

BTLTC AGM 2023

The Chairman officially opened the meeting and welcomed everyone who was in attendance.

Committee apologies: Dawn Presland, Brendon Hunter

Member apologies: Jonathan Aylett, Jill Shaylor, Susan Davies, Rosie Luscombe, Brenda Sleeman, Sue Clutton, Josie Debnam, Jeanette Leech

Presentation of 2022 club championship awards:

Trophies were presented by the President to the winners that were present.

The Exeter and District league trophies were also presented to Mens and Ladies A teams who both won their respective divisions in 2022.

Matters arising from 2022 AGM:

- No outstanding matters.

Election of Officers:

As Chris Laycock, Matt Falkner and Dawn Presland are prepared to stand again for 2023 the Chairman proposed that they be re-elected en bloc. As Melanie Kempson and Merlin Davies are happy to continue for one final year, they also have been re-elected en bloc. Proposed – Alastair Grieve, Seconded – Matt Falkner .

Chairman – Chris Laycock

Treasurer – Brendon Hunter to continue until someone is found or until someone takes on Mens A team

Secretary – Merlin Davies

Adult rep – Melanie Kempson

Child protection/Welfare officer – Matt Falkner

Junior rep – Matt Falkner

Membership Secretary – Dawn Presland

(Jason Gordon and Josie Debnam have agreed to take on Committee roles at some point during the year, to be discussed and decided)

Non Committee Roles:

Social Co-ordinator – Jacqui Warrender

Website co-ordinator – Will Carrodus

Mens A captain – Brendon Hunter

Mens B captain – Matt Falkner

Ladies A captain – Victoria Goss

Ladies B captain – Alison Janzen

Mixed team A captain – Jacqui Warrender

Mixed team B captain – Becky Heathman

The Chairman also thanked the Committee members for all their work and a particular thanks to Melanie Kempson for going above and beyond in her role in so many different ways!

Thanks also to Ryan and the coaching team for all their great work progressing the growth and development of the club, both from the coaching perspective and in helping to make the club feel modern and welcoming to all levels of player (including some outstanding juniors).

Chairman's report: Attached below.

Finance report: Attached below with comparison to previous year.

Team reports: Attached below.

Approval of 2023/24 subscription rates:

We propose to hold subscription rates the same for the next year:

Adults: £140

Seniors (65yrs +): £135

Students (16-18yrs): £65

Jnr 1's (6years and under on 1st April): £20

Jnr 2's (12 yrs and under on 1st April): £40

Jnr 3's (16yrs and under on 1st April): £60

Family £300

Single Parent: £190

Cardio only members: £35

Proposed – Steve Arnold, Seconded – Jane Margetts

Coaching progress report: Attached below after a short presentation by Ryan in person.

AOB (To be discussed at next committee meeting):

- No extra points sent in prior to meeting and no queries during.

Attachments

Chairman's report:

This last year has been another very enjoyable and successful one for the club. Membership numbers have held up well at around 230, with 120 adults and 110 Juniors. In addition to some new members joining as people move to the area we are also getting members joining from other clubs in the area as they see the facilities we have plus the coaching team and the general buzz around the club.

The Match Captains have produced their reports below but just to say that the teams have had great success with the Men's A and B and Ladies A and B teams all gaining promotion in the summer leagues. The Mixed team came 3rd in the South Devon League and won the South Devon Knockout

Cup. League tennis has continued through the winter, when the weather has permitted, and great fun has been had by all. It is particularly pleasing to see some of the “Back to Tennis” players coming through to join in with the general club sessions and now playing in the league teams.

Ryan’s Academy has also gone from strength to strength with lots of tournaments entered and much success achieved. As well as achieving success at a number of tournaments several players have gone on to represent Devon County in various age groups so congratulations to all of them. One individual, Jacob Blackler – Rose, was runner up at the Road to Wimbledon National Final and won the National U 14 doubles title – a first for the club. He was also awarded the Devon LTA Under 18 Player of the Year award.

