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Welcome from the President

Vanessa Webb

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2019 Annual Review of the Kent County Lawn Tennis Association, in another successful year for Kent Tennis. In this year's review we highlight the work that Kent Tennis volunteers and staff undertake behind the scenes, whilst also showcasing our results and awards.

We had two National Award winners: Luke House, LTA Coach of the Year and Emma Raducanu, LTA Girls player of the year. Furthermore, five of our 2018 Kent Annual Award winners went on to become Regional Award winners! I was so very proud to represent Kent Tennis at the Nature Valley International Championships in Eastbourne when our Award winners were announced, and brought on the court before the crowd.

A month later I was back at Eastbourne supporting our Kent Men's County Cup team become National Champions for the 8th time, and then again in August, to see our Men's Over 35s retain their National title. We have had three juniors competing at Wimbledon, many more juniors and seniors representing Great Britain - and we have an over 85 world champion!

As President, it has been a pleasure to be present at various events around the County and beyond, from Fed Cup to Schools Tennis. I have witnessed the hard work of volunteers, coaches, team captains, competition organisers and club people, all of them passionate to keep Kent at the top of British Tennis and promoting tennis openly to all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Thank you all for your amazing contribution!

Finally, as this is my last year as President, I would like to thank Kent Tennis for giving me this opportunity. It has been a great experience, and I take away many cherished memories. I have been deeply honoured and proud to be President of the Kent County Lawn Tennis Association. I would like to give a very warm welcome to our new President, John Watton and I wish him every success, hoping he gets as much enjoyment from this role as I have.



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Front cover picture: Ladies 75s team who qualified for November's National Final (Susan Long, Judy Maitland, Janet Broster, Sarah Pout and Helen Jary)

Kent Tennis Playing Highlights 2019

▶ Emma Raducanu, Anton Matusevich, Jack Pinnington Jones played in the junior singles at Wimbledon. Emma reached the final of an ITF 15k Tour event in Tel Aviv. Anton reached the quarter-finals of the Boys Singles at Wimbledon, and won the ITF 15k tour event at Madrid. Jack Pinnington Jones had an ITF Junior World Ranking of 116 in August, reached the final of an ITF Junior Grade 1 tournament at Nottingham.

▶ Jack Pinnington Jones (16U), Hugo Coquelin (14U), Ben Gusic-Wan (12U), Sasha Hill (18U), Sofia Johnson (16U) and Lois Newberry (12U and 13U) represented Great Britain Juniors.

▶ Jasper Cooper (65s) and Hazel Lindfield (60s) represented Great Britain in the Seniors World Team Championships.

▶ Anne Williams is World 85s Ladies Doubles Champion & 85s Mixed Doubles Runner-Up.

▶ Ben Gusic-Wan won the European Super Auray 12U Boys Singles and Doubles, and is National 12U Boys Singles Champion beating Kent compatriot, Pranav Devaguptapu in the final. Ben and Pranav are the National 12U Boys Doubles Champions.

▶ 12 National Seniors titles were won by Kent players this year; Jasper Cooper (2 titles), Bob Milner (2), Peter Pharo (1), Niall Sweeney (1), Marcia Ackers (2), Hazel Lindfield (3), Anne Williams (1).

▶ Kent Men were crowned Summer National Champions for the 8th time.

▶ Kent Ladies are the Winter National Champions for the 3rd year running.

▶ Kent Men's 35s retained their National title.

▶ Kent Boys 10U are National Runner-Up, Kent Girls 10U finished 3rd and Kent Boys 12U finished 4th in the National County Cup. Mixed 9U are South East Regional Champions.

▶ 4 Seniors teams are playing in National Finals in November; Men's 65s & 70s, Ladies 50s & 75s.



The results section covers Kent's winners as well as championship successes.



Thank you!

Bromley Tennis Centre, Canterbury Indoor Tennis Centre, Deal Indoor Tennis Centre, Sennocke Centre – for court hire discounts for County matches, practices and training.

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.

Trevor May Contractors, Tennisys, KEM, Colchester Global Investors, East West Connect – for their sponsorship of Kent Tennis

Jason Baker, Jim Barton, Siobhan Butler, Steve D'Almeida, John Darby, Tom Defrates, Mary Evans, Susan Finch, Carol Harrison, Luke House, Harri Izzard, Nigel Jordan, Charlotte Knight, Rosemary Lee, Clare Lilley, Hazel Lindfield, Phil Lynch, Susan Peters-Berg, Sandi Procter, John Ratcliffe, Clive Richardson, Malcolm Smith, Geoffrey Stephenson, Graham Sutherland, Graham Silvester, Vanessa Webb, Janice White, Keeley Wicks, and Stephen Woodley – for their contributions in compiling, writing, editing and proof-reading this Annual Review

Special Thank You to...

Rob Searle who stepped down from the Board mid-year as he headed off for Australia. Rob undertook the performance role on the Board and has made a great contribution over his time with us. Our thanks go to Rob and we hope that when he does come back to the UK, we can persuade him to get back involved.

Clare Lilley who has, most unfortunately (for us), decided to return to full time work, and so will be stepping down from her role in the Kent Tennis Office at the end of this year. Clare has made an enormous contribution over the past 7 years with us and will be difficult to replace. She has become one of the 'faces of Kent Tennis' and we will now be looking hard at how we make the transition to a new person in that role as we move into 2020.

All the many volunteers, coaches, team captains, competition organisers, players, referees, umpires, court supervisors and club people across the county – for all the hard work and overall amazing contribution in promoting tennis openly to all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

OPERATIONS Kent Tennis Strategy

Malcolm Smith, Chairman, Board of Management



At the heart of everything we do in Kent Tennis are the Kent clubs, and engaging with them is fundamental to the Kent Tennis strategy. We had almost 60 clubs involved in the Big Tennis Weekend, over 30 clubs hosting Tennis For Kids days, and over 20 clubs successfully undergoing an LTA safeguarding audit. This takes an enormous amount of work to co-ordinate and we are grateful to John Ratcliffe and Janice White for their tireless efforts.

Another vital area this year, in support of our clubs, was establishing a communications working group, led by Clare Lilley. We issued our first In Touch newsletter to 977 readers, developed branding in line with the LTAs new guidelines, redesigned our website ready for relaunch and established a regular presence in the local press and on social media.

We have continued the development and roll-out of our county training programme, under the guidance of two highly experienced performance coaches, Harry Bushnell and Rob Smith. We now have 150 junior players

across the county taking part in the training, and we look forward to seeing their progress as many of them go on to represent the county in events next year and beyond.

Of great importance this year has been seeking a resolution to the on-going management and operation of the Bromley Tennis Centre. We have secured the on-going appointment of Virtus, the existing operator, and are now aiming to ensure that its role as our county centre is preserved with Kent Tennis' interests incorporated.

Finally, our congratulations go to Kent's current LTA Councillor, Sandi Procter, who will be stepping up in 2020 to become the LTA's Deputy President. This is an honour for Sandi, in recognition of her hard work, and for Kent as it continues to show we are retaining our leadership position and pre-eminence across British Tennis.

As we look forward to 2020, our foundations are very strong and I look forward to maintaining Kent at the forefront of county tennis in all that we do.

Kent Tennis Council

Jason Baker, Honorary Secretary



The 2018 AGM was well attended by over 80 people, an increase of 10 attendees on 2017, many of whom give so much of their valuable time to ensure tennis in the County goes from strength to strength. It was great to recognise the significant contribution of two of our long serving volunteers, Stephen Woodley and Cynthia Smith. Both Stephen and Cynthia have played for the county through the senior ranks, and organised the Men's and Ladies Seniors County teams for many years. Stephen was elected a Life Vice-President, and Cynthia received an LTA Meritorious Award, with both receiving gifts from Kent Tennis too.

Kent Tennis is run by a Council elected by its member organisations, and, on a day to day basis by a Board of representatives from members of the Council. The Council meets four times a year and the Board a further seven times. The Council ratifies the key decisions taken by the Board, and its meetings focus on the delivery of the actions in the Kent Plan. The Council also receives presentations on key topics in the tennis world aimed at increasing our knowledge and supporting us in deciding how best to deliver the objectives. In 2019 we covered safeguarding, the new LTA branding and the LTA competition changes being introduced in 2020.

When we review the Kent Plan we also discuss, learn about and make decisions on a wide range of areas covering, for example; the future governance of Bromley Tennis Centre, the new LTA South East Regional team structure and club engagement model, the branding of Kent Tennis, LTA annual awards, and the guidelines for the allocation of Wimbledon tickets to volunteers, sponsors and clubs. The Council also receives a report on the delivery of the LTA objectives and focus areas by Kent's LTA Councillor, Sandi Procter. We expect that after each meeting clubs receive updates on relevant key matters from their Council representative.

Councillors also attended a Safeguarding training session over the last year to ensure that we take all necessary actions to protect people taking part in activities organised by Kent Tennis. To further improve the governance over the year, we have also developed and implemented a Reserves Policy and a Risk Register.

I personally feel the Council has continued to maintain its high level of 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 better. Although we will miss the small number of Councillors who are standing down at the AGM, it is pleasing to see new volunteers continue to step forward to fill the vacancies.

KENT COUNTY LTA COUNCIL 2019

Honorary Positions

President:	Vanessa Webb		
Deputy President:	John Watton		
Honorary Life President:	Austin Smith		
Honorary Life Vice-Presidents:	Roger Bottomley	Denis Costelloe	Pauline Cox
	Angela Darby	John Darby	John Povey
	Stuart Smith	Stephen Woodley	

Board of Management

Board Member	Role	Clubs
Malcolm Smith	Chairman of Board & Commercial Affairs	Tunbridge Wells
Jason Baker	Hon. Secretary & Administration of County Affairs	Tunbridge Wells
Nigel Jordan	Hon. Treasurer & Financial Affairs	Old Wilsonians
Sandi Procter	Workforce Management & LTA Councillor	Bromley Tennis Centre
John Ratcliffe	Club, Community & Education Support	Shooters Hill
Rob Searle	County Teams & Performance Tennis	(now in Australia)
Graham Silvester	Publications	Bromley Tennis Centre
Geoffrey Stephenson	Legal Affairs	Sundridge Park

Elected Councillors

Councillor	Role	Clubs
Jim Barton	Safeguarding, Maidstone & Medway Leagues	Frindsbury
Neil Biddle	Coaches Network	Oakwood
Tom Defrates	Disability Tennis	Bromley Tennis Centre
Mary Evans	Annual Awards, Schools Tennis	Oxford
Susan Finch	Junior County Teams	Parklangley
Tony Fisher	Kent Supporters Club – Finance	Knoll
Rosemary Lee	Kent Supporters Club – Membership/Admin	Bromley CC
Phil Lynch	Hon. Assistant Secretary	Bromley Wendover/HSBC
Matt Perfect	North Kent LTA	Shooters Hill
Susan Peters-Berg	Fundraising	Sundridge Park
Graham Sutherland	Ashford District League	Wye
John Watton	Deputy President, Seniors Representative	Beckenham/Bearsted
Vanessa Webb	President, Pres Officer, East Kent LTA	Deal Indoor Tennis Centre
Keeley Wicks	Kent Inter-Club Leagues	Bexley
Anna Wilson	Projects	Sundridge Park

Note: All Board of Management members are also elected Councillors
Trustees: **Jason Baker, Nigel Jordan, Phil Lynch**

Kent Tennis Office Team

Clare Lilley	Administration & Governance
Harri Izzard	Competitions & County Teams
Janice White	Clubs & Community
Siobhan Butler	Competitions
Rob Smith	County Performance Coach (12U to 18U)
Harry Bushnell	County Performance Coach (8U to 11U)

Council Attendees 2019

Councillor's name	No. Meetings invited to	No. Meetings attended	Councillor's name	No. Meetings invited to	No. Meetings attended
Jason Baker	4	3	Susan Peters-Berg	4	3
Jim Barton	4	3	Sandi Procter	4	3
Neil Biddle	4	3	John Ratcliffe	4	4
Angela Darby	VP	4	Rob Searle	3	0
John Darby	VP	4	Graham Silvester	4	4
Tom Defrates	4	3	Malcolm Smith	4	1
Mary Evans	4	2	Stuart Smith	VP	4
Susan Finch	4	4	Geoffrey Stephenson	4	2
Tony Fisher	4	4	Graham Sutherland	4	3
Harri Izzard	3/KT	3	John Watton	4	4
Nigel Jordan	4	2	Vanessa Webb	4	3
Rosemary Lee	4	3	Janice White	3/KT	3
Clare Lilley	4/KT	4	Keeley Wicks	4	1
Phil Lynch	4	2	Anna Wilson	4	4
Matt Perfect	4	1			

NOTES: VP = Honorary Life Vice-President KT = Kent Tennis Office Team. VPs & KTs are not permitted to vote but are welcome to attend and speak at Council meetings.

