



Annual Report

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2021

Tennis West of Scotland
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Thankfully despite the impact of the covid-19 pandemic, tennis in the West of Scotland and grown in popularity with increased participation at all levels and improved club membership. Following the cancellation of the Summer 2020 season, the easing of Covid-19 restrictions in the Autumn of 2020 allowed the return of inter-club competitions with the 'one-off' Men's and Women's Doubles league receiving very positive feedback. Continuing uncertainty in early 2021 resulted in the cancellation of the spring competitions and a delay to the start of the Summer Doubles leagues. However, the co-operation of clubs and players ensured these were concluded successfully within the competition period.

Virtual meetings throughout the last year have proved a successful way to distribute information and seek club representative opinion. Hence, a plan is in place to continue these virtual meetings and in mid-November a further meeting will seek the views of the 2022 Competition Calendar before online entry of teams opens at the end of the year. The Tennis West of Scotland website was fully launched at the start of 2021 and is proving a successful and continually developing resource.

Indoor venues remained closed for long periods and this affected much activity including the 20-21 West of Scotland county training programme. I am delighted to advise that the 21-22 programme, fully supported by Tennis Scotland, launched successfully in September. This involves over one hundred young players from West of Scotland clubs who are supported by a team of nine coaches whose task is to not only develop the skills of the players but also to mentor a number of young Level 1 and 2 coaches keen to be involved in performance tennis. The Under 8 & 9 mini leagues provide players with regular indoor competition and are supervised by an enthusiastic team of nine Level 1 coaches and competition organisers.

Inter County team competitions returned in 2021 although, for many age groups, competition was organized more locally than is normal. This proved very popular with costs and travel reduced, whilst the level of competition remained high.

At the start of 2021, the roles and responsibilities of staff members were realigned and approved by the Board. In late summer, the Tennis West of Scotland office moved 'upstairs' within the Newlands club. In early October, the LTA awarded Tennis West of Scotland the title of 'National League Organiser of the Year' from a cohort of 40+ other organisers and county associations which organize National Leagues throughout GB - a recognition which was gratifying to receive. On this positive note, let us all hope for a farewell to uncertain times and look forward to a very enjoyable and competitive 2022 season.

Barry Gibson-Smith [President]

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Report of the Directors for the Year ended 30th September, 2021

We have pleasure in presenting the 106th Annual Report of the Association.

Directors

<u>President</u>	Barry Gibson-Smith (Western)	(6)
<u>Vice-President</u>	Amanda Slater (Whitecraigs)	(6)
<u>Company Secretary</u>	John AE Stevenson	(6)
<u>Ex-officio Past President</u>	John Jellema (Hamilton)	(6)
<u>Competitions Chair</u>	Christine Lockhart (Newlands)	(6)
<u>Director</u>	Claire Kinloch-Anderson (Busby)	(5)
	John Shemilt (David Lloyd West End)	(5)

Six meetings of the Board of Directors were convened during the year and Directors' attendances are shown in brackets.

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Competitions

Christine Lockhart (Newlands)	-	Chair
Elizabeth Stevenson	-	Tournaments & Events
John Stevenson	-	Leagues

Three virtual meetings of club representatives were held throughout the year to discuss the calendar of competitions organized by Tennis West of Scotland and to receive the views of clubs.

51 clubs are currently affiliated to Tennis West of Scotland



Inter-Club League and Cup Competitions

Ball sponsor to December 2022 –



• Cup Competitions

Results of finals

Competition	Winner	Runner-up
Rowan Cup [Men]		Cancelled
Bulletin Trophy [Women]		Cancelled
Calcutta Cup - Senior	DL Hamilton M1	Whitecraigs M2
Calcutta Cup - Junior	Clarkston M2	Queens Park CTC M2
Clydesdale Cup – 1 st Division	Giffnock	Whitecraigs
Clydesdale Cup – 2 nd Division	Queens Park CTC	Glasgow University Staff
Carrickmines Bowl	Queen's Park CTC	

- ❖ The Calcutta Cup and Clydesdale Cup competitions were played in July and August with a greater number of matches being played. A change of format in Calcutta Cup matches proved successful and will be reviewed before the 2022 season.
- ❖ The Carrickmines Bowl was hosted by Strathgryffe Tennis & Squash Club. 20 pairs from West of Scotland clubs participated with £664 raised for MacMillan Cancer Support. Stephen Hendry and Ruth Horsfall, representing Queen's Park Community Tennis Club, were 2021 winners.