We are acutely aware of the costs which are incurred by the youngsters trying to develop their tennis by travelling to tournaments around the country and buying equipment, particularly in these difficult times for many families. The Committee therefore decided to offer a Performance Player Grant to help with this. It is available to anyone in the academy to apply for and this year we split the £500 amount between 3 academy players.

One of the aims of the Committee is to try and provide as many different opportunities for members to play and enjoy their tennis as possible. So, in addition to the Club Tournament, regular coaching, club and fitness sessions, team and social play, we introduced Box Leagues during the year. These are particularly useful for those members who don’t already have contacts in the club.

There have been a number of social events during the year, thanks to the organisation of the Social Committee. These have included a Platinum jubilee event, Curry and Quiz night, Tinsel and Tennis Christmas event, team players get together and Club Tournament Finals Day, including the Great BTLTC Bake Off!

The LTA Clubspark system has been working really well for the online booking of courts for a number of years. Recently we have used the system for membership registration and renewal. This, plus bank transfers to pay the fees electronically, has made life a lot easier for the Membership Secretary.

During the course of the year our previous Safeguarding Officer, Ruth Hall, stepped down from this role. We are very grateful to her for all the inputs she made during the last few years. We are very fortunate that Matt Falkner, who is the Junior Representative on the Committee, has stepped up to take on this role as well. He has been reviewing the policies and procedures we have at the Club on all matters relating to safeguarding and some revisions will be announced shortly.

You may have noticed that we have replaced the old picnic tables outside the clubhouse with new recycled plastic ones. These should last a long time and won’t require re-treating. We have ordered some new benches to replace the old ones and these should be arriving sometime in the spring.

You will see that we have decided to keep the membership fees the same for the forthcoming year, given the difficult financial times in which we live and the fact that we have some useful reserves in the bank. Our electricity deal is fixed through until September 2023, so we may need to review everything when we know what the new tariff will be.

The saga of the 4th court continues! We have been in discussion with the Town Council for around 18 months. We have discussed our proposals with them and they have agreed in principle for us to proceed. We have been trying to get an answer from Teignbridge as to whether they would be able to support the project with Section 106 monies from all the new housing in the area. The wheels

grind very slowly I am afraid but we are still pursuing this and hopefully will know one way or the other in the next month or so.

I will conclude by once again thanking all the members of the Committee who give their time freely to help ensure the club is successfully and efficiently run. Also thanks to the Match Captains for all their hard work organising the teams and to Will Carrodus who looks after the website for us. Without our team of volunteers and the great coaching team the club would not be what it is today!

Best wishes,

Chris Laycock (Chairman BTLTC)

Financial Report:

BTLTC Accounts Dec 2022			BTLTC Accounts Dec 2021		
Subscriptions		Totals	Subscriptions		Totals
Membership	£19,328.50		Membership	£17,976.00	
Visitors	£20.00		Visitors	£29.00	
		£19,348.50			£18,005.00
Match Fees	£903.00		Match Fees	£530.00	
Meter Receipts - (Tokens) or lighting use payment.	£111.50		Meter Receipts - (Tokens)	£122.50	
		£1,014.50			£652.50
Net Coaching	£0.00		Net Coaching	£0.00	
N-M Coaching	£0.00		N-M Coaching	£0.00	
Other Income			Other Income		
DPFA refund	£15.00		Advertising	£2,350.00	
Advertising	£2,050.00		Grants	£8,000.00	
Grants	£0.00		Donations	£0.00	
Donations	£0.00		LTA loan	£0.00	
Easy Fund Raising	£255.98		Fund Raising	£199.58	
Emergency Lighting contribution	£323.00		Emergency Lighting Contribution	£300.00	
Sundry	£0.00		Recycled Tennis Balls	£95.40	
Recycled Tennis Balls	£72.90		Bank Interest	£1.69	
Bank Interest	£8.72		Electricity Rebate	£11.42	
Electricity Rebate (Ryan)	£230.00				
Insurance Rebate	£63.39				
		£3,018.99			£10,958.09
Total Income		£ 23,381.99	Total Income		£ 29,615.59
Annual or monthly payments			Annual Charges		
NPFA	£1.05		NPFA	£1.05	
DPFA	£15.00		DPFA	£30.00	
Devon LTA Registration	£720.00		Devon LTA Registration Fee	£0.00	
Insurance	£1,578.59		Insurance	£1,193.00	
Water Rates	£233.50		Water Rates	£354.00	
Waste collection	£260.70		Electricity	£702.17	
Electricity	£1,017.54		League Subs	£15.00	
League Subs	£62.00				
Hygeine South West	£151.53				
Cleaning	£1,020.00				
		£5,059.91			£2,295.22
Maintenance			Maintenance		
Fire extinguisher checks	£35.40		Fire extinguisher checks	£522.00	
Locks	£86.00		Grounds Maintenance	£871.87	
Grounds Maintenance	£208.02		Security	£103.81	
Health, Safety and security	£17.88		Electric meters	£514.80	
Electrics - replace shower, PAT testing, etc	£1,587.89		Signs	£36.00	
Signs	£0.00		LED Lighting	£8,738.00	
Marque Panels	£394.68		Tennis court Re-surfacing	£0.00	
Tennis court Re-surfacing (New carpet etc)	£9,600.00		Drain Survey	£261.00	
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Gate Repair - new bar etc	£116.28				
Clubhouse Repairs C mountford	£71.50				
		£12,459.65			£11,047.48
Other			Other		
Performance Player Funding	£1,100.00		Loan Repayment	£1,000.00	
Membership Refunds	£163.00		Covid/sanitation supplies	£0.00	
Light Token Refund	£32.00		Tennis Equipment	£0.00	
Loan Repayment	£1,000.00		Tennis Balls	£472.14	
Covid/sanitation supplies	£0.00		Membership Costs	£136.69	
New score board	£236.67		Coach Retainer	£2,200.00	
Trophy /trophy Engraving	£168.96		New Lights	£0.00	
Tennis Equipment	£0.00		Coach Training	£0.00	
Tennis Balls	£543.00		Tournaments	£0.00	
Membership Costs	£0.00		Advertising	£0.00	
Coach Retainer	£2,200.00		Printing/Stationary	£0.00	
New Lights	£0.00		Cleaning	£700.00	
New Club Furniture e.g. benches	£1,476.00		Sundry	£598.50	
Tournaments	£0.00		Club Event - kids fun day	£149.00	
Advertising	£0.00		Covid Support	£1,000.00	
Printing/Stationary	£0.00		Cricket Netting	£2,067.68	
Sundry	£262.34				
Club Event	£255.44				
Covid Support	£0.00				
Cricket Netting	£0.00				
		£7,437.41			£8,324.01
Total Expenses		£24,956.97	Total Expenses		£21,666.71
Cashflow Surplus/Deficit		-£1,574.98	Cashflow Surplus/Deficit		£7,948.88
Reserves at Bank (Net of Liabilities)		£28,943.00	Reserves at Bank (Net of Liabilities)		£19,214.00

League Team Reports:

Men's A Team Match Report

Bovey Tracey Tennis Club Men's A team, continued in their fine form throughout the 2022 season, winning Division 4, amassing 84 points over the course of 12 hard fought matches, 27 points ahead of our nearest rivals Kingsteignton Tennis Club, and gaining promotion to division 3.

This was a great team performance, which saw the mighty double's partnerships, of Merlin Davies and Ben Thomas, who played in many of the matches standing firm, with support from some of Ryans wonder kids, including, Jacob Blackler Rose, Julian Beck, Dan Beavis, Josh Beavis, and Chris Halse, backed up by the older contingent which included Chris Laycock, Daniel Pitts, and John Phillips. Head Coach Ryan also stepped in when needed, and when duty called some of the B team all stars, including Matt Falkner, Richard Chatfield, and Will Carrodus. I just want to say a massive thank you to all involved during the summer league.