Volunteer & Working Groups

Kent Inter-Club Leagues:	Keeley Wicks (Chair), Harri Izzard, Anne Gibbs, Mark Martin, Rachael Taylor, Vanessa Webb
Competition Organisers:	Pat Braam (Schools), Siobhan Butler (Kent Tennis Office), Keith Clark (Seniors), Mary Evans (Schools), Harri Izzard (Kent Tennis Office)
Men's Captain, Vice-Captain:	Andy Burgoyne, Rob Searle
Ladies Captain, Vice-Captain:	Holly Richards, Jacqueline Darby
Seniors Men's Captains:	Stephen Woodley (Chair), Oliver Freelove (35s), Jason Baker (45s), Dino Skeete (50s), Dominic Wood (55s), Nigel Jordan (60s), Jasper Cooper (65s), Jonathan Potter (70s), Gary Sims (75s)
Seniors Ladies Captains:	Hazel Lindfield (Chair & 60s), Kate Hands & Karen Thomas (35s), Suzy Russell (40s), Rachel Payne (50s), Jane Gentle (55s), Alison Meakin (65s), Myra Hunter (70s), Janet Broster (75s)
Juniors Captains:	Harry Bushnell (Mixed 9U & Girls 10U), Brett Spencer-Stephens (Boys 10U), Dominic Cobby (Boys 12U), Martin Whitehouse (Girls 12U), Zane Cheeseman (Boys 14U), Chantal Demichelli (Girls 14U), Alastair Filmer (Boys 18U), Pippa Lane (Girls 18U)
Communications & Publicity:	Clare Lilley (Chair), Jason Baker, Steve D'Almeida, Tony Fisher, Carol Harrison, Harri Izzard, Susan Peter-Berg, Sandi Procter, Graham Silvester, Vanessa Webb, Janice White, Anna Wilson, Stephen Woodley
Kent Officials Network:	Jason Baker (Chair), Charlie Falconer, Harri Izzard, Chris Mann
Kent Tennis Supporters Club:	Rosemary Lee, Tony Fisher, Janice White
Wimbledon Tickets:	John Darby (Chair), Jacqueline Darby, Catherine Edwards, Joe Edwards, Tony Fisher, Rosemary Lee

LTA Officials

Stuart Smith	LTA Past President
Austin Smith	LTA Honorary Life Vice-President
Sandi Procter	Kent's LTA Council representative, and elected member of LTA Board
Steven Matthews	Tennis Industry Association's LTA Council representative

Communications

In line with a key strategy to broaden its visibility in 2019, Kent Tennis set up a Communications Group to review and improve the way the County engages with clubs, supporters, sponsors, coaches, players and Councillors.

The Group met four times, agreeing objectives to reach more people more often, and increase the profile and revenue of Kent Tennis through its activities. This made for a more consistent and joined up approach across County communications. A communications plan was created with volunteers taking charge of each area:

- **KLT** Graham Silvester worked with Sandi Procter, Carol Harrison and Clare Lilley to review the content, look and distribution of the KLT magazine, producing 2 news-packed editions in 2019. 1000 copies of the Spring KLT and 750 copies of the Autumn KLT were printed and distributed;



- **In Touch** Susan Peters-Berg created a new online format of news update called In Touch, working with Clare Lilley to produce 3 editions in 2019, to inform readers about key areas of tennis activity, provide up to date news, information from sponsors and details of what's coming up in Kent Tennis. In Touch was sent out by email to around 1000 people covering themes of coaching, officials and disability, with an additional Wimbledon Special edition produced by Graham Silvester. The latest edition was opened by 76% of recipients.

- **Media Coverage** Vanessa Webb expanded her excellent contacts with the local papers in Kent to increase the amount of press coverage, which had previously been minimal. She issued weekly bespoke press releases to relevant media organisations including TV and radio stations, achieving excellent coverage. Kent Tennis was approached by several news outlets during Wimbledon, resulting in several interviews with Kent Tennis people broadcast on radio stations.

A survey was carried out with clubs to find out how effective the current communications are and look at what they would like to see improved. The findings will help inform plans for 2020, which we shall share with you in the New Year. Thank you to all the members of the Communications Group who have worked so hard during 2019, and also to all those around the county who have provided news and articles which are so important for Kent Tennis to increase its visibility amongst the tennis and non-tennis audience in Kent.

- **Social Media** Carol Harrison transformed our social media presence, primarily Instagram and Facebook, with up to date news about players and events, and some fantastic videos created during the County Championships. Followers have increased from 177 to 667 on Instagram and from 456 to 601 on Facebook, with over 300 people engaging with some of our posts.

- **Branding** Anna Wilson and Clare Lilley led the updating of the branding to link with the new LTA branding, testing a new logo design and colours based on the traditional Kent horse and dark green. A final design was agreed and approved by the Board and Council. The new branding is being rolled out across all Kent Tennis activity.



- **Publications** Carol Harrison and Steve D'Almeida, along with Stephen Woodley, Susan Peters-Berg, Sandi Procter, Tony Fisher and Jason Baker, provided invaluable help with proof reading, writing and editing for all our publications in 2019.

- **Clubs and Competitions** Janice White and Harri Izzard were an integral part of the Group, ensuring their communications with clubs and competitions aligned with the agreed approach, and saw some fantastic results with increased engagement in their areas.

- **Website** Anna Wilson has led the work to take our website forward, with a new site to be launched by the start of 2020.

- **Photos** Graham Silvester took responsibility for the management of the Kent Tennis photo archive, which is an ongoing project.

COMPETING County Cup & Inter-County Championships

Kent is one of only 4 counties that enters teams into every age group of the National County Cup and Inter-County Championships from 8U all the way through to 75s. At junior level the age groups are at 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U each for Boys and Girls. There is also a summer Men's and Ladies County Cup, a winter Men's and Ladies County Cup, and a Men's and Ladies over 35s County Cup. The Seniors National Inter-County Championship age groups are Ladies 40s, Men 45s, and then 50s, 55s, 60s, 65s, 70s, and 75s each for both Ladies and Men. The format of each event varies slightly according to the age group.

In addition to the County Cup teams there are also Inter-County Championships held at a Regional level for juniors at 9U and 16U. For 2020, a new 11U County Cup event is being introduced.

Kent Tennis organises all the junior teams; this includes supporting team selection, confirming coaches, arranging transport, accommodation and finances for all stages of the events that our teams qualify for, as well as finding/agreeing venues for fixtures within the county. The events are hugely popular with the juniors selected, with many of them choosing it as their top tennis event of the year. The enjoyment they get from these events has been seen to translate beyond junior tennis, with many players having represented Kent at Junior, Adult and Seniors level through the years. We are very grateful to all the hard work and support provided by Harri Izzard in the Kent Tennis Support team and to Susan Finch for all her help and assistance too throughout the year.

This year our Men's Team won Division 1 for the 8th time, and our Men's Over 35s were also National Champions, retaining the title they won last year. Our 9U Mixed Junior



team were Regional Champions, and 3 of our junior teams reached National County Cup finals (Boys 12U, Boys 10U and Girls 10U), with our Boys 10U finishing as National Runners-Up. As we write this, 4 of our Seniors teams are due to play in the National Finals: Men's 65s, Men's 70s, Ladies 50s and Ladies 75s.

Our Seniors would like to put on record their gratitude to Dominic Wood, who stands down after a number of years of successful captaincy in the Seniors 55s, as well as previously in younger age groups.

Full reports of our County teams' progress are included in the Autumn edition of the KLT, whilst the results section of the Annual Review details the 2019 results.



Left: Mens 35s – National Champions without losing a single rubber. **Above:** Kent Ladies – Winter 2018 National County Cup Champions

County Training

The provision of county training for over 150 players is one of the largest responsibilities for Kent. Over the 2018-19 season, we provided 120 hours of training delivered by 22 coaches, mostly at Bromley Tennis Centre and Canterbury. In terms of player hours on court in these sessions, it's a massive 3000 hours!

Following the renewed focus from the LTA on the role of county tennis within player development, we have taken the opportunity to enhance our county training. County training enables the top players in age groups from 8U – 18U to train together with high level coaches running the sessions. Through our training we aim to build teams who can compete successfully for us in the County Cup events. This means getting to know players' attributes better, building team spirit, identifying pairings that work well together and equipping players with team skills that they may not necessarily get through their individual training. Playing for your county is an honour, as well as great fun, and we hope to create an environment of excellence which everyone wants to take part in.

To this end we are delighted this year, from July 2019, to welcome senior performance coaches, Harry Bushnell and Rob Smith, to the Kent Performance Team; both

have previously played for Kent in the County Cup as juniors. Harry will be working with the 11U county coaches and Rob with the 12U – 18U county coaches. Their mission is to deliver the highest quality county training and county teams' programme in the county with the aim to get all age groups in the County Cup to national finals by 2022. They will be introducing a syllabus for all the county coaches to follow and will be setting goals with their team and supporting them through the year. Within the syllabus, coaches will develop lesson plans, which are approved by Rob and Harry and then shared with parents in advance of the sessions. The coaching team have also been receiving additional training to support their county role.

Comprehensive support from Kent Tennis for county training covers both the provision of coaches and courts. The process begins each year with identifying and reserving court time, and is followed by the detailed research required to ensure fair player selection. Once players have been selected, there is the administration of invitation and attendance, as well as the ordering and distributing of kit. We are currently undertaking a review of the kit available to players to give them a greater choice of items, and also to be in-line with the new Kent Tennis branding.



Player Funding (including Murton Pitts Fund)

In October 2018, 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 £3,200 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, with 18 players benefitting from this in 2019.

County Championships

The 90th Kent County Closed Championships were once again a hugely successful week with 412 players, making 614 entries to participate in 29 events across the age groups from 8U to Adult. Kent Tennis has been organising this tournament since 1923, with the objective each year not only to increase player participation but also to create an event where great rapport between competitors, parents, coaches and volunteers is built. We think the best way to do this is by making sure the event has plenty for everyone to enjoy, as well as a great standard of tennis with some scintillating matches amongst the 1900 sets of tennis played during the week.

This year's event included qualifying events early in the week for younger age groups, the ever-popular mini tennis in the car park, table tennis and stacking cups in the studio, a mini-red fun tournament in conjunction with the Sadie Bristow Foundation, daily giveaways on the Kent desk (the Kent logo cupcakes went down very well) and parent/player presentations.

Finals Day duly entertained the crowd with some sensational matches. Oscar Brown and Daisy Carpenter were crowned the 18U Boys and Girls Singles Champions respectively, having both won titles at younger age groups over the years. Full results appear in the results section of this Review.

A huge amount of work goes into making this a success including producing the programme and the t-shirts, manning both the Kent and welcome desks, ordering trophies, polishing the permanent trophies, making sure the Tennis Centre looks its best every day, feeding the crowds and of course making sure that the tennis all goes smoothly. During the week, tennis centre staff served up 180 paninis and 500 coffees, stringers re-strung 160 rackets, and 1080 tennis balls were used. All this was made possible by the Tournament Director, Graham Silvester, Referees, Chris Mann and Jason Baker, all the court supervisors and umpires, the staff at Bromley Tennis Centre, the Kent LTA office team and numerous volunteers.



