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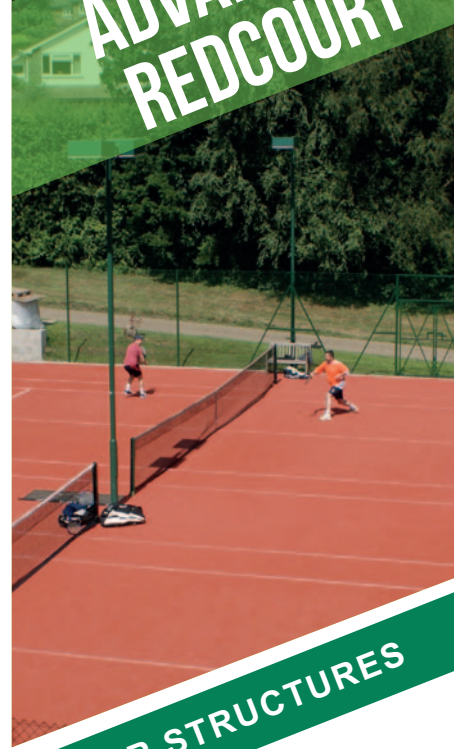
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Welcome from the President

Vanessa Webb

Welcome to the Kent County Lawn Tennis Association's Annual Report for 2018.

It has proved to be another successful year for Kent Tennis, especially with the 18U Girls and 10U Boys winning National County Cup and the excitement during Wimbledon when Kent's Anton Matusevich and Emma Raducanu reached the Quarter-finals of the Junior Singles. Emma went on to reach the Quarter-finals of the Girls Singles at the US Open and Anton is the Boys Doubles US Open Champion.

Our Men's team was promoted back to Group 1 of the Summer County Cup after a fantastic performance in Cromer. Sadly, our Ladies who were the defending National Champions in Group 1 at Eastbourne were relegated to Group 2 but I'm sure they will soon return to the top Group.

In my first year as President I have been present at various events around the county. Starting in March at the Kent Tennis Annual Awards Dinner, held for the first time at the Tudor Park Marriott Hotel in Bearsted; it was an enjoyable evening, which I highly recommend. Details of next year's event will be published soon.

I have been present at all the Kent schools events, from qualifying events in Deal and Canterbury to the Finals at Bromley Tennis Centre, Bromley High School and Tunbridge Wells LTC. I travelled to Eastbourne to support our Ladies County Cup team, presented the trophies at both the 100th ITF Seniors event in Tunbridge Wells and our prestigious Kent County Championships. This is an event with its own success story, as the largest County Championships in the country in terms of players and entries for the past seven years and the winner of the 2017 Kent Tennis Competition of the Year Award early in 2018. I have also had the pleasure of opening new facilities at various tennis venues and attended the Kent Tennis Day hosted by Avenue Tennis, the Kent Club of the Year and British Tennis Club of the Year National Finalist.

During this time, I have witnessed the hard work of many volunteers, coaches, team captains, organisers and club people who are passionate about keeping Kent Tennis a top British Tennis county. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their amazing contribution to Kent Tennis. I also thank our sponsors (listed on page 7 of this report) who supported Kent Tennis throughout the year.

I hope you all enjoy reading this record of 2018.

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Officials and Volunteers

The success of Kent Tennis depends largely on the hard work of the officials and volunteers who have contributed many hours to run the organisation and its various activities. Officers of the Association, members of the Kent Council and the Kent Board, plus supporting volunteers for 2018 are listed below. In addition, there are the many volunteers in tennis venues all around the county.

Those people in the list below marked with * were also members of the Board of Management in 2018

Officers

Vanessa Webb	President	
John Watton	Deputy President	
Nigel Jordan *	Honorary Treasurer	
Jason Baker *	Honorary Secretary	
Phil Lynch	Honorary Assistant Secretary	
Austin Smith		Life President
Roger Bottomley OBE, Pauline Cox, Angela Darby, John Darby, John Povey, Stuart Smith OBE*		Life Vice Presidents
Jason Baker, Nigel Jordan, Phil Lynch		Trustees

Members of Council - Every Council member has a specific role.

Malcom Smith*	Chairman of the Board
Sandi Procter *	LTA Council Representative
Robert Searle *	County Teams Lead
John Ratcliffe *	Clubs Lead
Geoffrey Stephenson *	Legal Matters and Discipline
Neil Biddle	Coaches
John Darby	Wimbledon Tickets
Rosemary Lee	Kent Tennis Supporters Club
Keeley Wicks	Kent Inter Club Leagues
Vanessa Webb	District Leagues – East Kent, Dover
Lina Hopkins	District Leagues – Ashford
Charlotte Knight	District Leagues – Maidstone
Matthew Perfect	District Leagues – North Kent
Mary Evans	Schools Tennis and Annual Awards
Susan Finch	Junior County Teams and Training
Stephen Woodley	Senior County Teams
Sue Thomas	Club Support
Jane Short	Publicity
Graham Silvester	Website
Anna Wilson	Marketing
Susan Peters-Berg	Sponsorship

Supporting Volunteers

Anne Gibbs, Mark Martin, Vanessa Webb, Rachael Taylor	Kent Inter Club Leagues
Keith Clark, Pat Braam, Jim Barton, Helene Jackson	Competition Organisers
Andy Burgoyne, Robert Searle	Men's Team Captain, Vice-Captain
Holly Richards, Jacqueline Darby	Ladies Team Captain, Vice-Captain
Oliver Freelove, Jason Baker, Dino Skeete, Dominic Wood, Nigel Jordan, Chris Mackenzie, Gary Sims, Stephen Woodley	Senior Men's Team Captains
Kate Hands, Suzy Russell, Jane Gentle, Hazel Lindfield, Alison Meakin, Myra Hunter, Janet Broster, Cynthia Smith	Senior Ladies Team Captains

County Office Team

Clare Lilley	Administration and Governance
Harri Izzard (Siobhan Butler covered Maternity Leave until November)	Competitions and County Teams
Janice White	Clubs

LTA Officials

LTA Past President	Stuart Smith OBE
LTA Honorary Life Vice President	Austin Smith
LTA Councillors	Sandi Procter (Kent) Steven Matthews (Tennis Industry Association)

Facts and Figures about Kent Tennis



118 registered places to play



2 Regional Award Winners
2 National Finalists



43 Venues attended
Autumn Forums



217 Accredited/Accredited+
Coaches



61 venues took part in GBTW



Tennis 4 Kids
1317 children took part
42 Coaches delivered



1435 players in disability tennis
sessions per month



County Championships: 437 players
606 entries, 1091 matches
1956 sets, 18187 games



357 teams competed in the Kent
TENNISYS Summer Leagues
& 399 teams in the Winter



9 players represented
Great Britain

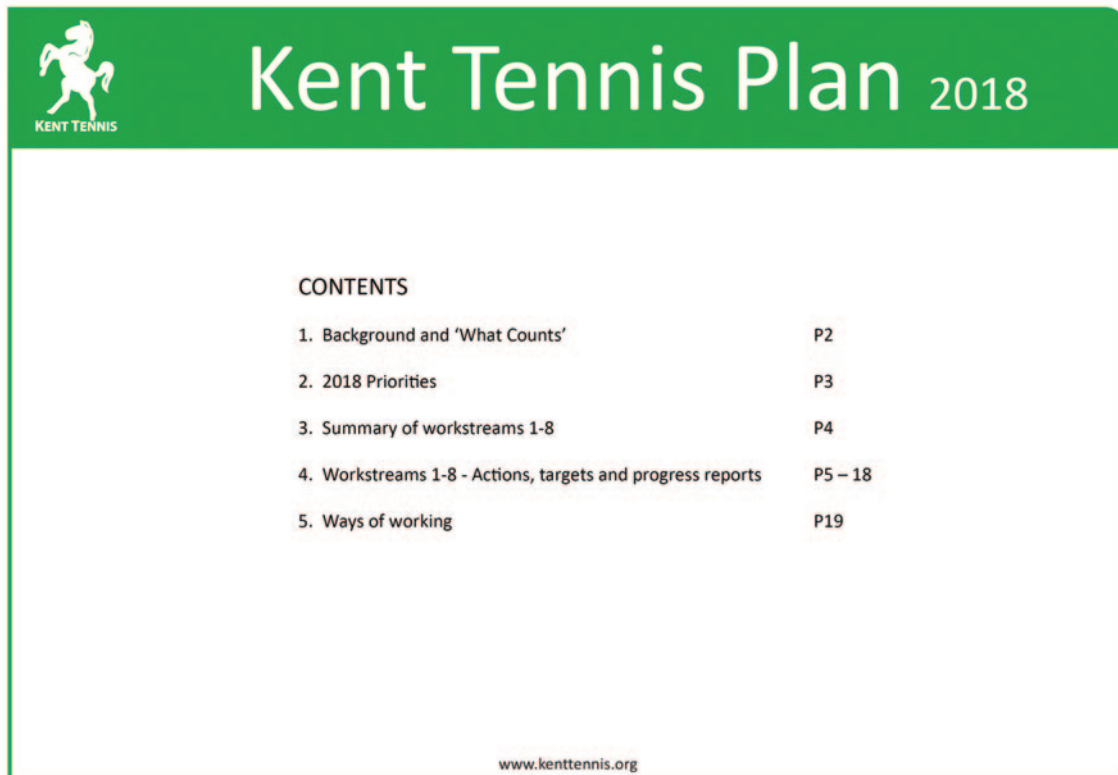


430 school teams played in
Kent run competitions



18U Girls – National Champions
10U Boys – National Champions
Men's 35s - National Champions

The Kent Plan



In December 2017, the Kent Tennis Board of Management met for a full day planning session. Following a presentation on LTA priorities by John Golding, the Head of Region for the LTA South East, the Kent Plan was created with 8 workstreams each led by a member of the Kent Board and supported by members of Kent Council. The Kent Plan was updated with progress against deliverables for each Board and Council meeting and it is expected that approximately 90% of the actions will have been achieved by the end of the year.

Kent's Priorities for 2018

1. Ensure links and lines of communications are clear with members of the LTA regional team and that we are working together effectively.
2. Proactively engage with Kent clubs and increase attendance at forums and workshops.
3. Support Kent clubs and venues with both applications for funding and Transforming British Tennis Together (TBTT) and with the changes in impending registration, safeguarding and coach accreditation.
4. Work to achieve a more sustainable and stable financial outcome and management solution for BTC which protects and serves Kent's interests.
5. Continue to ensure Kent competitions are well planned and organised with additional resources
6. Continue to look for new ways to generate income and financial support into Kent Tennis and for supporting Kent players.
7. Continue to develop the new website and improve use of social media to promote Kent Tennis more effectively.
8. Support coaches and officials in Kent.

In October 2018, the new CEO, Scott Lloyd, announced the new vision for the LTA as 'Tennis Opened up' and the new mission as 'To grow tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable'. There are three main objectives relating to growing the number of fans, more players playing more often and to increase the number of British players in the world's top 100. There will be seven strategies and a series of actions in the new year. At the annual Kent Tennis Board planning day in December 2018 there will be discussion as to how Kent Tennis will align with the new LTA plans, and this will be reflected in the objectives for Kent Tennis for 2019.

Report from the Board

Malcolm Smith

Is it really 12 months since I sat here and wrote the last report from the Board? This year has moved through at a pace and as expected, and in line with our priorities as a Board, much time has been taken up focussing on our Kent venues.

