



# GLOUCESTERSHIRE TENNIS



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**To:** *All members of the Association - clubs, community venues, individual patrons and our generous sponsors.*

2022 has proved another busy year for the Gloucestershire LTA and member clubs as tennis has recovered from the effects of the covid epidemic, aided by a long hot summer.

I encourage you all to read this report as it not only contains highlights of the year but also goes some way to show the enormous amount of work undertaken by volunteers, both at County and club level, to ensure tennis in Gloucestershire continues to grow and develop. All should be very proud of their contribution.

My particular thanks go to our Chairman Enzo Moro, whose infectious enthusiasm for tennis is always there to see and to Gill Willoughby, Hon Treasurer, for all she does to keep us financially secure, often in difficult circumstances. Michelle Douse, Hon Secretary, has stepped down during the year and we are very grateful for all her efforts. Sarah Dorkings continues to help pull everything together as County Administrator for which we are most grateful and act as an important link with clubs, coaches, parents ,etc.

I am however sorry to report David Rockett, the Hon Secretary from 1996 to 2014, a Hon Life Vice President of the GLTA and a former LTA Councillor has recently passed away. David was an outstanding servant to Gloucestershire tennis and our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

Once again, many thanks to all and I look forward to 2023 with the knowledge that thanks to the combined contributions of all Gloucestershire tennis can develop further at all levels.

**Michael G Angell**  
President  
Gloucestershire LTA

## **Gloucestershire Mini, Junior, Senior, Padel and Disability County Championships 2022**

A big thank you to East Glos Club and Oxstalls Sports Park for once again proving to be excellent venues for the County Championships. As the organisers we are very appreciative of the memberships, club officers and professional staff. The tournament provides a showcase of all the players from the different clubs across the county. Thanks to our sponsors this year with The Mortgage Brain supporting the event and presentation.

The 2022 event once again saw a few new events to County Championships with Mixed Doubles Padel and The Terry Parker Trophy Wheelchair tournament. The focus of the organising committee for the year was to make the event more friendly, sociable, and inclusive. Something which we feel was achieved with a good atmosphere amongst players, parents, and officials throughout the week. The Wheelchair tennis event, which competed for the Terry Parker trophy was held at East Glos to make the players feel part of the County Championships event, which they felt they did.

Most of the junior finals were scheduled for the Friday to make a celebratory day of it, including presentations and a social BBQ for all players and parents.

Entry numbers for the year were up by 15% with 185 different players competing in the 32 events scheduled, which included Ladies Open Singles and Doubles for the first time in several years. The figure of 301 entries were up on 2021 (241). There was player representation from 19 Clubs within the County.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
Mens 50+ Singles	No contest	No contest
Mens 35+ Singles	No contest	No contest
Open Mens Doubles	Sam Austin & Ellison Minnaar	James Findlay & Joe McCoubrie
Open Ladies Doubles	Kate Moore & Milly Ponting	Chandani Rathnam & Petra Ratajova
Open Mens Singles	Theo Purkis	
Open Ladies Singles	Hannah Watkins	Petra Ratajova
Adult Wheelchair – Terry Parker Trophy	Steve Binns & Ed Barrett	Paul Arnold & Rob Holiday

18 U Girls Doubles	Milly Ponting & Eva Haynes	Grace Bertrand & Hannah Watkins
18U Boys Singles	Ellison Minnaar	Sam Austin
18U Boys Doubles	Sam Austin & Ellison Minnaar	Evan Baker & Theo Crompton
16U Girls Singles	Milly Ponting	Grace Bertrand
16U Boys Singles	Sam Austin	Oliver Harmer
16U Girls Doubles	No contest	No contest
16U Boys Doubles	Ellison Minnaar & Harrison Vickery	Sam Austin & Ethan Stott
14U Girls Singles	Eva Haynes	Amelia Moore
14U Boys Singles	Edward Bennett	Harrison Vickery
14U Girls Doubles	Eva Haynes & Tilly Selek	Amelia Moore & Esme Crompton
14U Boys Doubles	Joseph Day & Harrison Vickery	Lewis Moore & Oliver Harmer
12U Girls Singles	Lucy Perry	Molly Hyde
12U Boys Singles	Joseph Day	Seb Coventry
12U Girls Doubles	Lucy Perry & Molly Hyde	Lara Karein & Venai Minnaar
12U Boys Doubles	Joseph Day & Flynn Ponting	Joel Oyedele & Corin Floyd
11U Girls Singles	Jessica Wooddisse	Sienna Rayer
11U Boys Singles	Joel Oyedele	Corin Floyd
10U Girls Singles	Lily Bennett	Mia Bloxham
10U Boys Singles	Jonah Harmer	Alfie Watkins
10U Boys Doubles	Jonah Harmer & Alfie Watkins	George Pitt & Ben Zheng
10U Girls Doubles	Lily Bennett and Mia Bloxham	Charlotte Compton & Arianne Harbord
9U Girls Singles	Mia Bloxham	Esme Haynes
9U Boys Singles	George Pitt	Noah Baghai
8U Girls Singles	Olivia Shaw	Isla Rose
8U Boys Singles	Dexter Reynolds	Vincent Lu

Good to see the trend of healthy numbers through the youngest age groups. And a good distribution of boys and girls. Congratulations to all winners, runners up and everyone who competed throughout the week.

