



Annual General Meeting 2019

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Report for the Cambridgeshire LTA AGM 20 March 2019

from

The LTA Councillor for Cambridgeshire and the Chair of the County Association

Mark Sanders (Councillor) and Tim Arthur (Chair) wish to offer a joint report to the 2019 AGM to outline what have been our priorities during 2018.

Mark Sanders: LTA Councillor for Cambridgeshire

The role of LTA Councillor for Cambridgeshire is appointed by the Executive Committee on a three yearly basis and is subject to performance review by national LTA on an annual basis.

Cambridgeshire LTA feels it appropriate for member places to play to approve the reappointment of the Councillor at each AGM. The role is to represent the county, its clubs and other places to play at both regional and national meetings. I am also involved in the shaping and reviewing of strategy at national and regional level prior to implementation. I consider my role as a back-bench MP for tennis representing Cambridgeshire!

1. Attendance: During 2018 I have attended all council meetings at Roehampton (4), all regional meetings (2) and all Cambs Executive meetings. I continue to sit on two national work stream committees. One is looking at the allocation of Wimbledon Tickets to County Associations. The second is involved with Seniors Tennis, looking in particular at adding to competitions for Seniors (aged 35 and over) and the allocation of small grants to clubs specifically to develop tennis for Seniors.

2. Major National Matters:

The following are the major national projects which impact on clubs. I will keep explanations brief.

- *Safeguarding:* All places to play will be aware of the revised requirements for registration which took effect from 01 October 2018. A big thank you to all of you who have responded so magnificently to this. The Executive appreciates the effort involved and I am sure we all realise that ensuring a playing environment that is as safe as possible is in the best interests of our sport. We are delighted to report that only three places to play in Cambridgeshire have not re-registered. Two of these were educational establishments and one a small club. Please note the likely requirement for all coaches operating in registered places to play to be accredited or accredited + by the LTA from October 2019. More precise details will be circulated by the LTA shortly. Also our guest Alan Hodges, the Central & East Region Safeguarding Officer may tell us more at the AGM.
- *A New Chief Executive:* Scott Lloyd, son of David Lloyd, and long time head of the David Lloyd chain of sports clubs took over from Michael Downey as Chief Executive of the LTA with effect from January 2018. Scott immediately commissioned a detailed review of the perception of tennis as a sport with the aim of adopting a vision and strategy which would support the growth of the game. The new vision is

“Tennis opened up” which clearly states the national governing body’s desire to champion all initiatives to get more people of all abilities to play any version of tennis on any type of court! We are all charged with growing tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable. The strategy to support this has been divided into seven strands: visibility, innovation, investment, accessibility, engagement, performance and leadership. Initiatives supporting one or more of these strands will be prioritised and communicated with places to play over the next year. This may seem to be very academic and complicated but the aim is to focus down on a small number of priorities which can realistically be implemented and that will benefit our sport.

- *Change in Regional Structure:* The overall review of tennis together with the demand for cost savings and efficiencies have led to some changes in the regional structure. The region is now known as Central & East Region. The number of counties in the region is now nine with Northamptonshire moved to the Midland region. Of note for clubs is that the regional offices are to be closed. Any general enquiries should be made to the British Tennis Services Team based at Roehampton on: 0208 8487 7000. Email: east@lta.org.uk
If you have specific projects, one of four Participation Development Partners will be able to assist you. If you have any questions on coaching or coach development, Josh Dashwood is our regional Workforce Development Partner. The best way to access the right person to help you or your place to play is via our county administrator Joanna Jeffels who can be contacted on admin@cambslta.org.uk or 07464 049654
- *Tennis for Kids:* This is the initiative established to celebrate the 2015 Davis Cup victory. The programme has been very successful in gaining new young entrants to tennis and is being repeated and expanded for 2019. We would encourage clubs to get their coaches to offer this programme.
- *More Information:* I appreciate that most clubs will want to focus on what is relevant to them specifically rather than strategies being developed by the national governing bodies. However, I would be pleased to discuss any particular areas with you individually should you wish to know more. If you have any points you would like me to take back to the LTA do let me know. Please feel free to contact me on: mark.sanders@cambslta.org.uk

3. County Matters:

I will hand over to Tim to say something more about these.

Tim Arthur: Chair of Cambridgeshire County Association

The role of the Chair is appointed at the county AGM on an annual basis. The main duty is to co-ordinate the development of tennis in the county through chairing the main committee of volunteers and supervising a number of sub-committees which focus on key areas (Participation, Performance, Leagues and Communication & Media).

