

## WILTSHIRE 2019 - HIGHLIGHTS

- There are 47 LTA Registered Venues in Wiltshire.
- Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekends were scheduled by 22 venues in Wiltshire during the summer.
- Wiltshire Tennis supported clubs with their School to Club Link programmes. 18 venues formed links with local schools.
- 62 Tennis for Kids Courses took place in Wiltshire
- There are 74 LTA accredited coaches in the County – 28 Accredited and 46 Accredited+.
- A Wiltshire Coach Network has been developed in 2019. Over 25 Wiltshire Coaches are part of the new network which is enabling us to share good practice and engage with coaches from across the county.
- A Comprehensive Coach Education programme was delivered across the South West with Level 1 and Level 2 courses in Wiltshire as well as Emergency First Aid courses and Safeguarding courses.
- Wiltshire Tennis has rebranded and has a new logo and county website.
- A Wiltshire and Swindon Disability Tennis Network action plan was developed and supported sessions and programmes across the County. Inclusive sessions take place at Delta TC, Royal Wootton Bassett TC and Riverside TC.
- Monthly camps and a week-long Development camp were again held at Tedworth House for the Help for Heroes during 2019. Many thanks to Ali Ward for his fantastic coaching. In July, Pewsey TC hosted a very successful Help for Heroes Summer Games tennis event.
- Wiltshire Tennis supports LTA safeguarding policies and procedures in its activities whether within or beyond the county boundary. We have strengthened our on-site procedures at county events and we are in the process of improving the accessibility of information on the Wiltshire Tennis website.
- Eight Wiltshire Tennis Officers and committee members attended an LTA safeguarding awareness training event for counties.
- Stuart Parsons, the LTA's South West Regional Safeguarding Manager, undertook Safeguarding Support visits (previously called 'Minimum Standards Audits', 'club audits' etc.) to 21 of our LTA Registered Clubs of all sizes; 6 clubs exceeded the standards from the start and the rest have achieved them.
- **Lewis Fletcher from Ramsbury TC** has had a fantastic year again in 2019. Lewis gained 2 silver medals for the Great Britain's deaf Tennis team in the senior men's doubles and mixed doubles finals at the 2nd World Deaf Tennis Championships in Turkey. Lewis also won the men's and mixed doubles competitions at the 2019 National Deaf Tennis Championships at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton.
- **Louise Hunt from Wanborough** has had another great year in Wheelchair Tennis and has won numerous titles during the year. Louise is ranked number 25 in the World's Doubles Rankings and 28 in the singles rankings.
- **Amelia Bissett (TeamBath)** has had a fantastic year. Millie played for GB in the U16 Summer Cup this year - only 3 girls were selected for this event and also played for GB in the U16 European Championships where only 2 girls were selected. Amelia also played at Junior Wimbledon in the Doubles and played at Junior Wimbledon in the qualifying singles. Her ranking in U18 Girls ITF is now 251 in the world and she is still only 16. Amelia has won 8 ITF Doubles title so far !! And this year made finals of 3 ITF singles tournaments. She is now off to the Eddie Herr tournament and Orange Bowl Tournament in America in December. Her goals for next year are to play in the Junior Grand Slams
- Many congratulations to County Coaches, Neil and Becky Watts, who have recently had a gorgeous baby boy, Stanley.



## DISTRICT LEAGUES 2019

### CHIPPENHAM & DISTRICT LEAGUE

In the Summer there were 25 Clubs who entered 106 teams – 39 Mens in 6 divisions, 32 Ladies in 4 divisions and 35 Mixed in 5 divisions. There were 274 Mens, 168 Ladies and 210 Mixed scheduled matches.

This Winter 10 Clubs entered 15 teams in a Mixed League of 3 divisions and there are 35 scheduled matches.

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### SWINDON & DISTRICT LEAGUE [www.swindontennisleague.org.uk](http://www.swindontennisleague.org.uk)

	Summer League – 2019 Mens, Ladies & Mixed Doubles	Winter League Mixed Doubles
<b>Participating Clubs</b>	25	24
<b>Teams Entered</b>	58 Mens Teams 36 Ladies Teams 35 Mixed Teams	44 Mixed Teams
<b>Divisions</b>	8 Mens Divisions 5 Ladies Divisions 5 Mixed Divisions	6 Mixed Divisions
<b>Matches scheduled</b>	364 Mens Matches 238 Ladies Matches 211 Mixed Matches	280 Matches

### SARUM LEAGUE MATCH SECRETARY REPORT [www.thesarumleague.com](http://www.thesarumleague.com)

The 34th Summer season saw 17 (17) teams in 3 divisions. 3 concessions.