## Tournament headliners were;

Lily Bennett (10U Singles and Doubles),  
Jonah Harmer (10U Singles & Doubles),  
Lucy Perry (12U Singles & Doubles),  
Joseph Day (12U Singles and Doubles & 14U Doubles),  
Eva Haynes (14U Singles and Doubles & 18U Doubles),  
Milly Ponting (16U Singles & 18U Doubles),  
Sam Austin (16U Singles, 18U Doubles and Men's Doubles)  
Ellison Minnaar (16U Doubles, 18U Singles and Doubles & Men's Doubles)  
Hannah Watkins (18U Singles and Women's Singles).  
Disability County Championships Winners - Steve Binns and Ed Barrett  
Runners up - Paul Arnold and Rob Holiday 3rd place - William Barton and Ian Miller.



This year we had 6 players enter the adult wheelchair tournament held at East Glos. All six players enjoyed being part of the event and loved having the chance to play at a different venue in the county. The players were playing for the Terry Parker trophy, Terry was the one that started off the disability tennis at Oxtalls Sports Park and without him the sessions that run today

wouldn't be as successful as they are.

Next year we look to grow the event and open it up to neighbouring counties to include other clubs that run wheelchair tennis sessions.

We will continue to get out the message about inclusivity and what a good social time the tournament provides. And try and find a way of making the senior events attractive. We will also try to grow the Padel programme in 2023. If anyone is interested in helping or supporting the event in any way, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

***Darren Morris, Simon Corbishley and Adam Toulson***

Gloucestershire County Championships Organising Committee

## County Support 2022

The “Play your way to Wimbledon” sponsored by Vodafone (formerly known as The Road to Wimbledon) was well supported again by venues and schools. Well done to;

Girls Winner; Olivia Adkins (Winner at Farmor’s School)  
Runner up; Eva Haynes (Winner at East Glos)  
Boys Winner; Oliver Harmer (Winner at Prestige Tennis Group)  
Runner Up Jaydan Mitchell (Winner at East Glos)  
Ollie Harmer, reported back;

*“Playing at Wimbledon was an incredible experience. Playing on the same awesome courts as all the pros have felt great. We were made to feel really important as we got given goodie bags, we were interviewed and had many photos taken. Every grass court was so nice to play on and I hope to play there again in the future. Thanks to all LTA Competitions Hub, Vodafone UK & Wimbledon for making dreams come true!”*  
**Ollie Harmer**



It was nice to see new teams enter for the Winter National League 21-22 across all age groups. The new format to host 8U and 9U at a central venue was supported by more venues across the county with record number of 8U and 9U taking part in the WNL. Winners of the league were;

8U Oxstalls Sports Park  
9U Moreton Aces  
10U Oxstalls Green Aces

U12 Boys East Glos  
U14 Girls East Glos  
U18 Boys Beckford

Special acknowledgment to Minchinhampton Tennis Club for winning the U10 and for entering record number of teams this year! The league continues to grow now we are in its third consecutive year offering WNL.



Its thanks to the venues, coaches and committees who volunteer their time in making them a success.

For the second year running, Gloucestershire U9-U14 took on Avon in a county friendly over Easter, narrowly missing the victory all players had great fun, with lots of sweets as prizes! We will be hosting another one this Easter!



Gloucestershire Tennis continues to push our thinking and explore new opportunities. This year we have introduced weekly county training sessions for the older age groups, whilst entering an U8 team in the Junior County Cups. This doesn't come without its challenges, but we would like to thank all parents who support Gloucestershire Tennis throughout and as always our door is always open if you would like to help shape the county.

### **Sarah Dorkings**

County Support Services

## **Gloucestershire Junior County Tennis 2021 – 2022 report**

This was our first full year of running County Training in the new format, which is weekly session for U11, U12, U14, U16 and U18. We did this so we can bring the best players in the County to train together on a regular basis and build their teamwork skills. We asked parents to complete feedback forms and it's all been very positive, so we are pleased with the progress. The U8, U9 and U10 age groups come together once a month for County Training at the weekend but after receiving such positive feedback from parents and players alike in response to the weekly sessions for older age groups and responding to enquiries about why we don't have a similar format for U8, U9 and U10, this is something I would like to consider and put forward to the Council for future. It would be fantastic to start introducing this from a younger age. For 2022, we have seen the positive effects of the She Rallies programme which has led to us adding a U9 & U10 girls only group along with the U16's girls, which Gloucestershire hasn't been able to sustain before.

We have brought in more Level 1 and 2 coaches, many of them ex County Juniors, to help deliver some County Training. This has given these young coaches some good experience and they are a great example to our Juniors about where their tennis can take them in future.

Some of these coaches have travelled with us to County Cup events, so a big thank you to them for all their help and support.

We organised a Fun Day in the Summer at Oxstalls and asked coaches from all clubs across the County to invite players aged 6 – 8 years. This was a successful day and we had over 25 players attend and many of these players have now been invited to attend U8 County Training. Thank you again to the coaches involved and for the Clubs that put forward their players.



This was the first year that all County Cups went ahead without any restrictions, and it has been brilliant to see all the teams together and we have had some very excited juniors.

As always, myself and the other coaches will continue to assess players throughout the year and invite them to County Training if appropriate. Please see below final placement for each age group –

**U9 Boys** 2<sup>nd</sup> place      **U9 Girls** 4<sup>th</sup> place

**U10 Boys** 5<sup>th</sup> place      **U10 Girls** 5<sup>th</sup> place

**U12 Boys** 5<sup>th</sup> place      **U12 Girls** 6<sup>th</sup> place

**U14 Boys** 5<sup>th</sup> place      **U14 Girls** 5<sup>th</sup> place

**U18 Boys** 2<sup>nd</sup> place      **U18 Girls** 3<sup>rd</sup> place

A huge thank you to all the coaches and captains – Jason Poole, Kristian Newman, Mark Lunn, Esther Curtis, Matt Yemm, Laura Eales, Joe Waters, Theo Crompton, Maian Minnaar, Bertie Clarke and Tylan Minnaar – for all their hard work and Sarah Dorkings for all her continued support.

