

BROOKLANDS

Brooklands Sports Club



Annual Report March 2010

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Company No. 254098

**BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS
AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED**

Notice is hereby given that the 80th Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Brooklands Sports Club, Georges Road, Brooklands on Wednesday, 24th March 2010 at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the 79th Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 20th March 2009.
2. To receive and if thought fit to adopt the Report of the Directors and accounts for 2009.
3. To elect a President, Vice-Presidents, Officers, Life Members and Directors and appoint the Reporting Accountants for 2010.
4. To set the Members' subscriptions for 2010. These are proposed by the Board under Articles 9.10 to 9.13. of the Company and shown on Page 2 of the Notice of Meeting.

Proposals for Subscriptions 2010

	Non Playing	Bowls only	All or any other sports
Single (19 and over)	£40	£79	£175
Couples each partner	£30	£69	£175
Senior Citizens (aged 65 or over)	£23	£45	£45
Students (aged 18)	£30	£57	£65
Ex Wardens	£6	£22	£138

Casual Team Players

£50 up to 4 matches per year.

Notes on Subscriptions.

1. This resolution if approved will be taken as a request for payment. Any resignations must be submitted in writing to reach the Membership Secretary by 14th April 2010.
2. Subscriptions for playing members of the Cricket Section, the Bowls Section, the Lawn Tennis Section and non-playing members are due on May 1st. (Members who pay by direct debit will have payments taken on the 1st May and the 1st October).
3. Subscriptions for playing members of the Squash Section, the Lacrosse Section and the Hockey Section are due on the 1st October. (Members who pay by direct debit will have payments taken on the 1st October and the 1st May).
4. Part season reductions will be made as applicable for new members.
5. Couples who pay annual subscriptions of at least £350 may enrol their children free of charge.
6. Corporate Membership will be considered upon application to the Club.
7. Cheques must be made payable to Brooklands Sports Club.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2010

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

President:	D. Alcock
Chairman:	N. J. Hewitt
Treasurer:	C. H. Moore, A.C.A.
General Secretary:	P. A. Vickers
Membership Secretary:	A. J. Batty
Ground Secretary:	J. D. Marsden
Other Directors:	I. C. Johnston, D. J. Chandler
Reporting Accountants:	HW Chartered Accountants

Vice-Presidents:

J. K. Brown	J. Chandler	D. J. E. Garnett
W. M. Harvey	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		

PLAYING COMMITTEE

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

**MINUTES OF THE 79th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LTD.
HELD IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOM AT THE CLUB
ON FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2009**

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 and 26 other members.

The President opened the meeting and welcomed the members in attendance.

Apologies were received from: D Peach, J Marland, Mrs E Marland, G Buchan, B McBurney, J Brown, Mrs J Cutler, J D Marsden.

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

The minutes of the 78th Annual General Meeting had been circulated in the handbook and were taken as read. Approval of the minutes was proposed by A Batty and seconded by D Garnett. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

President's Report

The President referred the meeting to his notes in the Annual Report and indicated that he had some recent comments to make. He made special reference to thanking Derek Chandler for tremendous service in two extended periods as Membership Secretary. Also thanks were due to Nick Hewitt and Karen Keohane for their work in achieving a Sport England grant allowing the appointment of a Sports Development officer for a two- year period. Thanks to work by the Hockey Section, Poynton Ladies Hockey Club had elected to join Brooklands in the autumn.

Ian Johnston said he had an enjoyable but sometimes difficult three years as President, which had passed in a flash and thanked the Council and all the Members for their cooperation and assistance.

Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr C H Moore presented the accounts for the year and indicated that they did not make the most interesting reading. Nevertheless the Club had made a small surplus in the last financial year. The principal financial objective was to ensure that funds are available for the replacement of the all-weather pitches and the other fixed assets of the Club. He then opened the meeting to questions on the accounts.

As no questions were forthcoming he proposed that the accounts be adopted. This was seconded by Mr A Batty and carried unanimously. HW Chartered Accountants had reviewed the accounts and found them satisfactory. It was proposed that they perform the same task next year. This was seconded by Mr J Cutler and carried unanimously.

Ground Chairman's Report

Mr N J Hewitt gave this report in the absence of the Ground Chairman, Mr David Marsden who was unable to attend the meeting. He indicated that a full-time assistant had been appointed to help the Groundsman. Work Schedules are being prepared for all the tasks

on the ground. Section Chairman will collate work lists and tasks will be prioritised. Hopefully this will avoid intersectional difficulties and provide a long-term improvement of the playing surfaces.

Mr Hewitt then answered questions from the members. Mr Cutler suggested that the new Assistant Groundsman had not conducted himself professionally in his relationship with the members. Mr Hewitt responded that this issue had been recognised and would be addressed. Mr Garnett queried the damage caused to the 2nd ground by vehicular traffic during the construction of the new tennis courts and its reparation. The ground staff will repair this damage. Mr Thompson asked about the height of the new netting around the bowling green. This will be mesh weld to a height of 6 feet and then netting to the same height as is currently in use. Another member expressed delight with the quality of the new tennis courts. Mr Hewitt said that maintenance of these courts was crucial to maintaining their quality and included brushing weekly, adding sand and algacide as required. Brushing by specialist contractors should be performed as required. Drag nets will be issued for use after the courts have been used

Subscriptions 2009

A resolution was proposed by the Management Committee and seconded by Mr N A McKinna to amend the subscriptions in line with Item 4 of the agenda. It should be noted that members of both sexes need to be 65 to qualify as Senior Citizens. The meeting passed this resolution unanimously.