Salisbury won Div 1, Wellow "A" were runners-up, Wellow "B" won Div 2 with Penton runners-up. Alderbury won Div 3 and Salisbury C were runners-up.

228 (211) players including 34 (24) who played for more than 1 team.

The Mens division was won by Victoria Park with Wellow second. There were 2 concessions. 29 players used of which 7 did not compete in Mixed event.

The 23rd Winter season (2018/19) had 20 (22) teams in 4 Divisions. 0 concessions.

Winchester "A" won Div 1, Riverside "A" runners-up, Div 2 Downton "A" with Littleton "A" runners-up. Division 3 Pythouse "A" with Riverside "B" 2<sup>nd</sup>. Division 4 Goodworth were champions with Littleton "B" runners-up.

246 (252) players of which 13 (27) played for more than 1 team.

The Mixed Knockout Cup had 7 teams enter this year with Andover beating Riverside in the final.

### SARUM LEAGUE MIXED TOURNAMENT

The "A" event had 2 pairs (down 5 pairs) with Riverside's Nick Stamp and Carolyn Barry beating Wellow's Ben Wallis and Laura Doddington in a 3 set final.

The "B" event had 7 pairs (down 2 pairs) with Wellow's Andy Hart and Rita Hampson winning the event beating Salisbury's Geoff Naish and Judith Cutler.

## COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2019

### TEAM TENNIS WILTSHIRE WINNERS 2019

Team Tennis is a singles based team competition open for all LTA Registered Venues. It aims to provide players of all ages (8U – Open) with regular league matches, against similar standard players in a competitive team environment. 55 teams entered with 100 matches were scheduled. Roger Witt is the Wiltshire Team Tennis Organiser and can be contacted on email [notoverthenet@gmail.com](mailto:notoverthenet@gmail.com)

Age Group	Division	Winner
8U	1	Delta Tennis Centre
8U	2	Pewsey TC
9U	1	Delta Tennis Centre
10U	1	Salisbury Lawn Tennis Club
10U	2	Biddestone Tennis Club
12U Boys	2 North	Marshfield Tennis Club A
12U Boys	2 South	Riverside Tennis Club
14U Boys	2	Highworth Tennis Club
16U Boys	2	Riverside Tennis Club
14U Girls	2	Highworth Tennis Club
Open Mens	1	Salisbury Lawn Tennis Club

### TEAM TENNIS SCHOOLS YEAR 8 & 10 WILTSHIRE WINNERS 2019

41 teams competed in the 2019 competition using 144 players.

Division	Winner	Division	Winner
Girls 7&8 Div 1	South Wilts Grammar	Boys 7&8 Div 1	Bishop Wordsworth
Girls 7&8 Div 2	South Wilts Grammar	Boys 7&8 Div 2	Dauntseys B
Girls 9&10 Div 1	South Wilts Grammar	Boys 9&10 Div 1	n/a
Girls 9&10 Div 2	Marlborough College	Boys 9&10 Div 2	Bishop Wordsworth

### WILTSHIRE WINTER LEAGUE 2018/2019

In the 2018/2019 Wiltshire Winter Junior League, 8 clubs with 32 teams, 56 matches scheduled, of which 41 were played. 85 players took part.

Winners of the divisions below:

Division	Winner
8U	Ramsbury
9U	Ramsbury
10U	Ramsbury
12U Boys	Pewsey
14U Boys	Riverside
16U Boys	Ramsbury
Ladies	Salisbury

Team Tennis is now known as the National League.

## COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2019

### MINI TENNIS RED FUN TEAM FESTIVAL 2019

The annual Mini Red Team Tennis Festival at the Delta Tennis Centre was a great success. The event as always was well attended with 16 teams of 4 players competing from clubs across Wiltshire.

