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**QUARTERLY**



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# welcome TO THE STOQ



## A NOTE FROM... *the chairman*

Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of the Surrey Tennis Quarterly. One of our key aims in 2024 is to improve the communication with all our clubs, players, volunteers and stakeholders. To that end, the newly launched Surrey Tennis Quarterly is all about sharing the best news from across the County. We hope it will be an exciting way to connect with our Surrey Tennis audience, provide clarity on our goals and achievements, and flag upcoming events.

As Chair, it's great to observe the continued development of tennis at all levels across the County, and amazing to see the strong position we are in as we start the New Year. Not only are we running more competitions than ever before for 63,000 tennis participants, but I'm very happy to report that our performance players have done us proud by winning the County Cup race, a great honour in an

extremely competitive tournament. High levels of grass-roots participation combined with excellent performance at the top-level is testament to the huge contribution of coaches, clubs and committees and the immense number of volunteers that have made this happen - we are here to celebrate their help.

As well as recognising what has happened, the Quarterly has been introduced to help highlight what will be happening in Surrey Tennis over the next three months – a 'heads-up' of exciting events coming for the diary. To that end, we would appreciate anyone who would either like to share a news story or flag an upcoming event, to please email [lewis.woodham@surrey.tennis](mailto:lewis.woodham@surrey.tennis). Effective communication starts with listening and as ever, we always welcome both contributions and feedback.

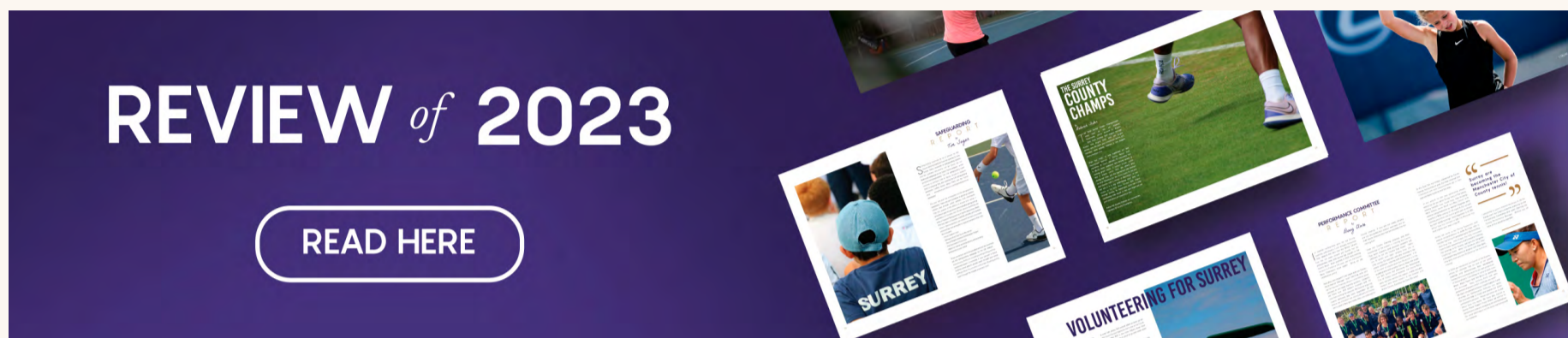


# OFFICE *news*

## REVIEW OF 2023

Each year, coinciding with our AGM, we compile a comprehensive 'Review of 2023' document, offering a retrospective look at the past year's significant moments. This year's edition includes a range of insightful features: a year-end summary from our Chairman, an update on performance initiatives by Justin Sherring, an analytical overview of Surrey competitions, an in-depth look at our iconic Surrey County Championships, a call for sponsorship, a look back at our inaugural padel festival and finals day, among other topics.

As an online magazine, this document serves as a valuable resource to reflect on what has been a monumental year in our long history. To delve into these highlights and more, we invite you to read the full report at [www.surrey.tennis/2023-agm](http://www.surrey.tennis/2023-agm).