To provide an overarching framework, the committee recently reviewed our performance against the objectives we set for 2015-2018 and set the following revised key objectives for 2019-2021:

- Identify and support clubs that can make full use of improved facilities in a sustainable manner.
- Identify and support clubs that can demonstrate the ability to develop and retain membership.
- Help clubs improve their tennis facilities and offerings for those with disabilities, both physical and mental.
- Assist clubs in improving their offering for mini tennis and in attracting and retaining mini tennis players directly and via school-club links.
- Establish mutually beneficial contacts with key local organisations and influencers.
- Work to grow the number of qualified coaches within the county, to support their development and ensure they are engaged with our strategic aims.
- Develop and implement a coherent and well-supported performance pathway for all ages.
- Improve opportunities for competition within the county for all ages and abilities (in addition to the Cambs Leagues).
- Ensure our governance is appropriate to support and safeguard tennis needs in the county.
- Develop and implement a strategy to engage more women and young people in tennis.

We will present further details on this area at the AGM and would be delighted to receive any comments or questions from our members at that time.

The Performance Committee continues to do an excellent job this year at working with a number of the county's coaching teams and continues to expand the number of competitions to introduce young players to this aspect of the game. Our League continues to flourish (thanks to the efforts of Vernon and his team). Sadly, our men's first team were relegated from the top group of county tennis although they are committed to returning more promptly this time. We are very focused on increasing the quality and number of coaches in the county and have launched a funded tailored Coach Education programme for 12 of the county coaches this year.

The Cambridgeshire Fund and Tennis4Cambridgeshire have continued to provide a strong platform for distributing funds to clubs to assist with both revenue and capital projects. We continue to increase our sponsorship income (and therefore money available to clubs) as planned and I would like to thank Mark and Nick Tait for all of their efforts. It remains a surprise how many clubs have not asked for help!

Communication with our clubs continues to be improved through our expanding website and focused e-mails to members. Members of the committee continue to visit clubs throughout the region and are available to provide support upon request. The LTA itself provides a significant number of resources which can be accessed through their website.

One of the growing parts of our AGM is the presentation of the British Tennis Awards to the county winners. I would like to congratulate not only all our winners but all those nominated who do such great work for tennis in the county. Whilst we received nominations in all award categories, the total number of nominations remain below our expectations. A common challenge we all face is in recruiting and keeping volunteers – the British Tennis Awards provide an excellent opportunity to recognise the hard work that people do in a number of areas and we would encourage you all to nominate next year. In addition to doubling the award to individual winners to £50, as an incentive to nominate, we will again draw lots of all people who nominate someone and will award £250 to the club of the nominee drawn – it is no real surprise that this year's winning club is responsible for the most entries.

The Future:

Should we be reappointed for 2019, we aim to continue to increase our interaction with clubs and places to play as we want to help all clubs develop. To assist us all, we now employ a part time county administrator, Joanna Jeffels (admin@cambslta.org.uk) who is now the first point of contact for clubs to help with all matters. We hope that by working more closely together and by sharing best practice, we can get more people playing tennis more often in Cambridgeshire.

We remain happy to address any issue or question. We are keen to have further volunteers join us – either on the executive team, one of the sub committees or in some other less time-consuming manner. We are particularly keen to find someone with a background of working in education as well as people interested in helping us achieve our targets in expanding female tennis participation. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to help out

Finally, we would both like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who work tirelessly within the county – especially those who have given so much for an extended period.

Mark Sanders and Tim Arthur

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Performance Committee Report for the AGM 2019 by Sue Rich

Cambridgeshire teams had a successful year in 2018 but aim to achieve higher in 2019. The County also had some fantastic individual performances at the top end with Harry Wendleken playing in the Junior Event at Wimbledon; Megan Carmichael and Yujiro Onuma performing very well in their respective age groups; the men's County team playing in Group 1 at Eastbourne.

The **mini red boys and girls team finished second equal with Essex overall and behind Hertfordshire** at the inter County Mini Red Team event. Boys came second in their event and the girls came third.

The **mini orange team won the Festival of Tennis at Corby in 2018 and just pipped at the post this February in the final – losing a tiebreak shoot out after Herts and Cambs level at 2 matches each.**

The **County 9 and under team won their group in August.**

Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis (formerly County Closed) continued with a revamped format and **was very successful** engaging far more of the Clubs in the County. Just need dry weather every day! We had 187 entries with the task of 200 for 2019.