Above Left: Mens Singles Finalists, Alex De Sousa & Oliver Richards (Champion), who were also Boys 18U Doubles Champions. **Centre:** Boys 18U Singles Champion, Oscar Brown. **Right:** Girls 18U Singles Champion, Daisy Carpenter

Seniors County Championships

The Seniors County Championships are played in the winter, for players who are either Kent qualified (birth/residence) or are a member of a Kent registered club. This is a very useful way of prospective county players being seen by the relevant Seniors Captains ahead of the summer inter-county championships selections.

The Men's events are run, by Keith Clark, as a postal tournament, from October, for age groups from 45s to

75s, with finals then held in March at Bromley Tennis Centre. Without Ladies events for a number of years, we have introduced, for this winter, a one day event in February, to include Ladies Doubles 40s and 60s events. This has helped increase entries.

Last year, there were 65 entries across 10 events. For the upcoming winter season entries have seen a very healthy increase to 124 entries across 13 events.

Road to Wimbledon

The Road to Wimbledon is the largest junior tournament in British Tennis and provides 14U players the opportunity to progress from clubs and schools through to compete on the world famous grass courts at the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC), Wimbledon. Players who secure a place in the finals at the AELTC gain a real insight into what it might be like to take part in the Wimbledon Championships themselves. Competitors have access to the player restaurants and locker rooms and play on the practice courts.

There are two parts to the tournament; an international event and a county event. In the international event, higher ranked players advance through regional qualifying events to compete against players from Hong Kong, Japan and India as well as the rest of the Great Britain. This part of the event is managed centrally by the LTA.

Team Tennis

Team tennis is a national singles and doubles based team competition, managed nationally by the LTA, organised by each county for its registered venues, and held in both summer and winter. In the summer, it covers all age groups from 8U to adults, and in the winter it covers juniors 8U to 18U.

The adult leagues, run only in the summer, comprise teams of 4 players each playing a singles match before each playing a doubles match. Clubs enter their teams in their county divisions, and can progress to qualify for promotion into regional and national divisions for the following year. Matches are played April to June, with regional play-offs and national finals played in July.

The junior leagues in the summer are split into Premier League and County League. The Premier league is a 4 player format, playing singles and doubles like the adults. Clubs having higher ranked players can enter directly into the Premier League; this allows stronger players and teams to play in a more appropriate league. Teams are accepted to the Premier 12U-18U events based on the ratings of nominated players at entry stage. There are 3 age groups: 12U, 14U and 18U, and matches are played April to June, with national finals in July. The junior County Team Tennis Leagues run by Kent Tennis accept entries into draws for both the 4 player format and also a 2 player format (where players play 1 singles each and then combine to play doubles). There are 7 age groups: 8U, 9U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U. Whereas there are separate boys and girls draws for 12U to 18U, there are only Mixed teams for 8U to 10U. These matches are played April to July, but no play-offs after.

Kent Tennis organises the county stage of this event. We encourage local clubs, parks and schools to stage a tournament for their members or pupils who are rated between 10.2 and 7.1. Winners of these events then progress to the Kent County Finals. County Final winners are then invited to the National Road to Wimbledon Finals held at the AELTC, Wimbledon, in August. This year the county finals were held at the Bromley Tennis Centre on 13 and 14 July. 21 clubs and 2 schools ran qualifying events in Kent resulting in 38 players at the County Finals - fighting for the 2 places at Wimbledon.

Big thanks go out to Susan Finch for refereeing the finals!

In the winter, junior team tennis has been known as the Kent Junior Winter League, but from 2019/20 will become the LTA National League. The format is two-player teams in round-robin boxes which then leads on to a knock-out for the county final in March.

Kent LTA undertakes the local advertising and organisation of these events, including the winter finals. The organisation includes entry, draws, scheduling (all entered into League Planner Tournament Software) and ensuring all results are up to date on a weekly basis during the season. In summer 2019, 318 teams from 45 different clubs took part and in the winter 2019/20, 288 teams from 35 have entered. This represents an increase in teams of 26 and 37 for summer and winter respectively.

We are always reviewing the competition and listening to feedback so we can make improvements and increase participation. This coming winter, the sizable increase in numbers of teams is partly due to the introduction of more events where, in smaller divisions, all the matches can be played on one day using the LTA's Fast4 format. The Fast4 Format is a shortened, first to 4 games in a set format introduced in 2015 by the LTA to speed up a conventional tennis match in certain competitions (usually junior).

Kent Adult Doubles Leagues

The Kent County Lawn Tennis Association Doubles Leagues are one of the oldest in the world, having been run since 1890. The Summer Season starts in April, runs through to August with Divisional play-off finals in September. The Winter Season starts end of September and runs through to March.

Leagues are run with teams of 2 pairs in both summer and winter.

For summer, Kent Tennis organises the following leagues:

- ▶ Ladies Doubles
- ▶ Men's Doubles
- ▶ Mixed Doubles
- ▶ Midweek Ladies Doubles
- ▶ Midweek Seniors 45s Men's Doubles
- ▶ Midweek Seniors Mixed (45s Men/40s Ladies) Doubles

For winter, Kent Tennis organises the following leagues:

- ▶ Ladies Doubles
- ▶ Men's Doubles
- ▶ Mixed Doubles
- ▶ Seniors 40s Ladies Doubles
- ▶ Seniors 45s Men's Doubles
- ▶ Midweek Seniors Ladies 60s Doubles
- ▶ Midweek Seniors Men's 60s Doubles
- ▶ Midweek Seniors Men's 70s Doubles

To keep all the above running like clockwork throughout the year, ensuring results are entered correctly, unknown players' names are all entered, queries resolved, and keeping League Planner Tournament Software up to date, our thanks go to our hard-working competition organisers (Anne Gibbs, Mark Martin, Rachael Taylor and Vanessa Webb). Our thanks also go to Harri Izzard in the Kent Tennis Office Team for her invaluable help, especially in setting everything up on League Planner, and her cool head throughout the year.

Entries this year have remained at similar levels to previous years, with 56 clubs entering 404 teams in the winter and 55 clubs entering 344 teams in the summer. Congratulations go to Canterbury Men's 1 this year, who won Division 1 in both winter and summer for the first time; they had won the winter 3 times before but had not won the summer men's event before. Congratulations also to Sundridge Park, who hold the record for winning the most overall Kent Division 1 titles, winning both summer and winter Mixed Division 1 titles, as well as the summer Ladies.

The Results Section of this Annual Review has the full list of winners for both Kent Leagues, as well as for the District Associations listed below.

District Leagues & Associations

There are 6 District Tennis Leagues being run within Kent that are affiliated to Kent Tennis. They have their own constitutions and committees, but can turn to the Kent competitions committee for advice and assistance where relevant. They are each represented at the Kent Tennis Council and have submitted the updates below.

Ashford & District Lawn Tennis League

The Ashford and District League has been running since the late 1950s, and runs Men's, Ladies and Mixed Doubles Leagues in both summer and winter, during the same months as the Kent Leagues. The 12 clubs are well spread out in mostly rural locations, and between them enter 42 teams (of 2 pairs each) in the league. This level of entry has remained steady over the past few years.

East Kent Lawn Tennis Association & Deal Indoor Winter Tennis League

The East Kent Lawn Tennis Association runs leagues through the summer months, and has done so for over 50 years. There are 2 divisions of Men's Doubles and 2 of Ladies Doubles. The Deal Indoor Winter League then runs in the winter months, with 2 divisions in the Men's Doubles league and 1 in the Ladies Doubles.

The East Kent LTA also runs an Annual Men's and Ladies Doubles Championships in September with players representing their clubs.

Maidstone & District Lawn Tennis League

The Maidstone & District Tennis League has been running since 1953, and continues to provide competitive Summer and Winter League Tennis to adults. 15 local clubs currently take part entering 58 teams in the summer and 45 teams in the winter.

Whilst the number of clubs is fairly static, there has been an increase in teams, especially in mixed doubles. Any local clubs that would like to join should contact Zane Cheeseman; the only criteria being that the club should be within a 15 mile radius of Maidstone.

The Maidstone Open, which is a county wide tournament is going from strength to strength; this took over, a number of years back, from the former Kent Messenger Tournament which ran from 1967. The entries for this are now increasing year on year, and, after 2018's record of 149 entries across 16 events, this year has 156 entries across 17 events.

Medway Lawn Tennis Association

The Medway LTA's leagues are all organised by the players at Frindsbury LTC. 50 players took part in the historic Medway league (founded 1921), which was run over the summer months. We had 1 men's division consisting of 7 teams from 4 clubs.

A mini social league of teams made from men or ladies was also run, along with a handicap team event, the John Denny Cup (named after John who ran Medway tennis events for over 50 years) held at the beginning of the LTA Graded Medway Festival Event and played in great spirit by all.

North Kent Lawn Tennis Association

The North Kent Lawn Tennis Association has been running since 1936 and is now one of the largest district Association Leagues in the country. There are 32 clubs affiliated, and whereas that is a decrease in terms of Clubs (the highest being 54 clubs in the 1980s), the demise of a number of clubs has not diminished the appetite of North Kent tennis players as there are now more teams in the leagues than ever before.

The summer season runs from April to August, and this year North Kent leagues had 218 teams entered into Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Veterans 45s Men's Doubles, Veterans 40s Ladies Doubles, Midweek Veterans Men's 60s Doubles, Midweek Veterans Ladies 60s Doubles, Midweek Veterans Men's

70s Doubles and Midweek Mixed Veterans (45 Men/40 Ladies) Leagues. The winter is at its highest volume of entries too with 162 entries across the Men's, Ladies, Mixed and Midweek Veterans Mixed Doubles Leagues.

In the summer, North Kent LTA organises the North Kent Cup, with 9 events where players represent their club in only one event in each round. The finals are held at one of the member clubs on the last Sunday of July, and are the highlight of the season (especially if the weather is kind!). The referee for the past 13 years has been Jeff Richards, and to him, Lisa King and Diana Gaines (who both helped him this year), the North Kent LTA extend their thanks, as well as to Mark Smith and Denis Costelloe for their excellent support on the trophies.

Schools Tennis

Kent Tennis runs a number of different competitions for both primary and secondary schools, and supports nationwide LTA schools' competitions within the county. One of the main challenges is reaching the right person within each school. To do this Kent Tennis engages with each Local Authority's School Games Organiser (SGO) through Kent Sport (part of Kent County Council). We also promote our competitions to all head coaches and club main contacts in order to provide alternative routes to the schools.

At primary school level, we run two competitions which are solely Kent based. The first is the Schools Team Competition with events for red, orange and green ball. The teams are made up of 4 players playing both singles and doubles. These are held as a series of one-day events in May (in 2019 at Bromley Tennis Centre). The second competition is the Annual Doubles Championships which is for 2 player teams. There are events at red, orange, green and yellow ball. In this event there are two qualifiers, held at Bromley Tennis Centre and at Canterbury. The top 8 teams are then invited to the finals at Bromley Tennis Centre in June.

At secondary school level, we run three different events. The first is the Kent Schools Doubles Festival which is a hugely popular one day event run at Bromley Tennis Centre. It's for 2 player teams for Years 7 and 8, and Years 9 and 10. The second event is the Kent Schools Knockout Competition which takes place over the summer term. Once schools have entered, they organise their own matches for their 4 player teams across singles and doubles. The finals of this event take place at Tunbridge Wells Lawn Tennis Club in July.

