



Presidents Report 2022-23

1 Introduction



- 1.1 As they say “a picture is worth a thousand words”, and on the 27/01/2023 BBRC was not spared from the destructive Auckland floods. At the time we were dealing with a second break-in to the club, celebrating the return of 500+ membership numbers, and finally planning a return to AGM’s normal schedule!
- 1.2 The extensive flooding to all of the facilities was a “you’ve got to be joking” moment. The security cameras showing our rubbish skip float past the front door was symbolic of the volume of flood water that hit the club.
- 1.3 Thank you to the BBRC community who immediately mucked in to help with the initial clean-up. Unfortunately the extent of damage meant the short term closure of the club, and we all became familiar with “Phil’s Friday update” emails. Detailing the progress of current projects and repairs as we worked through a robust process with our Insurance provider. As I write this we wait for the squash courts to be dry enough for the new flooring, we continue the claims processes which will see the completion of an extensive list of projects and repairs.

1.4 On behalf of the executive committee I would like to acknowledge Phil's energy and relentless work ethic in getting the club back on its feet. It has been a "slow waltz" as we worked with Insurance, builders and suppliers, addressing the different issues caused by the flooding, but progress was always positive and steady. Phil's prior knowledge of managing larger sports complex's ensured that the exec team was well informed with options and maximising negotiations with the Insurance claims and repairs.



1.5 The Club now finds itself in a unique position where repairs to our facilities sets us up for a bright future. We will have excellent new courts, modern led lighting and upgraded changing rooms. The Club will need to take this unique opportunity to plan financial resilience as insurance parameters will no doubt change.

1.6 The exec committee has also formally engaged with council to address our concerns around future flooding and ways we can mitigate this risk. We will need to continue to engage and campaign for pragmatic solutions from council. The flooding on May 9th reminded us that this will continue to be an issue and a threat to the club.