14 and under Nationals

Yujiro Onuma represented Cambridgeshire in 14 and under singles and doubles. Yujiro reached the final of the singles having beaten Roan Jones (2) in the quarter finals 6/4, 4/6, 7/6. He lost to Lui Maxted in the final – great effort though.

16 and under Nationals

Megan Carmichael represented Cambridgeshire in the singles.

18 and under Nationals

Charlie James represented Cambridgeshire in the 18 and under singles and doubles. He reached the quarter finals of the singles and doubles before heading off to American University!

Winter 2018-19

This winter Megan Carmichael reached the final of the National Winter tour event at 18 and under and Yujiro reached the semi-finals at 14 and under.

County Cup Events

The County Cup Race recognises a County's performance in all 7 of the County Cup Events starting with the 18 and under event in February and ending with the Senior Indoor event in November. The County with the most points across all the events is then recognised as the overall County Cup Race Champion for that year.

Cambs finished rather disappointingly 21= this year with no teams getting to County finals and only the 9 and unders getting maximum points.

18 and under County Cup 23rd to 25th Feb 2018

Cambridgeshire Girls

The girls' team of Sama Malik, Aisha Brown, Megan Carmichael, Chaaya Malik, Laurie Cruickshank, Natasha Scott, Lydia Sivirentsava and Charlotte Laing played in Wrexham in group 3b and despite very narrow losses to Dorset 4/5 and North Wales 4/5 they beat North of Scotland 6/3 to stay for 2019. Really good team effort as so many of the matches were close.

They play in Shrewsbury from 1st to 3rd March 2019.

Cambridgeshire Boys

Cambridgeshire boys' team of Charlie James, Nick Ghaznavi, Zach Cox, Vincent Chen, Yujiro Onuma, Sam Clark, Alex Wardley and Jan Ortonowski played in Group 3a in Southampton in 2018 and after two poor days when they lost 3/6 to Sussex and Hampshire and IOW 2/7, they came back strongly on the last day to beat Buckinghamshire 5/4 having been 0/4 down and saved match points in two matches. Well done to Charlie James on winning all his matches. As a result, they stayed in Group 3.

This year they play in Sheffield.

14 and under County Cup 2018

Boys 14 and under County Cup 5th to 7th May - Harlow

The boys' team of Yujiro Onuma, Charlie Adams, Christof Schaertlin Coffey and Rohan Iyengar had an extremely tough group and lost all their matches 1/5 to Essex; 2/4 to Northumberland; 0/6 to Kent and 1/5 to Devon.

Cambridgeshire Girls 14 and under team 5th to 7th May in Oxford

The girls' team of Lydia Sivirentsava, Weiqi Ye, Isabelle Havard and Tiffany Qin played extremely well in Oxford and finished third in their group of 6 Counties.

They narrowly lost 2/4 to the winning team of Hampshire and IOW; beat Northants 6/0 and then beat North Wales 5/1. Excellent team effort and supported each other superbly.

12 and under County Cup 30th June and 1st July 2018

Cambridgeshire girls U12 County Cup 2018 – Frinton

The team of Isabelle Havard, Sophie Tjurina, Marennah Prempeh and Gabi Zailer-Fletcher narrowly missed out on getting to the National Finals losing 6/2 to Essex in the final.

There were 6 counties at Frinton and Cambs played Essex first in their group and lost 0/8 and then they beat Beds 8/0 to progress to the semi-finals on the Sunday. They played very well against Suffolk and drew 4/4 but won the doubles shoot out

and then played Essex again in the final. Sophie won her singles and then they just lost the doubles 7/10 in the tiebreak – had they won this they would have gone to a shoot out again. Great effort girls.

Cambridgeshire boys 12 and under team – Boston

The team of Sam Slater, Ganesh Mullaparthi, Zander Brock and Ryan Parkins lost to Essex 0/8 and then beat Beds 6/2 to go through to the semi-finals where they lost to Middlesex 0/8 but then in the third and fourth playoff beat Norfolk 6/2 to finish strongly.

County Cup 10 and under 26/27th May 2018

Cambridgeshire Boys – Woodbridge

The boys' team had a good weekend and were so unlucky not to get through to the finals. The team of Jonny Cross (Sat only), Zach Tabaczynski, Reva Onibere and Herbie Morris beat Essex 6/2 and Beds 8/0 on the first day to get into the semi-finals. They then drew 4/4 with Suffolk but lost on the shoot out so didn't make the final. They then beat Middlesex 6/2. Essex won the final!!