## LTA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

We are very honoured in Surrey to have so many talented players competing at the very top of the sport. From Joe Salisbury to Hannah Klugman or Jodie Burrage to Jack Draper there are many Surrey role models that players across Surrey can look up to. Each year the LTA crown their 'players of the year' in the following categories: Women's singles, Men's singles, Doubles and Wheelchair. We are thrilled to announce that we have a whopping three players up for nomination! Jodie Burrage, (who reached her first WTA Tour final at the Rothesay Open Nottingham in June) is up for Women's singles player of the year, Jack Draper (who was selected to represent Great Britain for the first time in his career at Davis Cup Qualifiers in Colombia in February) is up for Men's singles player of the year, Joe Salisbury (whose US Open win was one of four titles in 2023 for Salisbury and Ram, including Lyon, Vienna and at the ATP Finals) is up for Doubles player of the year. Be sure to register your vote! You can vote [HERE](#).



# OFFICE *news*

## 2023 AGM

On December 5th, we hosted our Annual General Meeting at Purley Sports Club, despite the wet winter evening. With over 40 members in attendance, the meeting had a warm and festive atmosphere. The agenda covered significant topics, including our recent incorporation (see the dedicated news item), elections of councillors and vice-presidents, and the presentation of awards and colours.

A notable part of the evening was expressing our gratitude to Sally Parker, who is stepping down from the council after seven years of dedicated service to Surrey Tennis. In recognition, Sally was presented with a framed signed photo of Joe Salisbury and Jack Draper.

The evening also featured the presentation of the Bernard Crouch Memorial Trophy, awarded for exceptional service to Surrey Tennis. This year, it was our pleasure to honour Mary Harper (*see image right*), whose long-standing commitment to grassroots tennis in Surrey (especially in schools tennis), has been invaluable. Congratulations to Mary on this well-earned recognition.

The AGM concluded with the announcement of the Summer/Winter Division 1 league winners – congratulations to St George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club, The Wimbledon Club, and Sutton Tennis & Squash Club – and the presentation of Full and Senior county colours.

Thank you to everyone who attended, contributing to the success of the evening. We also appreciate Purley Sports Club for hosting us. All documentation from the AGM is available at [www.surrey.tennis/2023-agm](http://www.surrey.tennis/2023-agm).



Mary Harper receiving her award

## MERCH

Are you looking to show your support for Surrey Tennis? We're excited to announce the launch of our new official Surrey Tennis merchandise portal! Initially featuring a select collection of items, including a t-shirt, hoodie, and beanies, the portal will expand over time with even more exciting options. You can visit the portal via the Surrey Tennis website [HERE](#) to see what's available and stay tuned for more additions.



## INCORPORATION

*by Lynne Hunt*

As set out in my report last year, one of our objectives for this year was incorporation, as recommended by the LTA. This has been a long journey, but we are now in the position to incorporate as a Company Limited by Guarantee, also becoming a charity, subject to obtaining the necessary authorisation from the Charity Commission. As a company and a charity, we are governed by both the Companies Act and the Charity Commission, which brings about a much higher level of statutory accountability for the directors and members. As a result, we believe it is the correct structure for the Council members to be the directors and trustees, with the associated legal accountability, and for the other members, such as clubs, parks, schools etc. to be a newly classified

Associate or Affiliate members. We, as a Council, are extremely keen to ensure that under the new structure the Associates and Affiliates remain part of the Surrey Tennis family and therefore have taken legal advice to create a suitable framework for this to continue. As a result, we have the statutory Articles of Association, but have also created various Regulations, thereby maintaining the rights of Associates and Affiliates to the greatest extent possible, having regard to the legal requirements. Whilst not directly linked to incorporation, we have taken this change in structure as the opportunity to review our relationship with our members, as currently known. As a result, and due to the change in the way counties are funded, where there is now a separation from the funding members give to the LTA and the funding we receive from the LTA, there is currently no actual contractual relationship between the county and members. Therefore, we are proposing to introduce making a small charge to members

of between £20 per annum and £150 per annum, dependent on size and structure, to put in place a contract. We will request members to complete a simple form, primarily to ensure that we have up to date contact details, and request the monies at the same time. The charges are set out in the Regulations. We hope you will agree that this is a very important and exciting step for the future of Surrey Tennis.