The new safeguarding requirements which venues now have to comply with, in order to register with the LTA, have been looming large on the horizon for us this year. It has been fantastic to have Janice White back in the Kent 'team' and she has done sterling work to support venues in this regard. As I sit here now I am pleased to say that the majority of our venues are in line with what is required and we should have most registered by the deadline.

At this time of year, the Club Forums also take place, which have been well attended and informative and some good work has been carried through in partnership with the LTA Regional team to make these sessions worthwhile. I am also pleased to report that we held our first 'Kent Tennis Day' in September at the Kent Club of the Year, Avenue Tennis. It was a great success, and we will certainly be looking to repeat this in coming years.

I don't think we've had a Board meeting this year where we haven't needed to speak about the on-going situation and management arrangements at the Bromley Tennis Centre. The Centre plays a vital role for Kent Tennis, not only as a performance and training hub but also as a competition and meeting venue. As such we are obviously very keen, as your Board, to ensure it continues operating as a tennis centre of excellence. With Newstead Wood School now part of United Learning Trust, a Multi Academy Trust (MAT), we have had to engage with a new team on their side and in all such things there is always a slightly different set of interests and agendas to work through. The situation is still very much under discussion but we are working closely with them to ensure the continuation of the Centre as a predominantly tennis operation and looking to ensure that it will continue to be well managed.

Finally, I certainly couldn't complete this report without mentioning the enormous amount of good work that the team (particularly Susan Finch and Clare Lilley) have put in to organising our County training sessions. The LTA's new tennis performance strategy has put renewed emphasis onto such training and this was always something that Kent had organised and run, so we were well placed to pick this up. Our teams across the county continue to excel and the team spirit is fantastic, so much thanks to those who help with all aspects of our County teams.

It only remains for me to thank all my fellow Board members for all their hard work and diligence over the last year. It is down to their efforts and commitment that we are such a well run County and we remain an example held out there for other counties to follow. I would also like to say a specific thank you to Stuart Smith who will be stepping down from the Board at the end of this year. His wise counsel and experience have been invaluable over the years that I have been chairing the Board and I, for one, will miss his insightful and balanced contributions which have so often in the past helped steer us through some quite difficult and complex subject matters. So, thank you Stuart, you will be missed.



Sponsors of Kent Tennis

Susan Peters-Berg

Once again, we are grateful for the continued financial support of our main sponsors and patrons. Our overall commercial income has increased slightly year on year and we are delighted to have had Trevor May and Tennisys as our lead sponsors again in 2018. We are also very grateful for the ongoing support from East West Connect, Collins Construction, KEM and Colchester Global Investors.

We continue to look for new sponsors to enable Kent Tennis to develop new initiatives across the County and are happy to talk to any potential supporters who can help to make this happen.

Report from the Council

Jason Baker

As is always the case, 2017 finished with the AGM, which was well attended by over 70 people, many of whom give up so much of their valuable time to ensure that tennis in Kent continues to thrive. We are very grateful to all those people who contribute to Kent Tennis and it was great to recognise the contribution of one of our long serving volunteers, Denis Costelloe. Denis had been on the Council for over 30 years, culminating in a two-year term as President which ended at the AGM. Denis was elected a Life Vice-President.

The Council meetings in 2018 have embedded the successful format introduced in 2017, in that a different member of the Board has chaired each of the four meetings and will do so for the AGM. The Council has agreed that this format will be continued. The discussions at the meetings have been based around the 2018 Kent Plan, and the decisions and information needed to deliver the plan effectively. Another regular feature of the meetings is a presentation on a key tennis topic to both increase our knowledge and agree how best to deliver the objectives. The presentations this year covered:

- Safeguarding, presented by Tina Slater
- Club links and engagement by John Ratcliffe and Janice White
- County training and the LTA performance pathway by Susan Finch and Mark Hayden from the LTA

As part of the review of the Kent Plan at each meeting we have also discussed, learned and made decisions on a wide range of areas covering General Data Protection Regulation, British Tennis Awards and the Kent Awards dinner, the awarding of senior colours, the guidelines for the allocation of Wimbledon tickets to volunteers, sponsors and clubs, the effectiveness of the Board, and the requirements for LTA registration. The Council also receives a report on the delivery of the LTA objectives and focus areas by Kent's LTA Councillor, Sandi Procter. We hope that clubs do receive, after each meeting, updates on relevant key matters from their Council representative.

Over the past year, we have also implemented some small changes to the governance processes in response to the findings from the survey completed by Council members in 2017. These include the recording and management of any potential conflicts of interest declared by Councillors, eg a director of a Kent club may be asked to leave a Council meeting whilst matters in connection with that club are being discussed.

I personally feel that the Council has continued to improve its effectiveness over the last year, and the main reason for that is the excellent and varied contributions from all of our Council members. I would like to thank them for all their hard work and time given in the pursuit of making Kent Tennis even greater. Five Councillors have decided to stand down at the AGM and we thank them for the contribution to Kent Tennis. They are Lina Hopkins, Charlotte Knight, Jane Short, Sue Thomas and Stephen Woodley.

Thank You

Bromley Tennis Centre, Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre, Deal Indoor Tennis Centre, The Parklangley Club, Sennocke Centre, Bromley LTC - for court hire discounts for County matches, practices and training.

Newstead Wood - for the use of the school courts for tournaments, the music room for the 2018 AGM, and for continued support for Bromley Tennis Centre.

Bromley High School, Bromley Tennis Centre, Canterbury LTC, Canterbury Indoor Centre, Tunbridge Wells LTC for courts for schools competitions.

Bromley Tennis Centre, Sennocke Centre, Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre, Frindsbury LTC for hosting junior league events.

Bromley Tennis Centre for hosting the County Championships, for rooms for Council and Board meetings and the AGM.

Bromley Tennis Centre, Avenue Tennis, Canterbury LTC, St John's Tennis Club for hosting LTA forums.



The Kent Supporters Club

Rosemary Lee

The membership of the Kent Tennis Supporters Club has decreased slightly this year and now stands at 679. This decrease was mainly due to some members not rejoining or responding to our requests for them to sign up to ClubSpark. However, we continue to have a steady flow of new members which will soon make up the deficit.

All members received copies of the two editions of the KLT published this year together with invitations to a number of Kent events and the AGM. This year approximately 70% of the members who applied for Wimbledon tickets were successful in the ballot. Although we changed the way subscriptions are collected by using ClubSpark, it was not possible to collect this year's Direct Debits automatically in October as full functionality in ClubSpark is still being developed. We therefore asked members to renew their membership manually online for this year only.

We have asked our existing members to help us to market the benefits of belonging to the Kent Supporters Club to friends and family, which will hopefully generate more members in 2019.

Many thanks to Tony Fisher for keeping the Club's finances on track and to Janice White for her valuable administrative support.

Publicity, Website & Social Media

Graham Silvester

The Kent Tennis publicity machine is still growing and becoming more diverse. There has been a lot of progress this year and the County's information and news channels have become more widely available.

The website is being used more frequently and will develop further as time progresses. The main means of publicising the success of Kent Tennis teams and players, and news from the clubs remains through the KLT. As with other years there have been 2 editions of the magazine published during 2018 – the summer edition was circulated in May and the winter edition at the AGM in December.

Social media is gradually increasing our County profile and more people are becoming aware of Kent Tennis. Perhaps the most successful publicity campaign is the excellent reputation of Kent Tennis. There have been many achievements in so many areas, from awards to on court achievements, all of which stand us in good stead to maintain the great name of Kent Tennis and for the rest of the counties to look to us for inspiration

Player Funding including Murton Pitts

In 2018 the player funding distribution process was delayed due to the considerable amount of administration connected to County Training. In October, coaches were invited to nominate players with a high level of commitment, success and potential and deserving of a funding award for training and competitions. Funding consisted of £3,000 from the Murton Pitts Fund, largely for small awards for younger players, and sponsorship from East West of £7,000, used for larger funding awards for older players.

Kent Coaches Network

Neil Biddle

The Kent Coaches Network was formed in late 2017 and has developed significantly in 2018. Initiated by Neil Biddle and supported by Luke House, Sue Bamford and Mark Hayden, the aim was to bring coaches together to share ideas, support each other and to learn from the most successful coaches in and around the county. In March 2018 an initial meeting was attended by 30 coaches and discussions focused on how to organise the network and also included an on-court session with Mark Hayden. There are now 89 coaches who are members of the network's Facebook group with numbers growing. An online membership application process is being built using ClubSpark and four area networks have been created to provide more regular local networking opportunities.

Wimbledon Tickets

John Darby

County Wimbledon Ticket distribution changed this year. Tickets were allocated in club ballots or by the Kent Wimbledon Ticket Committee and information provided to the LTA, who then distributed all tickets centrally. The new process enhanced security measures reducing the opportunities for abuse and was the result of a recipient of tickets allocated to Kent in 2017 attempting to sell them on the GumTree website. The Kent Tennis Wimbledon ticket committee allocated tickets to County sponsors, volunteers and supporters, who this year were required to confirm their acceptance of the terms and conditions of the issue of tickets. Some volunteers offered tickets did not respond in a timely manner, adding to the already significant workload of the volunteers processing the ticket distribution.

Recipients were reminded that tickets are solely for the person to whom they have been allocated and anyone offered tickets through the County Association, who is unable to use them personally, must return them to the County and a full refund is arranged. The advertising of tickets for sale on the "internet" is increasing; and if Kent clubs or individuals abuse their privileges in this way, future allocations to the County will be put at risk and offenders banned from having tickets for at least five years. Also, the incidence of "lost" tickets is increasing, which is a costly exercise and a charge of £20.00 per ticket is levied.

The allocation of seats for 2018 (3,155 pairs) was the same as 2017. Of these tickets, 2,364 pairs were allocated to clubs in Kent and 791 pairs to the County for individuals (sponsors, volunteers and supporters). Some pairs of No.1 Court tickets allocated to the County were offered to Kent clubs. The value of all the Kent tickets amounted to £527,432 (£493,792 in 2017) an increase in value of £33,640. The vast majority of the County allocation (449 pairs) was distributed to Supporters Club members who, on this occasion, were not all satisfied in full.

The ticket allocation to individuals was distributed as follows:

	TOTAL PAIRS
Council	63
Sponsors	18
Nominated Volunteers	147
Supporters Club Members	449
Clubs	114
Total	791

COURT	TOTAL PAIRS
Centre	312
No. 1	325
No. 2	126
No. 3	28
Total	791

Legal and Discipline

Geoffrey Stephenson

There have been (unusually) two issues in the area of discipline this year, both of which have been resolved.

On the legal side, much effort has been directed to the future of the Bromley Tennis Centre. Newstead Wood School has become part of a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT), which now owns the Centre, and the contractual arrangements with the current operator, Virtus, come to an end in 2019, so we have been in the process of negotiating with the MAT and Virtus for the future.

The LTA has been pro-active on the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, and has been in contact with all registered clubs and venues with advice about their policies and practices. As a County Association, we have put in place a Policy and a Code of Practice which deals with our own limited areas of responsibility, and we have also appointed a Safeguarding Officer, Tina Slater. The role of the County is largely to liaise with the LTA and our registered venues, rather than to get involved with specific safeguarding issues which arise locally. Many, perhaps most, clubs will already have a Policy and Code of Practice, and a Safeguarding Officer already appointed. The LTA has stressed the importance of taking these steps, and also that existing arrangements should be reviewed from time to time.