The third secondary school level competition is Team Tennis for Schools which is a national LTA event, which we deliver for Kent. It covers Years 7 and 8, and Years 9 and 10. There are two divisions – Division 1 is for schools who can field a team of higher ranked performance players and Division 2 schools will tend to have more club and school players. Schools enter via the LTA website and are put into round-robin boxes within Kent. We work with the schools to schedule fixtures flexibly, taking into consideration all the other commitments schools have. For Division 1 there is a play-off (a home or away fixture at one of the schools) to find a county champion. The county champion will then go on to the national schools' team tennis finals. For Division 2, Kent Tennis works with Kent Schools Games, a multi-sport organiser, to hold a county final. The winners go on to a regional competition run by the LTA.



Other events involving Kent based schools are held but not organised by Kent Tennis. The best example is the London Youth Games where schools' players represent their London Borough in teams of 8. London Boroughs based in Kent (Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham) can all enter this. Bromley won a gold medal in the 2019 London Youth Games.

This year there were 161 secondary schools' teams in the Kent events and 151 teams in schools team tennis. At primary schools' level there were 254 teams across the two events. There is a substantial amount of administrative work which is required to run these competitions from promotion and advertising to administering entries and organising entire one day events with facilities and referees. This can only happen with the support of a large number of people including our main schools' volunteers – Pat Braam and Mary Evans, teachers, Kent Tennis Office staff, other volunteers and staff at our partner organisations – a big thank you to you all!





CLUBS & COMMUNITY

Kent Clubs

In 2018/19, 119 clubs registered with the LTA. Whilst some clubs did not re-register from last year, new clubs registering this year were Elham Sports Club, Paddock Wood Community Tennis Club, TwistFizz (Eltham Park South) and West Malling Parish Courts. Of these 119 clubs, five did not pay County fees and so were not eligible to play in Kent run club competitions or able to put forward nominations for volunteers to be offered Wimbledon tickets from the county allocation.

We are very grateful to Janice White, who provides Club Support in the Kent Tennis Office team, and the LTA South East Regional team for their assistance to clubs in meeting the minimum Safeguarding requirements for registration in 2018/19. The latest change, for 2019/20, is that all Level 3 coaches and above at venues must hold LTA Coach Accreditation for the venue to register with the LTA.

In Kent, during 2019, clubs participated in a number of LTA run initiatives, as follows:

- 38 clubs took part in the Nature Valley Big Tennis weekends with a further 4 events held outside Nature

Valley sponsored events, which is a decrease of 20 from 2018.

- Tennis for Kids had another successful year with 36 venues involving 44 coaches putting on 97 courses.

- 26 venues took part in Team Challenge with at least 3,107 individual players, which was a great success in its first year.

Autumn Club Forums took place in October, with the focus this year on increasing participation in clubs. 79 people attended in 2019, topping the 66 who attended in 2018.

In May, the newly formed Marden Sports Club celebrated the completion of sporting facilities and a new clubhouse with an opening of the club by HRH Countess of Wessex. Bearsted and Thurnham LTC celebrated its 40th Anniversary and Maidstone LTC celebrated its 35th Anniversary.

The LTA reported that no Kent clubs received funding from them in 2019.

Kent Tennis Day

For the past two years, Kent Tennis has offered the winner of the Club of the Year the opportunity to run a Kent Tennis Day and provides up to £800 in financial support for this.

The 2019 Club of the Year, Oakwood LTC, based in Crayford, organised the Kent Tennis Day in September. Over 200 people came along to a fun afternoon of coaching, fastest serve and Toy Story target competitions, a Family Cup red event and an exhibition

match by top Kent players. The club put a huge amount of effort into the day, with delicious refreshments on offer, supported by Kent Tennis volunteers. The Mayor of Bexley was in attendance, breaking the ground for the new clubhouse building work. Kent Tennis President, Vanessa Webb, was there all afternoon, and presented the competition prizes.



Annual Awards

Kent Tennis has been running Annual Awards since 2004 and now participates and feeds into the nationally run LTA Tennis Awards process. The awards in 2019 were made on the basis of the preceding year's activity, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to someone who has provided Kent Tennis with exceptional service over a period of time, and quite often gone above and beyond to help deliver or facilitate tennis in the county. Kent Tennis announced awards winners in 15 categories for 2018, with winners in 10 categories going forward to the next stage of LTA regional awards. The next stage was the National Finals, with National winners announced during Wimbledon 2019.

Kent received 117 nominations across the categories for 2018, up from 83 for the 2017 awards.

The Awards Committee shortlisted the nominations down to 3 for most categories and the names were announced at the 2018 AGM. All short listers were invited to the Annual Awards Dinner and given the opportunity to access a pair of Wimbledon tickets as a thank you for their hard work within tennis in Kent.

The Awards Dinner was held on 2 March 2019 at the Tudor Park Marriott Hotel in Bearsted and was attended by 180 people. The winners were announced by Kent Tennis President, Vanessa Webb, when she opened the

Disability Tennis

Kent Tennis financially supports the role of a disability co-ordinator, based at Bromley Tennis Centre and covering the whole county, supporting clubs, coaches and tournament organisers to make tennis more inclusive.

2019 has been another good year for disability tennis in Kent with a 14% increase in participation from 2018. This is due to the new activity being delivered around the county and the excellent work being done at Avenue, Bromley Tennis Centre, Canterbury, Deal, Frindsbury, Maidstone Tennis Academy, Parklangley, Shooters Hill and South East London Tennis in delivering regular disability tennis sessions. In addition, we have seen some clubs working with charities or community trusts to run one off taster sessions.

There is an ever-improving partnership with Charlton Athletic Community Trust. This link is now in its 5th year and we continue to work in their Mental Health and Adult Learning Disability programmes.

The Kent Association for the Blind have become a pivotal partner in 2019 and has helped grow the Visually Impaired Tennis offering within the county, working with

Maidstone Tennis Academy and Canterbury Polo Farm. Frindsbury LTC has forged a great link with the

envelope, 'Oscars' style. Sponsors, Trevor May and Tennisys, provided the Club of the Year and Education prizes respectively. Full details of the County winners are in the results section of this review.

Kent Tennis was delighted that five county winners were successful at the South East Regional stage, which were presented at the Nature Valley International Tournament at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne in June:

Luke House (Coach), Oakwood LTC (Club), Deal Parochial Primary School (Education), Frindsbury LTC/Jimmy's Tennis (Disability), Peter Stotesbury (Lifetime Achievement)

Four of them (Luke House; Oakwood LTC; Deal Parochial Primary School; Frindsbury LTC/Jimmy's Tennis) were South East Regional Winners, reaching the National Finals at Wimbledon, and Luke House from Shooters Hill LTC was crowned National Coach of the Year for 2018 during Wimbledon.

The process for the 2019 awards is now underway and Kent Tennis is once again hoping to make an impact. Nominations closed on 8 November, with the short list to be announced at the AGM on 2 December 2019 and the Awards Dinner being held on 7 March 2020 at the Tudor Park Marriott Hotel.

Spadework charity, where they deliver tennis to over 90 adults with learning disabilities. This programme has had a huge impact on the participants and deservedly earned them an LTA Regional Award as well as a National finalist place.

Kent Tennis worked with Pfizer UK on a team training day, where employees had to build 10 junior and 10 adult sports wheelchairs. It was a fantastic day where inclusive thinking was discussed, and Kent Tennis was the beneficiary of the chairs, which are now available for clubs to borrow. This will help grow Wheelchair Tennis within Kent.

Bromley Tennis Centre hosted the annual Special Educational Need Schools Tournament in the summer with 65 entries, and the Learning Disability Regional Tournament in October with 30 entries. We are looking to grow the events and increase competition opportunities in 2020.

The aim for 2020 is to engage as many clubs in Kent with disability tennis and help clubs become more inclusive. If you would like to know more, please contact tom.defrates@bromleytenniscentre.co.uk

Kent Tennis Coaches Network

The Kent Tennis Coaches Network (KTCN) was kicked off in 2018 to get coaches together to share coaching ideas and be part of a coach support network.

From the start of 2019 membership of the KTCN has grown from 16 to 77. This is largely due to the South East coaches' conferences organised by the LTA South East team, with the support of the Kent Tennis Coaches Network. This saw on court presentations from Louis Cayer (LTA performance advisor and coach to Jamie Murray) and off court presentations from Mike Lynch (founder of ServeSport). Over 110 coaches attended of which 48 are members of the KTCN.

Kent coaches have also benefitted from networking opportunities in East Kent led by Tom Carlton, a golf society day led by Zane Cheeseman, a head coach meeting in North Kent and a coaches' workshop at Parklangley led by Neil Biddle and Matt Borthwick on the theme of tennis camps. This year has also seen the first Kent Tennis Leader and Level 1 development workshop with 20 young volunteers/coaches attending training at Bromley Tennis Centre led by Luke House.

Plans for 2020 are in place to continue with more coach workshops spread out across the county, update how head coaches can access up to date business support in tennis and continue to support the future of coaching in Kent Tennis through tennis leader and level 1 days.

Kent Tennis Officials Network

The Kent Officials Network was set up in 2018 with the aim of bringing together on-court and off-court officials in the County to share ideas and best practice and support each other in developing and learning, particularly for our less experienced officials. We have held two meetings during the year, each of which has been attended by around 15 referees, umpires and court supervisors. We have discussed and learnt together on a range of topics including:

- ▶ an overview of the LTA Officiating Conference
- ▶ an update on the activities of Kent Tennis and how officials can help the county
- ▶ communicating with players and the different techniques that could be employed, both from a referee and on-court official point of view
- ▶ the new competition rules being introduced in 2020

At our October meeting, we discussed recent scenarios experienced by the network members at tournaments over the Summer, the learning points and what we could do differently next time to improve the outcome. We also took the opportunity to review the effectiveness of the group and the objectives for 2020, with a particular focus on increasing attendance at the meetings over the next year. The first meeting in 2020 will take place on Monday 20 January 2020 at 7.30pm, Bromley Tennis Centre.

If you like more information about the Officials Network or officiating in general please contact Jason Baker at jasonbakerp80jab@btinternet.com

Bottom left: Graham Silvester, Chris Mann and Jason Baker at this year's County Championships.

Bottom right: LTA National Coach of the Year, Luke House with Kent Tennis President, Vanessa Webb



Safeguarding, Legal and Discipline

Tennis should be played in a safe and inclusive environment. The Kent County Lawn Tennis Association shares the same values as its governing body, the Lawn Tennis Association, both on and off court to promote the Fair Play values: enjoy and respect. With those values in mind, Kent Tennis subscribes to the LTA's Safeguarding, Diversity and Disciplinary policies and regulations.

The Kent County Lawn Tennis Association has disciplinary jurisdiction over its members covered by the LTA's Disciplinary Code and the KCLTA Council has procedures in place to deal with any disciplinary matters. We are very grateful to Geoffrey Stephenson, our Board member responsible for Legal and Discipline, for his hard work and wise counsel on all disciplinary and legal matters. Pleasingly, as usual, there have been a very low number of disciplinary issues in the past year, all of which have been resolved satisfactorily.

Much of the active legal work over the year has related to Bromley Tennis Centre. The operating contract has been extended, and we are working towards a permanent long-term solution. It is a complex matter, and progress is slow, but we are hopeful that we will have this resolved within a few months.

Robust Safeguarding and Diversity policies were implemented across British Tennis and in all registered tennis clubs and venues in 2018. During 2019 Safeguarding became a more recognised administrative and working practice need, with three key priorities:

1. Mandatory LTA coach accreditation for Level 3 coaches and above
2. Augmented Reality Safeguarding Tool, which is an online application tool that can be downloaded to phones to help provide online advice and training on Safeguarding.
3. County Safeguarding standards
We are pleased to report there were no serious instances of poor safeguarding reported within Kent in 2019. Club coaches throughout the county have taken on

board the need to be LTA Accredited. Club Welfare Officers continue to do a good job, supported by the LTA Regional Safeguarding Officer, Greg Pople. Through Greg, the LTA undertakes Safeguarding support visits and 31 of these were undertaken in 2019, with outcomes, as follows.

