

APPENDIX 2 – KENT TENNIS CIO APPOINTMENTS 2024

The Board of Trustees are tasked with appointing the honorary (non-Trustee) roles for Kent Tennis but consult the members at an Annual General Meeting first. The following paper outlines the appointments Kent Tennis are looking to make for 2024 and 2025.

PRESIDENT & DEPUTY PRESIDENT

These honorary appointments are made for two calendar years, unless a role becomes vacant during the term of office.

PRESIDENT – current – Mary Evans to 31 December 2024

DEPUTY PRESIDENT – current – vacant (*see Life Vice-President appointments*)

Appointments to 31 Dec 2024:

PRESIDENT: Mary Evans (Otford LTC)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Malcolm Smith (ex-Chair and ex-Tunbridge Wells LTC)

Appointments from 1 Jan 2025 to 31 Dec 2026:

PRESIDENT: Malcolm Smith (ex-Chair and ex-Tunbridge Wells LTC)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Hazel Lindfield (Sevenoaks LTC & Parklangley Club)

LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS

These honorary life appointments are made for exceptional service over a number of years for Kent Tennis. Our existing holders of these roles are:

Life President: Austin Smith

Life Vice-Presidents: Roger Bottomley, Denis Costelloe, Angela Darby, John Darby, Stuart Smith, Stephen Woodley

The following Life Vice-President appointments are from 1 May 2024:

Rosemary Lee (Bromley Sports Club)

John Ratcliffe (Shooters Hill LTC)

Malcolm Smith (Tunbridge Wells LTC)

Geoffrey Stephenson (Sundridge Park Club)

The following Life Vice-President appointments are from 1 January 2025:

Mary Evans (Otford LTC)

More on each of the new Life Vice-Presidents can be found on the next page.

OUR NEW LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS

Brief information on each of our new Life Vice-Presidents

ROSEMARY LEE

Rosemary was on the Kent County LTA Council for 22 years to 2022. Membership Secretary for most of that time for Kent Tennis Supporters Club, providing exceptional support to their members. Rosemary was also on Kent's Wimbledon ticket distribution committee for many years (a call from Rosemary ahead of Wimbledon was the most welcome call for our Supporters Club members!).

JOHN RATCLIFFE

Over the past 10 years, John has managed a massive amount of work supporting our clubs, having most recently chaired the Venues, Coaches and Community Committee. John became the kindly face and voice at online Coffee Mornings advising clubs throughout multiple COVID-19 lockdowns as we all tried to unravel the ever-shifting rules on what we could and couldn't do within Government and LTA rules.

John started on our Council Review Committee back in 2011, before joining our Board and Council in 2014. He also sat on the Annual Awards Panel and worked tirelessly alongside Mary Evans and Janice White to ensure all those excellent Annual Awards Dinners were delivered so well!

MALCOLM SMITH

Malcolm is stepping down as our longest serving Chair of our Board of Management (12 years) and having been on our Board for 15 years. Malcolm has over seen many changes within Kent Tennis through those years and his ever-calm approach leading the Board has always been appreciated by those working and volunteering alongside him.

Malcolm was also Treasurer for 5 years and an LTA Councillor for 7 years (with the LTA nominating him for several years after his term as Kent's representative).

GEOFFREY STEPHENSON

Geoffrey was on our Council for 23 years to 2021 and was our Legal and Disciplinary Officer for over 10 years. He was on the Kent Tennis Board for 5 years and, as retired Barrister, provided a legal viewpoint to help see Kent Tennis through any legal technicalities it faced.

Geoffrey became involved back in 1997 in the County Centre project which led to Bromley Tennis Centre opening in 2003 and remained very much involved, advising where required, through the subsequent years.

MARY EVANS (from 1 Jan 2025)

Mary is our current President, and has been volunteering for Kent Tennis for 28 years, with 9 years on the Board. Mary came in when the Juniors Committee need reinvigorating in the 1990s and soon became the Chair of the Junior Affairs Committee, as well as the Chair of the Annual Awards Panel (20 years+), and the former Chair of both the Schools Tennis and Social Committees. Mary remains heavily involved now with the Schools Tennis and rarely misses a Kent Tennis event. Indeed, as we write this, she will have just attended the LTA's Regional Awards Panel meeting.

APPENDIX 3 – KENT TENNIS INTER CLUB LEAGUE RULE

CHANGE

The resolution, proposed by the Kent Tennis CIO Board of Trustees, is detailed below. The background is that Kent Tennis wishes to bring its minimum age for adult leagues in line with the LTA's National League. Current minimum age is 12 whilst the new age will be 13.

Kent Tennis CIO Board of Trustees proposes the following changes to the Kent Tennis HEAD Inter-Club Regulations:

A4. Player Eligibility and Restrictions – eligibility for junior players in adult leagues

EXISTING WORDING (any wording being amended is in red):

Junior: Players must be **12 and over** at the start of the season: Summer, 1st April and Winter, 1st September. Under all aspects of safeguarding home clubs are responsible for their juniors and away clubs for their juniors.

NEW WORDING (wording amended is in red):

Junior: Players must be **13 and over** at the start of the season: Summer, 1st April and Winter, 1st September. Under all aspects of safeguarding home clubs are responsible for their juniors and away clubs for their juniors.

NOTE: As Summer 2024 season has already commenced, these changes proposed will take effect from the Winter 202-25 season.

APPENDIX 4 – KENT TENNIS SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024/25

Under the Kent Tennis Charitable Incorporated Organisation's constitution (point 9h), the Board of Trustees recommend the subscriptions rate to be voted on at each Annual General Meeting.

The resolution, proposed by the Kent Tennis CIO Board of Trustees, is that subscription rates due to be paid to the Kent Tennis CIO by clubs and venues, falling due on 1 October 2024 (for 2024/25), remain as follows:

- Venues with **fewer than 30 members or 1 court only** = £50
- Venues with **2 courts** = £100
- Venues with **3 courts** = £150
- Venues with **4 courts** = £200
- Venues with **5 to 8 courts** = £250
- Venues with **9+ courts** = £350
- **Third Party Operators** in a Club, a Park or Education site = £100 per site
- Additional fee for venues with **grass courts** in addition to hard courts = £50