After starting strongly in the winter league, it became a stop, start season, with 5 matches having to be re-scheduled due to bad weather. This made finding new dates and fielding a team difficult on some weeks, which lead to a few mixed results, some weeks we were run away winners, while on others we succumbed to heavy defeats, and somewhere in the middle we had some hard fought draws. We are currently sitting just below mid table of division two, with two games still to play, and although we will not win the winter league this year, we can look back on a very successful year for the Bovey Tracey Men's A Team.

Brendon Hunter (Men's A Team Captain)

Men's B Team Match Report

Following a third place finish and promotion from division 7 in 2021, the Mens B team were looking forward to another competitive season in division 6. We knew that we would be facing tougher opposition this year in a higher league; expectations were suppressed but optimism remained high.

The first half of the season saw us win four and draw one out of seven matches and at the halfway point we were in a respectable fifth place out of eight teams. Crucially in what was developing into a very tight league, only nine points separated second to seventh place. Lympstone were on top and running away with it, so effectively there were six teams chasing second spot and the only chance for promotion! Our next match was against local rivals Kingsteignton, which ended in a 4-4 draw giving both teams vital points at this stage of the season.

The next three matches saw us lose 8-0 to runaway leaders Lympstone, before recovering with an impressive away win at Sidford, followed by another loss at Sidmouth. To have any chance at gaining promotion, we would need to win our last three matches. First up was a narrow 6-4 win against Newton St Cyres, before travelling to Exmouth securing an important 8-1 victory. With one game to go, we were in third spot with only three points separating second to fifth place. It all came down to our last match at home to Kingsteignton, needing at least a 6-2 victory. Jon P, Chris L, Neil H and Rich C stepped up and dealing with the pressure and renewed expectation of the whole of Bovey, delivered a staggering 8-0 victory to secure second place and back to back promotion!

Our squad for the 2022 season consisted of thirteen players (four more than last season), with several players making their competitive match debuts and/or BTTC debuts! Players and matches played: Chris Laycock (10), Jon Couch (8), Matt Falkner (6), David Blanchard (5), Neil Hutchins (5), Jon

Philips (4), Rich Chatfield (4), Jamie Kilduff (4), Andrew Lockwood (3), Rich Barnett (3), Jonathan Aylett (2), Dan Pitts (1), Mark Cox (1).

It is really encouraging to see so many players enjoying competitive tennis and representing our club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their efforts and contributing to our continued success – Division 5 here we come!

Matt Falkner (Men's B Team Captain)

Ladies A Team Match Report

Another great summer for ladies A team. Stormed through to top of league to advance to the third division. Wonderful talent joining the team with Immy and Charlotte. Great to have youngsters joining in so hopefully more this summer.

The winter league has had more than usual cancellations this year still 5 matches to play. Holding our own well in the first division!

Victoria Goss (Ladies A Team Captain)

Ladies B Team Match Report

Bovey ladies B team started the Summer league in style with an 8-0 win. We then lost 6 matches, drew 1 and won 4 more. So were just pipped to second place in Division 5 of 6 by 1 tiny point! But due to some teams dropping out in the higher divisions in fact we were promoted anyway so will be in Division 4 in 2023. We had some great matches, a lot of fun and not enough Pimms - to be rectified this Summer.

We are doing well so far in the Winter league. In Division 4 of 4, currently in 2nd place by 1 point, with 3 matches still to play. We have won 7 of our 11 matches, drawn 1.

With 3 recent new recruits , 2 mother and daughter combos , we are a strong and enthusiastic team of 17 who are having immense fun on the tennis court in rather cold and icy conditions!

Alison Janzen (Ladies B Team Captain)

Mixed Team Match Report

Summer: May to August 2022: The Mixed Team played in Division 1 (of 2) of the South Devon League competing against 6 other teams: Totnes A, Newton Abbot, Churston A, Kingsbridge, and Cary Park A. Bovey had a mix of wins (6) and losses (5) and 1 draw, ending the summer season in 3rd place to Newton Abbot and Churston. Success came with Bovey winning the Knock-Out Cup, playing Newton & Noss in the Final. The team were Charlotte, Dan Pitts, Jacqui and Jason. Jacqui attended the AGM and collected the Cup.