- 17 required improvement to pass (55%)
- 14 passed at the time of visit. 5 of the 14 passing first time 'exceeded' the standard required.

All club personnel need to be responsible for assisting the LTA Safeguarding team to promote and embed a culture of safeguarding in Kent so that all aspects become 'business as usual', and to ensure we have a safe and inclusive environment for all people to participate in tennis.

The LTA have reminded us there are 3 key areas where improvement can be made by venues:

- Raising awareness/information sharing. Venues should ensure safeguarding is covered in inductions for staff and volunteers and in welcome information for new members signposting policies and procedures;
- Cohesive leadership. Safeguarding, diversity and inclusion should be discussed at club committee and management meetings with an evident thread of updates to coaches, volunteers and staff
- Accurate record keeping. Venues should keep a secure log of when criminal record checks have been completed and are due for renewal. This should include coaches, tennis leaders/assistants and other volunteers responsible for children. Good practice would also include record keeping for accreditation and/or safeguarding training.

In 2020 further requirements will be put in place for Level 1 and 2 coaches in clubs.

Safeguarding

Kent Tennis is committed to ensuring that its activities involving children and vulnerable adults are safe for all the participants. The Kent County Safeguarding Officer is Jim Barton.

If you have any concerns about behaviour at a Kent Tennis activity please contact Jim on 07803 368450 or safeguarding@kenttennis.org.uk. The County Safeguarding Policy is published on the Kent Tennis website.

Wimbledon Tickets

In 2019, Kent Tennis was allocated 791 pairs of tickets to distribute to Councillors, sponsors, nominated volunteers, Supporters Club members and registered clubs. This volume of tickets remains the same as in 2018, with identical spread across the courts.

These tickets are in addition to the 2,364 pairs allocated CATEGORYnt, which are administered fully by the LTA via club ballots.

The total value of all the tickets allocated to Kent (3155 pairs) was £589,488.

At the start of 2019, we asked registered clubs whether they would like extra tickets to distribute to members through their club's ballots, and invited them to nominate deserving volunteers. The list was reviewed by the Board, before offers were made to volunteers in the spring. Those people shortlisted for one of the Kent Tennis Award categories were also offered a pair of tickets.

CATEGORY	TOTAL PAIRS 2019	TOTAL PAIRS 2018
Council	59	63
Sponsors	15	18
Nominated Volunteers	111	119
Supporters Club Members	439	451
Council	167	140
Council	791	791

COURT	TOTAL PAIRS 2019
Centre	312
No. 1	325
No. 2	126
No. 3	28
TOTAL	791

Kent Tennis Supporters Club

The Kent Tennis Supporters Club is open to anyone aged over 11 years. It costs £25 per year for individual membership. Once members have signed up, fees are then collected by Direct Debit each October. The funds generated help support the work Kent Tennis does around the county, and membership of the club allows people interested in tennis to be offered the opportunity to enter a ballot for Wimbledon tickets, receive regular digital and print news updates from Kent Tennis, invitations to top quality tennis events such as the Winter and Summer County Cup, County Championships Finals Day and the Kent Tennis Open Day. In 2019, 439 pairs of Wimbledon tickets were allocated to members who chose to enter the ballot.

Membership of the Supporters Club has fallen slightly from 679 in 2018 to 650 in 2019 and generates £16k worth of important income for Kent Tennis.

For more information about the Supporters Club and instructions on how to join, please visit the Kent Tennis website and follow the links to the Supporters Club pages.

Subscriptions & Fees

The process by which clubs register with the LTA and with Kent Tennis for 2019–2020 started on 1 October 2019. The deadline for payment is 29 November. Kent Tennis issued an invoice to each club in 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 2019–20 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):

- Interest free loans – up to £10,000 from County funds;
- Additional tickets for Wimbledon from the County allocation;
- Annual Awards and recognition for clubs, players and volunteers;
- Annual dinner for the presentation of awards;
- An invitation to the AGM;
- The services of a club representative, who can keep you updated and put forward your thoughts to the Kent Tennis Council;
- The KLT magazine – provided to every club in Kent. Also, every club has an opportunity to submit articles;
- 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 and the staff are much needed;
- County Championships t-shirts, programme and trophies. These are paid for by Kent funds to enhance the championships experience;
- Special events.

FINANCIAL & COMMERCIAL Financial Summary Nigel Jordan, Honorary Treasurer



Kent Tennis has had yet another very good year. Our finances remain very sound in the face of many upward pressures on our cost base. The financial outcome for the 2018-19 year is a small loss of around £2,200.

Our total receipts were similar to last year. The incomes from both registration fees and the Supporters Club were slightly lower, largely because a few clubs did not renew their registration, following the introduction of Safeguarding.

Income from sponsors was broadly in line with the recent past. The Wimbledon ticket monies were all collected before the year-end and we received the handling fee.

Repayments from clubs who have a small loan from Kent Tennis are fully up-to-date. Another new loan was made during the year but there are now only 3 loans currently. We will be very happy to consider applications from other clubs and always try to be supportive making the application process as easy and painless as possible. In the coming year we will work with the Coaches Network to look at the possibility of a similar loan scheme for coaches.

Income from competitions is marginally higher this year. It may appear that we make a profit from these competitions but quite a lot of additional cost is reflected in administration expenses, largely staff salaries as Kent Tennis staff continue to undertake work behind the scenes, with help from a significant number of volunteers.

Our expenditure on inter-county competitions was again slightly lower, despite several teams reaching national finals. For the first time we engaged the services of two Performance Managers to oversee county training and competitions for players in the 8U to 18U age range. They are already making an impact but this is obviously an additional cost.

We exert tight control over our expenditure in all areas of our operations. We need to be vigilant as additional cost pressures are visible on the horizon. In addition to the Performance Managers, there will be the cost of maternity cover in the next financial year and we need to pay for increased staff hours if we are to complete everything that managing tennis in Kent requires of us. We will be spending a bit more money on further improving our communications and website – continuing the great start that has been made in 2019.

Over the next few months we hope to settle the future of Bromley Tennis Centre. That will remove a bit of uncertainty from our financial position.

The next few months will provide further challenges with the loss – either permanent or temporary of key personnel. I should like to thank the Kent Tennis Office Team (Clare, Harri and Janice) for their help and support, without whom, things would be much tougher. We are equally grateful to our volunteers who handle the Wimbledon tickets and Supporters' club as well as our bookkeeper – Martin Leonard of Hayfield Bookkeeping. Thank you all.

Sponsorship

Kent Tennis continues to maintain solid client relationships with its sponsors and, in 2019, looked to maximise commercial revenue to support ongoing tennis initiatives across the county. This year has seen a very small decrease in sponsorship revenue versus 2018. Kent Tennis has continued to receive income from the following:

- ▶ Trevor May Contractors
- ▶ Tennisys
- ▶ KEM
- ▶ Colchester Global Investors
- ▶ East West Connect

Kent Tennis also secured the first small business supporter, Recycaball.

We are very grateful to all of them for their continued support.

Kent Tennis Charity The Sadie Bristow Foundation



Prior to 2019, Kent Tennis had been active in supporting various charities and societies around the county but had not chosen to get behind a single preferred charity. This changed in 2019, when Kent Tennis agreed to support The Sadie Bristow Foundation.

Sadie Bristow was a talented nine year old tennis player from Chartham in Kent and a star in the Kent 9U team. She suffered a fatal anaphylactic shock in August 2018. Her parents, Stewart and Clare Bristow, plus friends, set up the Foundation in Sadie's memory to deliver two main things – to introduce tennis and athletics to more children in schools and to increase allergy awareness.

The official Foundation launch was on 24 April in Chartham and Bridge primary schools with every child in each school joining fun activities. Sandi Procter and Naomi Cavaday attended on behalf of Kent Tennis, as did several members of the LTA London and South East Regional participation team.

The Foundation set about raising funds through various channels. Kent Tennis helped with promoting the setting up of a Sadie Day (a family day with fun activities for the family and community and to raise awareness of

A key strategy in the Kent Tennis Plan for 2019 has been to improve communication and engagement with both sponsors and supporters of Kent. A new online newsletter called In Touch was launched, for which our sponsor Trevor May Contractors produced three articles featuring the advantages of different playing surfaces and maintenance required for clay, grass and hard tennis courts. Representatives from Trevor May and Tennisys attended the Kent Tennis Annual Awards event in March this year and kindly donated prizes to the winners of the Kent Clubs of the Year and the Education Awards respectively. These initiatives have served to increase the profile and enhance engagement for our sponsors within the tennis community in Kent.

Kent Tennis will continue to look for new sponsors in order to develop new initiatives for 2020 and are always happy to talk to potential supporters who can help to make this happen.

allergies) to clubs inside the county and beyond. Each club was asked to identify a young player to attend a special Sadie Day at the Queens Club on 8 August. 20 players from 7 clubs in Kent and 3 outside Kent plus representatives from schools involved in the Foundation programme took part in the Sadie Day at Queens, which was a great success.

At the County Championships in August, a red mini tennis festival for all comers raised £270 for the Foundation.

Funds raised are being used to provide regular coaching sessions at primary schools, introducing tennis to children who would never otherwise have an opportunity to play. The Foundation is currently in talks with hospitals about allergy clinics, working to support the training of nurses and setting up allergy workshops, as well as connecting with players such as Bethanie Mattek-Sands who have managed allergies throughout their life and professional career.

Planning is in place for 2020, hoping for bigger and better events, fundraising and activity. For more information and how to support the charity go to www.sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk

Account Summary 2019

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT For the year ended 30 September 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
INCOME			
Registration Fees	2	91,089	95,660
Other external grants	3	8,175	3,600
Other income	4	-	1,958
Competitions	5	23,943	21,418
Commercial income	6	52,091	51,463
Interest (gross)		3,102	2,960
		178,399	177,059
EXPENDITURE			
Affiliation fees		250	50
Player Programmes	7	33,919	23,073
Inter County Competitions	8	52,660	57,393
Competitions	9	20,130	19,400
Business Operations	10	71,076	60,282
Communications and Marketing	11	1,644	1,334
Depreciation		351	351
		180,029	161,883
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(1,630)	15,176
LESS: Corporation Tax	12	589	562
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(2,219)	14,613

BALANCE SHEET As of 30 September 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Long term use of Bromley Tennis Centre	1	170,000	170,000
Computer Equipment	1	1,053	1,404
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors & Prepayments	13	23,996	31,509
Bank Balances & Cash		475,183	510,319
		499,179	541,828
CREDITORS Amounts Falling Due Within One Year			
Loan	14	210,000	210,000
Accruals & Deferred Income		42,298	83,080
		252,298	293,080
NET CURRENT ASSETS		246,880	248,748
NET ASSETS		417,993	420,152
Financed By			
GENERAL RESERVE		420,152	405,656
Balance at Beginning of Year		(2,219)	14,496
(Deficit) / Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year		-	-
Revaluation Reserve of long term lease	1	417,993	420,152

Obituaries

Keith Spurgeon



Sadly, this year, we have to report the passing of one of Kent Tennis' leading stalwarts, Keith Spurgeon. Keith played at Tunbridge Wells LTC, and had represented Kent over 150 times, either in County Week or Veterans Inter-County Championships. He had won 53 Kent County titles (40 Open, 13 Veterans), been National Men's over 55 Doubles Champion in 1986 and represented Great Britain in the World Team Championships in 1986.

As well as receiving his county colours in 1955, and Veterans county colours in 1981, Keith was also a key member of the Tunbridge Wells Kent Division 1 Men's and Mixed sides for many years.

Keith was also an umpire for many years, continuing at Wimbledon well past the normal retirement age of 65 into his 70s. Off court, Keith was also a member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Orpheus Male Voice Choir. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife Shirley, 2 children and 6 grandchildren.