Officiating

Jason Baker

In 2017 it was identified that we have a limited number of umpires, referees and court supervisors in Kent, and there was a risk that there would be insufficient personnel to officiate at all the competitive tournaments organised in the county. As a majority of these events are sanctioned by the LTA, they are required to be run by referees who have received appropriate LTA officiating training. In addition, many events use the services of umpires and court supervisors, all of whom contribute to ensuring fair play and sporting behaviour. We therefore set up an Officials Network in 2018 to share best practice, learn together and provide opportunities to gain more experience, with an emphasis on supporting and attracting new officials. We have held three meetings throughout the year, each of which has been attended by around 20 referees, umpires and court supervisors. We have discussed and learnt together on a range of topics including:

- an overview of the LTA Officiating Conference 2017
- scenarios for both applying the rules of tennis and dealing with parents
- the grading structure for officials and how to progress
- school competitions
- marketing of competitions
- the rules of disability tennis

At our most recent meeting in September we also discussed at the role of the umpire and how referees can support umpires, with some well publicised recent umpiring scenarios involving Nick Kyrgios and Serena Williams being at the heart of the discussion. The feedback from those attending has been positive and it would be great to see more officials at the meetings in 2019. I would like to thank Chris Mann for helping set this up and sharing his extensive knowledge at the meetings, as well as Siobhan Butler and Charlie Falconer for their assistance with the administration. If you like more information about the Officials Network or officiating in general please contact Jason Baker.

Disability Tennis Programme

Tom Defrates

2018 has been an excellent year for disability tennis in Kent with continuing growth in weekly, monthly and ad hoc activity. Bromley Tennis Centre won the LTA Regional Disability Programme Award and I had the pleasure of collecting the Award at Queens Club.

New sessions have started around the county, with Jim Barton being particularly busy in Medway, running wheelchair tennis at Medway Park and starting a fantastic link with Spadework Charity delivering tennis to over 80 adults with learning disabilities. This is a huge project and Kris Healey, manager at Spadework, said it has had a major impact on his trainees. There has also been great work in Visually Impaired tennis with fortnightly sessions at Bromley Tennis Centre and tasters being run at Canterbury Tennis Centre and Freedom Fitness by Nick Wibberley and Adrian Moll respectively.

Bromley Tennis Centre ran its second Regional Learning Disability Camp and Tournament, with 22 players competing. The number of players and standard is improving year on year.

We are looking to build on the success of this year in 2019, aiming to engage the smaller clubs in the county and provide support and advice via the "Open Your Doors" initiative. If you would like to know more about how to make your club more inclusive, start your own sessions or have any questions about disability tennis please email: tom.defrates@bromleytenniscentre.co.uk.

Bromley Tennis Centre

Sandi Procter



The Bromley Tennis Centre has continued to be held in high regard as one of the top Community Indoor Tennis Centres (CITCs) in the country. It is recognised by the LTA as a Regional Performance Centre, a Coach Education Centre and a Disability Tennis Hub. The coaching programme has good participation, court usage is excellent, and the success of junior players is exceptional.

Weekly coaching programme numbers are steady with 1,424 attendees as at end of October and we are expecting to sustain last year's end of term total. Holiday camp numbers have been the highest for the last five years. Snow stopped play for a brief spell in March 2018 but thanks to the bubble over four courts, now two years old, there was constant play throughout the winter.

In June, following a robust application process by the LTA, Bromley was selected at one of 11 Regional Player Development Centres (RPDCs), one of just three in the south east. It was also selected as a Local Player Development Centre (LPDC) one of 50 in the UK. There are now 11 regional players aged between 10 and 14 training at Bromley, and 25 county training players aged between 8 and 10. Emma Raducanu and Anton Matusevich continue to make both Bromley Tennis Centre and Kent proud. Both players reached the quarter finals of the Junior Singles at Wimbledon and Anton was honoured with 'shot of the day' on BBC TV. Emma also reached the quarter finals at the US Open and is the first girl to have reached the quarters at both events since Annabel Croft. Anton also won the Boys Doubles at the US Open and can boast about being a Grand Slam Champion. Hugo Coquelin won the National 12U Championships and Sofia Johnson was runner-up at the 14U Nationals. All four players represented GB junior teams, as well as Sasha Hill and Ben Gusic-Wan from Canterbury Polo Farm who joined the RPDC at Bromley in September.

Competitions continue to be a major part of the Bromley schedule, and offers everything from beginner events to Grade 3 and Grade 4 tournaments. BTC once again hosted the County Championships and in November at the Men's Winter County Cup a mini red inter county competition was held alongside. In early 2018, the County Championships were named Kent Competition of the Year for 2017 and Chris Mann, the referee, was the Kent Official of the Year.

Coach Education continues to provide coaches with qualifications and a variety of development opportunities. There were thirteen Level 1 courses, eight Level 2 courses, three Level 3 courses and one Level 4 course. Coach development courses have been organised monthly with topics such as Cardio Tennis, Tech quick fixes, Disability Awareness, Mental Health, Teaching Children with Autism and Mini Tennis. Bromley hosted the LTA Coach Forum in the Autumn and the Tennis4Kids training for coaches in March, with nearly 100 coaches in attendance. Branching out, the Centre now runs courses in Sussex and has expanded its First Aid offering to children called 'Mini Medics'.

The disability programme is growing, especially in the areas of tennis for the Visually Impaired (VI) and for Learning Disabilities (LD) linked to Special Olympics. The Centre notably hosted a very successful Regional LD competition in October.

The BTC Board met three times during 2018, with representatives from Newstead Wood School, United Learning Trust and Kent LTA, using comprehensive reports provided by the Bromley team. The Board Chairmanship was handed over in September to the school for the forthcoming academic year as per the agreed process.

There were changes in the BTC management team as Sandi Procter, the General Manager for over nine years, retired in June and handed over to Sarah Langford. Emma Wanostrocht was appointed as the new Assistant Manager.

The BTC team has many people to thank including the LTA, Kent Tennis and the Tennis Foundation for continued support, as well as Newstead Wood School staff and members and Directors of the Board.

2018 Special Events

John Ratcliffe

Kent Tennis Day

Our first new style Kent Tennis Day was held on Sunday 23 September at Avenue Tennis, Gillingham, chosen to host the event as it won Kent Club of the Year in 2017.

All clubs in Kent were invited to attend and take part in a range of activities organised by Avenue Tennis. The day was not blessed with good weather, but thankfully the wonderful facilities at Avenue meant events could be held indoors. There were Tots sessions, Junior Coaching, Adult coaching, Cardio Tennis, social tennis, a fastest serve competition and a Kent version of the Quorn Cup, a mini red Competition for a parent playing with their child aged 10 and under. The winners of this were Tunbridge Wells LTC with Knoll LTC as the runners up.

The highlight of the day, watched by over 50 people, was the exhibition match, involving Naomi Cavaday, Kate Green, Zane Cheeseman and James Markiewicz. A big thank you to all four players for putting on such a splendid match as the climax to the day. A big thank you to Avenue Tennis for hosting a successful day.

Kent Annual Awards

Mary Evans

Winners for 2017 were selected in December 2017 and presented with awards on 10 March 2018 at the Kent Tennis Awards Dinner at the Tudor Park Marriott Hotel in Bearsted, a new, larger venue able to accommodate more guests. The event was sold out, with 150 people attending. All those who had been shortlisted for Awards were invited to the Dinner at a discounted price and also offered the chance to buy a pair of Wimbledon tickets. The 2017 winners were as follows and their trophies presented by the Kent Tennis President, Vanessa Webb:

Category

Club 5+ Courts

Club 1 - 4 Courts

Coach

Community Venue

Disability Programme

Education Award

Volunteer

Young Volunteer

Competition

Official

Outstanding Achievement

Senior Player

Senior Team

Junior Team

Junior Player

Winner

Avenue Tennis

Chipstead LTC

Dave Von Ribbeck (Evolution Tennis)

Kings Hill Community Tennis Club

Bromley Tennis Centre

Deal Parochial CE Primary School

Hilary Casey (Hythe LTC)

Daniel Hodgson (Deal ITC)

Kent County Championships

Chris Mann

Denis Costelloe

Niall Sweeney

Ladies County Cup Team - Summer & Winter

10U Boys County Cup Team

Jack Pinnington Jones

Awards in green went forward to the British Tennis Regional Awards.

Congratulations to Bromley Tennis Centre for Disability Programme and Avenue Tennis for Club of the Year who won the South East Regional Award and were National runners up. Their regional awards were presented at the Queen's Club and representatives of Avenue Tennis also attended the National Awards presentation at Wimbledon.

Nominations for 2018 closed on 9 November and the shortlist information will be presented at the AGM. The winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner on 2 March 2019 at the Tudor Park Marriott Hotel in Bearsted.

National Achievements 2018

The LTA Meritorious Service Award

Pat Braam was awarded the LTA Meritorious Service Award for his long service to Kent and British Tennis. He was nominated by Kent Tennis Officials for his outstanding contribution to the development of tennis in schools and many years of organising school competitions.

British Tennis Awards

There were two South East Regional Award Winners from Kent: Avenue Tennis won 2017 Club of the Year and Bromley Tennis Centre won 2017 Disability Programme of the Year. Both went on to be National Finalists.

Senior Players

British Open Seniors' Clay Court Championships 2018

Hazel Lindfield 50s Ladies Doubles Champion

British Open Seniors' Indoor Championship 2018

Marcia Ackers 80s Ladies Singles Champion
Jasper Cooper 65s Men's Singles Champion

British Closed Grass Court Seniors' Championship 2018

Hazel Lindfield 55s Ladies Singles Champion
Jasper Cooper 65s Men's Singles & Doubles Champion

ITF Super-Seniors' World Team Championships 2018

Jasper Cooper Represented GB in Men's 65s team

ITF Super-Seniors' World Individual Championships 2018

Marcia Ackers Member of Silver Medal winning GB Ladies 80s team
Jasper Cooper Bronze Medal in Men's 65s and Mixed 65s Doubles

Four Nations Championship 2018

Jane Gentle represented England in Ladies 55s team
Jasper Cooper represented England in Men's 65s team
Anne Gibbs represented Wales in Ladies 60s team

Junior Players

The Junior National Championships 2018

Sofia Johnson Girls 16U Singles Runner-up
Hugo Coquelin Boys 12U Singles Winner
Boys 12U Doubles Winner

Top 20 National Rankings at 23 October 2018

Anton Matusevich	Ranked 18	Men's Open
Emma Raducanu	Ranked 16	Ladies Open
Anton Matusevich	Ranked 3	Boys 18U
Emma Raducanu	Ranked 2	Girls 18U
Sasha Hill	Ranked 21	Girls 18U
Kristofer Johnson	Ranked 21	Boys 16U
Emma Raducanu	Ranked 1	Girls 16U
Patrick Brady	Ranked 4	Boys 14U
Hugo Coquelin	Ranked 10	Boys 14U
Sofia Johnson	Ranked 3	Girls 14U
Ben Gusic Wan	Ranked 2	Boys 12U
Lois Newberry	Ranked 19	Girls 12U



Other Highlights/Players Representing GB:

Anton Matusevich	ATP Ranking 1519, ITF Junior Ranking 33, Represented GB, Wimbledon Junior Singles Quarter finalist, US Open Boys Doubles Champion.
Emma Raducanu	WTA Ranking 823, ITF Junior Ranking 22, Winner of two ITF \$15K Events, Represented GB, Wimbledon Junior Singles Quarter finalist, US Open Girls Singles Quarter finalist.
Jack Pinnington Jones	ITF Junior Ranking 484, Tennis Europe Ranking Number 1, British Tennis Awards Junior Player of the Year, Tennis Europe Player of the Year (14U Boys), GB Davis Cup Junior Team.
Hugo Coquelin	Tennis Europe 14U ranking 109, Represented GB in a 14U Tennis Europe Event in Croatia.
Nell Miller	Won the British Tour Masters in Loughborough
Sofia Johnson	Tennis Europe 14U ranking 389, Represented GB in Tennis Europe Summer Cup in Germany.
Sasha Hill	Represented GB in a Juniors International Club friendly match
Ben Gusic-Wan	Represented GB in 11U friendly v Belgium, the 12U Queenswood International, 14U friendly v France

Road to Wimbledon 2018

In 2018, 21 clubs and 3 schools in Kent ran events. The winners and some runners-up were then invited to play in the County Finals which were held indoors at Bromley Tennis Centre over the weekend of 14 and 15 July.

