



CLIFTON COLLEGE

THE OLD CLIFTONIAN SOCIETY

Old Cliftonians Real Tennis Match V Bristol Real Tennis Club held on Sunday 22 May 2022 at Beggars Bush

A singles and doubles match was held at the Bristol Real Tennis Club on Sunday 22 May 2022. It was an enjoyable day of tennis with Bristol eventually winning this first contest between the OCs and the Bristol Club by 6 to 4 .

The feedback on the day was very positive with an agreement that the OCs should play more matches in a similar format which was very encouraging .On the day we had 27 present including family supporters plus one very young baby and a flat coated black retriever, named Bosun , belonging to Peter and Cathy Ashmead !

It was lovely to welcome three generations of the Hughes Family (including one from New Zealand and one from Sweden), three generations of the Morris family including the very recent arrival of a baby girl , and two generations of the Bretten family . All helped to make the day a special occasion for us all .

Playing for the OCs were Charlie Bingham , Dan Brown , Miles Buckinghamshire , Simon Hughes , Bruce Newman , Tom Panto plus Ryan Gibbs (nephew of Simon Hughes and playing in memory of his OC uncle the late Alastair Hughes) and Trish Morris of the Bristol club who kindly replaced OC Peter Ashmead as Miles Buckinghamshire's doubles partner. Peter Ashmead had to withdraw injured from a recent rackets match .

Thanks are due to the Bristol Real Tennis Club for permitting the use of their great club and court . We are very grateful to Ben Coleman at the Club who did much of the organising of the event as well as marking every match with good humour and appropriate words of encouragement. Thank you too to all the Bristol Club members for playing with special thanks to Janine Mendham for providing such an excellent lunch and to Gary Mendham for washing up !

Lastly my thanks to everyone for making the day such an enjoyable one , played in the best traditions of real tennis with thanks to Lucy Nash of the OC Society who also generously provided financial support to meet some of the costs of the event . Special thanks are due too to George Bretten (OC and Board member of the Bristol club) and James Telling (OC Rackets and Real Tennis Representative) for their support of this event .

Miles Buckinghamshire

25 May 2022