The young players enjoyed throughout the morning a tennis quiz, serving, rallying, skills test plus some fun team doubles matches. It was great to see these mini red players having fun and playing competitive matches for what might have been the first time ever. The results were extremely close with the Biddestone Braves coming 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Delta Dragons coming second and the Pewsey Pirates taking home the title. Congratulations to all the teams involved.



### THE WILTSHIRE ADULT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

A glorious Saturday saw 10 singles matches and 4 doubles matches. Match of the day was between Jamie Barry (Riverside) and Josh Langley (Purton) with Jamie winning on a tie-break 3rd set and the biggest crowd of juniors and adults watched their coach Joe Revelle.



In the doubles semis Francis Smith/George Nixon (Salisbury) beat Ben and Josh Langley (Purton) while Rory Smith/Ben Rogers (Salisbury) beat Andy Dickinson/Shane Horsell (Minety).



A colder and windy Sunday saw the semis with Edred Opie (Chippenham) beating Francis Smith (Salisbury) comfortably while Ben Rogers (Salisbury) beat Ben Langley (Purton) in 2 tie-breaks in 2 and quarter hours. The final saw Edred beat Ben 6-4 6-0. The doubles went to a tie-break decider with Francis Smith/George Nixon sneaking past Rory Smith/Ben Rogers.

Marlborough Club were super hosts and will be hosting the event next year. Thank you to all at the club and to referee Roger Witt for refereeing.

### THE WILTSHIRE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

Over 100 players from across the County participated in the **2019 Wiltshire Tennis Junior County Championships** which was held at Pewsey Tennis Club and the Delta Tennis Centre.

The tournament started indoors at the Delta Tennis Centre for the 8U and 9U events and then moved outdoors to Pewsey for the older events.

William Burrige from Swindon won three events – the Boys 18U and 16U singles and then the Boys 16U doubles with Jack Goodwin. Gigi Ifil matched her three wins by winning the Girls 14U singles and then followed this up by winning the Girls and Mixed 14U doubles with Erin Neesham and Charlie Dore respectively

Players with two event wins were Ella Bennett, who won the Girls 10U singles and doubles, Jessica Longjohn, who won the Girls 16U and 18U singles, and her brother Anthony who won the Boys 12U singles and doubles.

**COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2019**
**THE WILTSHIRE JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS**

Event	Position	Names	Club
18U Boys Doubles	1	Oliver Martin+Edred Opie	Team Bath/Chippenham
	2	William Burrridge+Jack Goodwin	Delta TC
18U Girls Singles	1	Jessica Longjohn	Delta TC
	2	Georgia 'Gigi' Ifil	Team Bath
18U Boys Singles	1	William Burrridge	Delta TC
	2	Jack Goodwin	Delta TC
16U Boys Doubles	1	William Burrridge+Jack Goodwin	Delta TC
	2	Stanley Brown+Lewis Chattey	Oxstalls Sports Park/Delta TC
16U Girls Singles	1	Jessica Longjohn	Delta TC
	2	Georgia 'Gigi' Ifil	Team Bath
16U Boys Singles	1	William Burrridge	Delta TC
	2	Stanley Brown	Oxstalls Sports Park
14U Mixed Doubles	1	Charlie Dore+Georgia 'Gigi' Ifil	Delta TC/Team Bath
	2	William Burrridge+Anya Flenk	Delta TC
14U Girls Doubles	1	Georgia 'Gigi' Ifil+Erin Neesham	Team Bath
	2	Sarah Farmer+Macy May Kilford	Delta TC
14U Boys Doubles	1	Billy Hughes+Joshua Knight	Trowbridge /Team Bath
	2	Charlie Dore+Woody Walker	Delta TC
14U Girls Singles	1	Georgia 'Gigi' Ifil	Team Bath
	2	Macy May Kilford	Delta TC
14U Boys Singles	1	Woody Walker	Delta TC
	2	Lewis Chattey	Delta TC
12U Girls Doubles	1	Olivia Adkins+Georgia 'Gigi' Ifil	Delta TC/Team Bath
	2	Sarah Farmer+Macy May Kilford	Delta TC
12U Boys Doubles	1	Dylan Anchors+Anthony Longjohn	Team Bath/Delta TC
	2	Samuel Clague+Michael Mitchell	Ramsbury TC/Delta TC
12U Girls Singles	1	Macy May Kilford	Delta TC
	2	Erin Neesham	Team Bath
12U Boys Singles	1	Anthony Longjohn	Delta TC
	2	Dylan Anchors	Team Bath
10U Boys Doubles	1	Alex Greenouff+Harry Mitchell	Delta TC
	2	George Chowdhury+Ethan Hemming	Riverside TC/Salisbury LTC
10U Girls Doubles	1	Ella Bennett+Emily Kirwan	Delta TC
	2	Anys Holdsworth+Laura Jones	Ramsbury TC
10U Girls Singles	1	Ella Bennett	Delta TC
	2	Sophie Springett	Victoria Park Community
10U Boys Singles	1	Hayden Mundy	Salisbury TC
	2	Christopher Cedric De Sousa	Faringdon TC
9U Girls Singles	1	Sophie Napp	Team Bath
	2	Emily Kirwan	Delta TC
9U Boys Singles	1	Harry Mitchell	Delta TC
	2	Arthur Beck	Ramsbury TC
8U Girls Singles	1	Mia Hughes	Delta Tennis Centre
	2	Matilda Carey	Team Bath
8U Boys Singles	1	Reuben Beck	Ramsbury Tennis Club
	2	Samuel Brewer	Trowbridge Westbourne TC

## COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2019

### ROAD TO WIMBLEDON 14U COMPETITION 2019

In the 2019 County Road To Wimbledon Finals, 8 boys and 5 girls competed.

The girls event was won by Salisbury's Louisa Fuller beating Ami Talpallikar 4-0 4-0 in a repeat of the Club event. The boys event was won by Ramsbury's Samuel Clague who beat Hamish Goulding (Bishops School) 4-2 4-2



### ADULT COUNTY CUPS 2019

Thank you to the Men's and Ladies Team Captains Neil Watts & Becky Watts for all their efforts & support during 2019.

#### SUMMER COUNTY CUP (22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019)

LADIES		MEN	
CAPTAIN: BECKY WATTS		CAPTAIN: NEIL WATTS	
GROUP 5: CAMBRIDGE		GROUP 5: WEST WORTHING	
RESULT: 6 <sup>TH</sup> IN GROUP		RESULT: 6 <sup>TH</sup> IN GROUP	
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Katy Hancock	Wootton Bassett	Neil Watts	Delta
Lauren Prince	Delta	William Bissett	Team Bath
Rebecca Poole	Swindon	Ben Rogers	Salisbury
Sophie Clark	Delta	Giles Hussey	Millfield/Delta
Rebecca Heaps	Delta	Rory Smith	Salisbury
Izabella Harte	Delta	George Nixon	Salisbury
Isabella Fuller	Salisbury	Alex Heaps	Delta
Louisa Fuller	Salisbury	Edred Opie	Chippenham
		Francis Smith	Salisbury

#### WINTER COUNTY CUP (22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

LADIES		MEN	
CAPTAIN: LAUREN PRINCE		CAPTAIN: NEIL WATTS	
GROUP 4: NEWPORT		GROUP 6: LIVERPOOL	
RESULT: 2 <sup>ND</sup> IN GROUP		RESULT: 2 <sup>ND</sup> IN GROUP	
PLAYER	CLUB	PLAYER	CLUB
Amelia Bissett	Team Bath	Rory Smith	Salisbury
Lauren Prince	Delta	Ben Rogers	Salisbury
Amelia Pirt	West Hants	Ben Langley	
Rebecca Heaps	Delta	Edred Opie	Chippenham
Izabella Harte	Delta	Francis Smith	Salisbury
Louisa Fuller	Salisbury	William Burridge	Delta
Jessica Longjohn	Delta	Sebastian Pasmore	Team Bath
Macy May Kilford	Delta	Lewis Chattey	Delta

## JUNIOR COUNTY CUPS 2019

A big thank you to our Junior County Squad Captains – Neil Watts, Steve Yeardley, Becky Watts, Lee Mahony, Will Baillie, Lewis Fletcher, Lauren Prince, Matt Rutland, Neil Little and Joe Revelle - who coached and supported our County Junior Teams in 2018/2019.

