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CHAIRMAN'S

REPORT

by

Peter Fradshau

ennis thankfully returned to a more predictable rhythm in 2022. In addition, the benefits of a long hot summer gave players and clubs even more opportunity to enjoy themselves. For that, we should be grateful.

Once again, I would like to thank the entire Council for all their hard work and effort this year. We have a diverse group of people, all with very different skills, whose aim is to promote Surrey Tennis and ensure it operates smoothly. After finally being 'unlocked', we were able to launch new initiatives to make tennis more relevant, accessible, and welcoming to players of all backgrounds and standards. A good example, amongst a broad group, was the series of Forums held across Surrey Clubs on subjects as different as Padel, Club Funding/Facilities, Club/Coach relationship, and the importance of Diversity & Inclusion as an integral part of 'Tennis Opened Up'.

This is only one example demonstrating the enthusiasm of the seven committee groups that help set and drive the tennis agenda across the County, everything from Awards, Sponsorship, Venues, Competitions, Patrons, and Performance. I am also delighted to announce that from this year we have introduced a new Coaches Committee to represent and promote

Surrey tennis coaches. We also have our first Surrey tennis Coach-of-the-Quarter! It is with great delight we have been able to announce the recruitment of a new Treasurer to join the Council. I would like to offer a very warm welcome to Lynne Hunt.

Going forward, the County has a succinct plan for what it wishes to achieve over the next year, which you can find on our website. Outside the most important part of our role, i.e. administrating and developing tennis, our goal is to ensure we have the correct structures for the 21st century. With that in mind, Council is moving forward towards incorporation with the aim of becoming a charitable company (limited by guarantee). We are currently working on choosing the finer details for the charity with the aim of hopefully completing the process by the middle of 2023.

None of this would be possible without the professionalism of the Surrey Tennis Office team who, as ever, have been focussed on day-to-day delivery to all the various Surrey Tennis stake-holders. The good news is that there are more teams playing tennis in Surrey than ever; links to coaches, venues, and officials are strong and improving. Recent reviews of our governance and safeguarding con-



tinue to be excellent which is testament to the very hard work done by the team with a smile. Our strength in social networking and digital delivery plays a big part in promoting and unifying the Surrey Tennis brand. A heartfelt thanks to Debbie Slater, Tim Sagar, Lewis Woodham, Justin Sherring, Julie Duckworth and Chris Risebro. We would also like to welcome Mandy Spicer to Competitions where we are proud to complement the team that helps run some of the largest competitions in Britain. As ever, we would also like to give a big shout-out to the amaz-

ing 25,000 volunteers and other individuals who generously give their time to our sport.

As the final curtain is drawn on this year, it would be remiss to end without mentioning that Surrey managed to win the coveted County Cup last year. A massive thanks are due to all the competitors, coaches and Performance team who helped make it happen. As I write, the current situation remains for this year very tight at the top! #LET'SGOSURREY!

VENUES & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

EPORT

by

Kate Maurici

e started the Year with a survey to venues, as post Covid, we wanted to identify the most significant challenges venues were facing. Following this survey, (designed and executed by Tim Sagar from the Surrey office) it became clear that facilities, funding and venue development were right at the top of the list of importance for many people, especially given the explosion of interest in tennis after lockdown. We then identified from the survey data relevant forum topics to plan for later in the Year and began to collect and approve case studies on certain topics which will appear on the Surrey Tennis website soon.

Directing communication to the most relevant person within venues is always something we are seeking to improve at Surrey Tennis. Sometimes information is sent to Venue Main Contacts, which in some venues might actually be better going to someone else. With this in mind, we have been developing a Surrey Venues Group Project this Year. We hope next year to be able to launch this project,

which will assist in providing a quick and easy way for venues to access Surrey Tennis information and book onto forums and other opportunities.

Lewis has continued to provide and develop brilliant communications platforms for Surrey Tennis, developing the use of our Social Media channels and also our website. His awesome digital design of the Surrey Awards Ceremony, his photos and daily media posts during the Surrey Championships and his recent article on Althea Gibson to celebrate Black History month, are to name but a few of his triumphs this Year.

We know the coming year is going to be difficult for many with the cost of living crisis and so for the latter part of this year, our committee has focussed on planning for how we can best identify what support Clubs and Venues will need next year and how we can develop new and exciting projects for 2023.



FORUMS

e decided this year that we wanted our forums to be as interactive as possible, so that people from different venues could enjoy coming together to really share ideas and to feel part of Surrey Tennis.

Our first forum on Padel, started off this approach brilliantly, with Mark Ayers from Epsom LTC flipping burgers while attendees popped on and off the padel courts to "give padel a go" and to listen to his experiences of bringing Padel to the Club.

Our next forum, at Woking, was a candid discussion bringing together several top Head coaches in the County, as well as Jess Downs from the LTA to discuss the nuts and bolts of what works in various different coach/venue relationship models. One person said "I was pleasantly surprised at the content and came away with lots of useful ideas as to how we can collaborate better with our coach".

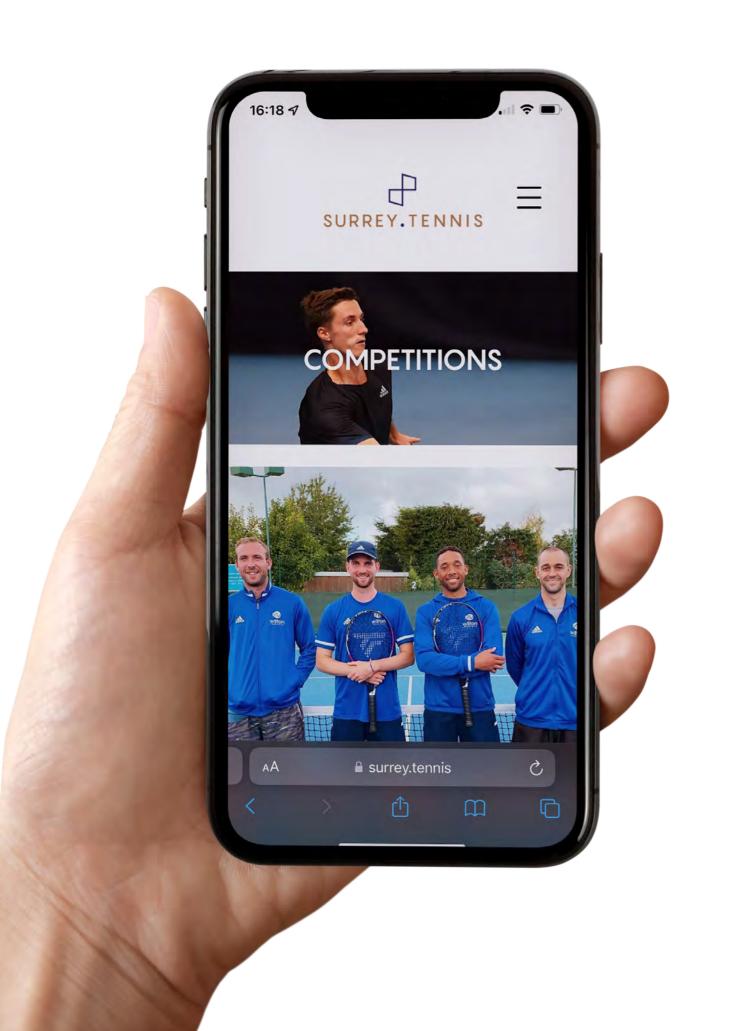
Facilities, Funding and Floodlights was the topic of our third forum at Wigmore Tennis Club. We enjoyed hearing about the impressive re-development of the Clubhouse there, as well hearing how to set up a Bar at a Club from scratch. Attendees also had the opportunity to play under the new LED floodlights at the Club.