Memorandum and Articles of Association of Brooklands Sports Club

Mr D Alcock said that a firm of solicitors has provided a first draft of the revised articles. These have been circulated to the Section Chairmen for their views. Once the draft has been agreed with the Chairmen, consultation will take place with the Members. The final draft will be available to the Members on the website, copies will be placed on the notice board and available from the Hon. Secretary on application.

It is proposed that a Special General Meeting will be held in the autumn to vote on the proposal to amend the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Election of Officers for 2009

The current President, Mr I C Johnston, said that he had consulted with past Presidents and Life Members on the election of the next President and had found unanimous support for his proposal that Mr D Alcock be the next President of Brooklands Sports Club. This was seconded by Mr H M U Dabbs who then outlined Mr Alcock's distinguished career at the Club. He had been Secretary and Chairman of the Hockey Section together with coaching many hockey teams. He had also coached Cheshire sides and was a Vice-President of Cheshire. Other roles at representative level included Manager of the North U 21 side and Disciplinary Section Chairman of the English Hockey League. For Brooklands Sports Club he was elected to the Council in 1990, was made a Vice-President in 1999 and Chairman 2001-2004. He has been instrumental in leading the work on the changes in the Articles of Association and is the youngest ever President of the Club The meeting unanimously elected Mr Alcock.

Mr Alcock thanked the members for giving him this honour and hoped that he would make a meaningful contribution to the Club. He went on to praise Derek Chandler and Ian Johnston for their endeavours at the Club over many years.

The Vice-Presidents were proposed for election en bloc by the Council and seconded by Mr I C Johnston. This proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr Johnston read out the names of all the members standing for Council with a proposal that they be elected en bloc. Mr P A Vickers seconded this proposal, which was carried unanimously by the meeting.

Mr D J Chandler then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Johnston for his time as President and the great efforts he had made to improve the Club. He then, on behalf of the Council proposed that Mr N J Hewitt be elected as Chairman of the Club. He said that already, with his dynamic leadership style, Mr Hewitt had made a big impact on the Club by working towards the appointment of a Multi-Sports Development Officer.

Mr D Meek seconded this proposal. Mr Hewitt thanked the Council for the honour. He emphasised the need to pull together as a club and not just exist as a number of sections. He thought that the Development Officer should make a big difference. He wanted the Club to become a vibrant place and strive towards the development of the Brooklands Ideal.

The Finance and Management Committee as published in the handbook together with the addition of Mr A J Batty were proposed to be elected en bloc by Mr I C Johnston and seconded by Mr P A Vickers. The meeting passed this unanimously.

The Playing Committee as published in the handbook were proposed to be elected by the Council and seconded by Mr P A Vickers. This resolution was carried unanimously.

Election of Life Member

Mr I C Johnston, as retiring President, wished to propose Mr J D Marsden as a Life Member. He said that some 12 years ago Geoff Davis, the previous Ground Chairman left the area. David Marsden offered his services to take on that role. He has performed the onerous duties with wit and wisdom, overseeing the many changes which have taken place on the ground over that period. He is an exemplary member of Brooklands Club and fully deserves the appointment. The meeting applauded the proposal. Unfortunately Mr Marsden was not present to accept the award.

The Millennium Cup was awarded to the Bowls Section and presented by the retiring President to Mr I Thompson, the Bowls Chairman. In accepting the award he said that the Bowls Section was successful due to the large number of bowling members who assisted in the administration of the sport. He hoped that the appointment of a Development Officer would assist the Club and the Bowls Section.

The Endeavour Shield was presented to Ms Karen Keohane by the Club Chairman, Mr N J Hewitt. He said that the original shield had been lost but a new one now exists albeit with a few names currently missing. Karen Keohane had been the architect of the application to Sport England for a grant to employ a Development Officer. Apart from that her contribution to the Club has been immense and particularly her enthusiasm for the Tennis Section and Junior Tennis. The Chairman was sure that the Section will grow stronger in the future.

Any other business

Mr I Thompson suggested that Friday was not a good night to hold an Annual General Meeting. The Chairman promised to review this for next year.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

The members present at the 80th AGM held on the 24th March 2010 accepted these minutes as being a true and correct record and the President Mr D Alcock signed them.

Brooklands Sports Club Annual Meeting 2010

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would open my Report by thanking all Members and Committee Members for their support in my first year in Office. It is always rewarding to feel that your efforts are recognised and that the Club is moving forward under the guidance of a group of individuals who are dedicated, not just to the Club being a centre of sporting excellence but also having facilities second to none.

I would like to thank on your behalf all members of the F & M Committee (now the Club Board) for all their work on your behalf. They are all volunteers and give of their time to make your experience of the club a good one. It is very easy to criticise when you do not have the job of making sure that the grass is cut, the goals are mended, L A Fitness are kept up to the mark, wickets are prepared and correspondence is dealt with. It is indeed worth noting that, in a time of financial difficulty, the Club has continued to progress through the hard work and selfless devotion of many volunteers, two of whom are recognised this year for their work with the youth in the Hockey and Lacrosse sections.