**Nick Edwards**

County Junior Performance Co-ordinator



## **Gloucestershire Coaches Committee**

Following the disruptive period the coach committee are now mostly meeting in person which I think we all prefer. We warmly welcomed Tom Jacobson onto the committee earlier this year. We have been working on the county plan with Julie Jones from the LTA, with a focus on getting more level 1 and 2 coaches coming through. Highlights include a coach forum with Barry Scollo from Team Bath presenting on court with some of their top players. There is another coach forum arranged for November which will be great to see everyone. We are always keen to recruit more members for the committee, it is a great way to have your say and impact the landscape in Gloucestershire.

### **Steve Wigg**

Chairperson Glos Coaches Committee

## **Disability Committee**

Following a successful first year, an adult wheelchair competition was held at the county champs, once again presenting the “Terry Parker Trophy” honoring his legacy. Thank you to Simon and Adam for organising and East Glos for hosting.

Visually Impaired tennis has become established with fortnightly sessions, getting off the ground with some Open Court and Active Gloucestershire funding and links with Neil Bates from H&W. Thank you to Neil for his expertise and time, to player Ed Hastings for his drive and enthusiasm and coach Corina (Oxstalls) and volunteer Clive for running the sessions. We are already looking at running some regional competition linking in with other counties, with Gloucestershire being a good central location.

There are plans for the introduction of deaf tennis as well as expanding the wheelchair offering within the county. If you or your club would like to be involved or need any advice or support, please let us know. There is an online “Open Your Doors’ course on the LTA website which can be completed as a starting point.



Both Mckenzie and William are part of the LTA development squad on the performance pathway and their tennis has improved massively over the year. Both have been competing throughout the year with one of the highlights being playing at the British open held at the Nottingham tennis centre. This is an ITF event and they were

entered in the junior category. Other players who compete at the event include Gordon Reid, Lucy Schuker, Ben Bartram and Ruby Bishop.

Another highlight of the year was representing team south at the school games where they competed in both doubles and singles, playing against other juniors from around the UK. Both competed well and loved being part of such an amazing event which has inspired them to train even harder to achieve their goals.



Both William and Mckenzie had the chance of playing against multiple grand slam champion Shingo Kunieda at a Uni Qlo event and got the chance to meet Gordon Reid and ask them both questions about what it's like to be a professional athlete.



Mckenzie and Willam with coach Adam Toulson (Oxstalls Sports Park) and LTA Wheelchair Talent Pathway Manager Matthew Grover.

**Steve Wigg & Adam Toulson**

## Ladies Summer County Cup 2022

This year Gloucestershire Ladies team got to play in Group 2 at County Week. We were up against strong teams from Middlesex, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Avon.

Middlesex 1-8

Nottinghamshire 3-6

Leicestershire 2-7

Warwickshire 4-5

Avon – not played



The week started during the heatwave, making for very tough conditions all round. We took

losses against Middlesex, Notts and Leicestershire. On Thursday we took on Warwickshire and, after losing out on three match tie-breaks, were sadly unable to clinch the win. At this point, relegation was a certainty, but we were looking forward to taking on our neighbours Avon on the last day. The weather had other ideas, so it was an early journey home on Friday instead.

Despite the results, I am very proud of my team. It was an achievement in itself to be competing in Group 2, we gave everything we had and played some very competitive matches. We're looking forward to getting back on the grass courts for County Week next year.

Winter County Cup 2022 is taking place in November. We are playing at Nottingham Trent where we will be up against Dorset, Derbyshire and North Wales in Group 4b. Last year we managed to maintain our place in this group, so this year we're hoping to go one better!

### **Esther Curtis**

Gloucestershire Ladies Captain

## Men's Summer County Cup 2022

County Team – James Findlay, Ben Knapp (Captain), Chris Morrow, Matthew Morrow, Miles Ray, Jasper Richardson, Sam Vrabtchev, Zach Webb

Results –

Lost to Leicestershire 8-1

Lost to Staffordshire 5-4

Lost to Oxfordshire 7-2

Beat Herefordshire & Worcestershire 5-4

Lost to Sussex 6-3

Gloucestershire came 5th in the group, relegated to Group 6,



The week will be remembered for the extremely hot playing conditions, especially on the first two days when temperatures were in the high thirties. Due to the extreme heat the rules were changed to have sudden death deuces throughout the week and last year's change to rubbers being the best of two tie-break sets and a match tie-break (to 10 points) continued.

The Gloucestershire team had a challenging start to the week playing Leicestershire who were the eventual winners of the Group. The team were disappointed to lose 8-1. The team fought hard but lost 4 matches on match tie breaks including having match points in two of the matches we lost.

Tuesday provided an exciting but eventually unsuccessful day losing 5-4 after having been 4-2 up after the second round.

Wednesday saw the team play Oxfordshire. Unfortunately, Chris Morrow, a regular member of Gloucestershire's first pair, was not able to play in the first round as he was suffering from sunstroke from the previous afternoon. Although Chris went on to win his two remaining rubbers of the day (both match tie breaks) with Miles Ray who was making his debut this year in Mens County Cup. Unfortunately, Gloucestershire lost 7-2 of which 4 rubbers were lost on match tie breaks.