Kent County Finals:

Martino Colabella (The Parklangley Club)	Boys Winner
Ewan Grieve (Canterbury LTC)	Boys Runner-Up
Gabriella Buddle-Smith (The Parklangley Club)	Girls Winner
Lauren Foster (Sevenoaks LTC)	Girls Runner-Up

Martino beat Ewan 5-4 4-0 and Gabriella beat Lauren 4-2 3-5 1-0. Martino and Gabriella went forward to the National 'Road to Wimbledon' Finals on the grass courts at The All England Club in August. Facing tough opposition, Martino and Gabriella didn't qualify through from their boxes to the Singles main draw. Gabriella made it through to round 2 of the Doubles, losing to the eventual Semi-finalists.

Road to Wimbledon International Competition

The Road to Wimbledon International is the regional event for players rated 6.2 and higher. Players who won at the regional events qualified for the grade 2 Finals at Wimbledon. They were joined at the International Finals by qualifying players from India, China, Hong Kong and Japan. Kent had 2 players in the Finals which took place in August: Sofia Johnson (Bromley Tennis Centre) and Tommy Harrison (The Parklangley Club). Tommy lost in Round 1 and Sofia reached the Semi-finals of the Singles and the Quarter-finals of the Doubles.

Kent Open Seniors Singles & Doubles Competition

In 2017/18 there were 53 Singles entries and 31 Doubles entries into the Kent Open Seniors Competition. This is a postal competition running between October and March, with Singles and Doubles events in various age categories. There were some high quality and close matches throughout the tournament, culminating in a Finals day held on Sunday 18 March at Bromley Tennis Centre. Many thanks to Keith Clark for organising the competition and the Finals.

Jason Baker	Men's Singles 45s
Peter Gillespie & Lawrence Lowe	Men's Doubles 45s
John Watton	Men's Singles 55s
Michael Bull & Keith Gill	Men's Doubles 55s
Chris Morgan	Men's Singles 60s
Robert Andrew & Robin Garratt	Men's Doubles 60s
Peter Pharo	Men's Singles 65s
David Willan & Peter Pharo	Men's Doubles 65s
Keith Clark	Men's Singles 70s
Victor Chance & Gordon Hayward	Men's Doubles 70s
Charlie Coish & Graham Russell	Men's Doubles 75s



The 89th Kent County Championships 2018

The 89th Kent County Championships took place between 26 August – 2 September 2018 at Bromley Tennis Centre in the last week of the school holidays. The Kent County Championships 2017 was voted Kent Tennis Competition of the Year and thank you to those who nominated the tournament. This year we welcomed Graham Silvester to the team, replacing Nicole Daisley as Tournament Director, and Janice White supported Graham from a Kent Tennis perspective whilst Harri Izzard was on maternity leave. Jason Baker returned for the third year as Tournament Referee.



The format remained the same in 2018 to ensure the County Championships were as inclusive as possible and provide a tennis festival feel. Entries fell by 4% in 2018 predominantly in the mini tennis and open age groups but there were some great increases in the 12U and 16U age groups. The weather challenged the team on two days, however play continued indoors and the tournament finished as planned. Thank you to all players for their patience throughout these challenging days. The team at Bromley Tennis Centre led by Sarah Langford and Sylwia Dahdi did a fantastic job ensuring the venue was ready for us to use all 14 courts, well into the evening. As in previous years, each player received a T-shirt and Championships Programme, only possible with the support of Kent LTA and its sponsors.

As always, the tournament saw a number of new entrants, who I hope had a great experience. The County Championships wouldn't be possible without the players and we are blessed in Kent to have such a nice bunch who are well behaved, polite and a pleasure to run this event for. Our congratulations go to all that have played in this year's event, whatever your achievements.

A week before the 2018 Championships came the news of Sadie Bristow's tragic passing. Sadie had played in the County Championships the previous 2 years. Sadie was the number 1 seed in the 9U County Championships for 2018. The tournament became a celebration of her life, a memory board was created with a number of players and their parents leaving messages or wearing ribbons in Sadie's memory. We were pleased that Stewart, Clare, Charlotte and April Bristow were able to join the rest of the Kent Tennis family on Finals day to celebrate her life and achievements in tennis as well as to receive her County Championship T-Shirt for 2018.

Vanessa Webb (Kent LTA President) and Sandi Procter (Kent LTA Councillor) were on hand to recognise the achievements of players across Kent, present the trophies and prizes to the Championships' winners on Finals Day as well as offering their thanks to the Tournament Team. Congratulations to William Everett and Sofia Johnson, our Junior Champions.

Finally, a massive thank you to everyone involved in organising and helping throughout the event. Thanks to Graham Silvester (Tournament Director), Jason Baker (Tournament Referee), Janice White and to the Court Supervisors, Control

Desk Officials, Umpires and volunteers without whom this event would not be possible. Thanks go to the sponsors of the event, Kent LTA, who provided the programmes, T Shirts and who maintain the trophies, to Tennisys, who provided the tournament balls, Bromley Tennis Centre for providing the venue. Without all these people an event like this wouldn't be possible!

Planning is already underway for the 2019 Championships and the Tournament Team welcome any feedback from players. The Tournament Team look forward to welcoming entries for next year's event - The 90th Championships between Sunday 25 August – Sunday 1 September 2019.



Winners Table

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
8 & Under Boys Singles	Drew BAKER	Huw MORGAN	10-5
8 & Under Girls Singles	Ruby MARRIAGE	Lisa BOLTON	10-4
9 & Under Boys Singles	Tommy CUOMO	Herbie SMITH	7-4 7-5
9 & Under Boys Singles – Consol	Michael SAMPSON	Che BELL	5-7 9-7 7-5
9 & Under Girls Singles	Nikita PHILLIPS	Charlotte SPRATLING	7-3 7-1
9 & Under Girls Singles – Consol	Rozellah NKEREUWEM	Bella THOMSON	5-7 8-6 7-2
10 & Under Boys Singles	Isaac FORD	Cassius HAYE	4-2 4-2
10 & Under Girls Singles	Nikita PHILLIPS	Eloise NEWBERY	1-4 4-2 [10-4]
12 & Under Boys Singles	Benjamin GUSIC-WAN	Michael NKEREUWEM	6-4 6-3
12 & Under Girls Singles	Lois NEWBERRY	Skye BENTUM-SIRIPI	6-4 6-3
14 & Under Boys Singles	Alexis CHASTANG	Tomas PASKAUSKAS	6-2 ret.
14 & Under Girls Singles	Anais FERNANDEZ-LAAKSONEN	Skye BENTUM-SIRIPI	6-2 3-6 6-2
14 & Under Boys Doubles	Alexis CHASTANG & Ulrich NIENABER	Oliver EVANS & Matthew PICKERING	3-6 6-4 [10-4]
14 & Under Girls Doubles	Helen COOMBER & Daniella SCOTLAND	Niamh EGAN & A. FERNANDEZ-LAAKSONEN	7-6(3) 6--4
14 & Under Mixed Doubles	Tommy HARRISON & Niamh EGAN	Timothy VIDING & Daisy CARPENTER	6-4 6-4
16 & Under Boys Singles	Tommy HARRISON	Isaac JOCHIM	6-4 6-1
16 & Under Girls Singles	Daisy CARPENTER	Alaia RUBIO PEREZ	6-0 7-5
18 & Under Boys Singles	William EVERETT	Oliver RICHARDS	6-4 6-2
18 & Under Girls Singles	Sofia JOHNSON	Sofia HANSEN	6-4 6-1
18 & Under Boys Doubles	Oscar BROWN & Oliver RICHARDS	Isaac JOCHIM & Kristofer JOHNSON	6-2 6-3
18 & Under Girls Doubles	Phoebe-M ECUYER-DALE & Amy FOTHERINGHAM	Sofia JOHNSON & Georgia LANCASTER	6-4 7-6(3)
18 & Under Mixed Doubles	Harvey CONWAY & Emma SAWKINGS	Oscar BROWN & Phoebe WATTON	6-3 6-4
Men's Open Singles	Alexander Sultan DE SOUSA	Michael OWEN	6-2 6-1
Women's Open Singles	Alaia RUBIO PEREZ	Sonya OLTEAN-DIC	6-3 3-6 7-6(4)
Men's Open Doubles	Joe EDWARDS & Alex JUNIPER	Harvey CONWAY & Will EVERETT	6-4 6-3
Women's Open Doubles	Alaia RUBIO PEREZ & Emma SAWKINGS	Gabby CHIDWICK & Phoebe WATTON	1-6 6-3 [10-7]
Mixed Open Doubles	William EVERETT & Alaia RUBIO PEREZ	Tim SCHOENERT & Sarah WRAY	6-4 7-5

Junior Colours

In 2018 Junior County Colours were awarded to Isaac Forde, Cassius Haye, Erik Ndreu, Abby Taylor, Sofia Johnson, Lucy Spice, Amy Fotheringham, Thomas Norwood, Oscar Brown, Hugo Coquelin, Jack Pinnington Jones.

County Teams - Men's and Ladies

Winter County Cup 2017

Men – Group 2A at Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham

Captain: A Burgoyne

Team: A Burgoyne, L Burton, H Conway, J Markiewicz, R Searle, S Searle, M Short, I Stoute, M Summers

Kent beat Lincolnshire 8-1, beat Warwickshire 6-3, lost to Yorkshire 2-5

Kent finished 2nd and remain in Group 2

Ladies - Group 1 at Bath University

Captain: H Richards

Team: F Abbott, J Darby, A Gillan, S Hill, N Miller, O Parson, H Richards, A Taylor, S Wray

Kent beat Warwickshire 6-3, beat Northumberland 7-2, beat Surrey 5-2

Kent finished 1st and are National Champions

Summer County Cup 2018

Men – Group 2 in Cromer

Captain: A Burgoyne, Vice-Captain: R Searle

Team: N Brookes, A Burgoyne, L Burton, J Davis, J Markiewicz, R Searle, M Short, S Thornley, M Summers

Kent beat Lincs 8-1, beat Yorkshire 7-2, lost to S Wales 4-5, beat Norfolk 9-0 and beat Surrey 5-2.