Team: Dan P, Jason, David B, Jon P, Richard C, Jonathan, Matt F and Jamie K

Jacqui, Victoria, Lesley, Josie, Jane M, Melanie, Michelle Phillips

Winter League: October 2022 to March 2023: Bovey are playing in the South Devon league against 7 teams: Newton Abbot, Churston A, Churston B, Cary Park, Ipplepen, Kingsbridge and Totnes. At the time of writing this report we've had a mix of wins (4) and losses (3) but all close matches.

Team: Chris L, Dan P, Richard C, David B, Jason

Jacqui, Victoria, Jane M, Alison J, Melanie, Michelle, Brenda

In addition, for the first time we entered the East Devon League playing at entry level Division 6, giving more club players the opportunity for match play.

Ladies: Alison and Alice Janzen, Susie Kass, Rosie, Sue Potts, Melanie, Sam, Becky Heathman, Ella Sugden, Beth Marshall

Men : Ian Andrew, Jamie Kilduff, Dan Mellor, Wayne, Terry, Chris L, Richard Barnett

Everyone has really enjoyed the new opportunity for match play and there is a lot of enthusiasm to continue this into the summer season. To date it has been a particularly challenging winter season with matches called off due to icy conditions and lots of wet stuff.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and the players for their commitment and playing in great spirit.

Jacqui Warrender (Mixed Team Captain)

Head Coach Report:

- Thank the Committee for all their hard work and support throughout the year, the last project to see through will be the 4th court which i know Chris has set his sights on.
- All four summer teams gained promotion again due to the great hard work from all the captains, Brendon, Victoria , Alison , Matt. The adult section is looking very healthy at present with the competitive element increasing with the box leagues, more mixed teams. This is a great direction for the club with soon the hope for all the teams to be enjoying the level they play at.
- The coaching programme again is extremely busy running at about 80% capacity all year round which is a great achievement from all the coaches involved. Well over 100 players.
- Cardio Tennis , Back to Tennis and beginners all fairly full which is great and they are starting turn over some players and rip feeding them into the club. Lesley's Tuesday afternoon session is now building nicely as well with some new faces in there.
- If you have any ideas of sessions i could add that might be of use then please let me know it would be mainly aimed at day time players as the evenings are all fairly full with coaching and matches.
- I have recently started rebuilding the mini academy for players aged 4 upwards which i currently have 3-5 players playing 2-3 times a week, it's great to see them at such a young age enjoying the game and competing.
- We are now starting to drip feed the older academy players in the adult teams which some clubs aren't overly happy about but thats only because we win a lot,
- This year has been the most impressive yet with the academy growing and attracting players from all over Devon and of course Jacob winning his first National Doubles title which by far a huge achievement, i travelled with Jacob to every national last year and it was great see him grow through the year and mature as the year went on, he has an abundance of talent of which i am sure will be seen on the big stage in the future , well done Jacob.
- Let's not forget the rest of the academy players who spend most of their time winning tournaments and progressing week in week out, they all train so hard and they have all become a credit to themselves and the club in the way they represent myself and the club.
- This is giving the club huge stability over the next 10 years on the playing front and the attention they get when they play tournaments is always positive from people watching.
- Ollie, Jacob, Ned, Freddie, Kadie , Morgan, We currently have 5+ players training with the county which is a great achievement and I'm sure we will have a few more joining them soon too.

Jacob = 65 U16 = 196 U18s

Freddie Chatfield = 14s =234 = 16s 623

Morgan Searle = 14s 98 = 16s 367

- We by far have one of the strongest academies if not the strong academy in Devon covering all age groups which proves we are doing something right.
- As you know we are trying our best to get a 4th court built which for me will be the last piece of the puzzle and one that i think will really increase the membership again and improve facilities once again.