**Coach’s report 2022-23**

Slump from group coaching (including junior) has sadly continued with majority of sessions currently unsustainable and struggling to get more than 3. Also resulted in Wednesday AM coaching collapsing, Youth Red and Orange combining to a joint session, Youth Girls on halt.

Down to an absolute mixture of factors; been a tough winter (when the courts haven't been frozen it's then been raining...), economy hitting most hard, Covid still a factor with a national slump in those actively participating in sport resulting in a less active population.

All in all has made for a very tough few months both on and off the court.

Tennis in Britain is somewhat seasonal but this is sudden drop to what I've experienced in my last 7 years.

Individual coaching has relatively stayed the same from this time in past winters which is just about keeping the business just about viable.

Hoping things will pick up in March but would be great as a committee if we could make it a big club effort to kick start group coaching once more.

Positive news;

Youth Girls to relaunch and this time as a national LTA programme. Had beaten the LTA to this idea by half a year with an attempt to get a girls only session going in the Spring (funny enough with the exact name).

Be a fantastic program to be apart of with millions being invested by Amazon Prime following Emma Raducanu's historic grand slam win. Managed to successfully apply and will be attending a training day in Nottingham end of Feb with the program hopefully launching in the spring.

Will be once more apart of the Suffolk GP series with us hosting the following events;

-U14s March 12th 2-4pm (*will need to sort volunteers before the meeting)*

*-*Youth Green 16th April 2-4pm (*sort volunteers at meeting)*

-Youth Red 3rd September 2-4pm

*Volunteers for each will be great to help set up, score, refreshments and generally help to keep the event running smoothly.*

Overall 2022 still a good year coaching wise with healthy adult and junior numbers but have noticed a gradually decline since the start of the summer.

The community restart fund was a great success and helped redevelop ties with schools. *No new grant suitable to apply for as yet but will have another good look.*Numbers in Youth Red dropped off to be unsustainable, be good to secure an indoor venue for next winter now. In past we have been at Sax primary, *any other viable venues?*