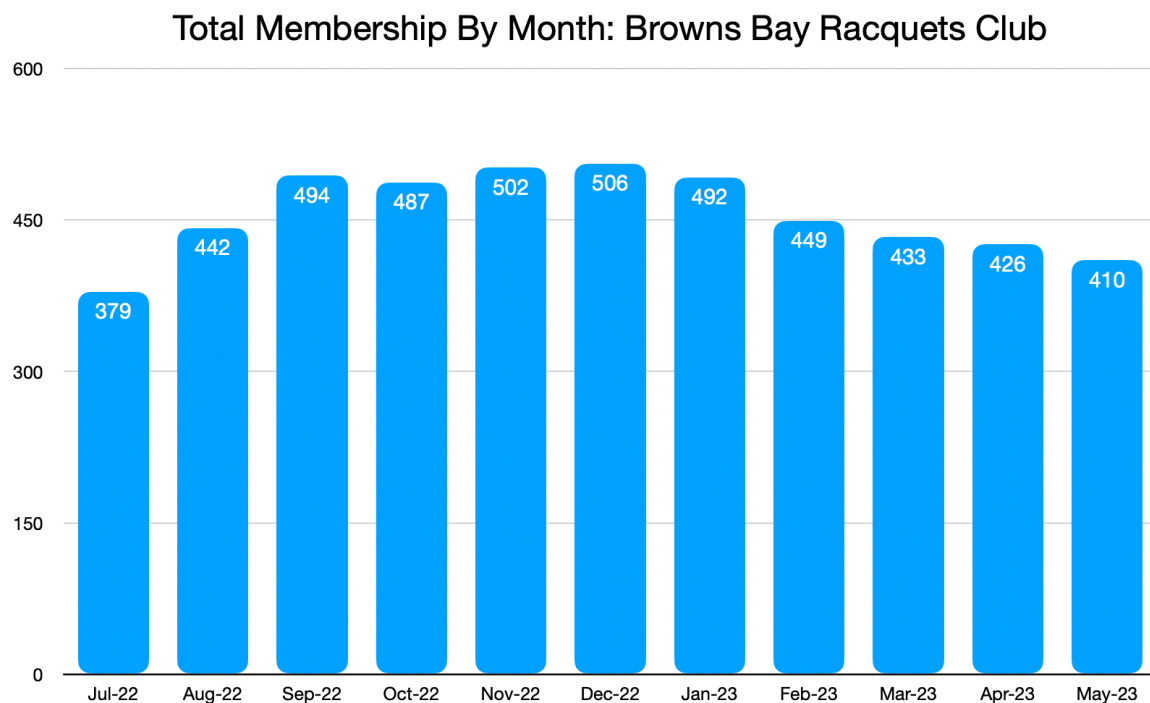


Figure 1 May 9th Flooding behind the squash courts

1.7 Thank you to our treasurer Steve Patton, for managing both the volume of insurance cash-flows and contractor payments. Also his patience in the "paper war" with our bank in implementing improvements such as payWave. The clubs financial position post insurance repairs will however, require an increase in our memberships and fundraising to return to the pre-flood, financial position.

1.8 I wish to acknowledge, Tennis Northern, Torbay Tennis Club, Pinehurst School tennis facilities, Silverdale Squash, Shepherds Park squash North Shore squash, for accommodating our juniors and senior players while we were under repair. The generosity of these organisations during this time has been greatly appreciated.

2 Membership



- 2.1 Membership numbers declined from 506 members in December to 410 in May. This can be attributed to the club closure. It is important to recover quickly to 500+ memberships
- 2.2 Our “Pay to Play” for non-members looking to play squash or tennis was also unavailable, pay to play has become active again with bookings returning the start of June
- 2.3 Under the current financial climate the committee agreed not to increase membership fees. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the support of our members during the closure of the club. BBRC is also engaged with our insurance company to acknowledge in some form membership costs due to the closure

3 Grants applications, fundraising and sponsorship

- 3.1 Pub Charity thru The Brownzy provided grants for the junior club nights tennis and squash coaching \$6323
- 3.2 Four Winds Foundation \$4792 towards costs of tennis balls for interclub, midweek ladies, tuts tourney and Sunday social tennis
- 3.3 Harbour Sport flood relief volunteers fund \$1k
- 3.4 Aktive Auckland \$2083 Tamaki Makaurau Weather Event Relief Fund for replacement office furniture

4 The Club Scene.

- 4.1 The club has enjoyed continual growth of Junior players and I wish to congratulate Elliot Le Petit and his team of coaches for the positive environment for our junior and senior players. Elliot and his team have managed to continue the coaching away from the courts during the repairs and I thank him for his efforts of keeping the community together. I wish him all the best for being nominated as Coach of the year for Tennis Northern 2022. Also a special thank you to the work from Nicole Wu & Leanne Pomfrett, for their hard work with the Juniors.
- 4.2 Our squash players have also enjoyed Jarrod van Driel coaching programmes and I look forward to seeing Jarrod's shop take shape again after the flood. Please support his investment in supporting the club with top quality sports gear and re-stringing services. Also check out his excellent and informative new web-site <https://voltsports.co.nz>
- 4.3 The inaugural Thuten Kesang Scholarship was awarded to Dylan Martin. This award was handed out on 29/9/22 following Thursday night Business House tennis. Thuten's wife Gwen was in attendance as well as Dylan's family. We look forward to the applications for the 2023 scholarship to be published later this year.
- 4.4 Your committees are conscious of the legal requirements that managing the club entails. These include the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 that regulates workplace safety, the incorporated societies Act 1908 under which the club is incorporated that has certain filing obligations, and the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 that governs the sale of alcohol from licenced premises, as this applies to clubs such as ours.

- 4.5 As the club recovers from the flooding, a plea to all members to contribute in assisting the club where able. Consider joining a committee or offering your time for projects around the club.
- 4.6 Thank you to the members of our executive team Stuart Frear, Eleanor Sheridan, Ryan Wilson, Angela Verry, Steve Patton, Fiona Cooper and Stu Donald, it is a pleasure working with a team dedicated to improving the club as a whole, so much un-noticed work that goes on in the background to keep the club running. Thank you for your time and dedication. Also thank you to our tennis and squash committee members for their input, support and time.

See you all on court!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Baughan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry Baughan
BBRC President