

A N N U A L R E P O R T.

I have much pleasure in presenting to you the Ninth Annual Report, Statement of Accounts, and Balance-Sheet of the Lower Hutt Tennis Club. (Inc.)

The financial position of the Club has shown an improvement on last year. The Bank Overdraft, which was £67.11/8. now stands at £30. 9. 2. The Club has met the interest due to the Lower Hutt Borough Council amounting to £24. 13. 8. and has made a further capital payment of £15.

COURTS AND GROUNDS: Thanks are again due to Mr. Hutt and his staff for the efficient manner in which they have attended to the Club's Grass Courts and Grounds.

The Grass Courts have been top-dressed and should be in good condition for the coming Season.

The Hard Courts are in need of top-dressing and, unless attended to in the near future, will deteriorate rapidly. This matter will require the urgent attention of the in-coming Committee.

PAVILION: Through the generosity of the Lower Hutt Borough Council, an up-to-date Pavilion -including Dance Hall- has been erected on the Club's Grounds. While this building remains the property of the Council, the Club has the use thereof on very reasonable terms and is now the best equipped Club in the Valley. The Pavilion will fill a long felt want and should amply repay the Club for the additional expense incurred.

INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS: The Club again entered FIVE TEAMS in the Competitions and, while no Championships were won, several Teams performed quite creditably. Some of them were hampered through players being unavailable, but it is hoped that, with a little more keenness, better results will be shown next season. We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the Clubs successful in Last Year's Competitions.

REPRESENTATIVES: The Committee congratulates the following Members on representing the Valley:- Mrs. King, Misses H.Douthett & V. Burns, Messrs. E.G.Thompson & A.N.Tosswill, and hopes that, with others, they will again be successful during the coming Season.

CLUB COMPETITIONS: We wish to congratulate the following Winners in the various Events:-

Men's Championship	Singles	A. Tilbury
Ladies'	"	Miss M. Williams.
Men's	"	F.S.Ramson, N.B.Gibbons
Ladies'	Doubles	Mesdames Jones & Longmore
Combined	Doubles	Mr. & Mrs Tilbury
Men's Handicap	Singles	Mr. K. Longmore.
Ladies'	"	Miss M.Williams
Men's	"	Messrs Ferrson & Adams.
Ladies	"	Miss Williams & Douthett
Combined	"	Mr. & Mrs Jones.

DANCES: Thrée Dances were held during the year, two of them in the new Pavilion. While a satisfactory profit has been shown, it is felt that a better patronage might have been expected from Club Members. Our Thanks are due to the Ladies' Committee who worked so well during the year.

Unfortunately, the Committee was unable to arrange a suitable date on which to hold a Trophy Dance. However, it is proposed to combine that function with the New Season's Opening Dance, and it is hoped that all members will be present on that night.

The Club is looking forward to a successful season for 1936-7 and, with the facilities provided by the new Pavilion, it is hoped that there will be a substantial increase in Membership.

On behalf of the Management Committee.

W. E. JARMAN Hon. Secretary.