We have to recognise that the current financial climate requires us to be very circumspect with regard to spending on capital projects. We try and support the Sections in their efforts particularly with regard to work with children and youngsters and this will pay handsome dividends in the future. Sadly, over this coming year we will have to reduce the amounts allocated for youth development to each section to ensure financial probity. We have spent money over the last year on upgrading the No 2 cricket pavilion, the tennis courts, the bowling green and many other ground maintenance projects that arose often 'out of the blue'. This has resulted in an overspend this year that requires correction. We are trying to minimise the impact of this on Sections but all must share the burden. There is sadly a finite amount of money available to the Club and reckless spending is not going to happen on my watch.

This being said, I would like to applaud those Sections who have gone out and sought grant aid for major capital projects. The Bowls Section now has a new dedicated home, made possible by grant aid. The Cricket and Lacrosse have obtained grant aid, the former for a new four-lane practice facility. The Hockey are applying for assistance for lights and a ground watering facility that will benefit, not just hockey but cricket, bowls, tennis and lacrosse. I can only thank those involved in obtaining these monies and encourage other sections to explore those avenues of assistance. Sections need to thrive and be active, number raise significant amounts of money just to operate and progress their plans for future development. I encourage all sections to get out, get on the web, and seek help in getting money into the Club. Raise funds, hold functions, and increase volunteer activity. We need active, busy, progressive and vibrant sections.

In this regard, there have been two developments of significance over the last 12 months. The first involves the appointment, with Sport England assistance, of our Sports Development Officer Alexis Fuller. His job is to help the Club and each Section grow, flourish, develop and achieve sporting excellence in its respective fields. He is there to help your section, get Club Mark, seek out grant aid, and obtain coaching, go into local schools and a host of other activities that will help your development. It is important sections use this resource, as it is a unique opportunity which the club has never had before. The second involves the new constitution. This came into operation on the 21st of December 2009. It now gives the Club a 21st century structure and puts a great deal more responsibility

on sections in respect of a) governance b) membership. For too long sections have been ignoring the pleas of the Club for players to pay their membership. Well, no longer, you do not pay, you do not play. The Club intend to re-organise membership collection, introduce security checks on members and tighten up generally on this area. Over the next 12 months these new initiatives will be 'rolled out'. I hope you will support the Board in these efforts. As a paying member of the Club, I am sure you would not like to be paying your membership so that somebody else can have a free ride!

Finally, can I thank Beth and the bar staff for making the Club such a pleasant place to come for a drink. The last year has seen the Hockey Section particularly, entertain new clubs and indeed a Reunion of the 1988 Olympic Gold winning mens' Hockey team. Many have never visited the Club before, Brooklands Sports Club was for them a new experience. I have to say, all were fulsome in their praise for the Club, its facilities and its hospitality. We are all lucky to be members of this Club, we must prize it, we must nurture it and most importantly, we must not take its success for granted. It requires all of us to contribute; a club is only as good as the people who comprise it. It is your club at the end of the day and it is what you make it.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Last year I talked about the need to improve the facilities at the Club. I am pleased to say that this has been the case. New tennis courts, squash court renovation, improved maintenance particularly of the artificial surfaces and a winter maintenance renovation programme of the summer grass surfaces should further improve playing conditions.

The Club has also embarked on an exciting and ambitious development programme, which should see improvements to all the playing surfaces over the next few years. When clubs are starting to move forward enthusiasm runs high but we must realise that we don't have a bottomless pit to finance everything, which is why we must be patient. I feel sure that we will all benefit in the long run.

The Sections have had varying degrees of success. Hockey and Lacrosse both back in the top divisions of their respective leagues, Cricket maintaining their County League status, the Tennis Section rejuvenated themselves through the work of their dynamic coach Oli Jones, who received a prestigious award as "Up and coming coach of the Year for Cheshire", and the Bowls Section got their new clubroom.

Yet another busy year; but a far busier and exciting one awaits us. The Club were successful in securing a grant for a two-year post for a Multi Sport Development Officer. Alexis Fuller joined us in the New Year and is rapidly getting to grips with his new post and the requirements of each section and how they can improve, develop, grow and maintain their membership. Please introduce yourselves, Alexis has an office just down the stairs into the changing room area. I am sure he would be pleased to see you and canvas your opinions. What a challenge but I feel that both Alexis and Brooklands are up to it.

Last year I was very disappointed by the amount of inter sectional bickering. Tennis with Lacrosse, Hockey with Tennis, Lacrosse with Hockey, Cricket with Lacrosse, Bowls with Cricket, Junior Football with Lacrosse and so on. Abusive emails, phone calls from abused people, and general nastiness from all corners. Officers have resigned because of abuse which is totally unacceptable. Well guess what, "We are a multi-sectional sports club."