By Thursday it became clear that if Gloucestershire had any hope of staying in Group 6 they had to beat Herefordshire & Worcestershire. The team put in a determined performance and won 5-4.

On Friday the Gloucestershire team needed to beat Sussex and for results in the other matches to go our way. After two rounds we were level with Sussex at 3-3 but unfortunately due to other results it then became clear that we were relegated and ended up losing 6-3.

My thanks go to the team for their commitment and determined performances especially in the extremely hot conditions. The team was also grateful for the support of the various family members and friends who came to support the team.

### **Ben Knapp**

Gloucestershire Men's County Captain

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## Gloucestershire Seniors 2021/2022

Seniors 2022 was a tough season for all involved. With the pre-Covid promotions many teams were in high divisions with tough opposition but lots of matches were played despite blazing heat and long journeys. Thank you to all who supported Glos tennis this year and I hope all will carry on next year.

### Marie Bell

Senior Representative

#### Ladies O35's

Gloucestershire ladies arrived in sunny Eastbourne fielding the same team that earned them promotion in 2021.

With tough losses on the first two days a win was needed on the third and final day to remain in division 3.

With the wind swirling and injuries rife, Gloucestershire made quick work of Cambridgeshire to take a 3-0 lead, thus resulting in the ladies staying in division 3! A fantastic weekend - huge well done everyone! Roll on 2023!



*Glos Ladies from left to right; Hannah Lormor, Ellie Buescher, Esther Curtis, Clare Bell & Marie Bell.*

### Marie Bell (Captain)

#### Ladies 50s

The 50's county team has had a tough season playing in Division one. We won against Sussex and lost against Yorkshire, Surrey and Hertfordshire who were very strong! We have one left against Kent. Thanks to the team of Liz Cowan, Marie Bell, Lorraine Ristic, Becky Putnam, Claire Townsend and Heather Sheridan.

### Liz Cowan (Captain)

#### Ladies 55s

Team members were Jacqueline Matthews, Chantal Ball, Kerry Alcock, Sally Pendry, Sandy Chambers, Rita Remfry, Maeve O'Rourke and Sarah Watkiss.

Tough season in top division against powerful counties. Great support from the players who fought hard and enjoyed the team spirit.

### Jacqueline Matthews (Captain)



## **Ladies 60's**

An enthusiastic and experienced squad started their 2022 Division 2 campaign indoors at Oxstalls due to RAIN!! It was a tight match against Sussex – score 2-2. An overnight trip to Suffolk involved another close encounter - score 2-2. A long day trip to Lincoln resulted in a 1-3 loss. Then the last match against Hertfordshire was postponed due to the crazy hot weather; two weeks later, Glos were beaten 3-1 by the overall winners of the group. As always, there were a few close championship tie breaks but we hope to stay in the same division next year. Thank you to all players for being dedicated to the cause and for staying fit all summer: Ann Ashcroft (South Cerney), Liz Sim, Jane Hancock, Fiona Smith, Denise Kilgannon and Vanessa Francis (all EG).

### **Denise Kilgannon (Captain)**

## **Ladies 65's**

'The Ladies over 65s had a tough season, partly due to the limited availability of team members. Ultimately, it was one set that made the difference between staying up and going down. We stayed up.' Team: Sally Grindley (capt), Louise Dalglish, Jane Muncer, Jane Pepperell, Sue Wood, Renate Calvert, Anne Ewart.

### **Sally Grindley (Captain)**

## **Ladies 70's**

Having only 3 matches to play, you could be forgiven for thinking it would be easy to organise the matches this year. We had to postpone our first away match against Dorset, and the home match against Somerset was called off twice due to the heatwave!

Whilst losing two and winning a close one, there was no shortage of spirit and endeavor. There was some very hard-fought tennis and enjoyable camaraderie with the opposition.

My thanks to those who played matches, those who came to the practices, and gave moral support.

Wishing everyone all the best, good health and hope to see you next year.

### **Sandra Spackam (Captain)**

## Men's 35's

Team consisted of; James Aburrow, Jason Boon, Moritz Buescher, Ben Knapp, Guy Sellek, Mark Willis



It was a stunning weekend in Eastbourne without a drop of rain but unfortunately after 3 very close 2-3 losses, Glos Men's Over 35s had to face the reality of relegation. Day 1 we played against Herefordshire & Worcestershire and after round 1 (two singles and a doubles) we lead 2-1 going into round 2 (two doubles) but unfortunately lost both doubles resulting in a 2-3 loss on day 1.

Day 2 we were up against Devon who lost 1-4 to South Wales on day one and after losing the opening singles we were up against it at 0-2. We won the first doubles leaving us 1-2 down after round 1. We fought hard but unfortunately lost 10-12 in a match tiebreak resulting in an unassailable 1-3 lead to Devon. We won the 5<sup>th</sup> and final rubber resulting in a 2-3 loss and this meant we still had a small chance of staying up on Day 3. The following day, we faced South Wales who were 2 wins from 2 and it all went down to the final match after sharing the two singles and two opening doubles matches leaving the tie finely poised at 2-2. The final match of the weekend was an epic and we unfortunately lost 7-5, 6-7, 0-1 resulting in a 2-3 loss and another very narrow loss. We are looking forward to next year and targeting promotion back to Div 4!

**Jason Boon (Captain)**

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## **Mens 50's**

Group 1 has seen some very tough matches, with the cream of British over 50's men. With one match to go, we have 1 win but some very closely fought losses- hoping to avoid relegation. Team Neil Howitt, Roger Bell, Shane Horsell, Brian Rook, Rob Elvidge, Guy Sellek, Adam Swan.



