

BTLTC AGM 2024

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

Committee apologies: Brendon Hunter

Member apologies: Maggie Thompson, Toby Pool, Richard and Freddie Chatfield, Jon and Michelle Phillips, Katie Harrington

Presentation of 2023 club championship awards:

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

The East Devon Mixed trophy for winning division 6 was presented to Jacqui Warrender.

Matters arising from 2023 AGM:

- No outstanding matters.

Election of Officers:

As Chris Laycock, Matt Falkner and Dawn Presland are prepared to stand again for 2024 the Chairman proposed that they be re-elected en bloc. Proposed – Merlin Davies, Seconded – Jane Loder.

As Melanie Kempson and Merlin Davies are standing down, the Adult rep and the Secretary roles need to be filled. Josie Debnam has come forward and offered to take on the Adult representative role (Proposed – Jacqui Warrender, Seconded – Jane Loder). Dan Kenny has come forward to take on the Secretary role (Proposed – Merlin Davies, Seconded - Dan Pitts). Dan Pitts has offered to become an additional committee member (Proposed – Melanie Kempson, Seconded – Jill Shaylor).

Chairman – Chris Laycock

Treasurer – Brendon Hunter

Secretary – Dan Kenny

Adult rep – Josie Debnam

Child protection/Welfare officer – Matt Falkner

Junior rep – Matt Falkner

Membership Secretary – Dawn Presland

Committee Member – Dan Pitts

Non Committee Roles:

Social Co-ordinator – Jacqui Warrender

Website co-ordinator – Will Carrodus

Mens A captain – Ryan Bougourd

Mens B captain – Jason Gordon

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 and Merlin Davies for going above and beyond in their roles over the years.

Thanks also to Ryan and the coaching team for all their great work contributing to 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 in the Academy).

Chairman's Report: Attached below.

Finance Report: Attached below with comparison to previous year.

Match Captain Reports: Attached below.

Approval of 2023/24 subscription rates:

We have not increased the membership fees in 2 of the last 4 years but propose a small increase again for this coming year:

Adults: £145

Seniors (65yrs +): £140

Students (16-18yrs): £70

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

Jnr 2's (12 yrs and under on 1st April): £45

Jnr 3's (16yrs and under on 1st April): £65

Family £320

Single Parent: £200

Cardio only members: £40

Proposed – Jonathan Aylett, Seconded – Sue Clutton

Coaching progress report: Attached below after a short presentation by Ryan at the meeting.

AOB (To be discussed at next committee meeting):

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

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

Attachments

Chairman's report:

Another very successful year for Bovey Tracey Tennis Club – in all sorts of ways – has flown by! Firstly, we have more than maintained membership numbers, with around 125 adults and 105 juniors at the last count. One of the best parts of my job as Chairman is meeting new members and welcoming them to the club and we have had quite a number this year – some moving new to the area and some joining from other local clubs. We have also had quite a few social events over the year, something that traditionally we have lacked, so many thanks to Jacqui Warrender and her Committee/team of helpers for organising these so well.

We have also had the most successful year on record for our League Teams. More details in the Match Captain reports, but briefly the Mens A team won promotion to Division 2 of the Exeter District Summer League, the Mens B team won promotion to Division 4 and the Ladies A team won promotion to Division 2. On top of that the Mixed A team won promotion to Division 5 in the East Devon Summer League and to Division 4 in the Winter League. We entered a second Mixed team in the East Devon League last year and they have won promotion to Division 5 in the Winter League. Many thanks go to all the Team Captains for all the hard work they put into organising the fixtures (and reorganising when the weather intervenes) and arranging the teams for each match, plus thanks to all the players for your enthusiasm!

Ryan will report separately but he has had another extremely successful year with coaching inputs to junior and adult members at the club. His top-level Academy players go from strength to strength with a lot of them now competing in regional tournaments and playing for the County Teams. In addition, several are competing in National tournaments and 4 are in the UK Top 100 for their age groups.

We have not increased the Membership fees in 2 of the last 4 years, once when Covid was at its height and last year when inflation and the cost-of-living crisis was at its worst. Obviously, all our costs are going up all the time, as with everyone else, plus we will need money to contribute to the cost of the 4th court at some point soon, so we have decided to increase them again this year by a small %age. We feel that given all the facilities we have at the club and everything that is going on there they still represent very good value for money.

We are finally making significant progress on the 4th court, which will run from the leat to the roadway adjacent to/across the back of the existing car park. We have had site, tree and bat surveys completed and the plans have been submitted to Teignbridge DC. This is a joint application with the Cricket Club who are planning to install 2 fully enclosed practice nets on the roadside of the 4th court. Once we have (hopefully) been granted planning permission then we can move on to apply for various funding streams to pay for the works. The plan is to make it available for members of the public to book online for a fee as well as it being available for club members. Special thanks go to Dawn Presland for all the hard work she has put into drawing up the plans and managing the planning application process – further details at the AGM.