A lot of people put a lot of time and effort into developing their Sections and consequently

the Club. Assets are to be shared not hogged. We have to change our mind set. We need to change our whole ethos. We need better inter-sectional communication and co-operation. I can't and won't tell you how to work together but maybe a start would be to understand everyone's needs and aspirations. So our aim as Brooklands Sports Club for this year should be: -

“Appreciate each Section's needs and aspirations and help achieve them”

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Revenue Account shows a significant deficit for the year. Part of this was due to a conscious decision to invest in improving the facilities at the club. In particular we employed an Assistant Groundsman and carried out various renovation projects. We also incurred a one-off charge of around £1,500 to install a computer system to collect subscriptions ourselves which will pay for itself in future years as we save the fees previously paid to the computer bureau. However, our expenditure commitments were made on the basis of expected levels of income from subscriptions and pitch hire. There were indications during the year that subscriptions would be considerably higher than the previous year but that increase did not materialise. In fact, total income from subscriptions and pitch hire was over £4,000 less than last year. We cannot continue to run at a deficit so we will have to put in place cost saving and income generating measures to get back to break even for the coming year. We continue to be mindful of the need to have the resources to replace the all weather surfaces as and when necessary.

GROUND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The cold weather in March continued into early April which, after a wet winter, gave some problems at the beginning of the summer season. However, in spite of the forecast 'BBQ' summer, all our grass surfaces were in excellent condition. Ron's expertise, favourable weather conditions and not inconsiderable expenditure all contributed to the grounds looking as good as they have done for some considerable time.

An Assistant Groundsman was employed from February 2009, which has really helped Ron to effectively handle all the various aspects of grounds maintenance.

The new bowls pavilion was installed in time for the beginning of the bowls season and the old hut was transferred to the side of the new tennis courts, which were completed by early April.

At the end of the cricket season the small pavilion on the back ground was re-roofed, new windows installed and new flagging laid in front of it.

New hockey goals and additional dugouts celebrated the 1st Team Hockey promotion to the Premier Division.

Significant tree surgery has been undertaken on the Norris Road side of the ground and more will be required going forward as the Manchester Poplars are well past their life expectancy.

Going forward we have a number of projects under consideration - an irrigation system for all the playing surfaces, an upgrade of hockey and tennis lights, new cricket nets, bowling green surrounds and perimeter fencing along Whitehall Road to complement the new pedestrian gate. All we need is the funding.

OBITUARIES 2009-2010

ROB ANDERSON died suddenly on the 17th of August 2009 following an asthma attack. Tragically, he was just 15 years of age. Rob joined Brooklands Cricket Club as part of the U15 side after being brought along by the Edwards twins and soon found himself as 3rd XI scorer. He was soon promoted from scorer to player and was immediately recognised for his willing attitude, kindness and good spirit. In his honour, a memorial trophy has been inaugurated which will be awarded to the Brooklands cricketer who shows the greatest commitment to the Club and his teammates. The award will not be for performances nor technical excellence but for attitude and unselfish contribution to the Club as a community. This was the concept Rob embraced so readily.

DENNIS EDGE, a proud Yorkshireman, one of the few remaining Wardens who joined us in 1991, died suddenly on the 26th April aged 73. Dennis was a regular in the bar on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays when he discussed affairs of state with fellow members of that ancient sect known as the Craft Centre. His empty chair bears witness to the memory of a good and popular friend. Dennis played golf most days of the week, was a keen fan of both rugby codes and spent much of his leisure time on the Isle of Man. He is survived by wife Margaret, son Andy and daughter Julie.

PETER JONES, a staunch supporter of Brooklands Cricket Club died on September 5th 2009 aged 80. Peter loved his cricket, and for 15 years all through the 1990's and the early 2000's he was the official umpire for the 2nd XI. He was much respected as an umpire by friend and foe alike. His knowledge of the game reflected his many playing years at Wythenshawe Cricket Club. He was also groundsman at Wythenshawe, and during his retirement on many occasions he could be seen at the Club in discussion with Ron about the finer points of groundsmanship. Peter, it could be said, had a 'good innings' and all his friends at Brooklands will sadly miss him.

TONY MURPHY joined Brooklands in the early 1970's, as a tennis player whose other sporting interest was squash. He was instrumental in setting up the Squash Section from its inception in 1976 when the first two courts were built at Brooklands. Tony served on the Council of Brooklands Sports Club for a number of years before being elected Chairman of the Club in 1981. He retired in 1984 when he was made a Vice-President. During this time his career in the banking world had progressed and he was appointed a manager of Coutts, Manchester during the early 1980's. After his Chairmanship of Brooklands he moved on to become a member of Sale Golf Club where he had an extremely colourful career and ultimately became Captain of the Club. His funeral took place at St. John's Church, Brooklands on Tuesday 14th April 2009 and was attended by his many friends both from Brooklands Sports Club, Sale Golf Club and the banking world. He will be missed.

JOHN SULLIVAN one of life's characters and gentlemen, died on 17th March 2009 aged 69, leaving a wife, Hazel and two sons, Ben and Dan. Originally a Cockney he played many sports to a good standard, including football, tennis, squash and golf. He went to school in the London area and as a football fan followed Charlton Athletic and Millwall. He taught History, spending some years at the Oratory and ended up at De La Salle in Middleton from where he retired aged 49.

Over the years he was an established social tennis player at Brooklands and was in particular a 'regular' on Wednesday afternoons. We will all miss his gregarious nature and social company.

