

BRAID ESTATE RECREATION GROUNDS (BERG) ANNUAL REPORT – 2021

Following the Covid 19 crisis both the Tennis and Bowling Clubs saw a gradual return to normality in 2021 although playing and social activities had to be modified in response to government regulations and overall safety concerns.

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club had a successful year. Membership increased by around 40 to 320 and there is now a waiting list of more than 60. The new lano clay courts are playing well and their cost was supported by external grants and from increased subscription income.

Subscriptions for the 2022 season have been kept at the same level. The club has eight teams competing in the East of Scotland league and three teams competing at junior level. There has been significant coaching input with a focus on the juniors.

BOWLING CLUB

Bowling Club membership remained almost static at 109 although there was a significant turnover with eleven new recruits joining during the year and compensating for an ongoing downward trend among existing members.

The green was opened and play resumed two weeks later than normal to allow for Covid 19 mitigation measures to be implemented. After the first full year of maintenance by a new contractor, the green played very well.

During the 2021 season the club resumed playing some external fixtures as the leagues restarted in a modified form but it was only possible to hold a reduced number of internal club competitions.

GROUNDS

Both clubs completed significant repairs and maintenance programmes on their respective clubhouses during the year and there was good cooperation between the clubs on common works required to the grounds. In particular the east boundary wall was repaired and pointed and, this being a mutual wall, the costs were shared equally with Edinburgh City Council. The Bowling Club carried out repairs to the perimeter of the playing green and the Tennis Club dealt with issues pertaining to the new floodlights.