Finally, our last forum of the Year took place at Alexandra Park Croquet Club which was adjacent to Surbiton LTC's venue, Alexandra Park. This forum considered topics on inclusion, diversity and parks and was entitled "Opening Tennis Up". We heard about how it is possible to set up a parks site either independently or in conjunction with a Club, and how to open up a tennis programme to include more players from Lower Socio-Economic Groups. We were also very fortunate to have Shiv Paul, LTA independent Councillor who gave a fantastic presentation at this last forum on Inclusion and Diversity.

Across the 4 forums over 50 Surrey venues were represented this year. Thank you to all the Clubs who hosted, to the speakers who gave up their time and to everyone who attended.



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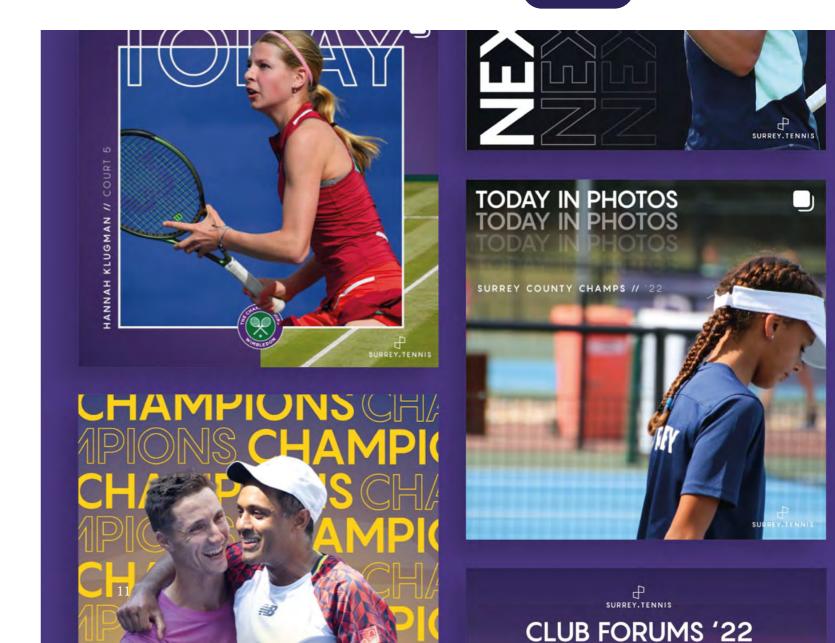
SURREY TENNIS ONLINE

Surrey Tennis has placed a huge emphasis on our digital presence to ensure that our clubs, coaches, players and more feel truly connected to their county, Across our website, social media and direct emails we deliver news and success from Surrey players, competition updates, key Coaches Group information, club news, forum information and so much more!

If you aren't already please make sure you are following Surrey Tennis on social media and regularly visiting our website as your first port of call for any questions you might have.

Click below to visit our website. If you have any suggestions for things you would like to see shown across our platforms, then get in touch via our website

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A WORD FROM THE

PRESIDE Derek Howarth

t has been a pleasure, once again, to have a full calendar of tennis after two very difficult years during the pandemic. Clubs have been a hive of activity during a long hot summer. Our County teams have once again been busy and successful. Congratulations and thanks are due to the many players who have turned out. Well done in particular to the Men's team in winning Group 2. Once again both the teams will be back at Eastbourne next year. Also many thanks to the various captains, coaches and parents who make such a vital contribution to the successes of the players and the teams. As last year the result of the Inter- County race will go to the wire and Surrey have a very good chance of repeating last year's success and it will all depend on the Men's and Ladies Winter inter-county event to be held in a few week's time. Currently Surrey are lying second on 216 points, two behind Yorkshire. Congratulations also to our senior teams who won 4 of the 5 finals they contested.

Former pupils of our County Performance Officer, Justin Sherring, continue to excel on the International stage. This year has seen the emergence of Jack Draper as someone who will be in the mix at the Slams for many years to come. He started the year ranked at around 240 and is now 41. He reached the second round at Wimbledon, narrowly losing to Alex De Minaur but got his revenge against Alex at the US Open reaching the 3rd round before retiring injured in a match he looked like winning against Kachenov. At the Montreal Masters he beat Monfils and Tsitsipas. Jo Salisbury has again excelled winning the US Open.

Our office staff have continued their excellent work and have also now moved office from the NTC to an office in Esher High Street. A warm welcome to Mandy Spicer who has joined the team to run County Competitions. Our fantastic team of Councillors continue to come up with ideas to help clubs and other venues. We recently ran a series of well supported club forums. The County training continues throughout most of the year to support the development of our talented juniors under the direction of Justin.

Surrey Tennis is in good hands and will continue to support the national aims of the LTA. Our excellent website

and social media platforms should be the first ports of call for anyone wanting to keep in touch with what is going on in Surrey Tennis. Lewis in the office does a fantastic job in keeping this going and also in preparing this fantastic report. I am sorry we have had to close down the activities of

our Patrons Committee but many thanks to everyone involved for the good work done over many years. Our junior charitable trust continues to thrive and during the last year made grants totalling £32,600 to 62 of our most talented Junior players.





COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

EPORT
by
Lewis Moodham

hat a year it has been in the Surrey Tennis calendar for competitions. After finally finding equilibrium following 2 years of solid disruption thanks to a certain virus, Surrey competitins thrived once more across all of our events.

The highlight of the year for me was our tremendous finals day hosted amazingly by Magdalen Park Tennis Club. With the sun beaming down, the immaculate Magdalen clubhouse boasting a brand new bar, countless bi-folding glass doors and positive atmosphere, welcomed a host of potential Surrey champions. The day went off without a hitch and everyone in attendance witnessed some top notch tennis! A huge well done again to all of our winners and we are delighted to be back at Magdalen Park for our winter finals day in March!

2022 also saw the very first run for Surrey Tennis at hosting the Surrey Schools Tennis events following Covid. Having absorbed the three schools events (Surrey School Festival, Surrey School League and Rootham & Branston Sheilds) back in 2019, this was the first opportunity we had to really take the events from start to finish. Entry numbers were strong as always from the schools and the season, which is always smooth when schools are involed, culminated in a tremendous set of finals days hosting wonderfully by St Georges College, Weybridge. With all players and teachers having an experience to remember, we are already looking forward to 2023 and how we can improve the events even further.