# SURREY *competitions*

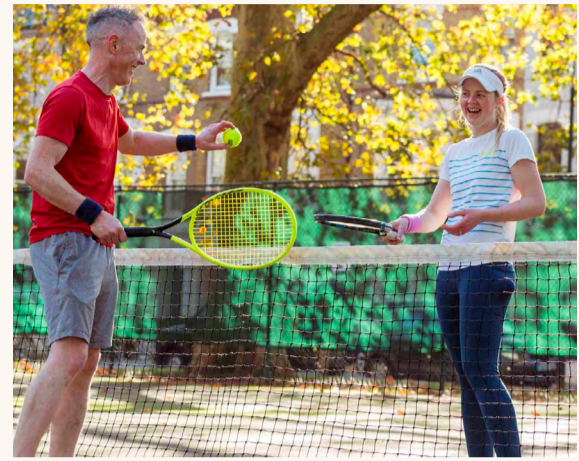
## WINTER SEASON LAUNCHES

The Surrey Tennis Wilson Surrey Leagues Winter season 23/24 is well underway having begun in October. As always, the Surrey competition season boasts impressive numbers across the board with the largest of our events being The Wilson Surrey Leagues. Entry details for all our Surrey Tennis competitions are sent to the club main contact of all registered venues in Surrey as well as being made public on our Surrey Tennis website and social media channels.

Our winter season consists of four events; The Wilson Surrey Leagues, The Surrey Knockouts, The Mixed Team Knockout and the National League Junior Team Trophy. The Wilson Surrey Leagues is one of the largest events in the country that runs twice throughout the year in the summer and winter. It is a league structure with divisions in both east and west, where clubs battle for promotion and fight against relegation. This winter we have over 600 teams competing. The Mixed Team Knockout is one of our newest events in the form of a straight knockout draw. It is one of our most popular events as it introduces the medley format, where each team consists of men and women who compete against each other and then pair up for mixed doubles. The Surrey Knockouts is our flagship knockout event with over

400 players competing each season. The Surrey Knockouts begin in October and culminate in a big finals day held in March. One of the reasons the Surrey Knockouts has been so popular over the decades that it has run, is that it allows huge flexibility for players of all ages, who schedule their own matches at a day and time that suits them (at their club or opponents) at any point before a cut-off date for each round. Finally, our National League Junior Team Trophy is the winter edition of the LTA National League and Youth League that runs throughout the summer, giving players up to the age of 18 a chance to compete in a team environment.

If you are interested in competing in any Surrey Tennis events throughout the year, we advise you speak with your club to understand what opportunities there are, or simply get in touch via [competitions@surrey.tennis](mailto:competitions@surrey.tennis).



## FIND LTA COMPETITIONS

The LTA have a great competitions tool where you can browse competitions near you, see which ones suit your level and enter them. There are a whole host of different competitions and formats that you can play in, each suited to a variety of players – whether you're looking to compete on a local, county, regional or even national level.

To enter a tennis competition, just follow these simple steps:

- Sign up to Advantage to get your ITF World Tennis Number here.
- Search for your next tournament here.
- Select which event you want to enter.
- Complete the online entry process.
- Then you're all set and ready to go, it's that easy.



COMPETITIONS IN NUMBERS SUMMER '23 / WINTER '22'23	
<p>Number of Teams: <b>1,457</b> Matches: <b>3,562</b> Rubbings: <b>14,268</b></p>	<p>Number of Teams: <b>297</b> Matches: <b>405</b> Rubbings: <b>2,088</b></p>
<p>Number of Teams: <b>463</b> Matches: <b>977</b> Rubbings: <b>5,951</b></p>	<p>Number of Teams: <b>28</b> Matches: <b>26</b> Rubbings: <b>152</b></p>
<p>Number of Players: <b>706</b></p>	<p>Number of Players: <b>271</b></p>

## SCHOOLS TENNIS UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that our three Surrey Schools competitions have opened for entry! Entry closes on 14 January and entry can be made via the Surrey Tennis website. Surrey Schools Tennis consists of the 'Surrey Schools Leagues', the 'Surrey Schools Festival' and the 'Surrey Schools Rootham & Branton Shields'. Each of these events are steeped in history and we are proud to say have featured some of Britain's best tennis talent. For more information about each of these events, just head to our website or email [competitions@surrey.tennis](mailto:competitions@surrey.tennis).