Cambridgeshire girls Easton

The Cambridgeshire team of Mia Jimenez, Rezi Onibere and Florence Pritchard Gordon were up against Essex and Bedfordshire on day one in the U10 Girls County Cup and lost 2/6 to Essex but then beat Beds 8/0. In the semi-finals they lost 2/6 to Middlesex but then beat Norfolk in the play off for third and fourth 6/2.

9 and under County Cup 18th August 2018

The boys' team of Herbie Morris, Leo Runciman, Harry Voss and Gary Tian and girls' team of Sophie Johnstone, Bibiana Krall, Thomasina Boothman and Olivia Kaser had an excellent day at David Lloyd Ipswich and beat Beds 14/4; beat Norfolk 16/2 and Suffolk 12/6 to easily win the group. Again, great team spirit and some fantastic doubles.

Lionel Cox 5/6 May captained by Jon Rademeyer, Rob Ellis and Dean Ross-Hamilton

After a marathon weekend of tennis, I am extremely proud to say Cambridgeshire's 9 and under, 10 and under, and 12 and under teams finished overall 3rd in the Lionel Cox event on 5th/6th May with the following results:

9 and under boys 4th

9 and under girls 3rd

10 and under boys – winners

10 and under girls 3rd

12 and under boys 6th

12 and under girls 4th.

We were only behind Herts and Essex in the final standings which is a tremendous effort, so many congratulations on all your great performances and thanks to the parents for the help and support!

Inter County Mini Red Tournament 25th March 2018
Congratulations to the Magnificent Minis.

The girls' team of Bibiana Krall, Thomasina Boothman, Olivia Kaser, Olivia Davis, Brianna Locke and May Havard came a magnificent third at Gosling.

The boys' team of Harry Voss, Mason Harrigan, Jianzhou Mei, Arnas Simkus, Edward Leedham and Max Tjurina did even better and came second overall.

Overall team result was Cambs second equal with Essex.

Corby 12 Counties

Cambs were promoted to the top Division for 2018/19 and play Essex, Yorkshire and Leicestershire. They children have had some great matches this year but currently lie third behind Essex and Yorkshire and with only one age group to play unfortunately look as if they will end up third and go down a division again as only 2 stay in the top flight.

Cambridgeshire Festival of Tennis (Formerly County Closed) 2018

There were some excellent matches all week and pride of place goes to Yujiro Onuma and Megan Carmichael who each won 3 singles 16/18 and open!

8 and under winners	Lucas Parkins and Olivia Kaser
9 and under winners	Leo Runciman and May Havard
10 and under winners	Herbie Morris and Mia Jimenez
12 and under winners	Sam Slater and Gabi Zailer-Fletcher
14 and under winners	Charlie Adams and Weiqi Ye
16 and under winners	Yujiro Onuma and Megan Carmichael
18 and under winners	Yujiro Onuma and Megan Carmichael
Men's and Ladies winners	Yujiro Onuma and Megan Carmichael

County Mini Red Tournament 2019

We held the mini red County Tournament on 6th January 2019 at Hills Road and had 53 entries up on last year. 22 girls and 31 boys – good numbers and as a result had 10 courts in action for 3 hours!

All the matches were well contested and of a good standard. Initially players competed in a group and then the winner and runner up progressed to the knock out stages. Each match was a tiebreak to 10.

The boys' winner was Etienne Lamb and the girls' winner Olivia Kaser.

Thanks to the magnificent scorers!

Orange Festival Corby 2nd February 2019

A team of 3 boys and 1 girl competed in the Orange festival at Corby on 2nd February 2019. Harry Voss, Arnas Simkus, Jianzhou Mei, and Bibiana Krall played superbly with Arnas and Bibiana winning every match. The beat Hereford and

Worcester 4/0, Northants, 3/1, and Bucks 3/1 and then Essex 3/1 in the semis and drew 2/2 with Herts in the final but lost on a doubles shootout so finished second.

Road to Wimbledon

Cambridgeshire was represented by Adam Miller and Sophie Tjurina who won the County events and then played at Wimbledon in August.

Other Tournaments

Cambridgeshire was able to host **two grade 3** events both held at the Cambridge Club – one at Easter and one in July. Both were well attended and thanks to the Cambridge Club for hosting these.

ATA Cambridge (Hills Road)

County training takes place at Hills Road with sessions for 18 and under on Thursday nights; 14 and under on Tuesday nights; 12 and under on Wednesdays; 9 and 10 and under on Friday nights. County Minis train most Sundays. This has been very well received and continues to be very successful.