JEAN BALLINGER died on the 28th January 2010 in hospital after a short illness. Aged 89 she was one of our oldest Lady Members having joined Brooklands in the early 1950's. She joined the Club to play tennis and continued playing into her 70's. She then took up bowls and played to a reasonable standard despite her late entry to the sport. Golf was her other sporting interest, representing Sale Golf Club for many years. Having a house which overlooked the club grounds she took a very keen interest in the Club's activities and kept in touch with events via her daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Brian McBurney. Jean will be missed by her many friends at both Clubs.

AWARDS

MILLENNIUM CUP

This cup is awarded to the Section, which is considered to have made the greatest contribution to the Club during the preceding year. This year it is to be awarded to the Hockey Section. The first team won the League Play-offs to gain promotion to the National Premier Division in which the best ten teams in the country play. The Section has also placed Junior Hockey on a firmer base, which is already leading to improved match results. In September the Section was joined by the ladies of Poynton Hockey Club; their first team plays in the National Premier Division and for the first time in the Club's history is fielding 4 teams each week. Brooklands is one of only three clubs which has both Men's and Ladies' teams in Premier Divisions.

ENDEAVOUR SHIELD

This year the decision has been made to award the shield jointly to Richard Latham and Alison Cara.

Alison's role has grown from an involved parent to becoming an integral part of the Lacrosse Section. She gives an amazing amount of time and energy to the Section and deserves recognition by the Club. Her range of roles is vast; Section Membership Secretary, managing the U14 Boys team, coordinating the Development Programme with local schools and Sport Trafford, organising the annual trip with Lutherville, USA are just some of them. Together these tasks make an invaluable contribution to the Lacrosse Section. Alison represents the best of the ideals and traditions of Brooklands Sports Club.

Richard Latham joined the Club some four years ago, to watch his son Harry play hockey for the Badgers. At the time the team was struggling, following the departure of several of the older players to the senior teams and was an inexperienced side suffering heavy defeats. Despite the losses the team wished to continue and a new strategy evolved. Coaching was organised under Andy Aldred and Richard took over the role of Manager. He has looked after all the administration together with the coaches and had a hand in the selection of players. The impact of this, together with the coaching, has led to a massive improvement in the teams' performance and morale.

SECTION REPORTS

CRICKET

Following promotion to the CCCL for the 1st XI, the main aim was to consolidate and avoid an immediate return to the Mellor Braggins League.

The team started well winning 2 of the first 3 games but then struggled and lost the next 6 games, had one rained off and 3 draws. Another victory followed (Tattenhall) leaving the side in 8th place with 6 games left but not yet completely free from relegation worries. A draw was achieved in the "Derby" against Sale. The final victory of the season (Oakmere) came off the first ball of the last over with a wide and the last pair at the wicket. A defeat, 2 draws and an abandoned game completed our 2009 season.

In the 22 league games 3 were abandoned, 5 won, 8 defeats and 6 draws left us 7th in the League and CCCL for 2010. Qualifiers for League averages for batting were John Birchall 688 runs at 38.22 and Chris Hart 461 runs at 28.81, for bowling Shahid Mahboob 28 wickets at 13.82 and again John Birchall 29 wickets at 23.34.

The 2nd XI carried on in the CCCL the way they had started in the Mellor Braggins League with promotion to Div 1 for 2010 as Champions of CCCL 2nd XI Div 2. The team started 2009 with a defeat to Bowdon but then went until game 20 of the 22 game season before the only other loss. The 2009 League record being 22 games, Won 14, Drawn 3, Cancelled 3, Lost 2. The championship was snatched from Bowdon on the last game of the season with a 25 point win against Marple whilst Bowdon could only draw and Brooklands pipped them by just 1 point for the Championship. The only bowler to qualify for the League averages was Tom Mitchell with 27 wickets at 13.59 whilst Antony Platt scored 422 runs at 42.2, Olly Bowden 310 runs at 28.18 and Alan Clowes 231 runs at 28.88 qualified with the bat.

The 3rd XI was pleased with the way the season went with 9 wins, 9 losses and 2 Draws. The team finished 5th in the CCCL 3rd XI Saturday Division. They performed consistently well against the sides, which finished below them, whilst giving most of those above them a tough game rather than an easy victory. League average qualifiers being Andy Batty 29 wickets at 18.31 and Sean Zurawski 22 wickets at 21.59 for bowling and George Drakonakis 239 runs at 39.83, Ross Willard 733 runs at 36.65 and Alex Edwards 363 runs at 27.92 with the bat.

The 4th XI played in the CCCL 3rd XI Sunday Division. This promised to be a particularly difficult season finding the team in the top tier with a side that had played mainly 3 divisions lower in the past. It turned out to be every bit as difficult as was feared and despite the best efforts finished bottom of the division and relegated into Div 2 for 2010. Played 18 won 2 lost 9 drawn 6 cancelled 1.

Academy 2009 has been a very interesting season for the Academy squad, with plenty for all to work on during indoor nets. Planning is well underway for the fourth running of the Malta tour so lots to look forward to in the Club

Thanks to everyone involved with the Academy namely Jim Harper, Tom Mitchell, Ian Halliday, Pete Whyley, Pete Staley and Ian Roberts.