# SURREY *competitions*



## MY 'PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON' JOURNEY

*by Gabrielle Ahearn*

Over the summer, I participated in our club Play Your Way to Wimbledon tournament. I progressed to the 14&U county tournament and after a close battle in the final, I came runner up. I was absolutely delighted to be invited to the Play Your Way to Wimbledon county runners-up coaching clinic at the All England Lawn Tennis Club. Arriving at Aorangi to train was a surreal experience! I love being around the grounds, and having the opportunity to train there was incredible. The coaching clinic was led by Dan Bloxham and Laura Robson; it was a lot of fun and challenging. We received the full guest treatment with lunch and a Play Your Way bag and water bottle. To finish the day, we watched the 18&U doubles. I came away feeling inspired to train harder. Luckily for me, I have 2 more attempts at the tournament and I look forward to trying again next year! This event gave me a boost going into the Surrey County Championships, another fantastic event held at the All England Community Tennis Centre.

## GRAND SLAM DATES FOR 2024

We are always thrilled to have so much exciting Surrey talent at four Grand Slams throughout the year. So mark the following dates in your diary as you might be able to watch the likes of Jack Draper, Joe Salisbury, Lily Miyazaki, Jodie Burrage, Oliver Bonding, and many more compete against the world's best!

### AUSTRALIAN OPEN

14-28 January 2024

### ROLAND GARROS

20 May-9 June 2024

### WIMBLEDON

1-14 July 2024

### US OPEN

26 August-8 September 2024



## SUMMER '24 SEASON

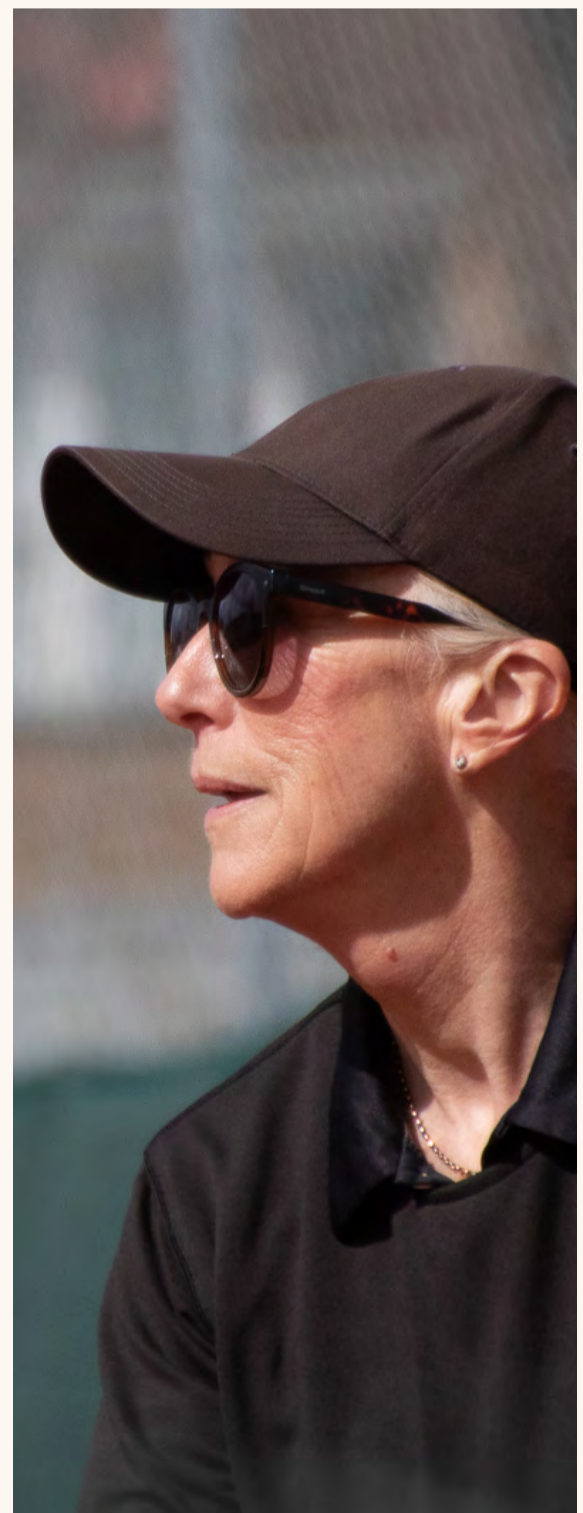
Entry for the Surrey Tennis Summer Season '24 will be opening in January! Our summer events include the Wilson Surrey Leagues, the LTA National League and Youth League and the Surrey Knockouts.