Overall and summary

Overall the juniors have had a successful year and when all our top players have turned out the County can compete well with the top Counties. Special praise to Harry, Megan and Yujiro for their achievements over the year and look out for rising stars Herbie Morris and Jonny Cross.

My thanks to all the players, parents and coaches and referees who have helped the County over the past year and any new volunteers would be appreciated!

Thanks to the Performance Committee for their help – just need a bit more help in 2019 please!

17/2/2019

Cambs LTA participation committee (including the Cambs Fund and T4C)

In conjunction with the Cambs Fund, the Committee's objectives include the following county plan objectives:

- Identify and support clubs that can make full use of improved facilities
- Identify and support clubs that can demonstrate ability to develop participation
- Help clubs improve their facilities and offerings for disability tennis - this includes those with physical and mental disabilities.
- Aim to attract more mini tennis players and improve the club offerings for mini tennis
- Develop a strategy to engage more women & young persons in tennis

'Revenue' projects are supported by sponsorship revenues and are funded via Tennis4Cambridgeshire (T4C). During the past year, we have supported the following revenue projects throughout the county:

- Steve Goswell's reviews of strategies and grant seeking for club improvements and grants for both capital and revenue funding with several clubs
- Visually impaired tennis
- 'Cared for children' project across 5 sites in the county
- Junior tennis at Peterborough
- Equipment at Cottenham, Cambridge Tennis Academy at NCA
- 2 schools programmes at Cambourne
- Danny Sapsford's disability tennis programme (Bright ideas for tennis) (6 clubs)

My thanks go to Paul Ashley, Steve Shaw, Rob Ellis, Bill Skead, Tim Arthur and Alan Dignam, for their assistance and support for the last year. Please contact any of us if you have a project you would like help with.

The Cambs Fund

The Cambs fund was set up in 2016, using 50% funding from Central LTA, and 50% funding from Cambs LTA. The fund total is £200,000 and the fund will end in September 2020 at the latest. The fund has now committed or spent £177,800 (all but £22,200) of this total amount.

The fund has supported/committed to support the following projects in the last year:

Cambridge LTC – new floodlights for 2 courts

Bourne – resurfacing

Chatteris – conversion of grass courts to hard

Hauxton – 2 new hard courts

St Neots - resurfacing

Any club seeking any of the remaining money in the fund as investment in any capital project should please get in touch with the fund's managers – Nick Tait and Tim Arthur.

CAMBS COUNTY SENIORS TENNIS 2018 - Tisha Hug, CSO, 07890-731593
th10014@cam.ac.uk **Dec 18**

2018 has probably been our most successful season with many hearty congratulations to **Teresa Catlin** and **Alan Jordan** who were selected to play for **GB** and **England** (see below), our **Ladies 40s** team who won the **Corby Winter Midlands League** and our **Men's 45s** who won **Div 1B** in the National Inter-County Summer Tennis leagues and then went on to **win the overall finals** (see below). Further congratulations to the many other brilliant, individual successes. Please see our **Cambs LTA website** <http://www.cambslta.org.uk/news> for fuller reports.

We now have **12** Summer and **4** Winter Seniors County Tennis Teams 35s-70s. Any interested players reaching these age groups, please contact **Tisha** or individual Captains (see below). Please visit Seniors Inter-County summer league for all **2018** results (click on Men/Women, Age group, Division, click other tabs for matches, Player Statistics, etc,
<https://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=B95CD8BD-0D9C-4134-950B-E7B0653FB042>

Congratulations to our **Men's 45s Team** (Capt. David Mills – see below 45 Men's group for the players) who having won **Div 1B** then beat Surrey who won **Div 1A**, in the finals, to come away as the **overall Championship winners**. Then **Teresa Catlin**, who was selected to play for 45s Ladies **GB** Team at The World Team Championships in Miami in October, won all her group matches and beat USA in the semi-finals but sadly lost to France in the final but collected **Silver** for **GB**. **Teresa** also won 35 dbls and R/U in 45s singles at The British clay court championships and won 45s singles at the British Open Indoor Championships at Tipton. **Alan Jordan** was selected as **England's 55** Men's Captain for the 4 Nations Championships in Dublin and then won the **55s group**. **Alan** then won 50s dbls at The S. England Grass Champs at Eastbourne with **Scott Martin** who was R/U in 50s singles (then **Scott** won Framlingham 45s singles & dbls) and **Bob Harrower** was R/U in 70s dbls against the World Champion, then he won 70s dbls at St Georges Hill. **David Mills** won 50s dbls and R/U in 50s singles at the Senior Indoor Championships alongside **Andrew Moraghan** who won 45s singles and also won the 45s singles at The Seniors Halton Championships, The Leicester Clay Championships & Senior Indoor Championships. **David** also won 50 singles and dbls with Nick Boys at British National Grass championships and **Simon Elliot** was R/U in 55 dbls. **David** was also R/U Frinton Seniors and won the Tunbridge Wells Seniors alongside **Simon** who won the 55s singles. Then **Simon** won 55 singles, dbls and 45s mixed at Hunstanton and was R/U 45s singles at Framlingham. **Jenny Chin** won 60s singles & 55 mixed at the Seniors Indoor Championships. See LTA Seniors site for Seniors competitions and info <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-competite/competing/seniors-tennis/seniors-team-competitions/>