As always our large team events continued to thrive, as our National League and Wilson Surrey League seasons boasted huge numbers once more.

I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to our competitions committee, who are so effective and efficient in helping to deliver the rather large Surrey competition season. We welcomed a number of new faces to the committee this season, all of which settled in really well and began contributing straight away.

Finally, I want to mention our new competitions lead Mandy Spicer, who is taking over from me as of November 2022. Mandy has an impressive track record in tennis and is so excited to get her teeth into our prestigious Surrey events.

SENIORS TENNIS

he LTA Senior County Cup Events are now back to normal following no competition in 2020 and a limited format in 2021. It was another successful year for the Surrey Seniors Teams. Surrey reached 5 Division 1A v Division 1B finals, all played in Sheffield at the end of October, apart from the Men's 75s which was played at Queen's Club.

Our winning teams were Men's 50s (captain Paul Mattson) 3-0 against Buckinghamshire, Men's 65s (captain Peter Warnock) 3-0 against Hertfordshire, Men's 75s (captain Nick Colman) 4-0 against Hampshire & IOW, Women's 70s (captain Penny Mortimer) 4-0 against Yorkshire and our Women's 55s (captain Katie Jonas) lost narrowly 2-3 to Kent.

Seven more teams came second in their Division (Men's 45s, Men's 55s, Men's 60s, Women's 40s, Women's 50s, Women's 60s, and Women's 65s).

All our captains must be much praised for all the hard work they do in arranging the matches and motivating the squads who are formed at the beginning of the season each with about 10 players. Many continue to captain older age groups as they grow older, maintaining the community spirit across all teams and ensuring that they are aware of players who may not have reached county level at a younger age encouraging them to keep up their form and fitness and to get selected for a squad.



INTRODUCING MANDY

For those that were not aware, after almost 7 years managing the Surrey Tennis competitions, Lewis Woodham is stepping back to be replaced by the delightful Mandy Spicer.

Mandy, who professes to have tennis in her DNA, has been involved in tennis since she was a child, competing at a high level throughout her career. Having taken part in countless County Championships, Mandy also has represented Surrey at a number of County Cup events across numerous age groups.

Mandy is also our Women's County Cup captain, a very prestigious position, and also represents Great Britain regularly in seniors events. Mandy takes on the role of competitions co-ordinator and is absoutely thrilled to be helping to shape the future of competitions in Surrey.

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I know how much history there is across all of our competitions, which is why I am so excited to see how we can grow them further and make them even better for all the players and clubs involved.

I am sure everyone across Surrey will be delighted to welcome Mandy in her new role. Should you wish to contact Mandy then you can via mandy.spicer@surrey.tennis or competitions@surrey.tennis



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SURREY SCHOOLS TENNIS

Schools tennis in Surrey has been thriving for many years, run incredibly well by volunteers throughout the past, ensuring children of all ages from right across Surrey are able to represent their school and take part in enjoyable well run tennis events.

In 2019 three of these schools tennis events were officially absorbed into the Surrey Tennis competition schedule, to be run and organised by us here at Surrey. These events were the Surrey Schools Leagues, the Surrey Schools Festival and the Rootham & Branston Shields. All three events bring with them a long history of honour, prestige and heritage so it was crucial we approached the running of these events in the right way! Sadly, as we looked to get started, COVID hit and all of our plans were halted, meaning up until 2022 the events were not able to hit their stride, which was frustrating for all involved.

Thankfully, as we came out the other side of the Pandemic, we were able to begin the new era of Surrey Schools Tennis, led by Julie Duckworth and ably supported by the Surrey Tennis team and key volunteers.

The first event of the year was the Surrey Schools Leagues which began in April as group stages right across Surrey. Schools battled each other for a place in the finals day where all semi-final and finals took place at St Georges College, Weybridge. The finals were a triumph with some incredible tennis on show! All results can be found by clicking the button at the bottom of the article.

Our next event to get underway was the Surrey Schools Festival, a fun tennis event aimed at participation, which took place across two days in May. With an incredibly high attendance, we filled over 20 courts with players from 9&U all the way to 18&U. With our schools referee Carole Heritage at the helm, the events were a huge success and we already cannot wait for 2023.

Finally, the Rootham & Branston Shields took place later in the year also at St Georges College where some of Surrey's best young players battled it out for the prestigious title. The tennis was tremendous and everyone involved in the finals should be very proud! Bring on 2023!

You can see all the results from our schools events by clicking the button below.

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PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

REPORT

Doug Clare

sn't it great to have a full year with no lockdown restrictions and with our County training and County Cup competitions all back to normal? Surrey's Performance Manager Justin Sherring continues to do a fantastic job organising our County Training for the U8s through to the U18s along with an exceptional group of performance coaches who run the training sessions and Captain our County Cup teams. We have just had a very successful Welcome Day for 115 no. U8 and U9 players where the emphasis is on fun but also enables us to keep an eye out for the stars of the future.

We are constantly searching for the next generation of tennis stars and I'm pleased to say that Surrey currently has its fair share! Watch out for Ollie Bonding, Max Carrier, Mark Ceban, Jamie Diack, Hannah Klugman, Isabelle Lacy and Giulia Lesa. We also have our up and coming pros Emily Appleton, Jodie Burrage, Arthur Fery, Alastair Gray and Lily Miyazaki all working hard and aiming for the Top 100.

Our congratulations go to Jack Draper now in the World Top 50 and the Next Gen Finals and of course Joe Salisbury for another Grand Slam title and reaching the World No.1 at Doubles. These are incredible achievements, and we wish both Jack and Joe continued success.

Surrey won the County Race last year with some great team results and this has set a high standard for this year. Despite this pressure our teams have again performed really well, and we are currently lying 2nd in the Race with only the Winter adult County Cup event to go.

Watch this space, Go Team Surrey!

The Performance Committee has introduced two new ideas this year, the first one is the Surrey Coach Support Fund, whereby our Performance Coaches can apply for financial help to travel with or support our Junior performance players. This support may come as a grant of up to £300 to accompany players to tournaments for example. Secondly we have introduced Coach of the Quarter where the spotlight falls each quarter on one of our great Coaches and demonstrates their exceptional dedication and commitment to our Surrey players.

I would like to thank all our coaches, staff and everyone on the Performance Committee for their enthusiasm and commitment, please keep inspiring the next generation of Surrey Tennis stars.



PERFORMANCE MANAGER REPORT



County Training

Surrey Tennis is proud to have included over 200 players in County Training during the year. We have a strong belief that as many enthusiastic competing young players as possible should be involved in the inspiring environment that is created by all our excellent and committed coaches.

Our U8s, U9s and U14s have been training all year at Sutton Tennis Academy with our U10s, U11's, U12's and U18's using the wonderful facilities at Reed's School and The Surrey County Indoor Centre. We are also delighted to welcome the AELTC Community Sports Ground as a County Training venue.