All information required to enter including entry costs, finals days, key rules and more will be emailed to the 'Club Main contact' of every Surrey registered venue. Information about entry launch will also go out via the Surrey Tennis social media channels so make sure you stay tuned!

Everything you need will always be available on our website but if you are ever in doubt, simply email [competitions@surrey.tennis](mailto:competitions@surrey.tennis).

## IMPORTANT: SURREY LEAGUE UPDATE

Please be aware that the competition management system does not always accurately rank teams in a division when points are level. Rest assured, at the end of each season, the Surrey competitions team go through each and every division to make sure the table placements are accurate based on the promotion / relegation rules. The online system unfortunately cannot be altered but the office have their own record.



# SURREY *performance*

## SURREY ARE CROWNED COUNTY CUP RACE CHAMPIONS!

We are thrilled to announce that Surrey Tennis has been crowned County Cup Race Champions for 2023! This monumental achievement is testament to the incredible hard work put in throughout the year from our players, captains, parents and office team. Having missed out on the title last year, our County Performance Manager Justin Sherring was determined to see the crown return to Surrey! When reflecting on the win, Justin said: “As Performance Manager of Surrey Tennis, I am so incredibly proud of all that our amazing players, parents and coaches have achieved this year. Winning the LTA County Cup Race takes such a huge effort from so many special, hardworking and talented people. SO, SO proud of our Surrey Tennis Family”

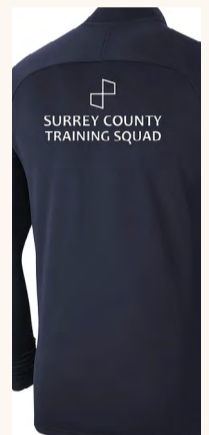


The results throughout the year were as follows:

- U9 Girls 3rd in Regionals
- U9 Boys 1st in South Finals
- U10 Girls 3rd in South Finals
- U10 Boys 1st in South Finals
- U11 Girls National Champions
- U11 Boys National runners-up
- U12 Girls National Champions
- U12 Boys National runners-up
- U14 Girls National Champions
- U14 Boys National Champions
- U18 Girls National Champions
- U18 Boys National runners-up
- Summer Men 1st in Division 1
- Summer Women 3rd in Div 1
- 35+ Men 1st in Division 1
- 35+ Women 4th in Division 1
- Winter Men 1st Division 2
- Winter Women 3rd Division 1

## COUNTY TRAINING KIT

If you haven't yet bought your Surrey Tennis County Training kit, then get in touch via [performance@surrey.tennis](mailto:performance@surrey.tennis) to get the password to order.



## JOE SALISBURY CHAMPION IN TURIN

*From the LTA:*

“November saw the return of the year-end championships at the Nitto ATP Finals in Turin, where Joe Salisbury and Rajeev Ram successfully defended their title.

The British, American duo finished the round-robin stage at the top of the Red Group, before going on to defeat Edouard Roger-Vasselin and Santiago Gonzalez 7-6(7), 3-6, 10-7 in the semi-finals.

Brimming with confidence going into the championship match, Salisbury and Ram dispatched Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos 6-3, 6-4 to secure the title and extend their match winning streak at the tournament to 10 matches.”



## HANNAH'S INCREDIBLE END TO 2023

In December our very own Hannah Klugman became the first British player to win the 18U Girls' Orange Bowl title! Hannah defeated American Tyra Grant 6-3 6-3 in what was an epic performance from our Surrey star. Previous winners of the prestigious event include Grand Slam champions Coco Gauff, Bianca Andreescu and Sofia Kenin so Hannah is in some illustrious company.

When speaking to the LTA Hannah said: “It's an amazing feeling. I played U14s last year and made the final. I was really gutted I didn't get the win, and obviously to get the win at U18s, it's incredible.”

## SURREY SENIORS PUT IN DOMINANT DISPLAY

The incredible form of our Surrey Seniors continued in November as they took home 7 titles from 7 finals! Congratulations to our Ladies 50+, Mens 50+, Ladies 55+, Mens 55+, Mens 65+, Ladies 70+ and Mens 75+ teams who all were victorious when they took to court at the Graves Tennis Centre, Sheffield from Friday 27 to Sunday 29 October for the The Finals of the Seniors County Cup. We are so proud of all our players and captains who fought so hard for the Surrey badge!