Jack Bagshaw improved with bat and ball. He was up and down the sides before bedding into the 3's where prolonged run seemed to do him good. Dom Booth had a very impressive season and extols the virtue of Academy cricket. He was regularly available and doubled by being available on a Sunday. He managed 503 runs and 27 wickets in senior cricket. Olly Bowden also scored heavily this season and had a run in the 1st XI.

Not much was seen of Paul Clowes due to football commitments but when he played cricket he proved he was a class act with a couple of valuable knocks in the 2nd XI.

Caleb Jones has been a stand out performer. His figures don't back this up but his general attitude and will to win mixed with his fiery bowling has meant he made a sizeable contribution

to the 2nd XI.

Rob Leach had a good season mainly in the 3s and 4s but occasionally in the 2nd XI.

Luke Maitra had something of a breakthrough season playing all year in the 2nd XI. Luke has all the shots but sometimes plays them in the wrong order!

Finally Doug Whyley had a mixed season but came good when it really mattered with some match defining knocks in the 2nd XI.

To succeed in the Academy it's very much a case of getting out what you put in, we hope they will continue to improve for the future health of the Cricket Section.

TENNIS

The 2009 tennis season began in optimistic mood with a new Chairman (Steve Kay) and new Treasurer (Geoff Densham) and the opening of three new all-weather tennis courts by the Mayor of Trafford. The season saw many developments including in particular the positive impact of our new Head Coach and his team. Oli Jones has worked tirelessly throughout the year and significantly developed our coaching programmes, even extending the coaching of juniors throughout the winter.

One of the milestones of the year was our commitment to progress towards the 'Tennis Club Mark' award - with the intention of creating a better, more structured, environment for tennis and ensuring the adequate protection and development of our juniors in particular. Led by Karen Keohane, and after a significant amount of extra work by several committee members, we have now lodged our initial application with the LTA for their review and comments. No doubt there will be some 'loose ends' that come out of the LTA review, but many thanks to Karen and her 'juniors sub-committee' for keeping us on course in this matter and for their efforts in developing the junior section to new heights.

In a section where social activity is as important as competitive activity, we have also made an effort to improve our Social Events this year, and in this respect we must thank Suzanne Hogarth for co-ordinating the improvements that must be evident to all. From the Mayor's visit at the beginning of the season to the Finals Day 'presentation evening' at the end, it has been pleasing to see an increase in social activity amongst all our tennis members. As well as 'Sunday Morning Social Tennis' we have also run a successful Quiz and a fun Bike Ride, as well as several other events including friendly cricket and bowls matches, the end-of season men's curry night and of course the ever-successful 'breast cancer' tournament.

Of course our section would not be the same without our Annual Tournament, and our gratitude is due to Phil Rothwell for his efforts in organising the adult events year after year. This year consisted of 8 different competitions with a good entry in each, and particularly pleasing this summer was to see we have a junior good enough to win the men's adult singles final - Well done again to Connor Keohane! We also organised a Junior Tournament to finish on the same day as the adult events, and this had the added benefit of bringing more families to our presentation evening. In other areas of competitive tennis it is worth noting that this year we fielded nine adult teams (3 ladies/6 men) and three junior teams - who all did their bit in representing Brooklands in regional tennis leagues. In fact one of the men's teams got promoted, such that the South Manchester League now includes one of our men's teams in every division.

This year we were also lucky enough to persuade Dudley Shelmedine to come on committee to help us with membership matters. Helping with new members on the Open Day and keeping track of the names and addresses is difficult enough in our multi-sport environment, but he has also done a great job keeping members informed with his wonderful newsletters, as well as liaising generally with the club officer who actually collects the subscriptions.

Finally it is only right that the section offers its thanks in recognition of the good work put into tennis by both the tennis committee and the club ground staff. With their help we have made progress this year on several fronts and would like to hope this will continue - but it does

depend on the help of tennis members as well as committee. Although we would all like to just 'play our sport' - if we could develop habits where more people did 'just a bit more' we might just beat the general fear that volunteering will be a 'lot of work' for the few that come forward.

HOCKEY

The 1st Team won the North Conference in March, which took us through to the Premier Division promotion play-offs in May. We had a great weekend in Bristol, which saw us promoted to the top level in English hockey, and arguably British hockey. Congratulations to the first team and to the Head Coach, John Bell.

Now in the National Premier Division with all the big clubs and internationals, the 1st Team had a reasonable start to the season with 8 points at the Christmas break and all to play for in the second half of the season. It could be a very nervy end to the season - let's hope it doesn't go down to the last match away at Exeter in March.

Last season the 3rd Team won the North West Division One after being promoted from North West Division Two the previous season, which is a great achievement. Well done.

The 4th Team managed to consolidate their promotion of the previous year, just finishing above the relegation places.

2010 sees the 6th Team at the halfway point in the league season, top of their league under the excellent leadership of Tom Weavers, while the youthful energy of the 7th Team, under the honed captaincy of Dennis Poyner, has taken them into 2nd position.

All the other teams, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th's are sitting comfortably mid-table and poised to launch themselves up the leagues in a post-Christmas surge and this season now sees the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Teams playing at the highest level that their various league structures will allow – a first in the Club's history and a great credit to its strength in depth.

