**Cricket Chairman’s Report 2022 Season**

The Cricket Club built on the success of the previous season.

Mens 1st X1 were back in the Premier League and finished 3rd having been near the top for most of the season. They were top with only a few games to go however tactical declarations and other sides denying Horsham of bonus points caused the finishing position.

Mens 2nd X1 started the season well and grew in strength and confidence with each game. They won division 5 and are promoted back to division 4.

Mens 3rd X1 had a difficult start due to availability. The usual issues of younger players at university and schooling took their toll. They enjoyed a good finish to the season and secured 5th spot in their league.

Womens X1 had a challenging season. Injuries, availability and opposition cancelling all contributed to disrupt a winning momentum. We expect 2023 to be better as there are several girls performing well in the junior teams.

Junior teams are thriving with many playing and attending training. The club had 12 age groups competing last season, 3 of which were girls. Some of the games played were limited to the number of teams in the group. Of the age groups where a reasonable number of teams competed Horsham won 5 leagues and 1 knockout cup. The under 13 girls did both.

**HSC Squash Section report January 2023**

Having been the sport most greatly effected within the club due to the pandemic, squash is very much on the up. Over the last year we have got a totally new committee made up of long term squash members who are looking to rebuild HSC squash. Membership is on the up with a slow yet positive increase each month and the courts are getting busier.

We now have two teams in the Sussex league with both teams top of their respective leagues, this could well grow further for next season. We have team and shirt sponsors for the teams, thank you UK Padel, Permanex and Green People. Junior coaching is going well on Sunday afternoons as we look to encourage the next generation of players and coach Vince Lawrence also has adult group and individual lessons. Friday night Club Nights are proving extremely popular, especially the doubles.

We enjoyed a very nice doubles fixture on the doubles courts at The RAC Club in the autumn. Dan West organized a very successful fun squash day in November and the recent Christmas doubles went really well too. We have further tournaments and events planned this season, watch this space.

In the meantime, we are also mindful of maintaining good facilities and are exploring ways of improving court temperature during spells of cold weather and improving the changing rooms.

**Horsham Lawn Tennis Club Chairman’s report 2022**

Welcome to the 2022 Horsham lawn tennis club AGM. Thank you for joining us.

It has been an exciting time and we have seen some wonderful developments at Horsham LTC this year with the instillation of our LED lighting system and our resurfaced courts.

This year has seen some much-needed normality and whilst the cloud of COVID-19 has not disappeared it feels like what we can and can’t do is no longer determined by this global pandemic.
It has been wonderful to see so many of our members continue to play tennis and fill up the courts and likewise has been great to be back on the court myself.
As the world goes back to normal some players have had less free time to take to the courts with more trips back to the office and those who have more responsibilities in their lives which has meant a slight drop in membership for this year.
We will continue to drive our membership forwards and give playing opportunities to all.

**Facility Development**

We are so pleased that the LED floodlight installation and court resurfacing/painting has been completed. These were the two major projects we had been planning to complete over the past few years and we are so excited that they are now completed.
The lights have been a revelation and we have seen an upturn in evening play because of this.
I would like to thank Paul and Donna Copeland who came up with the idea and produced the club hoodies, with all profit coming back to the club to help fundraise for the lights, and to everybody who donated to our GoFundMe page. Each purchase and donation have really helped turn the lights into a reality.

**Subscriptions**

We have been extremely mindful that the cost of living is going up and that we want to continue giving our members an excellent value membership that is competitive with all the other clubs in the area.

With this in mind we also feel by increasing the subs slightly each year we will not find ourselves in a position where we are required to make a considerable rise in the future to make up for any shortfall.

Therefore for 2022/23 subscriptions were increased by 5% for the forthcoming year in agreement with main club committee.

**Coaching**

There has been no further interruptions with the coaching program this year and I was pleased to get back onto court earlier in the year, once again a big thank you to Nigel who took over my groups whilst I was injured.
All numbers continue to be healthy and we had a number of junior teams playing in this year‘s national league. It shouldn’t be underestimated what effects Covid has on our junior players and I for one am very proud of each one (however nervous) who stepped up and represented the club.

Tessa continues to work wonders with our mini Tennis red players and it’s lovely to see so many of them graduate to my tennis orange this year.

As a club we were extremely proud that two of our players were chosen to be part of the Billie Jean King Cup official advert.
Getting to play at the National tennis Centre and be featured across many TV channels across the world has been a highlight for the girls so a special mention must go to Millie and Halle who did a fantastic job representing the club.

**Club Tournament and Leagues**

The club tournament once again continues to build, there were some fantastic matches throughout the duration of the tournament and again was great to see new players entering with some excellent numbers across the draws.
Finals Day had an excellent turnout of spectators supporting friends who were playing on the day. The day had some excellent finals and lots of worthy winners.
Next year we will start the tournament earlier and have the finals day before the summer holidays, Finals day will be on July 23rd 2023.
We will look at adding a barbecue to the event as hopefully we will be guaranteed great weather!!!!!!

It has been great for the club that both the summer and winter leagues are back up and running this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players who give up their time to represent the club and participate in these matches
We have had some wonderful team matches this year and I have been extremely proud to captain the men’s first team who have secured promotion in both the summer and winter.

**Hockey Report – 2022-23 Season**

This season has been the first COVID free and uninterrupted season and that has resulted in increased interest in both Hockey and social activities, with a definite buzz returning to the section.

The Men’s section is looking good, with M1 holding firmly after promotion last season, M2, M3, M4 all firmly in the top half of their leagues and playing good hockey, with a very nice blend of adults and youth players across the teams. The U16 Boys are now in the quarterfinals of the England Hockey Tier competitions and playing some lovely hockey.

The Ladies section has lost some strength due to retirements, leavers and pregnancy more than in most years, but again the opportunity for youth advancement is providing support to all teams with the L1 retaining their England Hockey national league status, and the L2, L3, L4 all solidly safe in their leagues whilst the Ladies 5 are supporting a larger youth group and battling hard for mid table.

The Junior section has seen positive interest and continues to attract players with increased focus on offering skills camps and more half term activities this year to extend our offering. The return or interclub tournament is just returning, and this is providing some excellent competition for the lower U8 and U10 age groups, with the U10 boys winning some medals.

Socially we are seeing more togetherness and despite the increasing costs, the show is still running.