• League Competitions

Winter 2020-21 leagues

EVENT	Champions
Monday Floodlight League	Not completed
Sunday Afternoon League	

- ❖ The 2021 National League [Summer] for junior age groups was unaffected by Covid-19.
 - 29 clubs, 180 teams and 936 players participated
 - West of Scotland National League, - 88% of scheduled matches completed, And highest completion rate of the 44 GB county national league competitions due to a great effort by club team captains.
- ❖ All Winter 20-21 and Spring league and cup competitions were either cancelled or rescheduled due to Covid-19
- ❖ The start of the Summer Doubles leagues was delayed due to Covid-19 with many matches Being played in July. At the end of the competition period, only 1 match remained not played.

- Tournaments**

1. West of Scotland Open Championships

The 2020 event was played at Scotstoun L.C. from 29th October – 1st November with results of finals below. No doubles events were held due to limited court time.

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
MS	Calum MacGeoch	Nicolas Rosenzweig
WS	Anastasia Rentouli	Halle Pringle
M35S	Alexander Halsey	Scott Martin
MS Shield	Andrew Wilson	Ryan MacLeod
WS Shield	Sorcha Caves	Lisa Munro

2. West of Scotland Junior Open Championships

The 2021 event was played at Newlands LTC from 4th – 13th June with results of finals below:

SINGLES	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
8 & U Mixed	Kian Khochfar	Victoria Ariana Floria
9 & U Boys	Coby Stewart	Fraser Whitelock
9 & U Girls	Natalia Augustynska	Sophie Langlands
10 & U Boys	Mitchell Tasker	Dominic Czopek
10 & U Girls	Lara Abdrabbo	Lea Khochfar
12 & U Boys	Lucas Nolte	Alasdair Low
12 & U Girls	Hanna Augustynska	Elisa Gibson
14 & U Boys	Logan Gillespie	Casey Drake
14 & U Girls	Freya Cooper	Amy Hudson
16 & U Boys	Liam O'Brien	Leo Watt
16 & U Girls	Carla Ward	Olivia McGuire
18 & U Boys	Jack Deveney	Marcus McLaren
18 & U Girls	Carla Ward	Iju'ama Nisbet
18 & U MXD	Marcus McLaren & Jenna Conroy	Jack Deveney & Iju'ama Nisbet

The 2020 event was played at Scotstoun L.C. from 19th – 20th December with results of finals below:

DOUBLES	WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
18 & U Boys	Billy Blaydes & Freddie Blaydes	Jamie Connell & Ben Hudson
18 & U Girls	Alice Brook & Francesca Simpson	Jenna Conroy & Rachel Pang
16 & U Boys	Ben Hudson & Charlie Robertson	Euan Mackenzie & Luke McFarlane
16 & U Girls	Sorcha Caves & Annique Varty	Alice Brook & Francesca Simpson
14 & U Boys	Jed McMillan & Lance Nisbet	Alexander English & Gregor McIver
14 & U Girls	Lucy Beeston & Eleanor Cochran	Amy Hudson & Lauryn O'Brien
12 & U Boys	Ollie Anderson & Freddie Mailer	Tristan Mills & Lucas Nolte
12 & U Girls	Lauryn O'Brien & Anna McKnight	Megan O'Brien & Elisa Gibson

THE ROAD TO WIMBLEDON



Thomas Sproule [Western] and **Olivia McGuire [Cambuslang]** represented West of Scotland at the Road to Wimbledon national finals held at the All England Club in August. Both players qualified from the group stages to reach the quarter-final and semi-final respectively of the singles events.

• Inter-County Competitions

The 2020 Winter County Cup, Women's 35 & Over County Cup and the 2021 LTA 18 & U County Cup were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions at the time of each event. Tennis West of Scotland would like to thank the captains of all teams for managing matches and players at these competitions.

The following age group events were played:

OPEN

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
MEN			
Felixstowe – Group 4		Score	Players
North of Scotland	Loss	0-9	Scott MacAulay [C]
North Wales	Win	7-2	Lee Wishart
Berkshire	Win	6-3	Samuel MacLeod
Hampshire & IOW	Win	5-4	Charlie Miller
Warwickshire	Win	6-3	James Shemilt
			Harry Mouratidis
			Ewan Moore
Final position:	2nd/6		Craig Thomson