### **Shane Horsell (Captain)**

## **Mens 60's**

The men's O60 team competed in Div 2A and had tough opposition throughout. Match format played was 2 x singles and 3 x doubles. A win against Hereford and Worcester, away, in the first game of the season was followed by narrow losses against Oxford, Kent and Buckinghamshire.

Top of the Glos stats this 2022 season was Stephen Moore.

Squad: David Knowles [captain]; Tony Smith, Dale Curtis; Chris Elliot; Steve Osborne; Paul Harris; Stephen Moore.

David Knowles (Captain)

### **David Knowles (Captain)**

## **Mens 65's**

The season started well with a comprehensive win at home over Wiltshire, followed by a close loss to Berkshire, again at home. Our travels were not so good this year with losses to a very strong Buckinghamshire side, and similar outcome from our daytrip to the south coast of Sussex. This means we finish 4<sup>th</sup> in a Division of 5 teams, so unsure if relegation will be a consequence. Hopefully a more successful season next year. Thanks to this year's players for their efforts: Steve Clayton, Wilf Gonsalves, Lindsay Ferguson, Martin Szymkowiak, Ravi Hande, Dave Barham.

### **Mike Lewis (Captain)**

## **Mens 70's**

Excellent season - despite having to play 2 out our 3 matches away - we finished a very close runner up to Berkshire after losing out by a single set. 2 wins out of 3 with expectation of promotion so very successful result.

Thanks to Graeme Adams, Henry Marshall, Dave Barham and Ian Smith for representing the team and county so well.

**Peter Collins (Captain)**

### **British Tennis Awards and Gloucestershire Tennis Awards 2022**

The LTA Tennis Awards celebrate the achievements made by outstanding individuals and venues in tennis throughout the past year, from grassroots tennis to elite performance. They present us all with a great opportunity to say "thank you" to those who generously give their time to our sport and open up tennis.

Nominations are undertaken online, after judging by a Gloucestershire team, outstanding entries are then put forward to the Region followed by the National Finals.

It must be stressed that the awards highlight particularly those volunteers and communities who deserve recognition. However big or small the venue all entries are considered on an equal footing. However, we can only judge what we receive so please do nominate special people and if you do need help with the process County Office will point you towards the Awards team.

#### **Award Winners and Nominations 2022**

##### **Club of the Year 2022 - EAST GLOS CLUB**

Exceptional, Inspiring, strong.

An exceptional year of achievements. Building of 3 Padel Courts, opened to the community. Delivering a popular rackets membership and setting up of Club Spark to aid online booking for members and non-members.

Hosting Ladies Division2 County Week plus Grade 2 Junior National Tour Tournament and the County Championships.

Runner Up; Lydney Tennis Club

**Development Coach of the Year 2022 - Charlie Ferrett, Painswick**  
Enthusiastic, Conscientious, Energetic

A fantastic youth coach who connects with his junior players and is passionate about their tennis progress. Great loyalty to the club and the whole membership.

Runners Up;

Megan Butterworth, Oxstalls Sports Park

Liam Gough, Beckford Tennis Club

Kingsley Harris, East Glos

Geoff Vaughan, Chipping Campden & Moreton in Marsh

**Competition of the Year 2022 - East Glos Club**  
High Level Tournament success

A great achievement during an appalling week of rain to host this LTA Grade 2 Junior event featuring some of the top ranked juniors in the country. With sponsorship, excellent officials and commitment from the club and members the tournament involving 256 singles players and 64 doubles pairs was a resounding success.

Runners Up; Painswick LTC

**Disability Award 2022 - Oxstalls Sports Park**  
Fun, Exclusive, Engaging

At a time when the organisation was under severe financial pressure, the Tennisability programme has remained inclusive and affordable, welcoming more members. Wheelchair sessions have also grown and recognition gained by 2 players, who have been invited to the LTA Development Squad Selections Camp.

**Lifetime Achievement Award 2022; - Brenda James, Oxstalls Sports Park**

Enthusiastic, fun, multi -skilled

Brenda has been with Gloucestershire Tennis for over 20years. Involved in all aspects of tennis she has made sure that everyone has a positive tennis experience. A great role model and mentor to other coaches and volunteers, who value her experience and gain much from her wholehearted enthusiasm for the sport.

**Official of the Year 2022 - Simon Corbishley, East Glos**  
Organised, Calm, Professional

During 2021 Simon stepped up his officiating by taking on the role of Tournament Director for the East Glos Grade 2 National Tour Event. A challenge in pre-event and post event organisation to manage the expectations of the club and all the 640 junior competitors. Simon achieved this with success and grew in experience and officiating skills.

Runners Up; Jessica Cook

**Volunteer of the Year 2022 - Andrea Butland, East Glos**  
Calm, Determined, Leader

Has shown true leadership in difficult times and successfully negotiated 3 facility projects in the last year. Andrea is a great communicator and keeps clear dialogue open with the club and its membership, staying calm in difficult situations.

As a county we are also grateful for the many hours spent as Gloucestershire Tennis Safeguarding officer leading us through a demanding review.

Runners up; Graham Wellfair from Cirencester Tennis Club & Lewis Mitchell from Oxstalls Sports Park.

**Young Person of the Year 2022 - Finley Donnelly, Gotherington TC**  
Diligent, Reliable, Approachable

Finley loves to volunteer and is a loyal participating member of his club. He gives his time freely to help with junior coaching. With a mature and responsible attitude and working with the coach he prepares much of the programme for on court. All this has increased his confidence and as such he has become an asset to his club.