One of this year's highlights was the merger of the Brooklands Ladies with Poynton Ladies Hockey Club which give the Section the social and playing critical mass it has lacked in recent seasons. Brooklands MU is now one of only three teams in England with the Men's and Ladies' first teams in the Premier Division.

The Junior Section over the last couple of years has grown rapidly and is now thriving. Appreciation, thanks and credit must go to Nicky Paddon, Brian McBurney, Paul Whittle, Andy Aldred, Richard Latham and John Dixon for their commitment on weeknights and Sunday mornings.

Looking forward, the Section's short term priorities are to secure the 1st Team's position in the top flight of English hockey; and the installation of a watering system on the Astroturf pitch, which should allow the pitch to play as well as any in the country even in dry weather. Finally, thank you to everyone in the Men's and Ladies' Sections and in the Sports Club as a whole for their continued support. Here's hoping for a successful end to what's been a great season so far.

LACROSSE

The Senior Section is continuing to progress with the introduction of a ladies team. After a difficult season with a fifth team we have reverted back to a four team men's section, Manchester Metropolitan University have decided to look elsewhere for lacrosse support which has made life easier.

The four senior men's teams are having a good season this year in their respective leagues. The 1st team are holding their own in the Premier league and Sam Dexter and Ryan Sweetman have made the transition into the higher standard of lacrosse. We now have a younger looking 1st team which makes the future look bright. Unfortunately the 1st team have been

knocked out of the cup. Outside of the 1st team the other teams are competing well in their divisions but are likely to fall short of promotion. However all teams are still in their respective cups and they all stand a chance of winning them.

The club is still evolving and trying to generate a quality group of players to challenge in the Premiership. The jump from U19 to 1st team at last appears to be narrowing with up to five of the U19s playing on the 1st team. All four teams continue to benefit from the introduction of youngsters and the majority, do appear to be continuing their development within the senior section. Josh Sherry Brennan and Chris Summers went to America as part of the England U19s, which was a fantastic experience for them.

Two players were involved in the full England squad for the world games in 2010 Chris Summers and Andy Baxter. Unfortunately Chris didn't make the last cut but Andy has a good chance of making the final squad. We wish him well.

James Hewitt was voted most promising young player and the award for Club Person of the Year went to Alison Cara for her outstanding contribution to the section.

The Ladies' team is making progress but as anticipated the early years are hard and we have struggled in some games. This season progress has been made and we have won games and are starting to compete against the top ladies teams. Thanks must go to Jane Ellston and Sally Frier.

The success story of the Junior Section continues. The U12, U14, U16 and U19 boys teams all reached their respective cup finals. However only the U16, who had an unbeaten season, winning their final. The U19 team won the U19 league for the first time, which some feat as over 75% of the players will be available for the next 3 years.

James Hewitt, Vince Cara, Ryan Sweetman, Josh Kinder, Sam Dexter, Liam Wilkinson, Tom Rodgers and Adam Wain all represented Lancashire U16 and they all plus Joe Dickerson were selected for the England Academy. Chris Summers was selected for the Lancashire U19 team and both County teams yet again beat Cheshire

Our biggest steps forward has been on the girls' side where we have established an U16 team and are now building up the U12 team. Melissa Hewitt, Emilie Ellston and Charlotte Baker all represented Lancashire U14 with Melissa being Captain.

The school development programme is paying dividends with excellent school club relationships. We are currently coaching in 39 schools. This last year has seen over fifteen juniors graduate to senior teams. This continuing development and progression is creating a strong base for the Section.

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, Adam Kousgaard being the overall winner closely beating last year's winner Gareth Williams who now having achieved his level 1 coaching badge and helps Steve. He is also available for individual coaching; his contact number is 07989112318.

An annual knockout competition is organised around May each year for both Ladies' and Men's sections. 2009 Men's winner was Neil Paisley who finished ahead of Lee Norcross while the Ladies' winner once again was Kirsty Mackay.

Brooklands Men's 1st team just about stayed up in Div 2 capt. Neil Paisley finding it a much

tougher challenge this year. The 2nd team remained in Div 3 while the 3rd stayed in Div 4 unfortunately the 4th were relegated, to Div 5 will be with the 5th next season. Brooklands Ladies' 1st team finished 3rd in Div 2c with the newly formed 2nds 10th in Div 2b.