Winter Midlands Counties League - played @ Corby Indoor TC (Oct-March, Sat/Suns, 3 hours, 2 pairs)

40 Ladies - **Caroline Thornton** caroline.m.thornton@gmail.com **Won league** and many, many congratulations

New Capt 2018/19 Christine Sprowell (07721-013321), [cdsprowell@icloud.com](mailto:cDSProwell@icloud.com)

50 Ladies - **Sara Matta** (07711-417473) - sara.matta@icloud.com **Mid-table**

60 Ladies – **Annie Clarke** – annieandrogerclarke@gmail.com **Mid table**.

New Capt 18/19 Sue Mitchell, (01763-837170, 07818-032240) mitchellgreenhill@btinternet.com

55 Mens - **Ashley Martin** - (01733- 370010, 07801-434338) ashley.martin32@btopenworld.com - **Mid-table**

The Inter-Club Cambs Mixed Veteran League (40s plus) (1 men's dbls, 1 ladies dbls and 2 mixed dbls) commence in February. Contact your club Captains or Secretaries.

The National Inter-Club Championships - Ladies/Men/Mixed 40/45s, 50/55s, 60s, 65s & joint ages mix 105 years

These are knockout cups commencing every March with Cambs League clubs playing any club in GB.

NB: No longer have to pay a membership fee. Contact your clubs to enter teams direct.
<https://www.lta.org.uk/competitions/seniors-tennis/seniors-competitions>

Super Seniors (60+) league (summer daytime matches) - **Congratulations** to the winners, **Risbeygate Men's & Histon Mixed**. **NB: We desperately need more Ladies teams** as not enough entries last year. Please contact your clubs or email vernon.dudley@ntlworld.com now to enter. You can borrow players from another club.

Coaching Grants to encourage 35s + to play – designed to encourage more adults over 35 years to take up tennis through allocating grants up to £300 for the club or facility to help develop these programmes - deadline **Sun 10 March 2019**. Instructions and an application form for 2019 coaching grants, see <https://www.lta.org.uk/play-competite/competing/seniors-tennis/about-seniors-tennis/?open=participation+fund>

Ladies & Mens Trials/practices 2019 - please contact the below captains for venue/dates details. Some are at Hills Road TC, Purbeck Rd, Cambridge. Ladies 60/65/70s at GSTC, Gt Shelford, most Fridays 10.15am - **contact Tisha**.

2018 MEN'S/LADIES SUMMER RESULTS - **35s** @ Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, in mid-August (3days)

35 Men - **David Mills** (07748-140598) david.mills@mills-reeve.com **Div 3A, 4th** (2 sgls/3 dbls)
Team: *C Johnson, R McDowell, S Martin, D Mills, P Van Houten, A Voss*

35 Ladies - **Katie Jarvis** kjarvis@impington.cambs.sch.uk **Div 3B, 3rd** (2 sgls/3 dbls).
Team: *T Catlin, F Clegg, K Deudney, R Hill, E Mills, C Sprowell*

2018 SUMMER NATIONAL INTER-COUNTY LEAGUES April-September

45 Men – **David Mills** (07748-140598) david.mills@mills-reeve.com **Div 1B Winners** (2sgls/3dbls).
Team: *D Mills, P Collins, A Jordan, S Martin, A Moraghan, P Van Houten*

50 Men - **2019 new team** – **Ian Haigs** (01480-533576, 07527-943028) ianhaigs@me.com (2sgls/3dbls)

55 Men - **Ashley Martin** (01733-370010, 07801-434338) Ashley.martin32@btopenworld.com **Div 2B, 5th** (2sgls/3dbls) **Team:** *J Attfield, C Cope, S Elliot, J Fabisz, L Hamadashe, P Jeffery, G Lowther, A Martin*