Kent finished 2nd and were promoted back to Group 1

After a painful relegation in 2017 the men of Kent were hungry for a return to the top flight, well prepared and ready to battle. Day one saw Kent off to a flyer giving away little and showing their intentions for the week. Day two and again the men of Kent were strong seeing off the old foe of Yorkshire putting Kent at the top of the group. Day three was a battle of the undefeated teams and was the toughest match of the week with our young guns of Matt Summers and James Davies losing three tight three-setters to finally lose 4-5, leaving no more room for error if we were to return to division one. The day before's wounds were licked and the Kent team roared to a 9-0 victory in the blistering heat of a sleepy Norfolk town and we were poised for a frantic final day. Kent had a nervy start against local rivals Surrey in the last match, but when push came to shove, Kent were too strong and at 5-2 the match was complete and Kent had sealed a return to Eastbourne. A great week for the team, we fought together and showed the spirit for which we are renowned nationwide and will return to Eastbourne with the flag of Kent flying high in 2019.

Ladies – Group 1 at Devonshire Park Lawn Tennis Club, Eastbourne

Captain: H Richards, Vice-Captain: J Darby

Team: T Aitken, N Cavaday K Green, A Gillan, S Hill, O Parson, A Taylor, S Thomas, Sarah Wray

Kent lost to Surrey 3-6, lost to Warwickshire 3-6, lost to Essex 1-8, beat Norfolk 7-2, lost to Herts 3-6.

Kent finished 5th and are relegated to Group 2.

Day 1: Kent vs Surrey. A slightly new feeling in the Kent ladies team heading to Eastbourne this year as defending champs! We welcomed 3 new players, Abby, Sasha and Tiegan. First up, Surrey, always a tough battle. A good start from some of the younger girls this year which was great to see. But having lost 3 three-setters we took a respectable 6-3 loss overall.

Day 2: Kent vs Warwickshire. A slight injury to Sasha, and having played a blinder the day before, we were up against it today as she had to rest. Warwickshire had a few good juniors and it felt like every match could go either way. A few trips back and forth to the physio, and 3-3 after lunch, it was very tight. But it wasn't to be, as we lost the last three rounds. 6-3 to Warwickshire.

Day 3: Kent vs Essex. Kate joined us, bringing a much-needed fresh pair of legs. An absolute scorcher of a day, and Essex with what seemed like the strongest team they had put out in years, gave Kent a battering... 8-1 Essex! A quick day, but after a fun dinner, and a great team spirit, I applaud all the girls on their attitude going into Thursday after a tough three days.

Day 4: Kent vs Norfolk. Usually we narrowly miss out on beating Norfolk, however there were rumours that they didn't have a full team and would have to forfeit some of the matches, shame for those guys, but this was just what we needed. With our best team back in action we took a 7-2 win and this lifted our spirits going into the final day.

Day 5: Kent vs Herts. Again, no rest or easy matches in group 1 County week, as showed on the final day. An energised Herts and an addition of a few very good players on their side proved a bit too much for the Kent Ladies this year. 6-3 Herts. Back to group 2 for us. However, the atmosphere and team spirit were incredible. The girls battled for every match regardless of the score, which a few other teams had commented on. So, although not the result we hoped for, a great team effort and hopefully back to Eastbourne in 2020!

County Teams – Men's & Ladies 35s

Men – Group 1

Devonshire Park Lawn Tennis Club, Eastbourne

Captain: O Freelove

Team: A Burgoyne, O Freelove, J May, P May

Kent beat North of Scotland 3-0, beat Dorset 2-1 (Kent v Yorkshire not played due to rain)

Kent finished 1st in Group 1 and are National Champions

Going into my first year in the Men's over 35's Group 1 as captain, I was cautiously confident and felt that the first day's result against North of Scotland (last year's champions) was key to a successful weekend. After some good quality tennis played throughout the day, we had won 3-0 and set the weekend up nicely. Paddy May gave us a great start at number 2 singles. A new young addition to the team who played well on his debut. After a slow start, myself and Andy Burgoyne won the doubles match and put the tie out of reach of North of Scotland. The icing on the cake was Jim May, our number 1, playing a great singles match to win in a tiebreak shootout. A remarkable feat considering he had spent most of the last year recovering from an operation on his hamstring and had barely played any tennis! The following day continued in the same vein. Paddy was on first and won a tight match in a tie break shootout. He seemed to play his better tennis when the bigger points came along. The doubles were a relatively straight forward affair with myself and Andy starting to relive past glories and play at a really decent level, a good step up from our performance the day before to clinch victory for the day, 2-0. Jim this time followed and unfortunately lost. He started in great form for most of the first set but lost his way as the match progressed, resulting in Kent beating Dorset 2-1 overall. Day 3 against Yorkshire was somewhat of an anticlimax. As the first singles match was coming towards the end of a tight first set, the heavens opened. Play was suspended for the rest of the day and Kent were crowned National Group 1 champions, as we were the only team to have won on the first two days! It was a satisfying victory, to go from the third group three years ago to National Champions. It was a great effort by all concerned. I look forward to defending the title next year!

Ladies – Group 3B

Devonshire Park Lawn Tennis Club, Eastbourne

Captain: K Hands-Digby

Team: A Cuomo, K Hands-Digby, C Jones, H Lindfield, N Solh, K Thomas

Kent lost to Cheshire 0-3, lost to Essex 0-3, lost to Lancashire 1-2,

Kent finished 4th and are relegated to Division 4

A different strategy was tried this year in aiming to have some younger players in our team. This was a challenging task as a lot of 35 year olds are otherwise engaged with their young families, but we did manage to fill our team with everyone being under 45. On the eve of the competition, our number 1 singles player injured her ankle and needed 6-8 weeks to recover! Thankfully we had some super subs in Nayla and Hazel who were happy to step in at the last minute to save our bacon and for which we are extremely grateful. Unfortunately for us, our group was of a very high standard this year and all of our opponents had young teams. On the first day we played Cheshire and lost 3-0. Not the start we had hoped for but with a team talk under our belts we headed into day two to play Essex, who had been relegated last year from division 2. Again we lost 3-0. The doubles was a close three- setter, but was lost on an extremely lucky shot from the opposing team, which Kate is still having nightmares about! Going into the final day we knew we had to win to stay in the division but sadly lost 2-1 to Lancashire and so we have been relegated to Group 4. With the return of the old format with five rubbers in each match next year we are hoping we can improve on 2018 and return back to Group 3. This will favour our strong doubles play.



County Teams – Senior Men

Stephen Woodley

More than 40 men represented the 45-75s county teams this summer (there was some doubling up across age-groups) and a high level of commitment was shown by very many of them. Two very vigorous new captains, Nigel Jordan (60s) and Chris Mackenzie (65s) showed the way, with intensive trials and practices pre-season, and their teams were rewarded with 3rd (but very nearly 2nd) and 2nd places respectively.

We could hardly have expected to end the season as we began, with all seven teams in Division 1, and next season two, possibly three teams, will be in Division 2. Most unlucky by far were Dominic Wood's 55s, who will return to the second tier for 2019 despite winning two matches 4-1. With rubbers tied, Devon totalled 30-27 sets, Kent 29-29. Dino Skeete's 50s are waiting for a new wave, but they battled well, and Dave McSorley did well to win two rubbers against Surrey. Like this past year, the 75s, able to field only one player under 80, may be saved by virtue of a half-size Division 2.

Besides the 60s, Gary Sims's 70s secured a commendable 3rd place, as did Jason Baker's 45s: in a tense run-in, the two rubbers doubles pair John Gotke and Nigel Cannon won against Staffs were crucial in keeping our youngest team in their top tier.

Seniors County Colours for 2018 are awarded to Peter Pharo.

Men 45 – Division 1B

Captain: J Baker

Team : J Baker (4), N Cannon (2), G Davey (2), J Gotke (4), M Hilliar (1), M Roi (2), C Smith (5)
Kent lost to Cambs 1-4, beat Durham & Cleveland 3-2, lost to Herts 2-3, beat Staffs 3-2, beat Suffolk 4-1
Kent finished 3rd and will remain in Division 1.

Men 50 – Division 1A

Captain: D Skeete

Team : M Beckley (1), P Elsdon (4), D McSorley (4), A Moll (1), D Skeete (3), M Smith (1), D Willis (2)
Kent lost to Bucks 0-5, lost to Surrey 2-3, lost to Leicestershire 2-3, lost to Hants 0-5. Had 1 walkover.
Kent finished 5th and will be relegated to Division 2.

Men 55 – Division 1A

Captain: D Wood

Team : D Bulgin (2), M Bull (3), C Coombes (2), J Cooper (1), K Gill (3), J Hobdell (2), M Smith (4), J Watton (5)
Kent beat Warwicks 4-1, lost to Devon 1-4, lost to Dorset 2-3, beat Middlesex 4-1, lost to Lancs 2-3
Kent finished 5th and will be relegated to Division 2.

Men 60 – Division 1A

Captain: N Jordan

Team : J Cooper (4), P Ford (2), L Griffith (1), N Jordan (4), I Milligan (2), C Morgan (4)
Kent lost to Surrey 0-5, beat Dorset 4-1, beat Middlesex 4-1, lost to Bucks 2-3. Had 1 walkover
Kent finished 3rd and will remain in Division 1.

Men 65 – Division 1A

Captain: C Mackenzie

Team : R Andrew (3), R Garratt (3), C Mackenzie (3), P Pharo (4), B Whitehead (3), A Wilmshurst (1)
Kent beat Oxon 3-2, beat Leicestershire 5-0, lost to Dorset 1-4, beat Sussex 4-1. Had 1 walkover.
Kent finished 2nd and will remain in Division 1.

Men 70 – Division 1A

Captain G Sims

Team : K Clark (5), R Murray (5), J Potter (4), A Richardson (5), G Sims (1), S Smith (4)
Kent beat Lancs 4-1, beat Essex 4-1, lost to Leicestershire 0-5, beat Surrey 4-1, lost to Yorkshire 0-5.
Kent finished 3rd and will remain in Division 1.

Men 75 – Division 1B

Captain: S Woodley

Team: D Clements (1), C Coish (3), B Jelley (4), R Milner (1), G Russell (5), D Taylor (5), S Woodley (4).
Kent lost 0-4 to Surrey, lost 0-4 to Notts and 0-4 to Hants, beat Norfolk 2-2, 5 sets-4, lost to Essex 1-3.
Kent finished 5th and may stay in Division 1 next year.

County Teams – Senior Ladies

Hazel Lindfield

I have very much enjoyed my first year as Ladies Seniors County Coordinator and would like to thank Cynthia Smith for her help in making my taking over a smooth transition. Although none of our teams made it to the inter-county finals, we had some that came very close indeed. There were four 2nd place finishes in the first division, Janet Broster's 70s, Jane Gentle's 50s and Hazel Lindfield's 55s were thwarted by a 10-point tie break and Cynthia Smith's 75s by just one game. With Myra Hunter's 65s being relegated, but Alison Meakin's 60s getting promoted from the 2nd Division by finishing 2nd, we will have six teams in Division 1 next year. Seniors County Colours for 2018 are awarded to Gillian Newsom, Rae Anderson and Yvonne Childs.

Ladies 40 – Division 1A

Captain: S Russell

Team: J Baker (2), A Cuomo (4), K Hands-Digby (3), L King (1), H Lindfield (1), G Newsom (3), S Russell (3)

Kent beat Gloucestershire 3-2, lost to Middlesex 0-5, lost to South Wales 0-5, lost to Hertfordshire 2-3.

Kent finished 4th and will remain in Division 1.

Ladies 50 – Division 1B

Captain: J.Gentle

Team: S Boffey (4), J Gentle (4), C Griffiths (1), S Holmes (4), R Payne (1) G Turner (3),

Kent lost to Yorkshire Kent beat Gloucestershire 5-0, beat Norfolk 3-2, beat Essex 5-0, lost to Avon 2-3. Durham & Cleveland withdrew.