BOWLS

The Bowling Section had a good 2009 since the work on the new pavilion was completed. Our thanks to everyone involved, especially to Jerry Cutler who has been at the forefront of the project from beginning to end. We are delighted with the results. Unfortunately the green was in a very poor condition at the beginning of the season. It improved slightly as the season progressed but we did not host any main league competitions. We are hopeful that it will be better for the start of the 2010 season. We had quite a few successes on the playing front. The Ladies 'A' team won the Sale Ladies League with Betty Elliot being our top aggregate player. Jill Chandler had a very successful year in the Sale Ladies League winning the Dixon Cup, the League Cup and together with Diane Kelsall took the Ladies' pairs trophy. Ian Thompson won the Jean Overall Memorial Trophy League Merit in the Trafford Evening League against tough opposition on a very cold day at Knutsford Private Bowling Club. Norma Brown had a very good season and reached the top twenty in the Trafford Evening League. Our own competitions were won by Jill Chandler who won the Club Championship Cup in a tough final against her husband Derek; Eamon Longmore, our most promising newcomer, won the Men's singles; Diane Kelsall the Mabel Austin Cup; Ian Thompson the Mixed Singles, and June and Jerry Cutler the Mixed Pairs. Unfortunately the Men's 'A' team didn't have a good season and have been relegated to the third division of the Trafford Evening League. A mention must go to Derrick Hurdwell who has been the Captain of the Men's team and Vets team for over twenty years and has decided to step down this year. Thanks Derrick for all your good work at the club over the years. Due to several circumstances we were unable to hold our Junior Cup Competition but we are planning to hold this event and other junior events next season and are aiming for our Clubmark in 2010.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

We had another successful year in the coaching of Junior Footballers, school age range from Reception to Day 5. Adequate playing space continues to be a problem. Scouts from a number of professional clubs regularly visit us and invite children to attend their satellite coaching schemes. We are also seen as a provider of players for the local league teams. This year we were fortunate to have two Premier League players, Kevin Davies the Captain of Bolton wanderers and Federico Macheda of Manchester United, to present the year-end trophies to our players.

The Club is now in its 19th year of providing Junior Football coaching.

BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2009

BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2009

	NOTE	2009 £	2009 £	2008 £	2008 £
INCOME FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES					
Rent received			67,956		57,391
Subscriptions			84,558		86,503
Hockey Pitch Fees			14,740		17,163
Social events			876		0
TOTAL INCOME			168,130		161,057
EXPENDITURE					
Sporting Facilities :					
Ground Maintenance		31,165		35,557	
Ground Wages	2	47,305		33,600	
Ground Equipment Depreciation		7,377		8,009	
All Weather Pitch Depreciation		28,686		26,482	
All Weather Pitch Renewal Provision		413		1,224	
Sports Equipment & Affiliation Fees		31,530	-146,476	32,223	-137,095
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Clubhouse Expenses :					
Utilities		1,291		1,400	
Insurances		2,653		2,143	
Building Depreciation		0	-3,944	0	-3,543
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Administration & Finance :					
Printing, Postage & Telephone		8,894		5,691	
Professional Fees		778		4,694	
Audit Fees		853		911	
Bank Charges		403		441	
Interest received		32		-1,677	
Sundry		0	-10,960	-4,033	-6,027
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE			161,380		146,665
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR			6750		14392
TAXATION	4		-14671		-12209
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	7		-7921		2183

BROOKLANDS CRICKET, LAWN TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 2009

	NOTE	2009 £	2009 £	2008 £	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets	5		401,404		391,430
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		0		0	
Prepayments		5,859		4,220	
Cash in Hand & at Bank		67,953		95,341	
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		73,812		99,561	
CREDITORS					
(Amounts falling due within 1 year)					
Members Loans		-5,150		-5,150	
Trade Creditors		-8,471		-11,107	
Accruals		-23,945		-22,946	
Taxation		-14,277		-11,813	
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		-51,843		-51,016	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			21,969		48,545
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			423,373		439,975
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
Repairs Provision			-19,170		-26,406
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			404,203		413,569
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CAPITAL & RESERVES					
Revenue Account	7		3,655		11,576
Deferred Income	8		400,548		401,993
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			404,203		413,569
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The accounts on pages 17 to 20 were approved by the Club Management Committee on 14th January 2010

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 2009

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

	2009	2008
Ground Staff	2	1
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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.

	2009	2008
	£	£
Corporation tax @ 21% (2008 20%)	14,277	11,813
Adjustments in respect of previous years	394	396
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	£14,671	£12,209
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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Squash Courts £	Ground Equipment £	All Weather Surfaces £	Total £
COST				
At 1.12.08	65,115	84,639	724,023	873,777
Additions		8,153	63,785	71,938
Disposals			-72,278	-72,278
At 30.11.09	65,115	92,792	715,530	873,437
DEPRECIATION				
At 1.12.08	65,085	65,025	352,237	482,347
For the year		7,557	54,407	61,964
Disposals			-72,278	-72,278
At 30.11.09	65,085	72,582	334,366	472,033
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30.11.09	30	20,210	381,164	401,404
At 1.12.08	30	19,614	371,786	391,430
Depreciation Charge				
For the year	0	7,557	54,407	61,964
Deferred income release		-180	-25,721	-25,901
Net charge	0	7,377	28,686	36,063

Deferred income of £25,901 in connection with Government grants and donations has been credited to the Revenue Account to give a net depreciation of £36,063 (2008 £34,491).

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 £1.

7. REVENUE ACCOUNT

	£
At 30.11.08	11,576
Deficit for the year after taxation	-7,921
At 30.11.09	3,655

8. DEFERRED INCOME

	Grants re Fixed Assets £	Life Membership Subscriptions £	Total £
Balance at 30.11.08	134,735	267,258	401,993
Received in year	30,819		30,819
Credited to Revenue Account	-25,901	-6,363	-32,264
Balance at 30.11.09	139,653	260,895	400,548

9. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

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

