

## **Babolat Winter League Match Secretary Report 2016 – 17**

As before in winter 16-17, 3 men's & 4 Women's teams represented Faringdon in the Oxfordshire Babolat Leagues.

The men's teams were the most successful:- The A's, organised by club coach Matt Williams, once again came third in Division 1 with Adrian Noke being the leading player in the division. The B's led by Mark Kiff, finished in the upper half of Division 4, having been promoted last season.

The C team led by club chairman, Mark Mobey won Division 6, this had been a new team the previous winter when they won Division 7 so they continued the upward progress.

The Women's teams had more mixed results :- the A team, captained by club coach, Susanna Hunt had won promotion last winter so played in the top division but were hit by long term injuries. The need to provide players for the A team meant the B team, captained by Sam Bannister, struggled and both will be in lower divisions. The C team, led by Chris Noke were runners up in Division 6 and so have gained promotion. The D team, run by Andrea Bedggood, gave an increased number of ladies competitive tennis.

For the coming winter, the leagues have been restructured with more, smaller divisions. This will give more of a break over Christmas & New Year and also give more options to re-arrange matches in case of bad weather. This change will mean that most of the teams will be playing in a numerically different division, but the standard of tennis will be similar to last winter. The existing teams will be joined by an extra Men's team to be captained by David Curzon.

At the end of the coming winter there will be greater movement between divisions with a new system of 3 up and 3 down.