Over 70 players were chosen for County squads 2018-2019.

<b>18U COUNTY CUP (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March)</b>			
<b>GIRLS</b>		<b>BOYS</b>	
<b>CAPTAINS: BECKY WATTS &amp; LAUREN PRINCE</b>		<b>CAPTAINS: NEIL WATTS</b>	
<b>GROUP 3A: WIRRAL</b>		<b>GROUP 5B: BARNSTAPLE</b>	
<b>RESULT: 3<sup>RD</sup> IN GROUP</b>		<b>RESULT: 2<sup>ND</sup> IN GROUP</b>	
<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
Amelia Bissett	Team Bath	Ethan Miller	Delta
Niamh Townsend	Delta	Thomas Dearsley	Delta
Jessica Doerr	Delta	Alex Heaps	Delta
Rebecca Heaps	Delta	Edred Opie	Chippenham/Delta
Gigi Ifil	Delta	Stanley Brown	Oxstalls
Louisa Fuller	Salisbury	Jack Goodwin	Delta
Amelia Pirt	West Hants	Oliver Martin	Team Bath
		George Wardley	Ramsbury/Delta

<b>14U COUNTY CUP QUALIFYING (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May)</b>			
<b>GIRLS</b>		<b>BOYS</b>	
<b>CAPTAIN: BECKY WATTS &amp; LAUREN PRINCE</b>		<b>CAPTAIN: NEIL WATTS &amp; LEE MAHONY</b>	
<b>GROUP F – READING</b>		<b>GROUP E - HASSOCKS</b>	
<b>RESULT: 3<sup>RD</sup> IN GROUP</b>		<b>RESULT: 4<sup>TH</sup> IN GROUP</b>	
<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
Amelia Pirt	West Hants	Lewis Chattey	Delta
Rebecca Heaps	Delta	Sebastian Pasmore	Team Bath
Gigi Ifil	Delta	William Burrige	Delta
Jessica Longjohn	Delta	Woody Walker	Delta
Louisa Fuller	Salisbury	Anthony Longjohn	Delta

<b>12U COUNTY CUP QUALIFYING (29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June)</b>			
<b>GIRLS</b>		<b>BOYS</b>	
<b>CAPTAIN: STEVE YEARDLEY &amp; WILL BAILLIE</b>		<b>CAPTAIN: NEIL WATTS &amp; JOE REVELLE</b>	
<b>GROUP E - TORQUAY</b>		<b>GROUP E: ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT</b>	
<b>RESULT: 2<sup>ND</sup> IN GROUP</b>		<b>RESULT: 3<sup>RD</sup> IN GROUP</b>	
<b>Player</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Club</b>
Gabriella Rawles	Team Bath	Anthony Longjohn	Delta
Gigi Ifil	Delta	Sam Clague	Ramsbury/Delta
Erin Neesham	Team Bath	Dylan Anchors	Team Bath
Macy May Kilford	Delta	Michael Mitchell	Delta

## JUNIOR COUNTY CUPS 2019 RESULTS

10U COUNTY CUP QUALIFYING (25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> May)			
GIRLS		BOYS	
CAPTAIN: BECKY WATTS & WILL BAILLIE		CAPTAIN: STEVE YEARDLEY & LEWIS FLETCHER	
GROUP E: EAST DORSET		GROUP E: BURNHAM-ON-SEA	
RESULT: 5 <sup>TH</sup> IN GROUP		RESULT: 5 <sup>TH</sup> IN GROUP	
Player	Club	Player	Club
Sophie Napp	Team Bath	Hayden Mundy	Salisbury
Ella Bennett	Delta	Harry Mitchell	Delta
Emily Kirwan	Delta	Alex Greenouff	Delta
		Christopher Cedric De Sousa	Delta

9U COUNTY CUP (17 <sup>th</sup> August)			
CAPTAIN: STEVE YEARDLEY & LEWIS FLETCHER			
VENUE: BATH UNIVERSITY			
RESULT: 2 <sup>ND</sup> IN GROUP			
Player	Club	Player	Club
Emily Kirwan	Delta	Alex Greenouff	Delta
Sophie Napp	Team Bath	Harry Mitchell	Delta
Madi Ambrose	Delta	Arthur Beck	Ramsbury
Lyla Waters	Ramsbury		