60 Men - **Mark Sanders** (01223-844840, 07970-025341) c.mark.sanders@gmail.com **Div 2B 5th** (2 sgls/3 dbls).
Team: *M Dakin, P Eaves, J Hunter, P Jeffery, P Jenson, M Sanders*

65 Men – **2019 New team, Jim Hunter** (01487-710799, 07752-141546) j.hunter2011@btinternet.com (4dbls)

70 Men – **Bob Harrower** (01223-276919, 07816-975129) bobharrower3@gmail.com **Div 2B** Withdrew (4bls).

40 Ladies - **Rachel Hill** (01223-508837, 07910-395334) rachel.hill7@ntlworld.com **Div 2A 4th** (2sgls/3 dbls)
Team: *T Catlin, F Clegg, C Deudney, R Hill, C Sprowell, M Tajovska, C Thornton*

50s Ladies - **Trish Esplin** (01763-838009, 07770-966216) trisha1957@btinternet.com **Div 2B 6th**
(4 dbls)

Team: *L Birch, D Bowes, J Chin, T Esplin, S Matta, A Thomson*

60 Ladies - **New Capt 2019 Sue Mitchell**, (01763-837170, 07818-032240)
mitchellgreenhill@btinternet.com **Div 3A, 3rd** (4 dbls) **Team:** *(Capt) M-A Rodolakis, M Chambers, C Gratty, A McNaught, S Mitchell, Y Mughal, C Varley*

65 Ladies – **2019 new team M-A Rodolakis** (01638-507815, 07557-870346)
marodolakis@gmail.com (4dbls)

70 Ladies - **Tisha Hug** (01223-843142, 07890-731593) th10014@cam.ac.uk **Div 1A, 4th** (4dbls)
Team: *A Clarke, T Hug, A McNaught, S Morton, P Saich*

Cambridgeshire Men's Report

Summer County Cup 2018

Despite being relegated from Division 1 during our summer Campaign, there are still a huge number of positives to take from the experience down in Eastbourne.

Firstly, it is a massive achievement to get there, and one perspective is to state that we were the 5th ranked County in the UK.

Our induction into the group was pretty severe losing 9-0 to eventual Champions Suffolk. The reaction from the team was fantastic, and we bounced back with very competitive performances against the other counties, consisting of Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, and Derbyshire. Beating Derbyshire on the last day was a good feeling even though we knew we were already relegated.

The team is very strong and shows continued improvement year on year. The addition of Harry Wendelken really enhances us further, not only because of his very high level, but he truly adds value to the whole team ethos.

We are very much looking forward to the 2019 campaign, and confident we can work our way back into group 1.

Winter County Cup 2018

Cambridgeshire beat Shropshire 5-4 and Northumberland 5-3 but lost to Herefordshire and Worcestershire 4-5 coming third overall with 4 points, 3 played, 14-12 Rubbers, 31-28 Sets, 52.5% Sets, 280-261 Games and 51.8% Games.

As always, just putting the outcome and the results never begin to tell the full tale. First day, we came up against a sharp Herefordshire & Worcestershire team. A lot of close rubbers were fiercely contested, with chances not quite going our way. Chad battled back from a set down to close out a tough 3 set win, brilliant performance. Strong clinical professional performances on their men's debut from Yujiro and Nick.

Middle Saturday and our opponents were Shropshire. A lot of grit and resilience was shown throughout the team. Again Yujiro put on a fighting display to beat a tough opponent in a three hour epic. Matt ruthlessly demolished their number one and then teamed up with Nick to clinch the tie 6-5 in an impressive doubles. Chad and CJ showed solid doubles nouse all weekend. Always tough to take when you beat the eventual group champions but don't get promotion.

On the last day, Northumberland, to keep dreams of promotion alive we had to either win 9-0 or 8-1. Things were looking good going 3-0 up, however it wasn't to be. We were also relying on results between Herefordshire & Worcestershire and Shropshire.

Lesson learnt and some strong experience had which bodes well for future years.

Ladies 2018 Season Report

County Week, Portsmouth, Division 3.

After losing out on promotion last year by the narrowest of margins, we initially headed into County Week in a positive light believing we could once again push for promotion.

However, within a month of the start date our team just kept thinning with injuries and unforeseen circumstances. With one week to go before County Week we had 2 new members of the team step up, firstly Teresa Catlin, who was the star of the week battling through and playing every single match, secondly Natasha Scott who had never played at senior level before. The rest of the team was compromised of Sophie and Anneka Watts, myself and Lizzie Pam - who was recovering from a fractured wrist but wanted to try to compete for us none the less. Lastly, we had Vicky Nicholas coming in on Wednesday as some relief for the team to give us a reserve.