Runners Up; Griffin Morefield from Oxstalls Sports Park.

**Mary Eyre Junior Tennis Awards (Boy) - Lewis Moore, East Glos**  
Dedicated, Loves to Play, Fair

Lewis shows great maturity in his approach to training and practice. He loves to play and is passionate about a future in tennis, gaining a National High Ranking of 18 and is both 12U and 14U County Champion.

Runner Up; Sam Austin, East Glos



**Mary Eyre Junior Tennis Awards (Girl) – Amalia Widdowson, David Lloyd Gros**

A Model student, Talented, Great Work Ethic

Great commitment and passion for tennis, gaining a place at the National Tennis Centre in Loughborough. Amalia has made great sacrifices to get to this stage winning both singles and doubles of her first Tennis Europe in Repton and winning her first ITF 18U ranking points.

**Helen Williams & Christine Rivers**

LTA Volunteer Awards Leads

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## **Report for the 74<sup>th</sup> Season (2021/22) of the Gloucestershire Tennis Dunlop League**

Over the various league competitions during the year nearly 450 matches were scheduled. A full and successful year of tennis has been enjoyed in all the leagues this year after the interruptions over the previous couple of years due to the pandemic.

### **Seniors' League 2021/22**

The Over 60s League runs from October to April each year. The 2021/2022 League commenced in October 2021 with 32 teams entered from 16 county clubs signed up to play. There are now 4 ladies doubles divisions, plus a mens' doubles division and a mixed doubles division. Congratulations to East Glos club who had winning teams in the mens' doubles, ladies doubles division 1 and the mixed doubles divisions.

### **Winter Floodlit League 2021/22**

The mixed doubles, in its 24<sup>th</sup> season, commenced in September with 49 team entries from 19 county clubs. Congratulations to East Glos A team who won the Premier division, defeating Minchinhampton A team by 34 points. Two division trophies were won by East Glos Club (Premier and Division 1A) and two divisional trophies were won by Painswick 1B (division 1B and division 3A).

### **Men's and Ladies' Summer Leagues 2022**

33 clubs across the county were represented in the Summer League. Congratulations to East Glos B team who won the Men's Championship, defeating East Glos A team by 1 point, and to East Glos A team who won the Ladies' Championship, defeating Minchinhampton A team by 4 points.

In the men's league, four divisional trophies were won by East Glos club (premier, division 1B, division 2A and division 4B), and two divisional trophies were won by Winchcombe (division 4A and 6B). In the ladies' league three divisional trophies were won by East Glos (premier, division 2B and division 3B), and two were won by Chalford (divisions 1A and 4A).

### **Accounts**

The League's aim is to be self-financing, making a welcome contribution to the GLTA funds. The accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022 show there was income of £3,287 and expenses of £1,670 making a surplus of £1,617. The team fees will remain at £10 next year.

## **League Committee**

The committee is currently comprised of nine members and seven participating clubs are represented. It met four times during the year, and the GLTA League AGM was successfully hosted at East Glos Club in March 2022. The 2021 Summer League trophies and the 21/22 Winter League trophies were presented at this meeting. This year we shall revert to the usual presentation of the Summer League trophies at the GLTA AGM in December 2022. The Seniors Over 60's League trophies will also be presented here.

## **Gloucestershire Tennis Website**

All the information and resources required for participation in the Dunlop Glos Leagues, including downloadable team entry forms, team fees forms, nomination forms and score sheets are available from the Gloucestershire Tennis website at [www.gloucestershiretennis.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiretennis.co.uk). The Dunlop Adult Leagues section is found under the Competitions tab on the home page. League Committee details are also published here.

## **Gloucestershire Tennis League Handbook**

The League Handbook was printed for the 2022 season and were distributed to all participating clubs. The 2022 Handbook is available online on the Gloucestershire Tennis Website under the Dunlop Leagues section.

## **Summer League 2023**

All clubs wishing to enter the 2023 Summer League should complete the online application form by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Thank you to GLTA for its continued support and to the League Committee, club contacts and team captains for their hard work in making these leagues successful. Thanks also to all the players who compete within them, without whom the league would cease to exist.

## **Sue Watts**

League Hon Secretary



*We are extremely grateful to our sponsors who enable Gloucestershire Tennis to support grass route tennis and increase opportunities for different communities across the county.*

## **Safeguarding Report**

The GLTA strives to ensure that every player has an enjoyable tennis experience and that all children, young people and vulnerable adults are safeguarded from abuse.

We have trained Welfare officers at all our registered clubs and venues. They and the County Safeguarding officer work with the LTA Regional and National Safeguarding teams to keep updated on safeguarding issues and training and to promote the welfare of all players.

The demands of competitive tennis can put a strain on younger players and their families. The LTA offers advice and support to players and runs workshops for parents. The NSPCC has an annual "Parents in Sport" week and has advice and help on their website.

I am pleased to report that there have been no serious concerns raised in Gloucestershire in 2021/22.

**Dr Andrea Butland**

County Safeguarding Officer

### **Treasurer's Report for the Year ended 30 September 2022**

Provisional accounts to 30 September 2022 show that the GLTA has made a loss of £16,480, (2021 loss of £2,315). The County was running at full strength after the last two years of Covid disruption.