Once again I would like to thank all the Committee members for time and effort they put into helping to make the club run efficiently and effectively. Thanks also to Will Carrodus who looks after all the activities around the website.

Best wishes,

Chris Laycock, Chairman, BTLTC

Financial Report:

BTLTC Accounts Dec 2023			BTLTC Accounts Dec 2022		
Subscriptions		Totals	Subscriptions		Totals
Membership	£19,386.50		Membership	£19,328.50	
Visitors	£42.00		Visitors	£20.00	
		£19,428.50			£19,348.50
Match Fees	£1,036.00		Match Fees	£903.00	
Meter Receipts - (Tokens) or lighting use payment.	£0.00		Meter Receipts - (Tokens) or lighting use payment.	£111.50	
		£1,036.00			£1,014.50
Other Income			Other Income		
DPFA refund	£15.00		DPFA refund	£15.00	
Advertising	£2,200.00		Advertising	£2,050.00	
Grants	£0.00		Grants	£0.00	
Donations	£0.00		Donations	£0.00	
Easy Fund Raising	£127.09		Easy Fund Raising	£255.98	
Sundry	£0.00		Emergency Lighting contribution	£323.00	
Recycled Tennis Balls	£112.50		Sundry	£0.00	
Bank Interest	£118.51		Recycled Tennis Balls	£72.90	
			Bank Interest	£8.72	
			Electricity Rebate (Ryan)	£230.00	
			Insurance Rebate	£63.39	
		£2,573.10			£3,018.99
Total Income		£23,037.60	Total Income		£ 23,381.99
Annual or monthly payments			Annual Charges		
NPFA	£1.05		NPFA	£1.05	
DPFA	£15.00		DPFA	£15.00	
Devon LTA Registration	£0.00		Devon LTA Registration	£720.00	
Insurance	£1,506.74		Insurance	£1,578.59	
Water Rates	£364.50		Water Rates	£233.50	
Waste collection Devon Contract	£433.06		Waste collection	£260.70	
Electricity	£1,253.10		Electricity	£1,017.54	
Exeter League Subs	£47.00		League Subs	£62.00	
Hygeine Sout West	£87.04		Hygeine South West	£151.53	
Cleaning	£1,031.00		Cleaning	£1,020.00	
		£4,738.49			£5,059.91
Maintenance			Maintenance		
Fire extinguisher checks	£39.00		Fire extinguisher checks	35.4	
Locks	£171.40		Locks	£86.00	
Grounds Maintenance	£1,793.49		Grounds Maintenance	£208.02	
Health, Safety and security	£32.00		Health, Safety and security	£17.88	
Electrics - PAT testing, emergency lig	£120.00		Electrics - replace shower, PAT testing, emergency	£1,587.89	
Fire Sign replacement	£6.49		Signs	0	
Bovey Town Council	£20.00		Marque Panels	£394.68	
Sand for court carpet	£578.81		Tennis court Re-surfacing (New carpet court 3)	£ 9,600.00	
Tennis net and strap and court drag n	£493.04		Drain Survey	£ 342.00	
Gate Repair - new bar, gate lock, etc	£489.40		Gate Repair - new bar etc	£ 116.28	
Clubhouse Repairs C Mountford	£0.00		Clubhouse Repairs C Mountford	£ 71.50	
		£3,743.63			£12,459.65
Other			Other		
Performance Player Funding	£500.00		Performance Player Funding	£1,100.00	
Membership Refunds	£285.00		Membership Refunds	£163.00	
4th Court Development	£1,326.00		Light Token Refund	£32.00	
Loan Repayment	£1,000.00		Loan Repayment	£1,000.00	
Covid/sanitation supplies	£0.00		Covid/sanitation supplies	£0.00	
Face painting for kids tennis day + Fa	£149.68		New score board	£236.67	
Trophy /board Engraving	£43.20		Trophy /trophy Engraving	£168.96	
Tennis Equipment	£0.00		Tennis Equipment	£0.00	
Tennis Balls	£790.83		Tennis Balls	£543.00	
Membership Costs	£0.00		Membership Costs	£0.00	
Coach Retainer	£2,500.00		Coach Retainer	£2,200.00	
Frames for changing rooms	£26.56		New Lights	£0.00	
New Club Furniture e.g. benches	£1,494.00		New Club Furniture e.g. benches	£1,476.00	
BTLTC Tournament finals and annive	£179.11		Tournaments	0	
Advertising	£0.00		Advertising	0	
Printing/Stationary	£17.40		Printing/Stationary	0	
Sundry	£153.23		Sundry	262.34	
			Club Event	255.44	
		£8,465.01			£7,437.41
Total Expenses		£16,947.13	Total Expenses		£24,956.97
Cashflow Surplu/Deficit		£6,090.47	Cashflow Surplu/Deficit		-£ 1,574.98
Reserves at Bank (Net of Liabilities)		£36,548.26	Reserves at Bank (Net of Liabilities)		£28,943.00

