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Season's Greetings to all in Kent Tennis



Thank you to Emma Wanostrocht (Bromley Tennis Centre)
who kindly drew this Christmas picture.

In 2020, we really have seen some of the very best of our volunteers as Club officials, coaches, staff, and members all worked together to ensure venues remained open and were safe places to play for all in the most harrowing of circumstances faced in peacetime. Across the county, membership in Kent

Tennis Clubs increased by an average of 19%.

Coronavirus, COVID-19 Guidelines, Tier Restrictions, Contact Tracing, Droplets, Flattening the Curve, Self-Isolate, Social Distancing and, now in London and Kent, “Tier 4” have all become all too familiar terms. And yet, we have been impressed with the dedication, hard work and support provided by all clubs to their members as tennis was seen as a safe sport to play and a sport that allows us all to stay socially distanced. Well done everyone!

This year has also seen the advent of the Kent Tennis Coffee Mornings, held online via Zoom, fortnightly on Tuesdays. This has allowed clubs to not only ask questions of Kent Tennis officials but also to share best practice and great ideas with their peers at other clubs. 74 clubs have participated in these in 2020. We will continue to run these for all clubs in 2021, so we can all share ideas to help each other cope, be it with new guidelines or challenges to be met, or just stay in touch and help each other.

As we enter the holiday season now, we hope that you are all able to enjoy time with family and loved ones as much as restrictions allow. Please remember those who are on their own and pick up the phone to see how they are; this is a time to continue being kind and ensuring everyone feels included in one way or another after a long and difficult year. Please stay safe, and we hope to see you all online, on court or at meetings in person in 2021.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and here's to a more positive New Year.



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Kent Tennis Announces
Annual Awards Online in January



The Kent Tennis Annual Awards will be held Online via Zoom for the first time on Thursday 21 January at 7pm. The move was taken as the current climate does not allow for the usual Presentation Dinner format in 2021, so we are getting ourselves ready to announce the winners.

The shortlisted nominations were announced at our Annual General Meeting and on our Instagram page. 108 nominations were received, which is excellent considering the current climate. Five winners have been announced already, with Emma Raducanu, last year's LTA National Junior Player of the Year being announced as Kent's Player of the Year, following her successful rise up the WTA rankings to 333, winning two LTA Premier Singles titles in the summer and being selected for the Great Britain Federation Cup Team. Jack Pinnington Jones, having risen to number 35 in the ITF Junior World rankings this year, was announced as Kent's Junior Player of the Year.

The other winners announced at the AGM were Team of the Year - Kent Ladies Winter County Cup Team, who have been National Champions for 4 consecutive years, Junior Team of the Year - Boys 18 & Under Team (who won Group 2 and promotion back to Group 1) and Kent Club of the Year (for 1 to 4 courts) are St John's (Tunbridge Wells) Tennis Club.

The full shortlist for the other 9 categories can be found on our website here: [Kent Tennis Awards Shortlist.pdf](#)

Full details on how to join the Annual Awards ceremony online will be provided in January. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our online Annual Awards!

BASELINE.....some recent news coming in



- As we write, the Battle of the Brits is running at the National Tennis Centre with both Kent's Emma Raducanu & Anton Matusevich competing. So far, both Emma and Anton have won two singles matches and lost one.
- We regret to report the sad passing of John Lance who was a Kent LTA Councillor 1978-82, was Chair of the Juniors Committee 1980-82 and was a member of the Kent Supporters Club.
- Congratulations to Angie and Michel Suleau (both of Gravesham LTC), who have recently received their 20 years long service award from ABTO (Association of British Tennis Officials).
- Congratulations to Meopham LTC who have just received planning permission for floodlights on two of their courts. We wish them all the best on completing this project.

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