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Glenn Hoddle was the special guest speaker as the Maccabi London Brady Recreation Trust held their second fundraising lunch since London Maccabi and Brady Maccabi joined forces at the Montcalm Hotel in Marble Arch.

Joel Nathan welcomed the guests and spoke of the special history of both clubs, saying: "Both clubs have an amazing history and there are very few over the past 60 years in our community that have not come in to contact with either Brady Maccabi, originally from Hanbury Street in the East End and more recently in Manor Park Crescent Edgware or that of Maccabi Association London, who were based in Compayne Gardens in West Hampstead until the early nineties."



Hoddle in discussion with David Pollock

Hoddle, former Tottenham Hotspur footballer & England manager took part in a question and answer session led by David Pollock, it gave everyone present a real insight into his football life both on and off the field of play.

David Kyte spoke of the Trusts current needs and future plans, saying: "When we moved to Rowley Lane you could count the number of London Lion's teams on your fingers. Now, between Lions and Brady, we have over 50 teams training and playing week in and week out. However, we are more than just football. More than just sport. Tens of thousands of people come through our doors on a yearly basis. The London Maccabi Vale Cricket Club has a thriving colt section. The Noah's Arkley Kindergarten continues to grow. And our day camps over school holidays are attracting larger numbers than ever with a record 2,019 places taken this summer."

Appealing to the attending guests, he added: "But we need to build on this success and to rebuild our indoor facilities. They are tired, they are old and they do not meet the demands of today. We need to build a multi purpose sports hall that can house futsal, badminton, basketball, netball and a host of gym and dance classes. We need to make sure we are less football orientated and appeal to a wider audience of both sexes. But it is a capital project and as we are on greenbelt land it will not be easy to achieve. It will take time and money – a lot of money! £10million!.

We believe at MLB that Sport is the hook and the glue that brings and keeps the community together."

£240,000 was raised from the event to help towards the £300,000 annual requirement.

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