Kent finished 2nd and will remain in Division 1.

Ladies 55 – Division 1B

Capitan: H Lindfield

Team: A Gibbs (1), H Lindfield (4), L McSorley (5), J Moore (4), T Pinnington (4), C Reid-Dick (1), J Salmon (1)

Kent beat Lancashire 4-1, beat Hereford & Worcestershire 5-0, beat Essex 4-1, beat Middlesex 4-1, lost to Derbyshire 2-3.

Kent finished 2nd and will remain in Division 1.

Ladies 60 – Division 2B

Captain: A Meakin

Team: R Anderson (3), S Badger (4), M Cannon (1), A Gibbs (5), M Hunter (1), N Smith (4), S Van-Doren (2)

Kent beat Hertfordshire 2-2 (by 1 set), beat Sussex 4-0, beat Leicestershire 3-1, lost to Lincolnshire 2-2 (by 5 games), lost to Devon 1- 3

Kent finished 2nd and will be promoted to Division 1.

Ladies 65– Division 1A

Captain: M Hunter

Team: M Cannon (3), Y Childs (5), M Hunter (5), K Mileham (5), F Shipton (4)

Kent beat Dorset 2-2 (by 1 set), lost to Surrey 0-4, lost to Yorkshire 1-3, lost to Devon 0-4, lost to Middlesex 0-4

Kent finished 5th and will be relegated to Division 2.

Ladies 70 – Division 1A

Captain: J Broster

Team: M Baker (5), J Broster (5), S Colvin (5), S Pout (2), L Priestley (1), C Troke (2)

Kent beat Shropshire 4-0, beat Cambridgeshire 4-0, beat Cheshire 3-1, beat Warwickshire 4-0, lost to Surrey 1-3.

Kent finished 2nd and will remain in Division 1.

Ladies 75 – Division 1A

Captain: C Smith

Team: M Ackers (3), H Jary (3), S Long (2), J Maitland (4), S Pout (4)

Kent beat Shropshire 4-0, beat Middlesex 3-1, beat Buckinghamshire 2-2 (by 1 set), beat Gloucestershire 4-0 w/o, lost to Hampshire & IOW 2-2 (by 1 game).

Kent finished 2nd and will remain in Division 1.

County Teams - Junior County Cup

Susan Finch

The Kent junior teams performed incredibly well this year with our Boys 10U and Girls 18U teams being crowned National Champions.

Age	Captain	Stage/Division	Result
Mixed 9U	Matt Healy	Regional	Runners Up
Boys 10U	Davor Baretic	Finals	National Winners
Girls 10U	Harry Bushnell	National Finals	4th
Boys 12U	Max Robinson	Qualifying	Runners Up
Girls 12U	Martin Whitehouse	Qualifying	Runners Up
Boys 14U	Craig Allen	Finals	National Runners Up
Girls 14U	Chantal Demichelli	Qualifying	Runners Up
Boys 18U	Alastair Filmer	Division 2	Runners Up
Girls 18U	Pippa Lane	Division 1	National Winners

Boys 18U – Division 2

Captain: Alistair Filmer

Team: Harvey Conway, Alex Jochim, Ben Robinson, Michael Owen, William Everett, Oliver Matthews, Oliver Richards, Thomas Norwood, Kristofer Johnson and Oscar Brown

Kent beat Cheshire 5-4, beat Essex 5-4, lost to Yorkshire 1-5

Kent finished 2nd and remain in Division 2.

Girls 18U – Division 1

Captain: Pippa Lane

Team: Nell Miller, Amy Fotheringham, Daphne Pratt, Tiegan Aitken, Phoebe Watton, Summer Reeves, Abby Taylor, Sasha Hill, Sofia Johnson and Lucy Spice

Kent beat Surrey 6-3, beat Middlesex 5-4, beat Hampshire & IOW 7-2

Kent finished top of their group and are National Champions.

Boys 14U – Stage 1

Captain: Craig Allen

Team: Hugo Coquelin, Oliver Evans, Tommy Harrison, Matthew Pickering, Joshua Ward, Vaughan Watson

Kent beat Essex 3-3 (winning the tie break shoot out), beat Northumberland 5-1, beat Cambridgeshire 6-0, lost to Devon 3-3 (losing the tie break shoot out)

Kent finished top of their group and progressed to stage 2.

Boys 14U – Stage 2

Kent beat Avon 4-2, lost to Cumbria 3-3 (losing the tie break shoot out), beat Yorkshire 4-2

Kent finished top of their group and played Hertfordshire in the final losing 4-1 and finishing as national runners up.

Girls 14U – Stage 1

Captain: Chantal Demichelli

Team: Skye Bentum-Siripi, Emily Bolton, Anais Fernandez-Laaksonen, Nina Sherwen, Emma Slack, Katie Swindell

Kent beat Buckinghamshire 5-1, beat Derbyshire 5-1.

Kent finished top of their round robin group but lost to group B winners Essex 0-6

Boys 12U – Stage 1

Captain: Max Robinson

Team: Ben Gusic-Wan, Ulrich Nienaber, Timothy Viding and Pranav Devaguptapu

Kent beat Gloucestershire 6-2, beat Wiltshire 6-2, beat Hampshire IOW 8-0, lost to Sussex 0-8

Kent finished as runners up in qualifying.

Girls 12U – Stage 1

Captain: Martin Whitehouse

Team: Skye Bentum-Siripi, Lauren Foster, Iris Nasir and Lois Newberry

Kent beat Gloucestershire 4-0, beat Hampshire IOW 4-0, beat Sussex 3-1, lost to Wiltshire 2-2 (losing a tie break shoot out)

Kent finished as runners up in qualifying.

Boys 10&U Stage 1

Captain: Davor Baretic

Team: Ben Gusic-Wan, Cassius Haye, Erik Ndreu and Isaac Forde

Kent beat Gloucestershire 8-0, beat Hants & IOW 8-0, beat Sussex 8-0, beat Wiltshire 8-0

Kent progressed to Stage 2.

Boys 10U - Stage 2 National Finals

Kent beat South Wales 8-0, beat Northamptonshire 8-0, beat Essex 8-0

Kent finished top of their group and played Yorkshire in the final winning 8-0. They are National Champions.

Girls 10U – Stage 1

Captain: Harry Bushnell

Team: Celia Foster, Eloise Newberry, Chloe Chea and Chloe Cleaver

Kent beat Gloucestershire 6-2, beat Hants & IOW 8-0, beat Sussex 4-4 (winning the tie break shoot out), beat Wiltshire 8-0.

Kent won their group and progressed to Stage 2.

Girls 10U - Stage 2

Kent beat South Wales 8-0, beat Lincolnshire 8-0, lost to Middlesex 6-2

Kent finished second in their group and played Surrey for 3rd/4th position losing 4-4 (losing the tie break shoot out). They finish 4th nationally.

Mixed 9U – Regional Event

Captain: Matthew Healy

Team: Tommy Cuomo, Nathaniel de Mariveles, Matthew McLain, Herbie Smith, Sadie Bristow, Genevieve Jeer, Rozellah Nkereuwem and Nikita Phillips

Kent beat Sussex 9-0, beat Surrey 8-1, lost to Middlesex 3-5.

Kent finished as runners-up.

The British Tennis County Cup Race

The County Cup Race is in its 4th year. It is intended to recognise a County's performance in all 7 of the County Cup events from 9U to men's and ladies, starting in March with 18U and ending with men's and ladies winter events in November. The County with the most points across all events is the winner. Base points are awarded for the group level and additional points for their group position. In 2017 Kent's final position was 2nd. At the time of printing in 2018 Kent is in a brilliant 3rd place with hopes that with good results from the men's and ladies Winter County Cup in late November could get us up to 2nd. Here is the table at the time of printing. To get an updated version in December go to the LTA website.

LTA County Cup Events 2018

Overall County Leaderboard (as of 29 July 2018)

	COUNTY	18 & Under		14 & Under				12 & Under				10 & Under				9 & Under	Summer				Winter				TOTAL POINTS		
		B		G		B		G		B		G		B		G		MIXED	M		W		M			W	
		BP	GP	BP	GP	QP	FP	QP	FP	QP	FP	QP	FP	QP	FP	QP	FP		BP	GP	BP	GP	BP	GP		BP	GP
1	Surrey	10	8	10	2	8	6	8	7	8	5	8	7	8	6	8	6	5	7	8	10	15					160
2	Middlesex	7	6	10	6	8	3	8	10	8	10	6	0	4	0	8	7	10	10	8	7	15					151
3	Kent	7	6	10	8	8	7	7	0	7	0	7	0	8	10	8	5	6	7	12	10	6					139
4	Hertfordshire	10	6	7	8	8	10	7	0	7	0	7	0	6	0	7	0	10	10	10	10	10					133
5=	Essex	7	5	6	8	6	0	8	4	7	0	8	4	8	4	7	0	5	10	12	10	12					131
5=	Yorkshire	7	8	7	8	8	2	8	6	4	0	8	2	8	7	6	0	10	7	6	7	12					131
7	Avon	4	2	7	4	8	5	8	5	7	4	7	0	5	0	8	10	10	2	8	5	15					124
8	South Wales	6	8	5	4	7	0	6	0	6	0	7	0	8	5	8	3	6	7	15	5	10					116
9	Leicestershire	6	4	5	6	7	0	8	1	6	0	8	10	7	0	6	0	10	5	8	6	12					115
10	Lancashire	7	8	6	4	7	0	8	3	8	2	8	5	7	0	7	0	6	5	6	7	8					112
11	Cheshire	7	2	7	6	8	1	6	0	5	0	4	0	7	0	8	2	10	6	12	6	10					107
12	Dorset	7	2	6	8	7	0	7	0	6	0	8	1	6	0	7	0	10	4	15	2	10					106
13	Warwickshire	7	6	7	4	7	0	7	0	5	0	6	0	5	0	6	0	10	4	10	10	8					102
14	Hampshire & IOW	6	6	10	4	7	0	8	2	5	0	5	0	5	0	4	0	5	6	6	6	15					100
15	Sussex	6	8	7	6	7	0	4	0	8	7	6	0	4	0	7	0	4	2	10	7	4					97
16	Durham & Cleveland	4	8	4	8	5	0	5	0	6	0	7	0	4	0	4	0	6	3	15	5	12					96

Schools Report

Siobhan Butler - Primary

The Primary Schools tournaments for 2018 were successfully run at the Bromley Tennis Centre, Canterbury Polo Farm and Bromley High School. Thanks go to the staff at all venues who made both officials and players very welcome.

Winners of the team events held before half term were as follows:

	Mini Red Boys	Mini Orange Boys	Mini Green Boys
Winner	New Beacon 1	St Michael's, Otford	St Stephen's
Runner Up	Sevenoaks County Primary	St James the Great, PW	Russell House 1
	Mini Red Girls	Mini Orange Girls	Mini Green Girls
Winner	Granville	Amherst	Bromley High 1
Runner Up	Amherst	Bromley High	Granville 1

Towards the latter part of the summer term, the finals of the Annual Championships were held at the Bromley Tennis Centre. The results of these events were as set out below:

	Mini Red Boys	Mini Orange Boys	Mini Green Boys	Tennis Boys
Winner	Sevenoaks CP 1	St Michael's, Otford	Russell House 1	Lady Boswell 1
Runner Up	New Beacon 1	New Beacon	St Stephen's	Eltham College 2
	Mini Red Girls	Mini Orange Girls	Mini Green Girls	Tennis Girls
Winner	Granville 2	Wingham	Amherst 1	Bromley High 1
Runner Up	Walthamstow Hall	Wickhambreaux 1	Bromley High 1	Lady Joanna Thornhill

There were new schools in each of the events this year, and in total over 400 primary school children represented their schools this year. A huge thanks to the kind volunteers who helped with the running of these events, it was very much appreciated.