The first day saw us face Buckinghamshire, we had two new pairings playing together for the first time. We fought valiantly but came out with a narrow 5-4 loss. We reset, went back to the drawing board and thought about the following days pairings.

Coming out on day 2 saw Lizzie Pam unable to start the days matches, which was a big blow to the team to then start 3-0 for the day. Despite the beautiful weather on the south coast we could not rally together to gain momentum against the home county of Hampshire & IOW. We ended the day with a 7-2 loss with Sophie & Anneka winning both rubbers, while Teresa and myself had 3, 3 set matches just to rub some salt into our sore muscles.

Day 3 looming we were lucky to have Vicky Nicholas joining the team to make a full team of 6 again given Lizzie's injury. So, we came out with vim and vigour ready to take the day. Again, we gave our all but narrowly came out with a 5-4 loss, with yet again more 3 set matches to Leicestershire.

Day 4 was against Nottingham, who were in fact pushing for promotion at this moment in time with a very tightly contested top half of the group. For us it was about fighting as hard as we could to stay in the group. However, it was not to be, again after very tightly fought matches we narrowly lost out 6-3 and would be heading into the last day with a direct play off for 5th and 6th place with Berkshire.

The rain was due to set in Friday afternoon, so we tried to play out as much of the rubber before it headed our way. We lead 2-1 after the first round of matches and quickly resumed for the second, after finishing the end of that round in the whirling wind and seaside rain we ended up with a 4-2 lead. With no end in sight for the rain Berkshire conceded the day to us so that we could all begin the long journey home.

While it was overall a disappointing week for the team there were positives to take from it. Our matches were all closely fought and could have gone either way, all while struggling with a heavily weakened team due to the many injuries we faced this summer.

Winter County Cup, Birmingham, Division 2.

We knew heading into the weekend it was going to be a very strong group, Middlesex, Yorkshire and Warwickshire made up our group. Counties far greater in size and population than ours. Again, we were missing some of our stronger team members due to injury, we equally had some of the upcoming juniors competing in their first Senior County Cup and gaining valuable experience for the future.

The team fought valiantly throughout the entire weekend, fighting for each and every point but ultimately, we came up short against very strong opponents.

Day 1 we faced Middlesex, who on paper were the strongest team in the group. The standard out performance was from Natasha Scott at number 6 who won a tight match 6-4, 6-4. We failed to win another rubber that day but took heart from the fact that we believed they were the toughest opponents and we could push the next day for a better result, we also had Alice Taylor joining to strengthen the team for Saturday and Sunday.

Day 2 we were up against Yorkshire, again a team with great strength in depth. We began the day going 3-0 down in the singles 4, 5, 6. I had a 3-hour marathon at number 4, losing 6-4 in third with Sue Rich coming to support and doing her best to help the team along our way too. Aneka was our standout player of the day winning her singles comfortably followed by pairing with Sophie and winning their doubles too with ease. This meant to end the day 7-2.

Day 3 With relegation looming and a nasty sore back for myself Sunday was already shaping up to be a tough day. None the less the girls were positive that we could put on a good show. Lydia started off at number 6 with a great fight, narrowly missing out on the win 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. Losses followed for Laurie Cruikshank and Alice Taylor before Meghan Carmichael produced a thoroughly mature performance to beat Tamara Malazonia 7-5, 6-2, Meghan played hard and stayed really mentally strong against a difficult opponent to put us within fighting distance. Unfortunately, Annie and Sophie were unable to convert their chances in their respective singles matches and we found ourselves 5-1 down with the rubber decided. The other match ended in a similar fashion we meant Middlesex were crowned winners early on in the day. Division 2 was just too strong for us this year. However, it was really encouraging to see the strong juniors we have coming up through the team ranks that will be there to provide more and more strength for us in the future.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am confident we can push again for promotion in Summer County Week - fingers crossed for a healthy and full team this year. Summer is always a difficult time to get commitment from Juniors due to the demands being on them to play the prestige junior summer tournaments for ratings and rankings points in singles. County week doubles tends to take a back step in their schedules at this time. I'd love to see some kind of incentive from the LTA for top Juniors who do take part in County Week.

The overall state of Women's tennis across the county seems quite positive at the moment, we do as always struggle with injuries, I would also like to try and find ways of getting more long-standing County women integrated into the Juniors and the local set up so that the crossover path is more easily identifiable and attainable.'