LTA County Cup

The inaugural and pilot U8 County Cup was held in March at Bromley with all of the Home Counties involved in this new event. After a very successful day, with all the players enjoying themselves, it is widely expected that the U8 County Cup will be a regular addition to the tournament calendar.

U9s — Boys and Girls 2nd in Region

U10s — Boys 2nd in Region, Girls 1st in Region and National Champions

U11s — Boys 1st in Region and National Champions, Girls 3rd in Region

U12s — Boys 1st in Region and 2nd Nationally, Girls 1st in Region and 3rd Nationally

U14s — Boys 1st in Region and 3rd Nationally, Girls 2nd in Region

U18s — Boys 1st in Group 2, Girls 1st in Group 2

With so many Surrey players involved in interna-

tional events, our County Cup teams are often competing with one or two of our strongest players unavailable — thankfully our strength in depth helps us to stay amongst the top 3 most years.

The Salisbury Cup

In its second year, The Salisbury Cup is an event created in 2021 to celebrate Joe Salisbury's world class achievements and to inspire players in their final year of junior tennis. Joe's mother, Carolyn, was on hand to oversee the day of doubles and mixed doubles — with Middlesex departing as this year's champions by way of a sudden death match tie-break.

Welcome to Surrey Tennis!

Early September weekends are firmly fixed in the diary, as the opportunity for the keenest of Surrey talent in the U7, U8 and U9 age groups to meet at The Surrey County Indoor Centre to show off their skills and for the 'ready' players to join County Training

With over 100 players, 150 parents and 25 coaches as well as The Surrey Tennis team on hand, a great day was had by all — and some exceptional talent was discovered. We have a hugely passionate and ever –growing tennis community in Surrey and it is an honour and privilege to be part of such a progressive and enthusiastic tennis county.

All the best for the rest of 2022 and let's continue having fun and growing our great sport in 2023!



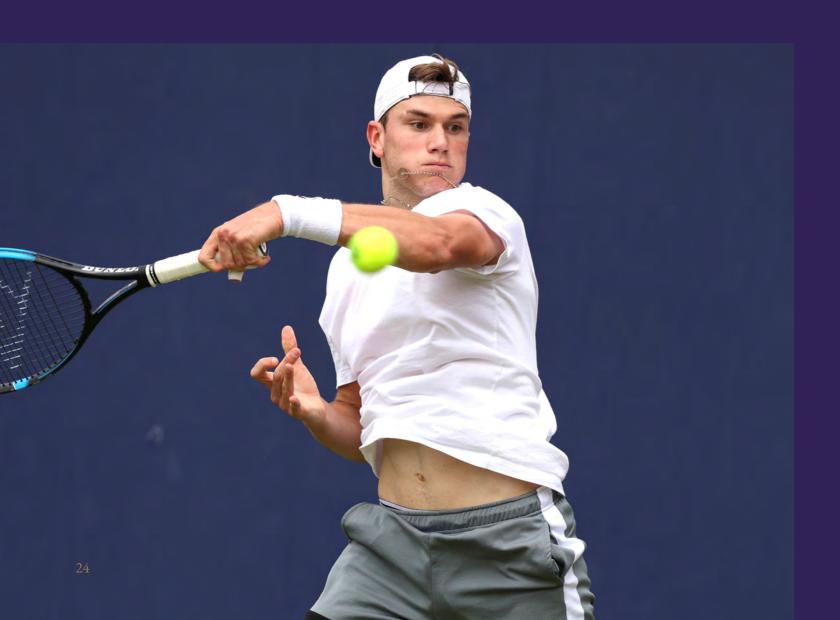
RISE OF JACK DRAPER

by Len Dioley There are two Jack's that I know in Surrey and they both had big moments in the summer of 2021. One of them, my son, took his first breath after a brief (or not so brief if you ask my wife) labour whilst the other stepped out onto Centre Court for the first time to make his Grand Slam debut against Novak Djokovic.

Since that summer it is safe to say that both have gone from strength to strength.

At 20 years old, Surrey's Jack Draper is the youngest Brit to win 3 Challenger Events and is currently sitting at number 43 in the world having wrapped up his season at the ATP Next Gen finals in Italy where he made the Semi-Finals.

So how does a Surrey son reach the impressive heights of a top 50 spot in the ATP rankings?





Looking back now it's clear that Jack was born to have a racket in his hand. I read an interview earlier in the year with Jack's mum Nicky who mentioned that he had been picking a racket up left-handed as early as one.

Although Jack played a variety of sports until he was 16, it is safe to say he was raised on tennis. Often found at Sutton Tennis & Squash Club watching his mum coach or playing tennis with his brother Ben who is currently out in California on a tennis scholarship. Both Draper boys attended Reeds School in Cobham.

Jack committed his future to tennis following on from his run at Junior Wimbledon in 2018 that saw him reach the final and finish the year ranked no. 7 in the junior rankings.

After turning pro in 2018 Jack has gone from strength to strength despite the disruption that the pandemic and a few injuries could have had on his development. As a regular attendee at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton Jack has trained regularly since 2018 with the best British Tennis has to offer, regularly hitting with Cam Norrie, Andy Murray, and Dan Evans. With 4 Challenger titles under his belt as well as notable wins against players in the top 10, such as Tsitsipas at the Masters in Canada and

Auger-Aliassime at the US Open, 2022 has been a breakthrough year for Jack.

There will be many more informed (and qualified) commentators lauding Jack's achievements this year and the promise of what 2023 has in store for him as he continues his journey as a tennis player. He has done exceptionally well on the court, and I cannot wait to see what he achieves but I am equally keen to see how he continues to grow as a person off the court. I have met Jack a couple of times and I have been increasingly impressed with his maturity, his desire to treat everyone equally and the conscious effort he makes to keep himself grounded.

I do believe that Jack is going to go on to great things and we will see some highlights next year on the court, however he is already a worthy ambassador for British Tennis and Surrey on the tour no matter the results on the court next year.

Go well Jack — we're all behind you.



COACH of the QUARTER

The Surrey Coach of the Quarter award is designed to put the spotlight on Surrey coaches who have excelled both on and off the court. Recipients of this quarterly award receive a dedicated page on the Surrey Tennis website including their contact details, social links, an interview and dedicated photoshoot.

Our Performance Manager Justin Sherring descrbes the award as the following "In order to be awarded the prestigious 'Surrey Tennis Coach of the Quarter' coaches will be exhibiting an ABOVE and BEYOND approach to their coaching practice. Players that our Coach of the Quarter teach are very likely to progressing quickly and these coaches will be gaining a reputation of going the extra mile!"

Our first ever recipient of the Coach of the Quarter Award was Amy Cairns from Esher Tennis Club. Amy has developed an incredible reputation for her work with players of all ages. Her personality, attention to detail and dedication are clear to see everytime she steps on court.