Schools Report

Siobhan Butler - Secondary

Overall 60 schools across Kent took part in the Kent secondary schools competitions with over 1000 players. The doubles festival on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 April was a huge success with 104 pairs taking part. The event was changed in 2017 to 2 days because of the huge numbers. A big thank you to all those teachers who helped run the competitions to make them a success. We had 64 girls teams of 2 which entered in 2018, a record number!

The knockout competition took place over the summer months, with 64 teams taking part. This led to a great competition and a fantastic finals day held at Tunbridge Wells LTC on Friday 29 June. Thanks go to Pat Braam for running this event so efficiently again.

The LTA Year 8 & 10 Team Tennis Schools competition took place over the summer months and saw 140 teams entered with over 500 players. The Division 2 finals took place at Canterbury Polo Farm in conjunction with the Kent School Games Finals on the 26 and 27 June in glorious sunshine.

Winners of the Kent Schools Doubles Festival

Judd A	Yr. 7 & 8 Boys
Bromley High A	Yr. 7 & 8 Girls
Sevenoaks A	Yr. 9 & 10 Boys
Walthamstow Hall	Yr. 9 & 10 Girls

Winners of the Kent Schools Knockout Competition

Sevenoaks	Yr. 8 & below Boys
Benenden A	Yr. 8 & below Girls
Sevenoaks	Yr. 9 & below Boys
Benenden A	Yr. 9 & below Girls
Sevenoaks	Yr. 10 to 13 Boys
Walthamstow Hall	Yr. 10 to 13 Girls

Winners of the Year 8 and Year 10 Team Tennis Div 1

Sevenoaks School	Yr. 8 & below Boys
Benenden A	Yr. 8 & below Girls
Ravens Wood	Yr. 10 & below Boys
Walthamstow Hall A	Yr. 10 & below Girls

Winners of the Year 8 & Year 10 Team Tennis Div 2

Wellesley House	Yr. 8 & below Boys
Tonbridge Grammar School	Yr. 8 & below Girls
Simon Langton Boys	Yr. 10 & below Boys
Tunbridge Wells Girls GS A	Yr. 10 & below Girls



Team Tennis

Siobhan Butler

Sevenoaks LTC 1 Ladies
A1 Pharmaceuticals Men's
Bromley LTC 1 Men's

Played Regional 7th Relegated
Played Regional 8th Relegated
Played Regional 7th Relegated

Team Tennis County Tier - Adults

Division 1

Division 2

Division 3 Central/East

Division 3 North/SE London

Division 4 East/West

Division 4 North

Division 5

Men's Winners

Parklangley Club

Tunbridge Wells

Avenue Tennis

Sundridge Park

Deal

Bromley Wendover

Gravesham

Ladies Winners

Freedom Leisure

Bexley LTS&RC

Team Tennis County Tier Juniors

8U Mixed

A Bromley Tennis Centre
B West Heath
C Deal ITC
D Shooters Hill
E SE Tennis
F Kings Hill Community Tennis
G Brenchley & Matfield
Girls West Heath

12U Division 2

2A Broadstairs & St Peters
2B Sevenoaks Tennis Centre
2C No Winner
2D Meopham
2E No Winner
2F Shooters Hill
Girls 2A Tunbridge Wells LTC
Girls 2B Chipstead Place
Girls 2C Wye

9U Mixed

1A West Heath
1B West Heath
2A Bromley Tennis Centre
2B Sundridge Park
2C Brenchley & Matfield
2D Oakwood LTC
2E David Lloyd, Dartford
2F Kings Hill Community Tennis

14U Division 1

A Parklangley
B Oakwood
Girls Parklangley

10U Mixed

1A Parklangley
1B Parklangley
2A Deal
2B David Lloyd, Kings Hill
2C Avenue Tennis
2D Bromley LTC
2E Ladywell Fields

14U Boys Division 2

2A Shooters Hill
2B Broadstairs & St Peters
2C Horsmonden
2D Brenchley & Matfield
2E Chipstead Place
2F Oakwood

12U Division 1

A Parklangley
B Wye

14U Girls Division 2

2A Meopham
2B Bexley LTS&RC

16U Boys Division 1

1 Gravesham

16U/18U Boys Division 2

2A	Meopham
2B	Canterbury
2C	Meopham
2D	Bexley LTS&RC
2E	Shooters Hill
2F	Sissinghurst TC

16&U/18U Girls Division 2

2A	Meopham
2B	Tunbridge Wells
2C	Tunbridge Wells
2D	Bexley LTS&RC
2E	Wye



Kent Junior Winter League Finals – 25 March 2018

The Kent County Junior Winter league Finals were held at Frindsbury LTC on the 25 March 2018. The league organised by Harri Izzard and supported by Jim Barton had 208 teams entered from throughout Kent and played through the winter season across venues.

The players and coaches enjoyed the 'Player Plus' format adopting the Davies Cup style of coaches on court with other Kent youngsters officiating and running the event. Deputy President of the Kent LTA, John Watton attended the Finals and presented the trophies.

	Winner
12U Girls	Sevenoaks A
14U Girls	Sevenoaks A
16U Girls	Wye
10U Boys	BTC
12U Boys	Sevenoaks A
14U Boys	Sevenoaks B
16U Boys	Sevenoaks A
18U Boys	Maidstone A

	Runner-up
	Wye A
	Canterbury
	Meopham
	Sevenoaks B
	Canterbury A
	Canterbury A
	Meopham
	Maidstone B

Kent TENNISYS Inter-Club Leagues

Keeley Wicks/ Anne Gibbs

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Entries into the Kent TENNISYS Inter-Club Competitions remain fairly consistent. Bromley Wendover did the double for the 2nd year running winning both the men's summer and winter first division titles. Sundridge Park did a similar double winning both mixed titles. Tunbridge Wells won the ladies division 1 in the winter and Freedom Leisure claimed their 1st ever ladies division 1 title in the summer.

The most successful club in 2018 was Canterbury who won a fantastic 9 trophies! Many congratulations to them. The next best were Tunbridge Wells with 7 and Bromley Wendover with 6. Congratulations to Avenue, Kent and South East Club of the year, on winning 3 trophies. It is also great to see a number of the smaller clubs succeeding and winning trophies. We welcome new clubs to our leagues and encourage you all to spread the word!

MEN'S

Winter 2017/18

Bromley Wendover 1
Beckenham 1
Freedom Leisure 1
Herne Bay 1
Bromley Wendover 3
Avenue 1
David Lloyd, Dartford 1
David Lloyd, Beckenham 3
Horsmonden
Gravesham 4

Division

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10

Summer 2018

Bromley Wendover 1
Blackheath 2
Bromley LTC 2
Canterbury 4
Tunbridge Wells 3
Gravesham 2
Broadstairs 2
Bexley 3
Shooters Hill 3
Trottscliffe 2

LADIES

Winter 2017/18

Tunbridge Wells 1
Freedom Leisure 1
David Lloyd Kings Hill 1
Gravesham 1
Knoll (Orpington) 1
Canterbury 3
Margate
Sevenoaks 5
Avenue

Division

1
2
3
4
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6
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8
9

Summer 2018

Freedom Leisure 1
Bromley LTC 1/Herne Bay 1
Tunbridge Wells 4
Broadstairs
Brenchley & Matfield 1
Trottscliffe 2
Sevenoaks 5

MIXED

Winter 2017/18

Sundridge Park
Tunbridge Wells 2
David Lloyd Beckenham 1
Herne Bay 2
Gravesham 1
Tunbridge Wells 6
Shooters Hill
Avenue

Division

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

Summer 2018

Sundridge Park
Bromley Wendover 1
Canterbury 3
Bromley LTC 3
Canterbury 4
Bromley Wendover 2
Kings Hill Community Tennis

Kent TENNiSYS Inter-Club Leagues - Continued

MEN'S VETERANS

Winter 2017/18	Division	Summer 2018 - No Events
Bromley Wendover 1	1	
Margate	2	
Meopham	3	
Tunbridge Wells 2	4	

LADIES VETERANS

Winter 2017/18	Division	Summer 2018 - No Events
Bromley LTC 1	1	
Bexley	2	
Canterbury 2	3	

MEN'S OVER 60 MID-WEEK

Winter 2017/18	Division	Summer 2018 - No Events
Canterbury 1	1	
Horsmonden	2	
Herne Bay	3	
Trottscliffe	4	

LADIES OVER 60 MID-WEEK

Winter 2017/18	Division	Summer 2018 - No Events
Bearsted & Thurnham 1	1	

MEN'S OVER 70 MID-WEEK

Winter 2017/18	Division	Summer 2018 - No Events
The Parklangley Club	1	

LADIES SUMMER MID-WEEK

Division	Summer 2018
1	Tunbridge Wells 1
2	Canterbury 1
3	Canterbury 2
4	Herne Bay 3

MEN'S VETS SUMMER MID-WEEK

Division	Summer 2018
1	Canterbury 1
2	David Lloyd Kings Hill 1
3	Bearsted & Thurnham 2
4	Horsmonden

MIXED VETS SUMMER MID-WEEK

Division	Summer 2018
1	Herne Bay

District Inter Club Leagues

Ashford & District

Lina Hopkins

Summer

Wye
Hythe B
Hythe A
Hythe C
Wye A
Headcorn B

Division

Men's Division I
Men's Division II
Mixed Division I
Mixed Division II
Ladies Division I
Ladies Division II

Winter

Hythe A
Hythe B
Hythe A
Wye B
Hythe A
Hythe B

Entries for the league has remained steady although fulfilling fixtures has become patchy as clubs struggle to get teams out for weekend matches. A new competition format for the league is currently being explored.

East Kent

Vanessa Webb

2018 has been another good year competition wise in East Kent. The winners of the East Kent and Deal Leagues in 2018 were as follows:

East Kent Summer League

Herne Bay 1
Whitstable 1
Bearstead 1
Herne Bay 1

Division

Men's Division 1
Men's Division 2
Ladies Division 1
Ladies Division 2

Deal Indoor Winter league

Herne Bay 1
Hythe 1
Hythe 1
N/A

The Annual East Kent Men's and Ladies Doubles Championships were held at the Deal Indoor Tennis Centre on 22 September. It was another successful event with top players from the East Kent Clubs competing against each other with high quality tennis on display. The Men's trophy remains at the Deal Indoor Tennis Centre for the seventh year running as brothers Toby and Tom Churchill took the title. The Ladies trophy remains at Hythe as the defending champions Jo Moore and Nicola Hill retained the title.

Maidstone and District

Charlotte Knight

The Maidstone and District Tennis League had another successful season over the summer with 14 clubs entering 63 teams across men's, ladies and mixed doubles. The winter season has just started and has been similarly well supported.

This year's Maidstone Open, which despite its name, is a county wide tournament played during the winter has received a record number of entries, just beating last year's record! The finals will be played on 10 March 2019 at Freedom Leisure in Maidstone.