## SENIORS REPORTS 2019

**WILTSHIRE SENIORS LADIES TEAM CAPTAIN REPORT – KATH MORE** email: [kbrockmanmore@aol.com](mailto:kbrockmanmore@aol.com)

### OVER 35'S. EASTBOURNE – Division 4 – Captain: Karina Weedon

A beautifully sunny weekend saw Wilts Over 35's competing on the grass courts (including Centre!) at Eastbourne. After promotion last year, Division 4 was always going to be tough, but the team of Ginny Dalrymple, Sarah Hosking, Karen Nelson, Fiona O'Sullivan and Karina Weedon (Capt.) equipped themselves well in a fiercely competitive group. Despite 8 championship tiebreaks across the 3 rubbers the team saw reverses of:

#### **RESULTS**

V Hereford and Worcester - Lost 2-3

V Kent – Lost 1-4

V Norfolk – Lost 2-3

### OVER 40S – Division 3 - Captain: Karina Weedon

The Over 40s remain in Division 3 following their season. The team, hampered by both injuries and unavailability, played some good tennis and were competitive across their matches.

#### **RESULTS**

V Oxfordshire - Lost 2-3

V Shropshire - Won 5-0

V Essex - Lost 4-1

V Warwickshire- Lost 4-1

Team: Malissa Brown, Sarah Hosking, Karen Nelson, Fiona O'Sullivan, Alison Symonds Capt. Karina Weedon



## SENIORS REPORTS 2019

### **OVER 50S – Division 3 - Captain: Kath More**

Despite a slow start v Staffs 1-4 the Over 50s took full advantage of their home fixtures with resounding wins against Beds. 3-1, Berkshire 4-0 and Cambs 4-0. before heading to Dorset 2-2 (shoot out win) thereby securing promotion to Division 2.

Squad: Capt. Kath More, Jo Adams, Angie Baldock, Helen Brind, Ginny Dalrymple, Nicky Gardner, Alison Plummer, Liz Crossley and Mary Elliott

### **OVER 55'S – Division 2 - Captain: Liz White**

This was the first season for our newly entered age group and the ladies did Wiltshire proud. Despite not expecting to be playing singles(!), the team were competitive across their 3 matches and grew in confidence as the season went on.

#### **RESULTS**

V Glos – Lost 1-4

V Yorkshire - Lost 0-5

V Hereford & Worcester – Won 5-0

Squad: Eila Barron, Mary Elliott, Theresa Griffiths, Alison Shephard, Lisa Crossley and Liz White

### **OVER 60's - Division 2 -Captain: Suzanne Bullimore/ Denise Coxhead**

The over 60s finished 5th in Division 2 following their matches

V N Wales - Won 2-2 (shoot out )

V Oxfordshire – Lost 1-3

V Sussex - Lost 0-4

V Avon – Lost 1-3

V Warwickshire Lost 2-2 ( shoot out)

Thanks to Suzanne Bullimore, Denise Coxhead, Rebecca Elliman, Clare Morgan, Helen Russi and Karen White

### **OVER 65's – Division 3 - Captain: Tessa Mcwhirter**

The team of Caroline Attridge, Sally Bassinder, Anne Fisher, Pauline Medhers and Tessa McWirther (Capt.) finished a very credible 3rd in their division.

#### **RESULTS**

V Cambs - Won 3-1

V Notts – Lost 0-4

V Herts – Lost 0-4

V Somerset – Won 2-2 (shoot out win)

V Derbyshire - Won 3-1

Wiltshire Ladies Vets have had a very successful season on a number of levels: Competing across the country in 6 different age groups , a record number of players attending practices, introduction of new personnel into the teams not to mention the standard of tennis which continues to rise.

My thanks to all those who have flown the Wiltshire flag this year , the Captains who work tirelessly to get both their dates in the diary and players on court, and to Steve and his team at the Delta who have been so accommodating in facilitating fixtures .

**Next practice Sun 15th December 11-1pm Delta**

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### OVER 35'S REPORT – CAPTAIN: JOHN O'MEARA

The weather was extremely kind to us again and made for some entertaining tennis. This year's team, John O'Meara (Chippenham), Jason Stevens (Purton), Nick Bunyard (Frome) & Oli Harris (Ramsbury) competed against Isle of Man, Cumbria & South of Scotland.