Ruth Illingworth



Tunbridge Wells LTC lost a second great tennis player this year, when Ruth Illingworth sadly passed away. Ruth had started her tennis in Nottinghamshire, later moving to Essex, playing county tennis for both before moving to Tunbridge Wells in 2000. Since being in Kent, Ruth had extended her already illustrious tennis career, reaching a World No.1 Ranking for the 70s in 2001, she was World Singles Champion for her age group the same year, and repeated the feat again in the 75s.

Ruth represented Great Britain in the ITF World Team Championships at 60s, 65s, 70s and 75s, and was British Veteran Player of the Year in 2010 at the age of 79, going on to be ITF European Player of the Year too.

Prior to being in Kent, Ruth had played at Wimbledon in the 1950s and 60s, and had once beaten a teenage Virginia Wade.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Ruth's family and friends.

RESULTS

National Achievements 2019

LTA Meritorious Service Award

Cynthia Smith was awarded the LTA Meritorious Service Award for her long service to Kent Tennis. Cynthia has been involved in Kent Tennis for over 40 years, having undertaken a number of roles such as Senior Ladies Organiser, Junior Leagues Competitions Secretary, and Kent Ladies Match Secretary. Cynthia has represented Kent Seniors Ladies 124 times, won 4 National doubles titles, and represented Great Britain for 11 years in the World Senior Team Championships, winning 9 World Titles.

ATP/ WTA World Ranked Players

Ranking	Player
ATP Singles – 689 (4 Nov)	Anton Matusевич
WTA Singles – 459 (14 Oct)	Emma Raducanu

Seniors Players

Event	British Open Seniors Indoor Championships - Champions
Men's 65s Singles	Jasper Cooper
Men's 80s Singles	Bob Milner
Event	British Open Seniors Clay Court Championships - Champions
Men's 65s Doubles	Niall Sweeney
Ladies 60s Singles	Hazel Lindfield
Ladies 60s Doubles	Hazel Lindfield
Ladies 80s Doubles	Marcia Ackers
Ladies 85s Singles	Anne Williams
Event	British Closed Seniors Grass Court Championships - Champions
Men's 80s Singles	Bob Milner
Ladies 80s Doubles	Marcia Ackers
Event	British Open Seniors Grass Court Championships – Champions
Men's 65s Doubles	Jasper Cooper
Men's 70s Doubles	Peter Pharo
Ladies 60s Doubles	Hazel Lindfield
Event	ITF Seniors World Individual Championships - Champions
Ladies 85s Doubles	Anne Williams
Event	ITF Seniors World Team Championships representation
Men's 65s - Great Britain	Jasper Cooper
Ladies 60s – Great Britain	Hazel Lindfield (won Bronze Medal)

Junior Players

Event	British Junior National Champions
Boys 12U Singles	Ben Gusic-Wan
Boys 12U Doubles	Pranav Devaguptapu & Ben Gusic-Wan
Event	Tennis Europe (Super-Auray) Champions
Boys 12U Singles	Ben Gusic-Wan
Boys 12U Doubles	Ben Gusic-Wan
Event	Wimbledon entrants & results
Boys 18U Singles	Anton Matusевич – quarter-finals
Boys 18U Singles	Jack Pinnington Jones – first round
Girls 18U Singles	Emma Raducanu – first round
Boys 18U Doubles	Jack Pinnington Jones – first round
Age Group	Great Britain representation
Boys 16U	Jack Pinnington Jones
Boys 14U	Hugo Coquelin
Boys 12U	Ben Gusic-Wan
Girls 18U	Sasha Hill
Girls 16U	Sofia Johnson
Girls 12U & 13U	Lois Newberry

Road To Wimbledon

Event	British Open Seniors Indoor Championships - Champions
Boys County Final	Kai Van-Roon Collins defeated Felix Dear
Girls County Final	Chloe Chea defeated Madeleine Nikki De Sousa
Boys – R2W Regional	Angus Howard – finished 4th in group
Girls – R2W Regional	Skye Bentum-Siripi – finished 4th in group
Boys - R2W County	Kai Van-Roon Collins – finished 3rd in group
Girls - R2W County	Chloe Chea – finished 3rd in group

Note: R2W Regional and R2W County play-offs were held at All England Club, Wimbledon

British Tennis Awards 2018

Category	National Winner
Coach	Luke House (Shooters Hill) - also SE Regional Winner
Girls Player	Emma Raducanu

Category	South East Regional Winner & National Runners-Up
Club (5 to 8 courts)	Oakwood Tennis Club
Education	Deal Parochial CE Primary School
Disability Programme	Frindsbuy LTC/Jimmy's Tennis
Lifetime Achievement Award	Peter Stotesbury

Category	County Winner
Player	Jasper Cooper
Junior Player	Anton Matusевич
Team	Men's 35s County Cup Team
Junior Team	18U Girls County Cup Team
Club (5 to 8 courts)	Oakwood Tennis Club
Club (1 to 4 courts)	Brenchley & Matfield Tennis Club
Community	Kings Hill Community Tennis Club
Education	Deal Parochial CE Primary School
Coach	Luke House (Shooters Hill)
Volunteer	Nigel Jordan (Old Wilsonians)
Young Volunteer	Marcelle Lowe (Gravesham)
Official	Charlie Falconer
Competition	Kent County Championships
Disability Programme	Frindsbuy LTC/Jimmy's Tennis
Lifetime Achievement Award	Peter Stotesbury

County Cup Results

Winter County Cup 2018 - MEN	Group 2b at Bromley TC
Captain: Andy Burgoyne	Vice Captain: Rob Searle
Team:	Andy Burgoyne, Lewis Burton, Harvey Conway, Oliver Freelove, James Markiewicz, Rob Searle, Matthew Short, Isaac Stoute, Matthew Summers, Sean Thornley
Results:	Kent beat Suffolk 9-0, lost to Cheshire 4-5, lost to Surrey 4-5
Outcome:	3rd - remain in Group 2

Winter County Cup 2018 - LADIES	Group 1 at Bath
Captain: Holly Richards	Vice Captain: Jacqueline Darby
Team:	Florence Abbott, Naomi Cavaday, Gabby Chidwick, Jacqueline Darby, Amy Fotheringham, Sofia Johnson, Holly Richards, Abby Taylor, Phoebe Watton
Results:	Kent beat Hertfordshire 6-3, beat Essex 5-4, beat Northumberland 5-1
Outcome:	1st - National Champions

Summer County Cup 2019 - MEN	Division 1 at Eastbourne
Captain: Andy Burgoyne	Vice Captain: Rob Searle
Team:	Nick Brookes, Andy Burgoyne, Lewis Burton, James Davis, Alastair Filmer, James Markiewicz, Francis Sargeant, Rob Searle, Matthew Summers, Sean Thornley
Results:	Kent beat Hertfordshire 6-3, beat Essex 6-3, beat Suffolk 7-2, beat Middlesex 7-2, beat South Wales 5-0
Outcome:	1st - National Champions

Summer County Cup 2019 - LADIES	Division 2 at Manchester
Captain: Holly Richards	Vice Captain: Jacqueline Darby
Team:	Florence Abbott, Tiegan Aitken, Jacqueline Darby, Sofia Johnson, Nell Miller, Olivia Parson, Holly Richards, Abby Taylor, Sophia Thomas, Phoebe Watton
Results:	Kent lost to Leicestershire 4-5, beat Cheshire 5-4, beat Lancashire 5-4, lost to Hampshire & IOW 1-8, beat Norfolk 5-4
Outcome:	3rd – remain in Division 2



Junior County Cup Results

County Cup - BOYS 18U	Group 2b at Bromley TC
Captain: Alastair Filmer	Vice Captain: Tom Jarvis
Team:	Harvey Conway, Alex De Sousa, William Everett, Tommy Harrison, Kristofer Johnson, Oliver Matthews, Jack Pinnington Jones, Oliver Richards, Luke Ralph, Archie Turner
Results:	Kent lost to Sussex 4-5, beat Warwickshire 7-2, beat West of Scotland 5-4
Outcome:	2nd - remain in Group 2

County Cup - GIRLS 18U	Group 1 at Bath
Captain: Pippa Lane	Vice Captain: Holly Richards
Team:	Tiegan Aitken, Phoebe Ecuyer-Dale, Sasha Hill, Sofia Johnson, Georgia Lancaster, Summer Reeves, Alaia Rubio Perez, Emma Sawkings, Abby Taylor, Phoebe Watton
Results:	Kent lost to Hertfordshire 4-5, lost to Yorkshire 3-6, lost to Middlesex 2-5
Outcome:	4th - relegated to Group 2

County Cup - BOYS 14U	Group E at Weald LTC
Captain: Alastair Filmer	Vice Captain: Tom Jarvis
Team:	Alexis Chastang, Hugo Coquelin, Ben Gusic-Wan, Rory Marles, Ulrich Nienaber, Matthew Pickering
Results:	Kent beat Suffolk 6-0, beat Cornwall 6-0, lost to Sussex 3-3
Outcome:	Runners-Up in Regional qualifying group

County Cup - GIRLS 14U	Group D at Banstead
Captain: Chantal Demichelli	Vice Captain: Francesca Faulkes
Team:	Skye Bentum-Siripi, Helen Coomber, Niamh Egan, Iris Nasir, Lois Newberry, Daniella Scotland
Results:	Kent beat Somerset 5-1, beat Sussex 5-1, lost to Surrey 1-5
Outcome:	Runners-Up in Regional qualifying group

County Cup - BOYS 12U	Group A at Bromley TC & Nationals at Bolton
Captain: Dominic Cobby	Vice Captain: Tom Samson
Team:	Monty Depreli, Isaac Forde, Michael Nkereuwem, Jake Wilson
Results:	Kent lost to Cambridgeshire 4-4, beat Nottinghamshire 8-0, beat Derbyshire 8-0, beat Cambridgeshire 6-2. NATIONAL > Kent lost to North of Scotland 2-6, beat Surrey 8-0, beat Gloucestershire 6-2 Third Place Play-Off lost to Middlesex 2-6
Outcome:	4th Nationally, having won qualifying

County Cup - GIRLS 12U	Group F at Sundridge Park
Captain: Martin Whitehouse	Vice Captain: Sarah Wray
Team:	Chloe Cleaver, Eloise Newberry, Lois Newberry, Daisy Rowland
Results:	Kent beat Essex 8-0, beat Hampshire 8-0, beat Sussex 4-4, lost to Middlesex 2-6
Outcome:	Runners-Up in Regional qualifying group

County Cup - BOYS 10U	Group F at Chichester Nationals at Sunderland
Captain: Brett Spencer-Stephens	Vice Captain: Ben Roger
Team:	Arran Avril, Tommy Cuomo, Nathaniel De Mariveles, Herbie Smith
Results:	Kent beat Hampshire 8-0, beat Berkshire 8-0, beat Sussex 6-2, beat Gloucestershire 6-2 NATIONAL > Kent beat North Wales 8-0, beat Dorset 8-0, beat Cambridgeshire 8-0. FINAL – lost to Middlesex 4-4
Outcome:	National Runners-Up, having won qualifying

County Cup - GIRLS 10U	Group F at Hove Nationals at Sunderland
Captain: Harry Bushnell	Vice Captain: Holly Richards
Team:	Genevieve Jeer, Rozellah Nkereuwem, Nikita Phillips, Bella Thomson
Results:	Kent beat Hampshire 8-0, beat Berkshire 8-0, beat Sussex 8-0, beat Gloucestershire 8-0 NATIONAL > Kent beat Cheshire 6-2, beat Buckinghamshire 6-2, lost to Middlesex 0-8 Third Place Play-Off beat Lancashire 4-4
Outcome:	National Runners-Up, having won qualifying

County Cup - MIXED 9U	SE Region at Bromley TC
Captain: Harry Bushnell	Vice Captain: Tom Samson
Team:	Alex Bickerton, Toby Gwinnett, Benjamin McLoughlin, Alex Mirrington, Lisa Bolton, Ruby Marriage, Anastasia Nahornaya, Imogen Smith
Results:	Kent beat Sussex 6-3, beat Surrey 6-3, beat Essex 8-1, beat Berkshire 8-1
Outcome:	Regional Champions

British Tennis County Cup Race

This is the 5th year of the County Cup Race, which takes into account all County Cup results from 9U through to Men's and Ladies, with base points being given on how high a division a team is in and additional points for each win. Having finished 3rd last year, Kent currently sit in 4th place, with the Winter Men's and Ladies County Cup to be played in November. By the time of our AGM in December, the updated table showing Kent's final position should be available on the LTA website.