If you are interested in representing a Surrey Seniors team, simply click [HERE](#) to get in touch and register your interest.



# SURREY *performance*

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## SURREY CHAMPIONS: OCTOBER-DECEMBER

ATP / WTA / ITF / Tennis Europe / ITF WCTT / ITF WTT

### JODIE BURRAGE

October / Doubles / WTA / WTA250 Transylvania Open

### EMILE HUDD

October / Doubles / ITF WTT / M25 Tallahassee

### JOE SALISBURY

October / Doubles / ATP / Erste Bank Open

### JACK DRAPER

November / Singles / ATP / Trofeo Perrel - Faip

### LILY MIYAZAKI

November / Doubles / ITF / W60 Nantes

### BOYAN ILCHEV

November / Doubles / Tennis Europe / Lexus Junior International Nottingham

### JESSE CLARKSON

November / Doubles / ITF / J30 Liverpool

### GREGORY SLADE

November / Singles & Doubles / ITF WCTT / Open Paratennis du Loiret

### JOE SALISBURY

November / Doubles / ATP / Nitto ATP Tour Finals

### ALLEGRA KORPANEC-DAVIES

November / Singles & Doubles / ITF / J60 Isa Town

### HANNAH KLUGMAN

November / Doubles / ITF / J500 Merida

### LIAM CHANNON

November / Doubles / ITF / J30 Stavanger

### ALASTAIR GRAY

December / Singles / ITF / M15 Madrid

### MAXIMILIAN CARRIER

December / Doubles & Doubles / ITF / J60 Glasgow

### ALLEGRA KORPANEC-DAVIES

December / Singles / ITF / J60 Glasgow

### HANNAH KLUGMAN

December / Singles / ATP / J500 Plantation - Orange Bowl

### HENRY JEFFERSON

December / Singles / ITF / J100 Loughborough

### BROOKE BLACK

December / Doubles / ITF / J100 Loughborough





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# SURREY *venues*

## EPSOM LTC TURNS 125!

On Saturday 16th September 2023 Epsom Lawn Tennis Club marked the 125th anniversary of the Surrey club's formation with a garden party for its members and their families. This encompassed competitive events, a magnificent barbecue and free drinks. The day culminated with a live cover band playing hits from the last 50 years with much dancing. Over 250 guests (and their dogs) enjoyed the celebrations throughout the day which was blessed with fine weather. The club, which has undergone some transformation within its grounds over the past few years was looking resplendent for the party.

There was a "Davis Cup" tennis competition, a Navarro padel tournament as well as croquet games throughout the afternoon.

As is typical, the success of the gathering was down to the efforts of volunteers on the committee with help from some members. A special mention must go to Nico Kirchenbrand, the Club's Social Secretary for masterminding the event.



**THE SUCCESS OF THE GATHERING WAS DOWN TO THE EFFORTS OF VOLUNTEERS ON THE COMMITTEE.**



## WEST SURREY TENNIS CLUB CHARITY DAY

In October, West Surrey Tennis Club (WSTC) held a Charity Day Tennis Tournament that hit a financial ace, raising an impressive £1,450 in memory of the late Charlie Cosser. The day was marked by spirited matches, delicious eats, and generous contributions from our fantastic members. The tennis tournament, despite plenty of quirky challenges, showcased both skill and good humour. Players were presented with unique handicaps, including wooden and children's tennis rackets, wigs and cowboy hats, goalie gloves and more. The competitors took these unconventional obstacles in their stride, providing an entertaining display for the supportive crowd. Spectators generously contributed to the cause, adding to the vibrant atmosphere.

Club coach, Mike Henry, held a fun tennis session during the lunch break for our junior members, who later battled it out in the pavilion to see who would be crowned the table tennis champion of the day.

Charlie Cosser was just 17 when he passed away this summer, two days after an attack where he sustained fatal stab wounds. We were honoured to be joined at the event by Martin and Tara Cosser, Charlie's parents. They spoke to us all in turn, and Martin shared some difficult but very eloquent words about the meaningful work he is now undertaking in

Charlie's memory. The Cossers are launching Think Twice in the New Year, a charitable endeavour that will educate children in the home counties about the dangers and consequences of knife crime, through school visits conducted by Martin Cosser.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who played a role in making the event such a success - those who attended the event, those who fuelled everyone's appetite at the BBQ and brought delicious platters, cakes and brownies; and a special thank you to the WSTC committee who played pivotal roles in organising a successful day.