The Council remains most grateful to our sponsors, Courtstall Services Ltd, Playne's and the Mortgage Brain, for their continuing valuable support. Thanks also to Dunlop International Europe Ltd for sponsoring the 6 Gloucestershire leagues, helping to keep team entry fees low and to provide tennis balls for prizes. The Dunlop League made a valuable £1,617 contribution to the accounts.

A new website was launched in July which was partly funded by County Training donations during Covid. We envisage this will be well visited by Gloucestershire clubs and players for results, information, and resources.

Detailed independently checked accounts will be emailed to Club secretaries and Council members.

**Gill Willoughby** Hon Treasurer

# GLoucestershire Lawn Tennis Association

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT	30/09/2022		30/09/2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors & Prepayments		4,625.50		3,850.00
Current Bank Accounts		27,288.57		21,006.43
Deposit Bank Accounts		<u>125,776.21</u>		<u>152,107.44</u>
Total Current Assets		157,690.28		176,963.87
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
ITI Loan	30,000.00		34,000.00	
CT Funds donated for Website *	-		871.00	
Glos Schools Tennis Fund *	474.91		474.91	
Disability Tennis Fund *	3,786.00		915.00	
Creditors	14,048.31		9,446.77	
Junior Income received in advance	5,381.41		10,584.71	
League fees received in advance	810.00		820.00	
Corporation Tax	<u>13.60</u>		<u>195.27</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		54,514.23		57,307.66
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>103,176.05</u></b>		<b><u>119,656.21</u></b>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>				
Reserves b/f		(5,343.79)		(3,028.44)
Loss / Profit for the year		<u>(16,480.16)</u>		<u>(2,315.35)</u>
Reserves c/f		(21,823.95)		(5,343.79)
Committed & Loan Reserves		<u>125,000.00</u>		<u>125,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>		<b><u>103,176.05</u></b>		<b><u>119,656.21</u></b>

\* denotes ring fenced

## INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REPORT

I have made an independent inspection of the above financial statements. In common with organisations of a similar size the Association's accounts are under the control of its Committee and are subject to few internal checks to ensure completeness.

Therefore it is only possible to carry out my inspection on items appearing in the accounting records, together with explanations from the Committee.

Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs as at 30 September 2022.

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J Warner

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Date

The financial statements were approved by the Gloucestershire LTA on .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

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V L Mora (Chairman)

.....

G S Willoughby (Hon Treasurer)

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

	<b>30/09/2022</b>		<b>30/09/2021</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Club Registration Fees		17,230.00		17,350.00
LTA General Grant		5,444.00		8,166.00
LTA Open Court Funding Grant		-		720.00
Sponsorships:				
Playne's	7,500.00		-	
Courtstall Services Ltd	2,800.00		1,850.00	
Dunlop International Ltd - league	937.50		750.00	
The Mortgage Brain	<u>2,500.00</u>	13,737.50	<u>339.85</u>	2,939.85
Wimbledon Ticket Sales		-		4,860.00
Dunlop League Fees		2,350.00		2,170.00
<b>JUNIOR PERFORMANCE</b>				
Junior Squad Training	18,811.04		13,911.50	
County Performance Squads	27,937.39		-	
County Cup Coaching	<u>794.00</u>		<u>-</u>	
	<u>47,542.43</u>		<u>13,911.50</u>	
<b>JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT</b>				
National League (net)	419.29		740.21	
U8 Festival	90.00			
Junior Camps	<u>-</u>		<u>674.50</u>	
	<u>509.29</u>		<u>1,414.71</u>	
LTA Junior Grant	<u>5,416.67</u>		<u>5,000.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL JUNIOR INCOME</b>		53,468.39		20,326.21
Awards dinner		1,435.00		-
Bank Interest - gross		<u>68.77</u>		<u>17.08</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u><b>93,733.66</b></u>		<u><b>56,549.14</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>JUNIOR PERFORMANCE</b>				
Junior County Squad Training	39,507.58		12,790.53	
U18 Junior County Cup	6,331.63		-	
U14 Junior County Cup	5,333.07		798.38	
U12 Junior County Cup	2,573.42		650.00	
U11 Junior County Cup	2,815.80		1,736.73	
U10 Junior County Cup	1,797.79		377.55	
U9 Junior County Cup	237.00		610.65	
U8 Junior County Cup	<u>355.90</u>		<u>150.00</u>	
	<u>58,952.19</u>		<u>17,113.84</u>	



	30/09/2022		30/09/2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT</b>				
Other Tennis Coaching	7,150.00		7,000.00	
Mini /Junior County Closed	1,500.00		-	
Road to Wimbledon (net)	242.40		(211.23)	
Inter County Friendlies (net)	613.29		(85.42)	
U8 & U9 Development Coach	450.00		108.00	
	<u>9,955.69</u>		<u>6,811.35</u>	
<b>TOTAL JUNIOR EXPENDITURE</b>		68,907.88		23,925.19
<b>SENIOR EXPENDITURE</b>				
Summer Senior County Cup	6,209.46		5,904.20	
Winter Senior County Cup	3,296.30		-	
		9,505.76		5,904.20
<b>VETERANS EXPENDITURE</b>				
Veterans - Eastbourne	3,000.00		2,957.20	
Veterans - not Eastbourne	2,822.20		1,834.20	
		5,822.20		4,791.40
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Administrator Payments	13,500.00		9,000.00	
Open Court Administration	-		600.00	
Honoraria	3,899.50		3,650.00	
Registration Fees	-		200.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	371.27		347.94	
Telephone	283.08		284.56	
IT Costs and Expenses	2,361.68		190.79	
Committee and General Expenses	30.00		105.62	
AGM and Awards Event	1,109.83		394.70	
		21,555.36		14,773.61
Wimbledon Tickets		-		4,860.00
Dunlop League Expenses		1,669.89		457.87
Tracksuits and Clothing		427.00		2,359.00
Accountant's Examination Fee		350.00		320.00
Club and Coach Forum		987.14		120.00
Club and Coach Awards		1,100.00		1,350.00
Donations		25.00		-
Stripe/Paypal Fees		45.26		
Corporation Tax		(181.67)		3.22
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>110,213.82</u>		<u>58,864.49</u>
<b>LOSS FOR YEAR</b>		<u>(16,480.16)</u>		<u>(2,315.35)</u>