In September, we sat down with Amy and discussed her love for tennis, why she chose coaching and how she began working at Esher Tennis Club. To read the full article, click the button below.

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If you would like to nominate a coach to be Coach of the Quarter then click the button below and fill out an application form. Coaches must be working within Surrey.

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COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE

REPORT

by

Peter Fradshaw

et again, we would like to thank all the sponsors of Surrey Tennis. Their continued generosity helps us to develop tennis throughout the County, increase participation, improve facilities, encourage inclusivity and broaden the game. As a result of their help, we now run the largest number of competitions across adult, junior and disability of any county, involving over 20,000 players competing each year. In addition, we provide loans to clubs to upgrade their infrastructure, as well as providing a wide range of benefits to support our coaches. We have a professional office team and an army of volunteers to keep the show running smoothly alongside a dedicated Council who meet regularly to decide strategic direction. All these resources, including contributions from Sponsors, helped Surrey to win last year's County Cup.

We hear that our key sponsors had an enjoyable time at Wimbledon this year - its ability to conjure up memorable matches year after year is unsurpassed. We're fully

aware the ticketing process can be improved upon but have been assured that the LTA and AELTC are working flat-out to ensure the delivery of digital tickets is completely seamless next year! Our primary focus for all our Sponsors is to create the best possible experience when they visit The Championships. Although technical issues were outside our control, we apologise unreservedly for any issues that any sponsors encountered.

We continue to thank our sponsors and look forward hopefully to continuing our partnership in future years. If there is anything at all they would like to discuss or suggest please do not hesitate to get in contact with Debbie Slater or myself.





COACHES COMMITTEE

REPORT by Watt Trevail

he Surrey Coaches Committee was very pleased to officially complete its first year as an operating committee under Surrey LTA Council with Terms of Referenced confirmed and the primary role of overseeing the Surrey Coaches Group (operating since 2017). The Committee met on the 6th May and 11th November, with quarterly meetings planned for 2023 (Feb, May, Aug, Nov).

The Committee saw some new faces for 2022. welcoming Chris Marshall, Mark Magrath and Chris Daw (joining Penny Batchelor, David Lovejoy, Justin Sherring, Roy Staniland, Tim Sagar and Matt Trevail), to bring some great experience to the group. Further diversification is still a goal for 2023, with more representation from Coaches working with disability and ethnic minority students sought.

With Coach education provider Virtus being assigned by the LTA to the Surrey area, the group has been working with Luke House (Virtus Head of Coach Education) to ensure

Coaches got the best possible CPD opportunities. Along with one day CPD events, this led to the county's first ever "Surrey Coaches Conference" and welcoming leading international Coach Education tutor Kris Soutar to Surrey to headline the event. With a full house of 65 coaches in attendance, the event got great feedback and will look to go in the group's diary (potentially on an alternate year basis) going forwards. Big thanks to Tim and Luke for the organisation in advance of the event.

Matt and Chris also teamed up with Jess Downs (LTA) to share experiences at the "Club/Coach Relations" Forum organised by Kate (Venue/Comms Committee). Plenty of constructive discussions were had, with attendees (Head Coaches in particular) keen to attend similar forums in the future to discuss ideas.



SURREY COACHES GROUP

he Coaches Group has continued to provide support to local coaches in the County. We still have around 200 members, and continue to see high level of engagement between the County and coaches. We have regularly communicated with coaches and provided them opportunities to access coach education. In May, we had our first face to face CPD (Continuous Professional Development) since covid restrictions had been lifted. This was on practical ideas for delivery at red and we had Luke House from Virtus as the tutor. With around 25 members in attendance, they looked at a variety of areas including warmups to encourage social interaction whilst maintaining quality, sharing ideas and exploring progressions on simple starter movements, and activities to help children develop reception skills.

In 2022, we also ran two First Aid courses for our coaches to ensure they are keeping all parts of their accreditation up to date. The first one being in March and the second being in November. We look forward to running more courses for coaches in 2023. We have also continued to support coaches via our bursary scheme offer. This is currently targeted at coaches looking to do their level 3 and 4. However, with recent changes to the LTA coach qualification structure and content, we are reviewing this and looking at ways we can support more coaches looking to do their level 2. In 2022, we have offered bursary support to 5 of the applications we received from coaches group members.

The big CPD event of 2022 for the coaches group was the Surrey Coaches Conference. We had around 60 coaches in attendance for the 6 hour event at St. George's College in Weybridge. There were a variety of sessions taking place throughout the day. Kris Soutar delivered on teaching technical and tactical drills in groups along with a session on developing footwork. Justin Sherring, with the support of a couple of our top junior County players, ran a session on transition from juniors to seniors and goal setting with players to support their development. There was also an off-court session run by Matt Trevail and Luke House on the topic of developing a coaching workforce. The group shared ideas on how coaches in Surrey can establish a great culture to keep coaches happy at their venue. The coaches that delivered on the day did an amazing job in engaging and inspiring the vast number of Surrey coaches in attendance. There was a positive atmosphere throughout, and it was also a great opportunity for

local coaches to network. We hope to run another Surrey Coach Conference in the future.

We are already looking ahead to CPD events for 2023 and welcome any suggestions from our members. If you are a coach working at a Surrey registered venue that has not yet joined, you can find out more information about the Coaches Group by clicking the button below.

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AWARDS COMMITTEE

REPORT David Lovejoy

n March the 5th 2022 Surrey Tennis held a celebration of tennis awards afternoon at the AELTC. Surrey Tennis won the County Cup race in 2021 so all the players and coaches that were part the various teams were acknowledged at the awards presentation. We also recognised all the Surrey LTA Tennis Awards winners, 4 of which represented the Southeast Region in the National awards event.

Ben Haran — Performance Coach of the Year Chris Marshall — Community & Parks Award Esher Lawn Tennis Club — Club of the Year Joe Salisbury — Player of the Year

We had 2 LTA national winners with Chris Marshall and Ben Haran walking away as National LTA Tennis Award winners for 2021 (recognised in 2022).

We had a special guest with Jack Draper joining us as an award presenter. Jack had just broken into the top 100 ATP rankings, now 8 months later he sits at 41 and is currently playing in the next gen finals. Jack is a previous winner of various Surrey Tennis awards. It was a very successful afternoon with a lot of the award winners being able to attend, photos of the event can be found on the Surrey Tennis website.

This year the awards committee and the office team have tried to be more proactive in telling all our clubs/venues, players, parents, coaches about the various LTA Tennis Awards that they can vote in. Hopefully we can engage with more of the Surrey Tennis community to get involved with the LTA Tennis Awards process. The nominations for the 2022 awards are well under way, with closing date for nominations being at the end of November. The awards committee will be meeting early in 2023 to decide the 2022 winners.

I would like to thank all the hard work of the awards committee during 2022.

David Lovejoy (Chair): Penny Batchelor, Ben Disley, Julie Duckworth, Tim Pearce, John Phillips, Chris Risebro, Chris Major, Debbie Slater and Roy Staniland.