Freedom Leisure in Maidstone have had their courts resurfaced and are now the only indoor clay court club in Kent.

North Kent

Matthew Perfect

The North Kent LTA has 34 clubs affiliated to it, entering 204 summer teams across 36 divisions and 154 winter team entries across 17 divisions; still the largest district league in the country.

Sad losses: The NKLTA lost two of its Vice-Presidents this year:

Ann Gloster, who had been the Association's longest serving Publicity Officer across a 22 year period, supporting Eric Milton in his long tenure as Secretary, and then was a Vice-President for 35 years, passed away in June. Ann was a long time member and player at Shooters Hill. Ann's husband Malcolm remains a Vice-President of the Association.

Gwen Smith, who was Secretary for 4 years, also Cup Competitions Secretary and a Councillor for 5 years, before being a Vice-President 12 years ago, passed away in October. Gwen played for Bexley, Wellcome and Hartley CC, and her late husband Roger was a Kent County LTA Councillor.

Both Ann and Gwen will be sadly missed by their many friends across the North Kent tennis community.

2018 Season:

A successful Cup Finals Day was staged at the Sundridge Park Club with 9 events. Winning clubs were:

Men's Singles:	Sundridge Park
Ladies Singles:	Sundridge Park
Boys 14U Singles:	Bexley
Girls 14U Singles:	Shooters Hill
Men's Doubles:	Bromley Wendover
Ladies Doubles:	Bromley Wendover
Mixed Doubles:	Gravesham

Vets Men's Doubles:	Bromley Wendover
Vets Ladies Doubles:	Shooters Hill

NKLTA Winter 2017/18	Division 1	NKLTA Summer 2018
Bexley	Men's	Bexley
Sundridge Park	Ladies	Sundridge Park
Bromley Wendover	Mixed	Bromley Wendover
Herne Bay 2	Vets Men's	Bromley Wendover
Gravesham 1	Vets Ladies	Bexley

Full details of winners in each division are held by North Kent LTA.

The Association's Annual Presentation Evening was another sell out in October, and is the highlight of the Association's year, with 16 clubs collecting the 63 trophies presented.

We Remember...

Elke Gardner

Elke Gardner passed away on Friday 24 August.

Elke sat on the East Kent LTA committee for well over 25 years and was East Kent Representative on the Kent LTA Council from 1999-2002. She had played county tennis for many years representing Kent from 40s to more recently the 70s. She was very loyal to East Kent and always ensured there were lots of entries from Canterbury in the East Kent Leagues and in the East Kent Championships. Elke still played in the Leagues and was a runner-up in both the 2016 and 2017 East Kent Championships. Before moving to England, Elke represented Germany in tennis.



Sadie Bristow

Nine year old Kent Tennis player Sadie Bristow suffered a sudden and unexplained anaphylactic shock and died in August 2018. Sadie was the daughter of Stewart and Clare Bristow and sister of Charlotte and April. She played at the Bridge Tennis Club in Canterbury, was coached by her father and trained on the performance training programme at Polo Farm Canterbury.

Sadie had been playing tennis since she was just three years old and it was soon clear that she would be a fantastic athlete. Tennis became a huge passion for her and by the age of nine, she had achieved considerable sporting excellence. She was the no 1 ranked tennis player in GB in the 9U age group, having won over 40 tournaments around the UK in the last year. She represented Kent in the 9U mixed team which played in the LTA South East County Cup event in August and finished 2nd.

Sadie had food allergies from birth and was diagnosed with anaphylaxis when she was 5 years old. The anaphylactic shock that Sadie suffered the day after the County Cup event in August was so severe that Sadie was unresponsive to treatment and passed away the following day.

The family are setting up a foundation as a legacy for Sadie. It will be a registered charity which will raise funds to support tennis in the community by creating a network of schools in Kent and encouraging children to get involved in tennis whilst developing athletic competence. The intention is to increase participation in tennis from entry level to competition and performance as well as giving children a sense of achievement and well-being. The foundation will work with local schools, clubs and centres to enhance the children's learning, providing a weekly structure for activity, purchase equipment and resources and with even the possibility of a mini bus for transporting children from school to centres, competitions and events. Additionally, 10% of the funds raised will be donated to The Anaphylaxis Campaign for research into preventing allergies from developing into anaphylactic conditions.



Members of the Kent Tennis Board and Council will be supporting the Bristow family and friends in raising awareness of fund raising and the activity of the new Sadie Bristow Foundation.



Financial Summary

Nigel Jordan

It has been another very good year for the Association, very similar to the previous year in most respects. Our finances remain very sound. The financial outcome for the 2017-18 year is a surplus of around £14,500.

Our total receipts have increased – largely due to County Training for youngsters, although the cost of providing that exceeds the income when all the related administration is taken into account on top of court hire and coaching fees. That was an enormous task for our staff this year. The amount received from registration fees was broadly steady but there was a small decrease in the receipts from the Supporters Club. If you know anyone who'd like to join please help to sign them up.

Income from sponsors was slightly more than last year. The Wimbledon ticket monies were all collected before the year-end. Repayments from clubs who have a small loan from Kent Tennis are fully up-to-date. Another new loan was made during the year.

Income from competitions is marginally higher this year whilst the related expenditure appears slightly lower. But some costs are actually be reflected in staff salaries and administration costs as Kent Tennis staff do lots of the work behind the scenes.

Our expenditure on inter-county competitions was slightly reduced as fewer teams reached national finals. Collectively, we remain very efficient and continue to bear down on our costs. However there were unavoidable additional expenses, such as the County's contribution to workplace pensions and cover for the maternity leave of a key employee.

Turning now to future plans, our number 1 priority is to protect and preserve our interest in Bromley Tennis Centre. That is challenging but we need to secure this key asset of the County Association. Over the course of the next year the Board also plans to review how the County has been spending its income and delve into the question of whether we are doing sufficient to support our other key aims and strategic priorities. And through the tireless efforts of our staff we will continue to support clubs and venues in running the sport across the County. In particular we will assist clubs through the new registration process with its emphasis on safeguarding, as well as continuing to underpin many of the competitions that players of all ages enjoy right across the county. We will continue to work on our website and communication tools as well.

It has been a very busy year and the next few months will provide further challenges. I should like to thank Siobhan, who has provided maternity cover for Harri this year, as well as Clare and Janice for their help and support. I am equally grateful to our bookkeeper – Martin Leonard of Hayfield Bookkeeping. Thank you all.

NIGEL JORDAN

Treasurer



Registration and County Fees

Kent Tennis has listened to representations about the way the County fees have been determined in recent years and have implemented some reductions in order to make them fairer, especially for smaller clubs.

The concessions are:

- a. For clubs and venues registering for the first time there will be no County fee in the first year;
- b. Very small clubs – those with fewer than 30 members or regular players - will pay £50 regardless of the number of courts;
- c. Clubs with just one hard court will pay only £50;
- d. Clubs with ONLY grass courts will pay a flat rate fee of £50 in total.

All other clubs and venues will be expected to pay the County fee based on the number of courts. We would like all clubs and venues that register with the LTA to additionally register with Kent Tennis.

The Kent Tennis County fee helps to fund all the support and organisation that underpins tennis in the county (benefits listed on page 35). Whether or not your club or organisation has paid the County fee and registered with Kent Tennis in the past, we would certainly urge you to do so now. Whilst you may not utilise or enjoy all, or any, of the benefits, I hope you can see that it is difficult - and unfair - to differentiate between clubs that pay and clubs that don't. Clubs failing to pay their County fees will no longer be regarded as members of Kent Tennis and will be unable to benefit from any of the items listed on page 35, and will no longer be able to enter competitions run by Kent Tennis.

Account Summary 2018

KENT COUNTY LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 September 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
INCOME			
Registration Fees	2	95,660	92,409
Other external grants	3	3,600	3,000
Other income	4	1,958	846
Competitions	5	21,418	18,481
Commercial income	6	51,463	40,826
Interest (gross)		2,960	7,306
		<u>177,059</u>	<u>162,868</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Affiliation fees		50	250
Player Programmes	7	23,073	17,401
Inter County Competitions	8	57,393	61,774
Competitions	9	19,400	21,466
Business Operations	10	60,282	40,711
Communications and Marketing	11	1,334	1,598
Depreciation		468	-
		<u>162,000</u>	<u>143,200</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		15,059	19,668
LESS: Corporation Tax	12	563	1,424
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR AFTER TAX		<u>14,496</u>	<u>18,244</u>

KENT COUNTY LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

As at 30 September 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
FIXED ASSET			
Long term use of Bromley Tennis Centre	1	170,000	170,000
Computer Equipment	1	1,404	-
		<u>171,404</u>	<u>170,000</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors & Prepayments	13	31,509	32,324
Bank Balances & Cash		510,319	491,801
		<u>541,828</u>	<u>524,125</u>
CREDITORS : Amounts Falling Due Within One Year			
Loan		210,000	210,000
Trade Creditors		-	-
Accruals & Deferred Income	14	83,080	78,469
		<u>293,080</u>	<u>288,469</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		248,748	235,656
NET ASSETS		<u>420,152</u>	<u>405,656</u>
Financed By			
GENERAL RESERVE			
Balance at Beginning of Year		405,656	387,412
Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year		14,496	18,244
Revaluation Reserve of long term lease	1	-	-
		<u>420,152</u>	<u>405,656</u>

Subscriptions & Fees

The process by which clubs register with the LTA and with Kent Tennis for 2018-2019 started on 1 October 2018. The deadline for payment is 30 November. Kent Tennis issued an invoice to each club in late September or early October – so everyone is able to pay their LTA Registration fee and the County fee together – preferably using an online transfer facility.

The fees payable on registration for the 2018-19 year are now as follows:

	KENT TENNIS	LTA
1st Time Registration	£0	£100 for 1 Court
Less Than 30 Members	£50	£200 for 2+ Courts
Nomadic*	£100	
Grass Court Only	£50	£200
Total Fee for Grass Courts in Addition to Hard Court Fees	£50	
Cost per Grass Court		£55
1 Hard Court	£50	£110
2 Hard Courts	£100	£220
3 Hard Courts	£200	£330
4 Hard Courts	£200	£440
5 Hard Courts	£250	£550
6 Hard Courts	£250	£660
7 Hard Courts	£250	£770
8 Hard Courts	£250	£880
9 Hard Courts	£350	£990
10 Hard Courts	£350	£1110
11 Hard Courts	£350	£1210
12 Hard Courts	£350	£1320

Nomadic definition: A venue does not have permanent access to courts through ownership (freehold or leasehold) and/or on an exclusive basis for a more than 15 hours per week for 40 weeks of the year.*

Benefits of Kent Tennis Membership (County Fees):

- a. Interest free loans – up to £10,000 from County funds;
- b. Additional tickets for Wimbledon from the County allocation;
- c. Annual Awards and recognition for clubs, players and volunteers;
- d. Annual dinner for the presentation of awards;
- e. An invitation to the AGM;
- f. The services of a club representative, who can keep you updated and put forward your thoughts to the Kent Tennis Council;
- g. The KLT magazine – printed twice each year with free copies to every club in Kent. Also every club has an opportunity to submit articles;
- h. Paid support staff for volunteers - we have 3 part-time staff who provide their services to everyone within Kent Tennis, one way or another. Despite the many hours put in by volunteers there is still too much to do these ladies are much needed;
- i. County Championships T-shirts, programme and trophies. These are paid for by extra Kent funds to enhance the championships experience;
- j. Special events.

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