LTA County Cup Events 2019
Overall County Leaderboard (as of 28 August 2019)

COUNTY																										TOTAL POINTS					
		18 & Under				14 & Under				12 & Under				10 & Under				9 & Under	Summer				Over 35s				Winter				
		B		G		B		G		B		G		B		G		MIXED	M		W		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	BP	GP	BP	GP	
1	Middlesex	7	6	10	8	8	3	8	10	8	6	8	10	8	6	8	10	10	10	6	10	10	7	6	10	8					201
2	Hertfordshire	10	2	10	4	7	0	8	7	7	0	8	10	8	6	8	10	6	10	8	10	15	10	2	10	6					179
2=	Yorkshire	10	8	10	6	7	0	8	4	8	10	8	5	8	4	7	0	10	6	15	10	8	10	6	7	4					179
4	Kent	7	6	10	2	7	0	7	0	8	5	7	0	8	7	8	6	10	15	7	10	10	8	5	6					169	
5	Surrey	10	4	7	2	8	4	8	5	8	4	7	0	6	0	7	0	6	7	15	10	12	7	8	6	6					157
6	Warwickshire	7	4	7	6	8	10	6	0	7	0	8	4	6	0	7	0	10	4	15	10	6	5	2	7	6					145
7	Lancashire	10	6	6	8	7	0	8	6	7	0	7	0	7	0	8	5	6	4	10	7	8	6	4	6	8					144
8	Essex	7	8	7	8	8	5	7	0	7	0	6	0	6	0	7	0	4	10	12	10	4	6	6	7	6					141
9	Leicestershire	6	8	5	6	8	6	8	3	6	0	5	0	4	0	7	0	6	5	6	7	12	10	4	10	4					136
10	Cheshire	6	8	7	2	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0	8	2	8	4	10	7	8	7	4	5	8	6	6					130
11=	Avon	3	8	7	6	7	0	8	2	7	0	8	2	6	0	7	0	5	2	12	5	15	3	4	5	6					128
11=	Cambridgeshire	6	6	6	6	6	0	4	0	7	0	7	0	8	5	6	0	10	7	10	5	10	5	4	6	4					128
13=	Nottinghamshire	4	6	5	8	5	0	6	0	4	0	8	3	6	0	4	0	4	5	15	6	15	5	6	4	6					125
13=	Scotland - North	5	8	5	4	8	2	7	0	8	7	5	0	4	0	4	0	10	6	6	3	12	7	4	6	4					125
15	Hampshire & IOW	6	4	7	8	7	0	4	0	7	0	4	0	5	0	5	0	4	5	10	7	15	6	6	5	8					123
16	Scotland - West	7	2	4	8	7	0	7	0	5	0	7	0	7	0	7	0	6	4	12	3	15	7	8	3	2					121

H & W = Herefordshire & Worcestershire

BP = Base Points GP = Group Points QP = Qualifying Points FP = Finals Points

Kent County Championships - Summer

Events	Champion	Runners Up
8U Boys Singles	Drew Baker	Jamie Montgomery
8U Girls Singles	Judy Zhang	Olivia Walker
9U Boys Singles	Alex Mirrington	Drew Baker
9U Girls Singles	Ruby Marriage	Imogen Smith
10U Boys Singles	Matthew McLain	Herbie Smith
10U Girls Singles	Charlotte Spratling	Ashleigh Hannah
12U Boys Singles	Pranav Devaguptapu	Conor Brady
12U Girls Singles	Eloise Newberry	Daisy Rowland
14U Boys Singles	Matthew Pickering	Pranav Devaguptapu
14U Girls Singles	Lois Newberry	Daisy Rowland
14U Boys Doubles	Rory Marles & Ulrich Nienaber	Alexis Chastang & Ben Gusic-Wan
14U Girls Doubles	Eloise Newberry & Lois Newberry	Rebecca Fisher & Lauren Wilson
14U Mixed Doubles	Martino Colabella & Emily Bolton	Jake Wilson & Eloise Newberry
16U Boys Singles	Matthew Pickering	Ethan Grant
16U Girls Singles	Skye Bentum-Siripi	Niamh Egan
18U Boys Singles	Oscar Brown	Oliver Richards
18U Girls Singles	Daisy Carpenter	Skye Bentum-Siripi
18U Boys Doubles	Alex De Sousa & Oliver Richards	Tommy Harrison & Archie Turner
18U Girls Doubles	Skye Bentum-Siripi & Niamh Egan	Amelia Monteith & Lucy Morice-Jones
18U Mixed Doubles	Tommy Harrison & Niamh Egan	Ben Gusic-Wan & Skye Bentum-Siripi
Men's Open Singles	Oliver Richards	Alex De Sousa
Ladies Open Singles	Sophia Thomas	Amelia Monteith
Men's Open Doubles	Ravi Salh & Tim Schoenert	Maksim Balas & Michael Suleau
Ladies Open Doubles	Emma Sawkings & Sophia Thomas	Tabitha Howe & Georgia Lancaster
Mixed Open Doubles	Alex Juniper & Sophia Thomas	Henry Whyte & Anna Chwiejczak

Kent County Championships -Winter

Events	Champion	Runners Up
8U Boys Singles	Drew Baker	Jayden Oladimeji
8U Girls Singles	Lisa Bolton	Judy Zhang

Kent Seniors Championships - Winter

Events	Champion	Runners Up
45s Mens Singles	Peter Gillespie	Jason Baker
45s Mens Doubles	Nigel Cannon & Adrian Moll	Jason Baker & Chris Smith
55s Mens Singles	John Watton	Dave McSorley
60s Mens Singles	Peter Ford	Nigel Jordan
60s Mens Doubles	Nigel Jordan & Ian Milligan	Brian Judd & Robert Thomson
65s Mens Singles	Peter Pharo	David Willan
65s Mens Doubles	Jasper Cooper & Chris Morgan	Rob Andrew & Robin Garratt
70s Mens Singles	Keith Clark	Jonathan Potter
70s Mens Doubles	Vic Chance & Gordon Hayward	Keith Clark & Gary Sims
75s Mens Doubles	Vic Chance & Colin Dancey	John Bland & Denis Costelloe

Seniors Inter-County Results

County Cup - MENS 35s	Division 1 at Eastbourne Captain: Alastair Filmer
Team:	Andy Burgoyne, Zane Cheeseman, Joe Edwards, Alastair Filmer, Oliver Freelove, Jim May
Results:	Kent beat Hertfordshire 5-0, beat Leicestershire 5-0, beat Yorkshire 3-0
Outcome:	1st – National Champions
Inter-County – MENS 45s	Division 1b Captain: Jason Baker
Team:	Jason Baker(3), Nigel Cannon(2), John Gotke(3), Malcolm Hilliar(2), Mike Roi(2), Neil Scotland(2), Chris Smith(4), Dave Smyth(1), David Wood(3)
Results:	Kent lost to Cambs 2-3, beat Middlesex 4-1, beat Hants 3-2, beat Devon 5-0, beat Bucks 4-1
Outcome:	2nd - remain in Division 1
Inter-County – MENS 50s	Division 2a Captain: Dino Skeete
Team:	Andy Candler(4), Steve Joyce(1), Dave McSorley(2), Dave Scott(1), Dino Skeete(2), Kevin Turner(3), Russell Turner (3)
Results:	Kent lost to Shropshire 2-3, beat Somerset 3-2, beat Lincolnshire 4-1 beat Sussex 5-0
Outcome:	2nd – Promoted to Division 1
Inter-County – MENS 55s	Division 1b Captain: Dominic Wood
Team:	David Bulgin(5), Mick Bull(1), Peter Elsdon (5), Simon Gent(1), Keith Gill(5), Malcolm Smith(3), John Watton(1)
Results:	Kent beat Bedfordshire 3-2, lost to Middlesex 1-4, lost to Surrey 2-3, beat Bucks 4-1, lost to Yorks 2-3
Outcome:	4th - remain in Division 1
Inter-County – MENS 60s	Division 1a Captain: Nigel Jordan
Team:	Jasper Cooper(1), Colin Edmonton(2), Peter Ford(2), Liam Griffith (1), Nigel Jordan(3), Chris Merrick(3), Ian Milligan(3), John Watton(5)
Results:	Kent lost to Lancs 0-5, lost to Surrey 1-4, lost to Notts 2-3, beat Hants 3-2, lost to Middlesex 2-3
Outcome:	5th – relegated to Division 2
Inter-County – MENS 65s	Division 1a Captain: Jasper Cooper
Team:	Rob Andrew(3), Jasper Cooper(4), Robin Garratt (2), Brian Moleshead (2), Chris Morgan (4), Bob Whitehead(2)
Results:	Kent beat Norfolk 5-0, beat Middlesex 4-1, beat Staffs 4-1, beat Cheshire 5-0, beat Berkshire w/o
Outcome:	1st – Playing National Final on 29 November
Inter-County – MENS 70s	Division 1b Captain: Jonathan Potter
Team:	Keith Clark(5), Gordon Hayward(5), Jonathan Potter(4), Peter Pharo(5), Al Richardson(2), Stuart Smith(1)
Results:	Kent lost to Sussex 2-3, beat South Wales 5-0, beat Herts 5-0, beat Leics. 3-2, beat Cornwall 5-0
Outcome:	1st – Playing National Final on 29 November
Inter-County – MENS 75s	Division 1a Captain: Gary Sims
Team:	John Bland(4), Brian Jelley(3), Bob Milner(4), Gary Sims(3), Stephen Woodley(3)
Results:	Kent lost to Essex 0-4, beat Avon 3-1, beat Devon 4-0, beat Herts 2-2, beat Notts w/o
Outcome:	2nd – remain in Division 1

County Cup - LADIES 35s	Division 4 at Eastbourne Captain's: Kate Hands & Karen Thomas
Team:	Rebecca Cooper, Lindsey Goddard, Kate Hands, Suzy Russell, Karen Thomas
Results:	Kent beat Norfolk 3-2, beat Wiltshire 4-1, lost to Hereford/Worcester 2-3
Outcome:	2nd - remain in Division 4
Inter-County – LADIES 40s	Division 1a Captain: Suzy Russell
Team:	Jacquie Baker(1), Alessia Cuomo(5), Kate Hands(4), Suzy Russell(5), Karen Thomas(5)
Results:	Kent beat Herts 3-2, beat South Wales 3-2, beat Hants 3-2, lost to Leicestershire 1-4, lost to Berks 2-3
Outcome:	3rd - remain in Division 1
Inter-County – LADIES 50s	Division 1a Captain: Rachel Payne
Team:	Sue Boffey(1), Jane Gentle(1), Keri Jakes(4), Linda McSorley(1), Gillian Newsom(5), Rachel Payne(5), Nayla Solh(3), Gillie Turner(1), Candy Wilton(1)
Results:	Kent beat Warwickshire 4-1, beat Avon 4-1, beat Sussex 3-2, lost to Essex 0-5, beat Middlesex 4-1
Outcome:	1st – Playing National Final on 1 December
Inter-County – LADIES 55s	Division 1a Captain: Jane Gentle
Team:	Jane Gentle(3), Caroline Griffiths(3), Sally Holmes(4), Colette Kerman(1), Hazel Lindfield(1), Cathy Reid Dick(1), Gillie Turner(3)
Results:	Kent lost to Surrey 2-3, beat South Wales 4-1, beat Hants 3-2, beat Avon w/o, beat Herts 4-1
Outcome:	2nd - remain in Division 1
Inter-County – LADIES 60s	Division 1b Captain: Hazel Lindfield
Team:	Anne Gibbs(5), Vanessa Johnson(1), Hazel Lindfield(5), Linda McSorley(5), Sarah Van Doren(4)
Results:	Kent lost to Essex 1-4, beat East Scotland 5-0, beat Surrey 3-2, beat Hants 3-2 beat Bucks 3-2
Outcome:	2nd - remain in Division 1
Inter-County – LADIES 65s	Division 2a Captain: Alison Meakin
Team:	Rae Anderson(3), Sheila Badger(5), Mary Cannon(4), Alison Meakin(5), Norma Smith(3), Pat Smith(1)
Results:	Kent beat Avon 3-1, beat Sussex 4-0, lost to Bucks 2-2, lost to Cheshire 1-3, beat Gloucestershire 2-2
Outcome:	3rd – Remain in Division 2
Inter-County – LADIES 70s	Division 1a Captain: Myra Hunter
Team:	Margaret Baker(2), Myra Hunter(5), Kay Mileham(4), Flick Shipton(5), Chris Troke(4)
Results:	Kent lost to Middlesex 2-2, beat Dorset 3-1lost to Sussex 0-4, beat Hants 3-1, lost to Surrey 2-2
Outcome:	4th – Remain in Division 1
Inter-County – LADIES 75s	Division 1b Captain: Janet Broster
Team:	Marcia Ackers(2), Janet Broster(5), Helen Jary(3), Susan Long(2), Judy Maitland(5), Sarah Pout(5)
Results:	Kent beat Bucks 3-1, beat Devon 4-0, beat Warwickshire 4-0, beat Shropshire 4-0, beat Hants 2-2
Outcome:	1st – Playing National Final on 29 November