John Phillips has decided to step down from the awards committee. John has been a long serving volunteer for Surrey Tennis and he will be missed by all on the committee and Surrey Tennis. We wish him well in his future ventures.



AWARD WINNERS

Lifetime Achievement Award (LTA)

Mary Lane (Banstead Tennis Club)

Volunteer of the Year (LTA)

Nigel Turner (Leatherhead Tennis Club)

Young Person of the Year (LTA)

Zoe Reichhelm (Emma Wells Tennis)

Development Coach of the Year (LTA)

Valentin Pusnava (Kingswood LTC)

Performance Coach of the Year (LTA)

Ben Haran (Reed's Tennis School): County, Southeast Regional and National Winner

Club of the Year (LTA)

Esher Lawn Tennis Club:

County and Southeast Regional Winner

School of the Year (LTA)

Ewell Castle School

Disability Award (LTA)

MDL Coaching

Official of the Year (LTA)

Carole Heritage

Competition of the Year (LTA)

Surrey County Championships

Community and Parks Award (LTA)

G-Tennis (Chris Marshall):

County, Southeast Regional & National Winner

Player of the Year National Nominee

Joe Salisbury

National League Premiere Team of the Year

Reeds 14&Under Boys: Jacob Caincross, Liam Channon, Jesse Clarkson, Christian Doherty, Ignas Grusnius, Cassius Haye, Rayyan Mansoor, Captained by Nick Greenhouse

National League County Team of the Year

Avorian Seagulls 14&Under Boys: Jake Simper & Christian Watkins, captained by Robyn Watkins

Junior Volunteer Award

Michael and Sarah Sotillo

County Cup Team of the Year

9&Under Girls: Lola Brown, Ginny Chen, Sophia Cuninghame, Aleksija Vujcic and Emilia Walker, Captained by Matt Trevail & Chris Daw

Girl's Progress Award

Ciara Moore

Jean Thirwall Award (Girl's Endeavour)

Sirena Waas

Boy's Progress Award

Max Carrier

Roger Webb Award (Boy's Endeavour)

Max Relic

President's Award

Chris Marshall:

County Winner and National Nominee

Bernard Crouch Award

Melanie South





PATRONS COMMITTEE

REPORT

Sally Parker

t our Committee Meeting on 24th October, it was with sadness that the Patrons Committee took the decision to wind up the Surrey Patrons Association with effect from 31st December 2022.

This decision has largely been brought about by the fact that the LTA is no longer making an allocation of Wimbledon Tickets available to any Patrons Associations across the country for the benefit of their members. Surrey Patrons have previously benefited from these tickets for a number of years.

For many years the Patrons Association has supported junior activities in the County, which was the main reason the Association was set up some 60 years ago. Over the years the funds have built up to just over £100,000 and when the Association is finally wound up the balance will be transferred to the Junior Trust for the future benefit of young players in the

County, which I am sure will meet the wishes of the founders.

We have run two events this year. A Spring Dinner in May and a Tour of Lords Cricket Ground in June. Both events were well attended and very successful.

Our final social event will be a Christmas Dinner at the Burford Bridge Hotel on Wednesday 30th November.

We would like to thank Christine Hemsworth, Glenda Lamden, Peter Lane, Sally Parker, Frances Presley, Tony Scarlett and Roy Staniland for all the work they have done, as Committee Members, over many years. I would also like to thank Mary Lane and Chris Risebro for the support they have given the committee.



COUNTY CHAMPS OVERVIEW

e had another very successful year of high standard competition at the Surrey County Championships. The Championships ran over 8 days, starting on Sunday 21st August and completing on Sunday, 28th August. For the second year, the Championships were split over 2 venues.

The 8&Under and 9&Under events were held at The All England Club Community Sports Ground in Raynes Park. This year Referee Robert Jones with a number of helpers including some Surrey Tennis team members, oversaw our youngest events on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Friday, the Community Grounds saw Wheelchair players from across the region compete to be named Champion in a combined Middlesex/Surrey event. Unfortunately our Visually Impaired Event had to be postponed due to a train strike, but it has been rescheduled for the 4th December.

Tim Pearce and a team of court supervisors were at Aldershot Tennis Centre to host all our other events from 10&Under and above, including several new events, Over 35s Women's and Over 50s Men's Singles. With careful planning, junior players can choose to compete in one age group (singles and doubles) over a 4 day period (Sunday-Wednesday

or Thursday-Sunday), but should a junior player wish to play in 2 age groups, they commit to playing over the full 8 days. Although it means we have 2 separate Finals Days, it has the advantage of allowing families flexibility to plan some holiday time at the end of the school holidays.

The Control Desk at Aldershot was run by members of the Surrey Tennis Office Team — Debbie Slater, Chris Risebro, Julie Duckworth and Mandy Spicer. Justin Sherring — our County Performance Manager not only popped in to watch some of our excellent junior players at both Raynes Park and Aldershot, he also put his own skills on show, competing and winning our Over 50s Men's event. Peter Bradshaw, the Chair of Surrey Tennis was also on hand to present trophies to some of our Champions.

In total, 35 events, involving 350 players encompassed 208 matches at the Community Grounds and 386 matches at Aldershot. Despite a rainy Thursday, we still managed to squeeze in all the matches over the next couple of days, finishing on schedule on Sunday 28th. We thank Aldershot Tennis Centre and The All England Club Community Grounds for hosting us again this year and all the staff and volunteers who ensured a safe and fun week.



OUR CHAMPIONS

8&Under Boys' Singles: Henry Goldfinch 8&Under Girls' Singles: Daria Solovei 9&Under Boys' Singles: Dylan Young 9&Under Girls' Singles: Olivia Midworth 10&Under Boys' Singles: Cole Edwards 10&Under Boys' Doubles: Cole Edwards &

Theodore Lee

10&Under Girls' Singles: Sophie Cuninghame 10&Under Girls' Doubles: Darcey Osborne & Anais Sylvestre-Wilson

11&Under Boys' Singles: Boyan Ilchev11&Under Girls' Singles: Lyla Read12&Under Boys' Singles: Mateo Romay12&Under Boys' Doubles: Samuel Mhizha &

Mateo Romay

12&Under Girls' Singles: Yasmin Griffin 12&Under Girls' Doubles: Yasmin Griffin & Jessica Lee

14&Under Boys' Singles: Lucca Strack 14&Under Boys' Doubles: Lucca Strack &

Robbie Taylor

14&Under Girls' Singles: Lucy Bear 14&Under Girls' Doubles: Lucy Bear &

Katie Randall

16&Under Boys' Singles: Harry McDonagh

16&Under Boys' Doubles: Harry McDonagh &

Samuil Sivinov 16&Under Girls' Singles: Meela Patel

16&Under Girls' Doubles: Romaine Haslett &

Yasmin Jackson

18&Under Boys' Singles: Jake Evans

18&Under Boys' Doubles: Jake Evans & James

Hutchinson

18&Under Girls' Singles: Holly Dulieu

18&Under Girls' Doubles: Amelia Drayson &

Holly Dulieu

Open Men's Singles: Eliot Glaysher

Open Men's Doubles: Angelo Jose Aparte &

Eliot Glaysher

Open Mixed Doubles: Patrick Mpalanyi &

Srinidhi Madhu

Open Visually Impaired: To be decided

Open Wheelchair Mixed Singles: Andrew Penney

Open Women's Singles: Amelia Drayson Open Women's Doubles: Christine Fourie &

Rosie Speed

Over 35s Women's Singles: Jennifer Marlow

Over 50s Men's Singles: Justin Sherring

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE CHAMPS

Mandy Spicer

his summer as a new member of the Surrey Tennis staffing team I had the first time experience of helping on the Tournament front desk for the County Championships held at Aldershot. Having played in many junior tournaments myself several moons ago it was fascinating to be on the other side of 'the desk' and see the week unfold through different eyes!

