the field so far this season has been the Olympic Reunion. In October 2008 it was 20 years since the Great Britain Olympic Hockey Team, of which Brooklands' Martyn Grimley was part, won Olympic Gold. To celebrate the anniversary the Section, lead by Martyn himself, arranged a reunion for the successful GB Mens and Ladies teams of the 1980's. Maybe we shouldn't be saying it ourselves, but the event was a great success. Modestly we have to tell you that tributes of appreciation from the Olympians have poured in complimenting Brooklands Manchester University Hockey Club for the way we hosted the event.

It was a team effort of course with David Meek and Bill Harvey in particular putting in a lot of work, but Martyn Grimley worked ceaselessly to get his 1988 Gold-winning teammates back together at Brooklands.

Over 250 Olympians and guests sat down to dinner to listen to Men's captain Richard Dodds and the Ladies' captain Mary Nevill talk about their teams' achievements after a toast to the medal-winners from television commentator Barry Davies who was there despite a ruptured Achilles tendon playing tennis just the week before. He hobbled in on crutches to pay tribute and reprise his famous commentary line from Seoul after Imran Sherwani had scored England's third goal against Germany in the final. With the German defence split wide open he said: "Where were the Germans, but frankly who cares!" Barry was on the touchline the next day to watch both the men's and women's Olympic teams put their boots back on to triumph again. The men won 5-4 against a lively England Seniors side.

Leading the way with the tributes was Richard Leman, a member of the team that beat both Australia and Germany on the way to taking Gold in Seoul. Richard is now President of Great Britain Hockey and he e-mailed Martyn: "Just wanted to say once more what a great job you and the club did with the arrangements for the weekend. It was a fantastic success."

Looking to the future, it's been great to see the progress in our development of our Junior players. John Dixon, Paul Whittle, Andy Aldred, Brian (and Nicky) McBurney have our thanks and appreciation for what they're achieving.

Also for the future, the main challenges facing the Hockey Section is the usual one of finding the money to fund a National League hockey club, which continues to present challenges, and the issue of pitch facilities. Since the merger with Manchester University Mens Hockey Club we have been using the University Firs Astro turf pitches but now these have deteriorated to a point where they are virtually unplayable - even to train on. It's possible that these will be re-surfaced this year, which will make a big difference.

If the 1st Team achieve promotion to the Premier Division the Club will also be under increasing pressure to add water provision to the Brooklands Astro turf pitch. When the pitch is wet it plays as well as any surface in the country, but when totally dry is too "sticky" for top class hockey.

Here's hoping it sees regular top class hockey!

LACROSSE

The four senior teams are having different seasons in their respective divisions ranging from unbeaten to bottom of the table. The 1st team have had some very good results and are finding life a lot easier in the 2nd division where they remain unbeaten. They have a very good chance of achieving the cup and league double. They started off the season in spectacular fashion by winning the National Bath Eights Tournament – to capture the first silverware of the season – The David Carey Cup. The A team have had some good results but lost some close games. They have suffered from unavailability and are mid table in the 3rd division and hope for a good cup run. The Ex A have struggled at the bottom of division 4 but with several youngsters turning 16 in early December things are looking brighter. The Ex A has a realistic chance of avoiding relegation and could surprise the opposition in the cup. The B team are also struggling and we as a club have found it difficult to run the B team early in the season but as juniors have come of age the situation has improved. Like the ex A team the B team are hoping for a good cup run.

The club is still evolving and trying to generate a group of quality players to challenge in the Premiership. More of our U19s are featuring in the 1st team but the problem we are now encountering is that we are then losing some of them to university.

The teams across the club continue to benefit from the introduction of youngsters and as senior players retire we as a club realise how important the junior programme is.

Chris Summers and Andrew Baxter played for the Lancashire Senior side.

The junior section is maintaining its position as one of the top junior clubs in the country. The boy's sections continue to thrive with teams playing at U12, U14, U16 and U19 levels. The U16 team are undefeated half way through the season and the other teams have all won more than they have lost. Josh Snell, Jack Murray, James Bates, Chris Summers and James Fletcher were selected for the 2008 Lancashire U19 team. Elliott Reynolds, James Hewitt, Andrew Challis, Vince Cara, Tom Rogers, Ryan Sweetman, Adam Wain, Sam Dexter, Josh Kinder and Liam Wilkinson were selected for the 2008 Lancashire U16 team. The U12 were national Champions for the fifth year in a row. The U19 won the Ted Donnett Plate Cup competition at the beginning of the season and followed that up by winning the U19 League winning all their games.

The U19 World Games were held in Vancouver in July 2008. Chris Summers was selected for the England team with Josh Sherry-Brennan a reserve. The England Team finished a creditable fourth with Chris seeing a lot of playing time in a squad of 23.