County Colours Awarded 2019

Men	Men Seniors	Ladies Seniors
James Davis	Peter Elsdon	Sheila Badger
Matthew Summers	Malcolm Smith	
Honorary Colours	Junior Boys	Junior Girls
Lina Hopkins	Tommy Harrison	Phoebe-Mireille Ecuyer-Dale
Jane Short	Luke Ralph	Alaia Rubio Perez
Vanessa Webb	Archie Turner	Emma Sawkings
Anna Wilson		

Kent Schools Tennis

Kent Primary Schools Team Championships

Events	Champions	Runners Up
Mini Red Boys	Bickley Park	Deal Parochial 1
Mini Red Girls	Lady Boswell	Amherst
Mini Orange Boys	St James 1	Bickley Park
Mini Orange Girls	Granville 1	Walthamstow Hall
Mini Green Boys	Russell House	Amherst
Mini Green Girls	Granville	Amherst

Kent Primary Schools Annual Doubles Championships

Events	Champions	Runners Up
8U Boys	Sevenoaks Primary	New Beacon 2
8U Girls	Amherst	Granville 1
9U Boys	Eltham College	St James
9U Girls	Walthamstow Hall	Granville 1
10U Boys	Russell House	St James 2
10U Girls	St James 1	Amherst
11U Boys	Amherst 2	Amherst 1
11U Girls	Granville 1	Amherst 2

Kent Secondary Schools Doubles Festival

Events	Champions	Runners Up
Year 7 & 8 Boys	Sevenoaks A	Judd
Year 7 & 8 Girls	Sevenoaks A	Sevenoaks B
Year 9 & 10 Boys	Sevenoaks A	Sir Roger Marwood's A
Year 9 & 10 Girls	Benenden A	Bromley High A

Kent Secondary Schools Knockout Competition

Events	Champions	Runners Up
Junior Boys	Sevenoaks	Kent College, Canterbury
Junior Girls	Sevenoaks	Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School
Intermediate Boys	Sevenoaks	Sir Roger Marwood's
Intermediate Girls	Sevenoaks	Benenden
Senior Boys	Sevenoaks	Norton Knatchbull
Senior Girls	Benenden	King's Canterbury

Kent Secondary Schools Team Tennis

Events	Champions	Runners Up
Year 7 & 8 Div 1	Sevenoaks	Sevenoaks
Year 7 & 8 Div 2	Queen Elizabeth's	Highworth Girls
Year 9 & 10 Div 1	Sevenoaks	Benenden
Year 9 & 10 Div	Highworth Girls	Newstead Wood Girls B

Team Tennis - Summer

Team Tennis County Tier - Adults

MenS	Division	Ladies
Bexley A	1	Freedom Leisure A
Canterbury	2	Shooters Hill
David Lloyd Kingshill B	3 Central/East	
Bromley LTC B	3 North/Se London	
Tunbridge Wells B	4 East/West	
Gravesham	4 North	

Team Tennis County Tier – Juniors

Division	18U Boys	Division	18U Girls
East/North East Kent	Hythe	North West Kent	Bexley
North Kent	Bexley		
West Kent	Horsmonden		
Division	16U Boys	Division	16U Girls
1	Hythe	East/West Kent	Hythe A
2 East Kent	Margate	North Kent	Oakwood A
2 North Kent	Shooters Hill	West Kent	Oxford
2 West Kent	Staplehurst		
2 West/North West Kent	Oxford B		
Division	14U Boys	Division	14U Girls
1	Canterbury B	1	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre A
2 East Kent	Canterbury D	2 East Kent	Wye
2 Mid Kent	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre B	2 West Kent	Chipstead Place
2 Mid/South Kent	Avenue Tennis		
2 N. Kent/SE London A	Shooters Hill		
2 N. Kent/SE London B	Old Wilsonians		
2 North West Kent	Meopham		
2 West Kent	Horsmonden		
Division	12U Boys	Division	18U Girls
1A	Canterbury A	West Kent	Tunbridge Wells
1B	Hythe A		
2 East Kent	Canterbury B		
2 Mid Kent	Gravesham A		
2 Mid/South Kent	Wye		
2 N. Kent/SE London A	Shooters Hill		
2 N. Kent/SE London B	Bexley		
2 North West Kent	Old Wilsonians B		
Division	10U Mixed	Division	9U Mixed
1A	Bromley Tennis Centre	1A	Tunbridge Wells
1B	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre B	1B	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre B
2 East/West Kent	David Lloyd Kingshill A	2 East/West Kent	Tunbridge Wells C
2 Mid Kent	Kings Hill Community TC	2 Mid/North Kent	Oakwood
2 N. Kent/SE London A	Ladywell Fields	2 Mid/West Kent	Tunbridge Wells B
2 N. Kent/SE London B	Bromley Wendover	2 N. Kent/SE London	Blackheath
2 North West Kent	Bexley	2 West Kent	Tunbridge Wells A
2 West/Mid Kent	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre D		

Team Tennis County Tier – Juniors (summer continued)

Division	8U Mixed	Division	8U Girls
1A	Parklangley A	A	Canterbury A
1B	Parklangley B	B	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre A
1C	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre C	C	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre C
1D	Bromley LTC A	D	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre B
1E	Sevenoaks Tennis Centre E		
1F	Deal Indoor Tennis Centre		
1G	Hildenborough		
1H	Old Wilsonians B		

Team Tennis - Winter

Winter Team Tennis County Tier - Juniors

Age Group	Boys	Age Group	Girls
18U	Meopham	18U	Sevenoaks
16U	Sevenoaks B	16U	Sevenoaks A
14U	Canterbury A	14U	Sevenoaks A
12U	Avenue	12U	Deal ITC A
10U	Blackheath	10U	Chipstead



Canterbury Mens 1 - Kent Division 1 Champions 2019

Kent Tennisys Doubles Leagues – Winter

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Canterbury 1	Freedom Leisure 1	Sundridge Park
2	Shooters Hill 1	Canterbury 2	Tunbridge Wells 2
3	Frindsbury 1	Beckenham 1	David Lloyd Kings Hill 1
4	Bexley 2	Bethersden	Gravesham 1
5	Avenue Tennis 1	Trottiscliffe 1	Bearsted & Thurnham 1
6	Bearsted & Thurnham 1	Margate 1	Avenue Tennis
7	Shooters Hill 2	Avenue Tennis	Trottiscliffe 1
8	Avenue Tennis 2	South Hill Woods 1	Bromley Wendover 2
9	David Lloyd Dartford 2	Freedom Leisure 1	Sundridge Park
10	Bromley LTC 3	Canterbury 2	Tunbridge Wells 2
Division	Veterans Men's 45s	Veterans Ladies 40s	Veteran's Men's 60s midw'k
1	Bromley Wendover 1	Bromley LTC 1	Canterbury 1
2	Meopham	Canterbury 2	Canterbury 2
3	Sevenoaks 2	Hayes	Hartley CC
4	Parklangley 3		Tunbridge Wells
Division	Veterans Men's 70s Midw'k	Veterans Ladies 60s midw'k	
1	Canterbury 1	Canterbury	

Kent Tennisys Doubles Leagues – Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Canterbury 1	Sundridge Park 1	Sundridge Park
2	Shooters Hill 1	Tunbridge Wells 2	Bexley 1
3	Frindsbury 1	Sundridge Park 2	Gravesham 1
4	Bexley 2	Trottiscliffe 1	Shooters Hill 1
5	Avenue Tennis 1	Canterbury 3	Bromley Wendover 2
6	Bearsted & Thurnham 1	David Lloyd Beckenham 3	Avenue Tennis
7	Shooters Hill 2	Bromley Wendover 2	David Lloyd Beckenham 3
8	Avenue Tennis 2		
9	David Lloyd Dartford 2		
10	Bromley LTC 3		
Division	Veterans Men's Midw'k	Ladies midw'k	Veterans Mixed Midw'k
1	Margate 1	Tunbridge Wells 1	Bexley
2	Trottiscliffe 1	Freedom Leisure 1	
3	Horsmonden	Sevenoaks 2	
4	Margate 2	Sevenoaks 3	

Affiliated District League Results

Ashford & District League – Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Charing	Headcorn A	Hythe A
2	Hythe B	Bethersden	Woodchurch

Deal Indoor Winter League

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Hythe 1	Hythe 1	
2	Herne Bay 3		

East Kent LTA League – Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Herne Bay 1	Bearsted & Thurnham	
2	Broadstairs	Broadstairs	

Maidstone & District League

Division	Men's Winter	Ladie's Winter	Mixed Winter
1	Maidstone A	Freedom Leisure A	Freedom Leisure A
2	David Lloyd Kingshill	Tunbridge Wells B	Bearsted & Thurnham
3		Marden A	
Division	Men's Summer	Ladie's Summer	Mixed Summer
1	Maidstone A	Maidstone A	Maidstone A
2	Biddenden	Tunbridge Wells A	Maidstone B
3	Bearsted & Thurnham B	Tunbridge Wells B	
4	David Lloyd Kingshill	Goudhurst	
5		Tonbridge B	

Medway LTA League -Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
1	Frindsbury 1		

North Kent LTA League – Summer

Division	Mens	Ladies	Mixed
A	Bexley I	Sundridge Park I	Crescent I
B	Meopham I	Meopham I	Bexley I
C	Gravesham II	Sundridge Park II	Hartley CC I
D	Sundridge Park II	Bromley CC I	Catford Wanderers I
E	Wickham Park I	Sundridge Park III	David Lloyd Sidcup I
F	Meopham II	Bexley II	David Lloyd Sidcup II
G	Willet Recreation I	Open Door	Martin Dene
H	Oakwood III	Parklingley IV	
J		Willet Recreation	
Division	Mixed	Veteran's Mixed Midweek	Veteran's Men's 60s Midw'k
Premier	Bexley I		
A	Shooters Hill	Parklingley	Parklingley
B	Wickham Park I	Sundridge Park I	David Lloyd Dartford
C	Sundridge Park II	Sundridge Park II	Sundridge Park
D	Bexley III		
E	David Lloyd Dartford II		
Division	Veteran's Ladies 40s	Veteran's Ladies Midweek	Veteran's Men's 70s Midw'k
A	Bexley	Bexley	Hayes

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