Each morning Tim Pearce (our very adept referee) would give us the printed 'order of play' for the day, there were always 2 of us from the office on the desk. The players sign in, announcing their arrival and being ready for action. We would put the first matches of the day on court and then rotate the courts/matches as they became free, working our way down the 'order of play'! With matches scheduled pretty much every hour there was a steady flow of players (and parents) de-

scending on us throughout the day and into the evening.

Tim also organised 'plate events' available for the unfortunate 1st round losers. They could sign up for the chance of playing another match and giving them an additional opportunity of clocking a win or two!

Our job on the desk was to call the players over the tannoy to bring to their attention they were due on court soon after, to allocate the matches to the courts and provide them with the necessary tennis balls. Using our walkie talkies we also liaised with the court supervisors who were keeping an eye on the proceedings on their allotted courts. As matches finished, the players came back to the control desk to register their results which we then communicated back to Tim.

We also had sign up sheets for age group doubles events. We were promoting them to as many players as possible as obviously the more teams involved, the better as more players could gain invaluable doubles experience in doing so. A good number had organised their partners in advance but for others needing partners we tried to introduce to other players to make up suitable pairings.

I thoroughly enjoyed being involved, even with the early mornings arriving Aldershot by 7.30am latest. On 2 mornings it was all hands to the helm to mop up the flooded courts etc. There was some excellent tennis played with some very worthy winners holding up the trophies at the end of the week...



PADEL AT THE CHAMPS

At the 2022 County Championships, we were delighted to run the inaugural Padel County Championships. We had 3 events — Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Across the three events we had around 30 pairs enter and the standard of play was exceptionally high. With more venues across Surrey building padel courts, we recognised the need to integrate this event into our County Championships. We ran the group stages of events at both Surbiton Racket &

Fitness Club and Epsom LTC. We then had the finals being held at Epsom on Saturday 3 September.

We would like to thank both Epsom and Surbiton for hosting as they made all the players feel very welcome. We look forward to running padel events at the County Championships in 2023.



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LTA COUNCILLOR

REPORT

Splipping Taylor

his is my third year as the LTA Councillor for Surrey. The role of the LTA councillor is to be a link between Surrey Tennis and the executive staff of the LTA. I attend four LTA meetings and four South East regional meetings annually. Thank you to Roy Staniland for his support and guidance through my time as a councillor. This is Roy's last year on the board of the LTA, his contribution and support have been unwavering and invaluable, he will be greatly missed.

Some highlights for 2022

Participation

We have seen a marked increase in tennis participation this year. Annual play for adults has exceeded the 2022 target with over 4,153 million playing and has reached its highest point since May 2018 and monthly play is trending ahead of the 2023 target, a record level. Participation among children's weekly play has continued to trend upwards since the start of the year and is on target for 609,000.

Parks Investment

The package is £21.9 million committed by the Government and £8.4million by the Lawn Tennis Association, will revive over 4,500 courts including those in a poor or unplayable condition at more than 1,500 venues. Over 60 parks in the South East have already been approved for this investment.

Safeguarding

To support the work of the LTA at a local level to ensure that by close of venue registration 2022 all coaches operating at Level 2-5 in LTA registered venues are accredited. To support the safeguarding team in the expansion of the officials licence scheme, including competition organisers, and the revision of safeguarding standards at competitions.

Competition

2022 is the first year of the new LTA Performance Competitions Calendar, providing significantly enhanced playing opportunities for British players at each age and stage of the performance player pathway. The new calendar has doubled the number of International ITF World Tennis Tour events, and more than doubled the number of international events for juniors, compared to 2019. This means across all age groups there was 94 international events staged in Great Britain in 2022 (excluding the traditional grass court season events) compared to 41 in 2019. A review of the Junior County Cup has been completed and proposals have been made to address issues of level based play, reducing costs to counties and travel requirements, these will be implemented in 2023.

Inclusion and Diversity

The ambition to ensure people playing, working and volunteering in, and watching our sport will reflect the diversity of our communities. Everyday Inclusion: we need everyone involved in tennis to understand that

inclusion is central to our vision for the sport and confidently choose to be inclusive every day. The LTA plan to achieve this through 5 key areas, 25 commitments to drive change and 46 actions to report against.

Padel

The fastest growing sport in the world, currently 210 padel courts, this number has quadrupled since 2019 and 89,000 people have played padel in Britain in the last year. Primary focus remains on developing overall infrastructure of the sport, a workforce, products, and a structured player pathway. There is a padel ambassador in every county.

LTA Youth schools

Increasing the number of schools involved, the key to increasing the number of children participating in tennis weekly, currently 10,000 schools registered and over 8,000 teachers trained.

LTA Serves

Is the community based programme to tackle some of the issues faced by people in disadvantaged communities. The programme is now well exceeding pre COVID-19 levels, with 402 active venues and 14,000 participants.

Sustainability Plan

Published in June 2022, to support and work with wider tennis community in taking steps to promote responsible consumption and reduce emissions

County Governance Framework

Developed in collaboration with the counties to aspire to the highest standard in Sport Governance at a local level, The purpose of the framework is to help all counties align to the UK's Code for Sport Governance and support them in optimising the way they work, such as through their operations and ways of working, financial and risk management, recruitment and inclusion and diversity. A

new funding model has been introduced for 2023, Surrey will receive the same amount of funding as it had under the previous model.

LTA Major Events Success

This year saw record attendance, 138k tickets sold (vs 123k in 2019). £8.6m in gross revenue (vs £7.2m in 2019). £4.9m in hospitality revenue (vs 4.2m in 2019) and sold out for first time. The LTA won the bid to host the group stage of Davis Cup for 5 years. We also won the bid to host the finals of The Billie Jean King Cup in Glasgow this year. Hosting these events will raise the profile of tennis all year round outside the traditional grass court season. The BJK Cup will raise awareness of tennis as the leading women's sport and inspire more women and girls to get on court.