Reserves at Bank		at 31.12.23	
Treasurers Account	£	4,068.36	
Membership Account	£	18,109.00	
Premier Saver	£	20,370.90	
Cash	£	-	
Liabilities	£	6,000.00	(Outstanding LTA Loan)
Net Total	£	36,548.26	Sinking fund for capital projects, etc.

Income from membership account considering any wrong coaching fees added etc.		
Membership Account income		
Jan	83	
feb	47	
mar	140	
april	12015	
may	4295	
Jun	655	
July	420	
Aug	490	
Sept	100	
Oct	519.5	
Nov	162	
Dec	460	
Total	19386.5	

League Team Reports:

Men's A Team Match Report

Bovey Tracey Tennis Club Men's A team, continued in their fine undefeated form throughout the 2023 season, winning Division 3, and gaining promotion to division 2.

Ryan Bougourd (Mens A Team Captain)

Men's Winter League Report

Having finished 3rd from bottom the previous season our target was to compete and maintain our place in Division 2.

Initially, we struggled to field a team during the early part of the campaign but as the season wore on availability was much improved.

We finished 3rd on 56 points winning 5 and drawing 2 of our 12 matches behind 2 excellent teams in Exwick and Exeter Golf and Country Club.

12 players represented the club during the season and very much appreciate the early notification of availability through the Spond app. It makes my job so much easier the earlier I know who's available.

Mant thanks to those that played below and made themselves available and I'm very much looking forward to the Summer matches.

Jason Gordon (Men's Winter and Summer B Team Captain for 2024)

Men's B Team Match Report

Our season started with two convincing home wins against Woodbury and Victoria Park. A very good start but early days... Next, we had two narrow home wins and two heavy away losses, including a painful defeat to our arch rivals Lympstone. But our home form was good and Newton Road was becoming a fortress. Four wins followed and we had started to believe, but at the halfway stage Lympstone were pulling away and we were in 3rd place, a point behind Okehampton. With four matches left to play we had secured our Div 5 status, but could we push for promotion? Two further wins meant we moved up to 2nd place in the league, but it would be a tense final two games against Okehampton and Lympstone. An away trip to Okehampton resulted in a 6-2 loss, but the points were vital as we were still above Okehampton who had played all of their games. Only Sidmouth could still mathematically catch us with Lympstone our final home match. Needing 2 points to guarantee promotion, it was a mighty battle with Lympstone late into the night. But we battled hard to a narrow 4-6 loss, securing the points to finish runners up and promotion to Division 4.

Our squad for the 2023 season consisted of thirteen players (the same as last season), which again demonstrates the amazing depth of players we have at Bovey. Players and matches played: Jason Gordon (11), Neil Hutchins (6), Will Carradous (6), Rich Chatfield (5), David Blanchard (5), Chris Laycock (4), Dan Kenny (4), Jamie Kilduff (3), Dan Pitts (3), Matt Falkner (3), Josh Carpanini (3), Mark Cox (2), Andrew Lockwood (1).

This was my final season as B Team Captain and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has played for us over the last three years. It is time for someone else to grasp the reigns and Jason Gordon has kindly agreed to take it on. It has been a privilege to represent the club in this capacity and I wish Jason and the team every success for the future.

Matt Falkner (Men's B Team Captain for 2023)

Ladies A Team Match Report

Another great summer for ladies A team. Stormed through to top of league to advance to the second division. Great to have youngsters joining in so hopefully more this summer. Our consistent pairings ensuring valuable point not lost as well with Josie/Jacqui/Leslie and Charlotte.

The Ladies A team played in Division 1 in the Exeter and District Winter League. With two matches still to play, we are currently running 4th of 7 so will be playing in Division 1 next winter. We have played 11 to date, winning 5, drawing 2 and losing 4 of our matches.

Victoria Goss (Ladies A Team Captain)

Ladies B Team Match Report

Summer 2023 saw plenty of enjoyable tennis but not enough Pimm's!

We won 7 matches, lost 3 and drew 2. Our best win was 8-3 against Dawlish thanks to Sam, Sue, Rosie and Ella.