The funds raised will contribute to local projects, fulfilling the Cosser family's commitment to making a positive impact in Charlie's memory. This event exemplifies the power of our community when we come together for a good cause. Our WSTC Charity Day was a great day, not just in funds raised but in the genuine spirit of unity and generosity that defines our club.



## WANT TO BE FEATURED?

Is your club celebrating a key birthday? Have you triumphed in a tournament or hosted a charity event? Share your stories with us for a chance to be featured in the STQ! Visit our website or click [HERE](#) to get in touch!



# DIVERSITY *and* INCLUSION



## HOW I FOUND TENNIS

*by Jo*

In 2023, I followed my son to the UK together with my wife and settled down in lovely Purley, which sits within Surrey tennis. I stopped playing tennis nearly three years ago and instead turned to hiking daily around London or the bordering areas. When I was hiking in the stunning Box Hill, I got chatting with a lady hiker about my passion for tennis and she then introduced me to CASSAC tennis club. Through the club, I then met Tunde Adefowora, who is a Surrey Tennis Councillor

and a passionate member of the club. Both Tunde and John (the club secretary) invited me down to CASSAC to give tennis a try again. Since that moment, I have rebuilt my tennis interests and it seems like I found a new lease of life playing tennis again. Playing at such a social club has helped me become very familiar with different cultures within the club. Playing tennis & enhancing my tennis skills has made me feel happy, peaceful, joyous & thankful! If you would like to learn more about CASSAC tennis club then you can head to their website [HERE](#) and get in touch!

## LTA OPEN COURT

*From the LTA:*

Our Open Court Programme is a national scheme that actively promotes and delivers opportunities for disabled people to get involved in tennis. Partnered with and jointly funded by Sport England, the programme provides disability specific sessions – including learning disability tennis, wheelchair tennis, visually impaired tennis and deaf tennis. We’re also expanding our programme into other long-term health conditions such as mental health and dementia.

We work with tennis venues all across the country, putting on a range of activities to improve mental and physical health through increasing opportunities to play, socialise and compete with similar people in the sport. We’ve developed a package of equipment and support to enable venues to increase opportunities for disabled people through being a part of our Open Court programme. If you decide that your venue/s would like to be part of the Open Court Programme, please email us at [disabilitytennis@lta.org.uk](mailto:disabilitytennis@lta.org.uk). Our service is bespoke to individual needs, so we will work up a plan that works for you at a pace you can deliver.

## SOUTH LONDON SMASHERS

The South London Smashers represented their area in the inaugural Pride in Tennis National Team Championships, which took place in Nottingham in October 2023. The Smashers are an LGBTQ+ inclusive tennis group playing out of All Star Tennis, King George’s Park, Wandsworth. Surrey Tennis supported the team that took part in the event in Nottingham. Our financial support allowed

the South London Smashers to select from a wider pool of players. Although they did not win overall, the players had an amazing experience, many of whom had never played in a proper tournament before. If you would like to find out more about the South London Smashers, please visit - <https://www.meetup.com/southlondon smashers/> or click [HERE](#).



## OUR SURREY COMMITMENT

Our aim for diversity and inclusion in Surrey is to ensure that:

- Tennis is diverse and inclusive.
- Diversity and inclusion are embedded in our

club’s culture and our behaviours.

- We create a culture where inclusive leadership thrives.
- We take a proactive approach using positive action to ensure that communities and individuals are

valued and able to achieve their full potential.

These commitments are fully supported by the Surrey Tennis Council. For more info on our policies, click [HERE](#).



In December we were thrilled to unveil our Q4 Coach of the Quarter as the amazing Tom Burn! Tom, who coaches at Ewell Cattle School has been one of Surrey's brightest coaches for a long time, always displaying incredible amounts of passion and dedication the development of Surrey's top talent. Tom's extremely high standards when approaching coaching made him the perfect candidate to be given the COTQ award. We paid a

visit to Tom during one of his squad sessions, to take photos of him in action and to discuss his journey in tennis. The interview, which can be found [HERE](#) on the Surrey Tennis website, dives into his passion for development, inspirational figures in his life and what he finds most rewarding about being a coach. We encourage you to check it out and learn about our latest COTQ! Well done Tom!