President and Vice President for 2023

Sandi Proctor will become the 24th president for a term of 3 years, succeeding current President David Rawlinson whose term ends in December. Roy Colabawalla from Warwickshire will take up the post as the Deputy President.

Wimbledon Ticketing Journey — A review of the ticketing process was conducted by an independent company; they have made many recommendations to improve the customer journey for 2023.

SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

Safeguarding continues to be at the forefront of the strategy for the sport. Further information about venue and coach safeguarding standards and welfare officers can be seen on the LTA website by clicking the button below

CLICK HERE

Safeguarding visits from the LTA Regional Safeguarding Officer have continued to take place where possible throughout 2022. Venues are required to meet the 6 LTA safeguarding standards. It is recommended that venues download the self-assessment form prior to a visit to monitor their current practices against the criteria. This form can be found on the LTA venue safeguarding standards webpage.

As well as venues, Counties have been working with the LTA to ensure their safeguarding policies and procedures are in place. We continue to work with the LTA Regional Safeguarding Officer to ensure we have high safeguarding standards in what we do. We were also pleased to welcome the LTA Regional Safeguarding Officer at our County

Championships in August, where we were commended for our attitude towards safeguarding.

In October, the LTA hosted a National Safeguarding Conference, which was open to Counties, coaches, officials and welfare officers. Various speakers ran sessions on topics including: Venue safeguarding standards best practice, Process and role of statutory authorities and Sharing best practice from the case mangement team

Both Surrey Tennis and the LTA are committed to ensuring that all activities planned by both organisations that involve children and vulnerable adults. Further details around safeguarding can be found on the Surrey Tennis website.

A reminder, if your concern is about a tennis venue activity, please report through your venue welfare officer. You can also contact the LTA through the Report a Concern Form (A link to this online form can be found on the safeguarding page of the Surrey Tennis website).



DISABILITY TENNIS

022 has seen positive development in disability tennis activity across the County. We have built some new partnerships with external organisations and tennis venues, who are now starting to deliver various activity. For example, the chair of PHAB approached us earlier in the year about piloting tennis activity at their venue in Epsom & Ewell. We set up some activator training for their volunteers as well as providing them with an inclusive equipment pack. We look forward to seeing how this develops in 2023. We also supported the Head Coach at Epsom LTC, who is now starting to deliver disability tennis sessions at the club for juniors and adults.

Furthermore, we ran a wheelchair event in August and have a visually impaired event coming up in December as part of the County Championships. In partnership with Middlesex Tennis, we ran both events at AELTC Community Sports Ground in Raynes Park and was open to players across the South East region. Unfortunately, our Learning Disability event was not able to go ahead, but we very much hope to run this in 2023, and are looking at revamping the format to encourage more players to take part.

Surrey Tennis continues to work with the LTA in supporting disability tennis activity in the County. Looking to 2023, we are planning to work with Open Court Surrey venues to organise recreational competition events.

If there are any new sessions that venues, coaches, volunteers are thinking of starting up, please do get in contact to see how we might be able to support.



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TREASURERS

REPORT

lynne Ffunt

uring the past year, there have been many changes compared with the previous two years, not least as we have largely come through the pandemic and hence have been able to run county training for the juniors and various tennis competitions over both the winter and summer seasons. This has resulted in much higher income being received compared with the past two years, due to both the training and competition income, but also sponsorship income, for which we are very grateful to all sponsors. However, we have also incurred higher costs, partly due to the aforementioned higher tennis activities, plus our overheads have increased, which is to some extent due to Surrey Tennis now having our own office in Esher, for which we pay monthly rent, having previously enjoyed rent free accommodation at the NTC. Overall, as shown by the accounts, we have made a small loss, although our balance sheet remains strong.

Two loans were applied for during the year by Surrey clubs, one to resurface their courts and the other to upgrade their floodlighting - both loans were approved and the majority of agreed funds had been paid by the year end

For next year, currently there are two main events from a financial perspective. One, as Peter has mentioned, is that we are in the process of incorporating, as recommended by the LTA. Secondly the basis of our funding from the LTA, in line with every county, has changed. Subject to certain conditions, which we believe we will be able to satisfy, our level of funding will continue at the same level for a minimum of three years, prior to being reassessed.

Overall, Surrey Tennis remains in a strong financial position and we look forward to another year.

JUNIOR TRUST FUND

REPORT

Derek Howorth

he Surrey LTA Junior Trust is a registered charity set up to be able to give financial support to promising juniors who represent the County in inter-county competitions. Tennis is expensive sport to play competitively. Our best juniors have extensive coaching costs as well as travel both nationally and internationally. The trustees want to help as much as possible

We received another donation of £30,000 from The Vernon Ely Charitable Trust during the year and the trustees are grateful to them for their continuing support. This dona-

tion has been added to the capital fund that generates income to allow us to make these grants. This income increased by 20% to just over \$30,000 for the year.

If anyone is interested in making donations small or large to help this good cause please contact the County office. Any donations made can be increased with gift aid and the donor can themselves receive 20% tax relief on donations made.



CHARITY GOLF DAY

he Second Surrey Tennis Charity Golf (and Tennis) Day was held at West Surrey Golf Club and the adjoining West Surrey Tennis Club on Thursday, 9th of June.

A full complement of 21 teams of 4 players took to course for a shotgun start at 9:30 to compete in several competitions — including a nearest the pin, longest drive and best team stableford round. The Team Stableford Trophy was won by Justin Sherring, Joe Salisbury, Harry Rock and Matt Moore.

The fun tennis tournament involved 16 players in an American style doubles tournament.

Players returned to the Golf Clubhouse for a BBQ from 2:30 followed by an Auction and a Raffle of many donated auction items and raffle prizes.

A final total of £10,250 was presented to the West Surrey Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Thank you to the golf and tennis clubs and their members who supported the event on the day, to the Surrey Tennis team and all the people who donated auction items and raffle prizes and to all the players, raffle winners and auction bidders for a great day of golf, tennis and raising money.



KEY CONTACTS

TIM SAGAR

Tennis Development Manager

Tim is responsible for supporting our registered venues and coaches on a local level. Tim is our County Safeguarding Officer and leads on the Surrey Coaches Group.

LEWIS WOODHAM

Brand Manager

Lewis manages the Surrey branding and marketing across all digital and non-digital platforms including website and social media.

MANDY SPICER

Competitions Coordinator

Mandy takes the lead on all Surrey Tennis run competitions including the Wilson Surrey Leagues, Surrey Knockouts, National League and more.

DEBORAH SLATER

Office Manager

Deborah covers a variety of responsibilities including promoting Surrey Tennis initiatives and promoting opportunities to players, officials and venues.

JUSTIN SHERRING

Performance Manager

Justin manages the Surrey Tennis performance programme and leads on County Training, County Cup and the development of Surrey talent.

JULIE DUCKWORTH

Competitions Assistant

Julie assists with the running of our competitions programme and helps with other administrative tasks across Surrey Tennis. Julie also leads on all schools tennis competitions.

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