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE LTA

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 December 2021

#### Via Zoom

Present: Clubs Represented – 9  
Members – 20 (including 10 GLTA Councillors)

Apologies: Lesley Angell; Adrian & Viv Montague-Smith (Hon. Life Vice-President); Becky Putnam (Minchinhampton); Tim Hull; Steve Martin (Gloucester Wootton); Chris & Henry Rivers; Steve Wigg; Joan Griffiths; Brenda James; Denise Clayson (Twynning)

1.	<b>Welcome</b> The President, Michael Angell, opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the 119 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association.
2.	<b>Apologies</b> As noted above.
3.	<b>Minutes of the 2020 AGM</b> Proposed by Andrea Butland and seconded by Gill Willoughby, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.
4.	<b>Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising.
5.	<b>Annual Report and Accounts</b> The Annual Report had been circulated to all member clubs and patrons. The audited accounts for the year ending 30 September 2021 had been distributed to the member clubs.  The following points were highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The Accounts show a loss for the year of £2,315, compared to a profit last year of £2,640, even though £14,000 financial support was received from the LTA.</li><li>▪ Covid took its effect on the accounts with the cancellation of the U18 CC and Winter Senior Cup. In addition, the LTA sensibly arranged junior fixtures in local clusters to enable teams to minimise overnight accommodation. All these had a dramatic effect on the accounts and I estimate that our loss would have been just under £17,000, so a massive saving of £14,500.</li><li>▪ My sincere thanks to all our 2021 sponsors who supported</li><li>▪ Gloucestershire Tennis.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Thanks to Jim Warner who has kindly carried out an independent inspection of the 2021 accounts. He has expressed his willingness to continue next year, if so appointed.</li> <li>▪ Nick Bent (Lechlade) asked a question why the P&amp;L account showed corporation tax of £3.22 due for the year but the balance sheet showed £195.27. The £195.27 represents an accumulation of corporation tax dating back before Gill Willoughby took over as treasurer, including the £3.22. There seems to be conflicting correspondence with HMRC from before this time as to whether this is due or not which is why it differs from the amount in the accounts. The Hon. Treasurer will investigate further and conclude the matter.</li> <li>▪ As there were no further questions, proposed by Helen Rivers and seconded by Chris Rivers the Annual Report and Accounts were unanimously accepted. Thanks were given to Gill Willoughby for the work she has undertaken throughout the year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Appointment of Auditors</b>  Jim Warner was proposed by Sarah Dorkings and seconded by Darren Morris as auditor for the forthcoming year and unanimously accepted.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Election of Officers</b>  The Chairman requested that the meeting approve en bloc the appointments of the President, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer. David Padfield proposed (Glos Wootton) and Adam Robinson seconded that Michael Angell (President), Michelle Douse (Hon Secretary) and Gill Willoughby (Hon Treasurer) and all were unanimously agreed. All members of the council were duly re-elected.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p>
	<p><b>Chairman Thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The President thanked Sarah Dorkings, County Administrator for all the work she has done and keeps Gloucestershire Tennis moving forward.</li> <li>▪ The Chairman of Gloucestershire LTA, Enzo Mora, thanked all members of Council. To Ben Knapp for attending the LTA meetings and reporting back, Andrea Butland for the work in Gloucestershire Tennis's first safeguarding audit and once again to Sarah Dorkings for her help and guidance.</li> <li>▪ Thank you to Sharon Heeley and the South-West Region, which continues to support.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ GLTA are moving forward with Incorporation and working with Brabners as recommended by the LTA. Information will be shared with member clubs as the process goes forward. An extraordinary meeting will be held in the New Year to notify all clubs and vote.</li> <li>▪ Michael Angell invited all clubs to feedback to Sarah Dorkings for any help, ideas and to let us know if there's anything you think Gloucestershire is missing.</li> <li>▪ Thank you for taking the time to join the AGM. Michael Angell reminded attendees of the hard-work all clubs and tennis have gone through in 2020.</li> </ul>
	<p>With there being no further business, the AGM closed at 7.53pm.</p>

	<p><b>Clubs attending:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Twyning</li> <li>2. East Glos</li> <li>3. Cirencester</li> <li>4. Painswick</li> <li>5. Cheltenham Civil Service</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Chalford</li> <li>7. Minchinhampton</li> <li>8. Lechlade</li> <li>9. Gloucester Wotton</li> </ol>
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*Michelle Douse* 6 December 2021  
Hon Secretary

..... (Chairman)

Date of the next meeting at 6.30pm on Monday 17 January 2022.

# **GLOUCESTERSHIRE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

## ***Annual General Meeting***

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 7.30pm**

**Oxstalls Sports Park**

### AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Incorporation
6. Annual Report and Accounts
7. Appointment of Auditors
8. Election of Officers and Members of the Council
9. Any Other Business (notified in advance)

**Sarah Dorkings**

Interim Honorary Secretary



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