The ladies section has seen vast improvement and growth this season, with a steady core of players providing a stable and committed team in contrast with the, on occasion, testing times of our first season 07-08. With new players showing enthusiasm and willing, and younger players showing skill that belies their years, the ladies' coach has developed the team with noticeable improvement. It is hoped that both the newer and the more experienced players will provide a strong foundation going forward for future seasons.

The junior girls have continued to develop with many of the U12s showing real promise for the future. There have been county selections at various levels, with Melissa Hewitt and Emilie Ellston being selected for Lancashire 'A', and Charlotte Baker being selected for Lancashire 'B' at U14 level, whilst Lucy Baxter was selected for the Lancashire 'B' team at U18 level.

The school development programme continues to pay dividends with excellent school club relationships. Our American coaches, Christina Gibson, Will Ashwell and Tom Simmons, are working hard both in the schools and at the Club continuing the excellent work from our overseas coaches.

SQUASH

We have five men's teams who play in the North West Counties Squash League on Thursday nights and one ladies team who play in the Cheshire League on Monday nights. Both leagues run September through to April.

Anybody interested in playing team squash should contact Stuart Coldrick on mobile number 07740202538 or Caron Wright on 07941217676.

We also run internal leagues over a six week period and anyone wishing to take part should contact Keith Kelly on 0161 980 6434.

Club coach Steve Hough runs a Junior Coaching Session each Saturday 2pm-4pm. A junior tournament was held in December, Gareth Williams being the overall winner retaining the title he won last year. Steve is also available for individual coaching his contact number is 07903862571.

An annual knockout competition is organised around May each year for both ladies and men's sections. 2008 men's winner was Neil Paisley who finished ahead of Pete Salisbury while the lady's winner was Kirsten Oliver who beat 2007 champion Gill Ross.

Brooklands men's 1st gained promotion to Div 2 winning 25 out of 26 matches led by Capt. Neil Paisley who himself only lost once, the 2nd team remained in Div 3 while the 3rd and 4th teams finished 4th and 12th respectively in Div 4 with the 5th mid table in Div 5.

Brooklands ladies 1st team finished 3rd in Div 2 with the newly formed 2nds 7th in Div 3.

BOWLS

It has been quite a good year on the playing front with most teams consolidating their league positions. Pride of place goes to the Sale League Men's Team who won the 2nd Division. This was a great effort with a limited squad in the capable hands of Derrick Hurdwell. Derrick has put in a lot of good work as Captain and on the League Committee for many years.

We have made good progress with Youth Development in 2008. We purchased 10 sets of bowls suitable for younger players and these were put to good use in a tournament held on the Brooklands green at the end of the season. Over 20 youths played in a well-contested competition. A splendid trophy was kindly donated and presented by Bryan King. We intend to expand our activities with youths in 2009 including more coaching and competitive events. This may include collaboration with other clubs.

We are now well on the way to replacing the wooden pavilion with a vandal-proof metal one. A lot of good work has been done to plan the replacement and secure grants for the purchase of the new pavilion and the associated works. Special thanks go to Jerry Cutler who has put in a lot of time, especially in securing the grant from the National Lottery. We are now ready to go ahead with the installation of the new pavilion, pending receipt of amended planning permission at the time of writing.

With the new facilities and the youth development work, 2009 should be a fruitful year for the section.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

This section of the club now in its 18th year continues to thrive. Its success is such that membership is limited because of available space to 75 players. The quality of its players is borne out by the fact that scouts from Manchester City, Manchester United and Bolton Wanderers regularly visit the club to cast an eye over possible talent.

BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2008

BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2008

	Note	2008 £	2008 £	2007 £	2007 £
INCOME FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES					
Rent received			57,391		57,391
Subscriptions			86,503		84,655
Hockey Pitch Fees			17,163		16,864
Social Events			0		0
TOTAL INCOME			161,057		158,910
EXPENDITURE					
Sporting Facilities:					
Ground maintenance		35,557		34,186	
Ground Wages	2	33,600		32,041	
Ground Equipment Depreciation		8,009		11,161	
All Weather Pitch Depreciation		26,482		29,423	
All Weather Pitch Renewal Provision		1,224		1,278	
Sports Equipment & Affiliation Fees		32,223	-137,095	29,451	-137,540
Clubhouse Expenses :					
Utilities		1,400		1,012	
Insurances		2,143		1,963	
Building Depreciation		0	-3,543	0	-2,975
Administration & Finance					
Printing, Postage & Telephone		5,691		5,315	
Professional Fees		4,694		1,182	
Audit Fees		911		1,148	
Bank Charges		441		453	
Interest Received		-1,677		-1,960	
Sundry		-4,033	-6,027	-9	-6,129
TOTAL EXPENDITURE			146,665		146,644
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			14,392		12,266
TAXATION	4		-12,209		-11,277
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	7		2,183		989

BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 2008

	Note	2008 £	2008 £	2007 £	2007 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		391,430		440,228
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		0		0	
Prepayments		4,220		2,221	
Cash In Hand & at Bank		95,341		59,255	
		<u>99,561</u>		<u>61,476</u>	
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within 1 year)					
Members Loans		-5,150		-5,150	
Trade Creditors		-11,107		-7,663	
Accruals		-22,946		-19,522	
Taxation		-11,813		-11,277	
		<u>-51,016</u>		<u>-43,612</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>48,545</u>		<u>17,864</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>439,975</u>		<u>458,092</u>
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
Repairs Provision			-26,406		-25,182
			<u>413,569</u>		<u>432,910</u>
CAPITAL & RESERVES					
Revenue Account	7		11,576		9,393
Deferred Income	8		401,993		423,517
			<u>413,569</u>		<u>432,910</u>

The accounts, pages 17 - 20, were approved by the Club Management Committee on 14st January 2009.

C. H. MOORE ACA

I. C. JOHNSTON

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2008

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In the opinion of the Club Council, in order to aid understanding of the Club's financial results, the format of the Profit and Loss Account as prescribed by the Companies Act 1985 is not appropriate and the Revenue Account as set out on page 17 discloses all relevant information in a form most suitable for appreciation by the members. This has no effect on the result for the year.

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The Accounts are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention

PITCH PERIMETER ADVERTISING

Cash received in respect of pitch perimeter advertising is credited to deferred income. The deferred income is amortised into the revenue account on a straight line basis over the period of the advertising agreement.

GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Government grants and donations received in connection with identifiable capital projects are credited to deferred income. The deferred income is amortised into the revenue account on a basis consistent with the depreciation charged on the related fixed assets.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows.

Buildings	10% per annum on Reducing Balance Method
Ground Equipment	30% per annum on Reducing Balance Method
Squash Courts	10% per annum on Reducing Balance Method
All-Weather Pitches	10% per annum on Reducing Balance Method

STOCK

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realised value.

ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

These accounts have been prepared under applicable accounting standards.

2. STAFF

Wages and Salaries are as shown in the Revenue Account.

The average weekly number of employees during the year was made up as follows

	2008	2007
Ground Staff	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	1	1

3. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

No entitlement to Directors' remuneration exists and none has been paid

4. TAXATION

The Company, being a members club, is only liable to tax on interest and rent received.

	2008	2007
	£	£
Corporation tax @ 20% (2007 19%)	11,813	11,277
Adjustments in respect of previous years	396	-
	<u>£12,209</u>	<u>£11,277</u>

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Squash Courts £	Ground Equipment £	All Weather Surfaces £	Total £
COST				
At 1.12.07	65,115	85,861	724,023	874,999
Additions	—	1,510	—	1,510
Disposals	—	-2,732	—	-2,732
At 30.11.08	<u>65,115</u>	<u>84,639</u>	<u>724,023</u>	<u>873,777</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1.12.07	65,085	58,759	310,927	434,771
For the year	—	8,342	41,310	49,652
Disposals	—	-2,076	—	-2,076
At 30.11.08	<u>65,085</u>	<u>65,025</u>	<u>352,237</u>	<u>482,347</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30.11.08	30	19,614	371,786	391,430
At 1.12.07	30	27,102	413,096	440,228
Depreciation Charge				
For the year	0	8,342	41,310	49,652
Deferred income release	—	-333	-14,828	-15,161
Net charge	<u>0</u>	<u>8,009</u>	<u>26,482</u>	<u>34,491</u>

Deferred income of £16,926 in connection with Government grants and donations has been credited to the Revenue Account to give a net depreciation of £34,491 (2007 £40,584).

6. LIMITED LIABILITY

The Company is limited by Guarantee, and does not have a share capital. The liability of each member of the Club under the terms of the guarantee is limited to £2.10p.

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT

	£
At 30.11.07	9,393
Surplus for year after taxation	2,183
At 30.11.08	<u>11,576</u>

8. DEFERRED INCOME

	Grants re Fixed Assets £	Life Membership Subscriptions £	Total £
Balance at 30.11.07	149,896	273,621	423,517
Received in year	0	—	0
Credited to Revenue Account	-15,161	-6,363	-21,524
Balance at 30.11.08	<u>134,735</u>	<u>267,258</u>	<u>401,993</u>

9. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The company qualifies as a small company and consequently no cash flow statement has been prepared.