We started with a good win against Isle of Man on the Friday but following a narrow defeat to Cumbria on the Saturday, it meant we had an uphill task on the Sunday to gain promotion. South of Scotland who had won both Friday & Saturday were too strong for us on the Sunday and they beat us to gain promotion.

Although the results didn't quite go our way we had a fantastic time competing on the grass at Devonshire Park and are already looking forward to next year. *Captain: John O'Meara*

### WILTSHIRE SENIORS MENS TEAM CAPTAIN REPORT – MIKE POWELL E: [angelaandmikepowell@talktalk.net](mailto:angelaandmikepowell@talktalk.net)

Wiltshire once again fielded teams in the Age Groups M55, M60, M65, M70 & M75, all in round robin leagues from May to September – M70 & 75 playing two pairs of doubles only and M55/60/65 all playing two singles and 3 doubles per match.

**The M55 Team** only had three matches in Division 3 as Berkshire withdrew early on. The first match at home (Delta indoors) was lost narrowly 2-3 to Lincs, the eventual Group Winners, our two wins being achieved both in third set Championship Tiebreaks. The second match away to Cornwall at Newquay indoors produced another narrow loss 2-3, after leading 2-1 at the halfway stage and this time two rubbers were lost on third set CTBs. The third match away to Sussex had to be conceded as we couldn't field enough singles players. All 5 team members achieved success – Hans Monahan & Paul Williams winning at both singles and doubles, Alex Vandeleur, Craig Wensley & captain Andy Dickinson all winning at doubles only. Wiltshire ended in 4<sup>th</sup> place and will stay in Div 3.

**The M60 Team**, new last year under the captaincy of Andy Smith, again had a good season, defeating both Somerset (A) & North Wales(H) 5-0. The opening match was lost 1-4 to Lincs (H) and the last deciding match v Glos (A) was lost narrowly 2-3, leaving Wilts in third place below Glos & Lincs, so Wilts will stay in Division 3. Gavin Gibson & John Page shared the singles spots, winning 2 each. Kim Stuckey played all 4 matches, partnering Andy twice and Carl Orlans twice, winning all 4 rubbers with Andy and 1/4 with Carl.

**The M65 Team was once again Wiltshire's most successful and gained promotion from Division 3A.** They started with a narrow loss 2-3 at home v Notts, but with Paul Denyer unbeaten at No.1 singles and doubles, supported by captain James Sinclair winning all 5 doubles and 3/5 at No.2 singles, the remaining 4 matches were won 4-1 or 3-2 against Suffolk, Cambs, Cumbria & Northumberland – three of them involving travelling some distance. Glynn Stevens won 2/4 doubles with Glen d'Mello, ½ doubles with Colin Gratton and crucially one set with Roger Hurley, who travelled all the way to Carlisle to complete the team. Wilts came second to all-conquering Notts.

**The M70 Team** recorded three losses to Lincs (A), Glos (H) & Avon (A) but in spite of defeating Northumberland at Delta indoors finished fifth in Division 3A, equal on points with Northumberland & Glos but marginally down on games. Colin Gratton achieved success with both Peter Cooper & Mike Gourlay,. Other players involved were Edward Lea, Mike Powell, John Saunbury & Ian Wallace.

**The M75 Team** struggled to field 4 players of the required age in Division 2A and had to call upon John Willcock to complete the team for the three matches played, making winning a mathematical impossibility, but honouring the fixtures, which the opponents appreciated. Losses were officially recorded 1-3 v Somerset (A), 0-4 v Glos (H) & 1-3 v Staffs (H), but we actually had winning results against both Somerset & Glos - the latter match being notable as we were obliged to bring in Beverly Briggs (one of our Ladies) at short notice, who won both her two rubbers partnering captain Mike Powell ! Roger Hurley, John & Mike played in all 3 matches with Edward Lea, Don Skelton & Beverly the other players. We couldn't raise a team v Warwickshire (A), thereby missing the opportunity to play at the prestige Edgbaston Priory Club. **Once more – an enjoyable year with room for improvement in 2020!** *Mike Powell - Wiltshire Seniors Mens Organiser*