We came 4th in division 4 and will stay in that division for Summer '24.

Winter '23 we have won 6, lost 5 and drawn 1. Best win was 8-0 against Sidford thanks to Vicky, Katie, Jane and Josie.

We reckon we will hold our place in the middle of division 3.

Overall, a thoroughly enjoyable year of tennis for the B ladies:

Ally H, Alison, Amelie, Bex, Ella, Jane, Josie, Kate, Katie, Melanie, Michelle, Rosie, Sam, Sue and Vicky.

Alison Janzen (Ladies B Team Captain)

Mixed A Team Match Report

Summer : April to August 2023

Summer 2023 saw us introduce a 2nd mixed team and moving from the South Devon to the East Devon League.

Both A and B teams started at the bottom, in Division 6.

The Mixed A team had a very successful season, finishing in top spot, dropping only 5 points throughout the whole season, losing only 1 match 5:4 against closest rivals, at EGCC.

The A team ladies who played: Jacqui, Victoria, Josie, Jane Margetts, Michelle and Alison Janzen. Men were: Dan Pitts, Jason, David Blanchard, Neil Hutchins and Chris Laycock. Thank you to all for being such a fantastic dependable team.

It was a great season, with only one match being rained off.

Winter League : September 2023 to March 2024

The Mixed A team in Division 5 had a good season with a couple of early matches rained off but rearranged before the year end. Miraculous considering it was the wettest autumn for some time! All matches were completed by 7th January. We finished top spot with 88 points, losing only 4 sets throughout the season and 4 points deducted due to an early admin error by me (so sorry!)

Thanks to all who played:

The A team ladies who played: Jacqui, Victoria, Liv, Josie, Jane Margetts and Alison Janzen. Men were: Dan Pitts, Jason, Josh, David Blanchard, Merlin, Dan Kenny and Chris Laycock.

Jacqui Warrender (Mixed A Team Captain)

MIXED B SUMMER AND WINTER

Summer League: April to August 2023

A fresh new team on the starting blocks, joining alongside the Mixed A team in division 6 for the summer league.

The teams did really well to finish with a respectable 5th place, sometimes battling with some harsh 30 degree Saturday afternoon heat!

Thank you so much to the women: Melanie, Katie, Sam, Vicky, Susie, Sue, Rosie, Brenda.

And also to the men: Matt, Jamie, Dan Kenny, Ian, Terry & Wayne

Winter League: September 2023 to March 2024

A great start to the winter league saw the mixed Bs fly to the top of the table in Division 6, not deterred by the downpours, fireworks and smells of nearby pizza vans!

It was neck and neck with Newton St Cyres the whole way through the season however strong finishes in the last couple of matches at 8-0 sealed the top ranking and promotion to Div 5 for the upcoming Summer League.

A huge congratulations and well done to all the players involved: Women: Melanie, Vicky, Michelle, Katie, Sam, Gemma and the Men: Jamie, Matt, Pete, Terry, Ian, Doug, Dan Kenny and Ollie.

Many thanks to all the players and those at the club who help with the organisation and logistics.

Rebecca Heathman (Mixed B Team Captain)

Head Coach Report:

This is an amended report based upon the speech given by our head coach, Ryan Bougourd, at the AGM.

Thanks to the Committee for supporting a great year. In particular, thanks to Mel and Merlin for their time and commitment, I'm sad to see you leave the committee but looking forward to working with new members.

Coaching programme running at full capacity, with a healthy membership which has grown consistently over the past 5-6 years. Over 100 players training week in week out. 3-4 players in the top 100 in the country of their age group with Jacob Blackler-Rose the highest at 10th in the country for 16&Us. Mini programme is now growing and pushing players through from the break from covid. Players as young as 6 competing and playing in the Devon squad. 5-10 players playing at the club and training and representing Devon. Multiple wins at county and regional level.

Men's and ladies teams both getting promoted again, looking to move up to division 1. We have a great player base in fielding 6 teams and this shows how much the club has grown over the past year again.

Club championship going well with increasing entrances every year. Please sign up if you haven't already.

4th court project is well underway which again will grow the club to increase numbers and participation.

Here's to another great year and to keep pushing forwards. Thank you to all members for supporting the club.

Update on 4th Court Plans:

Dawn and Chris updated the meeting with the latest on the plans for the 4th court. Planning permission has been sought and we hope to hear back sometime in May but there are several issues which need sorting first – especially drainage, parking and how to prevent light from the lights affecting the bats which fly along the lead shrubs and trees.

Once planning permission has been given then we can apply for funding from various sources. Assuming we can get this in place then we hope that work can start later this year. The 4th court will be available to members of the general public on an on line booking pay and play basis as well as club members.