## JOIN THE SURREY COACHES GROUP

By being a member, a coach can access a wide range a benefits that include:

- Local and subsidised CPD (including online webinars)
- Offers on coaching equipment via the Surrey Tennis equipment portal
- Coach Bursary Scheme for those looking to do their LTA Level 3 and Level 4 coaching qualifications
- Access to subsidised first aid and safeguarding courses
- Regular updates from the Coaches Group admin team on important and relevant information for coaches
- Access to forums that bring coaches together to discuss and share best practice

The Coaches Group strives to provide dedicated assistance and tailored support to meet the needs of our coaches. We aim to strengthen our links with coaches in the County through listening and responding to their needs.

To be eligible, a coach must be living in and/or working at a Surrey LTA registered venue and pay an annual membership of £10, which can be paid via our membership page on ClubSpark. To join simply click [HERE](#) and complete the online form.



## KEY COACHING CONTACTS

We have a number of key contacts within Surrey Tennis to help from a coaching perspective:

- Tim Sagar (Tennis Development Manager): [tim.sagar@surrey.tennis](mailto:tim.sagar@surrey.tennis)
- Justin Sherring (Performance Manager): [performance@surrey.tennis](mailto:performance@surrey.tennis)
- Matt Trevail (Coach Committee Chair): [headoftennis@wtcc.org.uk](mailto:headoftennis@wtcc.org.uk)

## COACHES CONFERENCE

We are excited to announce that in 2024 we will be running the Surrey Coaches Conference again. This will include high quality CPD and an opportunity

for local coaches to network. We plan for this to take place in the last week of August just before schools go back. Surrey Coaches Group members will be the first to hear about the details of the conference so sign up [HERE](#).

# WHERE TO PLAY PADEL



Get involved in one of the fastest growing sports in the world and book a padel court near you today. Padel is a sport for anyone and everyone - it's easy to pick up and once you get started, you'll find it difficult to stop. There are over 20+ venues with padel courts in Surrey, ready and waiting for you, with even

more on the way. You can check the LTA's padel court finder tool to find your nearest courts and how you can book your next hit with friends and family, a coaching session or play matches. To access the find a court tool, just click [HERE](#).

## SURREY PADEL FORUM

As part of the informative series of annual forums, Surrey Tennis staged its second padel forum at Epsom Lawn Tennis Club in September. The forum started with coffees and the presentation of a case study of how a club introduced its first padel court followed swiftly by two more. This was followed by a general discussion including advice on the best way to introduce padel to existing tennis venues covering court types and location, membership models and equipment. The enthusiastic bunch of attendees from Surrey venues (those without padel courts) then took to the padel courts to experience the game for the first time. The morning session was a fantastic demonstration of the ease to which the game can be picked up (especially by those with previous racquet sport experience). Within minutes players were experiencing some great rallies with balls

taken off the glass and boosted returns. All to the sounds of laughter and much merriment – always a great advert for the sport. The forum concluded with a barbecue and refreshments.



## PADEL COMPETITIONS

The autumn edition of the Surrey Padel Leagues recently finished. Congratulations to the following winners: Surbiton R&FC (Men's Diablo, Women's Diablo and Women's Cobra), Epsom LTC (Centurion Diablo, Mixed Cobra, Centurion Cobra and Mixed Midweek) Esher LTC (Mixed Diablo), DL Raynes Park (Men's Cobra and Women's Midweek)

The Spring/Summer edition of the Surrey Padel Leagues is due to open for entries in mid-January with the aim to start the leagues in early February. The Spring/Summer edition also involves a Finals Day Festival, where the top 2 teams in each league compete to be crowned champion. This is due to take place at Epsom LTC on Saturday 8 June. We encourage spectators to come along, as there is lots of activity off the court as well. Keep an eye out on the Surrey Tennis website for further details.

## NEXT EDITION

The next edition of the STQ will be released in April '24 so keep an eye out. A reminder you can sign up to receive the STQ by clicking [HERE](#) or heading to [www.surrey.tennis/stq](http://www.surrey.tennis/stq).

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