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
WOMEN			
East Dorset – Group 5		Score	Players
Hereford & Worcester	Loss	4-5	Jennifer Steel [C]
Lincolnshire	Loss	4-5	Eilidh McLaughlin
East of Scotland	Loss	3-6	Rachel Pang
South Wales	Loss	2-7	Heather Lockhart
North of Scotland	Win	8-1	Alicia Gates
			Emily Gates
			Caitlin Steel
Final position:	5th/6		

LTA COUNTY CUP			
MEN 35 & OVER			
Eastbourne – Group 1		Score	Players
Kent	Loss	2-3	Jordan Gray [C]
Yorkshire	Win	4-1	Mike Cohen
Surry	Loss	2-3	Calum McKnight
			Gary Thomson
Final position:	3 rd /4		

JUNIOR

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
14 & U BOYS			
Craiglockhart, Edinburgh		Score	Players
South of Scotland	Loss	3-3	Findlay Pratt
North of Scotland	Loss	1-5	Lucas Nolte
East of Scotland	Win	4-2	Tristan Mills
			Tom McKnight
Final position:	2 nd /4		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
14 & U GIRLS			
Troon LTC		Score	Players
South of Scotland			Anna McKnight
North of Scotland			Olivia McGuire
East of Scotland			Lauryn O'Brien
			Carla Ward
Final position:	1 st /4		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
12 & U BOYS			
Westburn, Aberdeen		Score	Players
East of Scotland	Win	3-3	Charlie Morgan
South of Scotland	Win	6-0	Alasdair Low
North of Scotland	Win	4-2	Jasper Gerber
			Harry Sangster
Final position:	1 st /4		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
12 & U GIRLS			
Craiglockhart, Edinburgh		Score	Players
East of Scotland	Win	5-1	Linsey Campbell-Morrison
South of Scotland	Win	6-0	Millie Maule
North of Scotland	Win	6-0	Megan O'Brien
			Elisa Gibson
Final position:	5th/6		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
11 & U BOYS			
Lymm, Cheshire		Score	Players
			Jamie Decuyper
Cheshire	Loss	0-6	Dhruv Goyal
Shropshire	Win	6-0	Lucas Rodgers
North Wales	Win	6-0	Rhys Sibbald
			Dimitri Tsoukalas
Final position:	3rd/6		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
11 & U GIRLS			
Hillhead SC, Glasgow		Score	Players
Lancashire	Loss	2-4	Ruth Macintosh
East of Scotland	Win	5-1	Nikemi Olafare
South of Scotland	Win	4-2	Sophie Reid
North of Scotland	Loss	1-5	Maia Wood
Final position:	3rd/5		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
10 & U BOYS			
Uddingston LTC		Score	Players
East of Scotland	Loss	0-6	Oscar Donnelly
South of Scotland	Win	4-2	Rafael Gordon
North of Scotland	Win	4-2	Oran McBride
			Andrew Ross
Final position:	2nd/4		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
10 & U GIRLS			
Bridge of Allan LTC		Score	Players
East of Scotland	Loss	0-6	Ayesha Ghafoor
South of Scotland	Loss	2-4	Elona Kennedy
North of Scotland	Loss	2-4	Ella Morrison
			Jazmin Ward
Final position:	4th/4		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
9 & U BOYS			
Craiglockhart, Edinburgh		Score	Players
North of Scotland	Loss	1-5	Cameron Rae
South of Scotland	Loss	2-4	Coen Gordon
East of Scotland	Loss	0-6	Innes Thornton-Smith
			Daniel Gouck
Final position:	4th/4		

LTA SUMMER COUNTY CUP			
9 & U GIRLS			
Craiglockhart, Edinburgh		Score	Players
South of Scotland	Win	5-1	Kiera McCarron
North of Scotland	Win	6-0	Sophie Langlands
East of Scotland	Loss	0-6	Ares Power
			Anise Brown
Final position:	2nd/4		

The Scottish Junior Inter-District Championships at Kilgraston School, Bridge of Earn were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions at the time of the competition.

SCOTTISH JUNIOR INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2021 TEA CUP					
18 & U					
Uddingston LTC			Score	Players	
				Heather Barlow	Jack Deveney
SF	South of Scotland	Win	6-0	Sorcha Caves	Kyle McKay
F	North of Scotland	Loss	3-3*	Jenna Conroy	Liam O'Brien
				Rachel Pang	Ross Young
<i>*North win tie-break shoot-out</i>					
Final position:	Runners-up				

The 2021 GB Seniors' Inter-County Championships were cancelled due to Covid. With travel restrictions easing in early summer, a Scottish Inter-County competition was organized for a number of age groups.

With less travel involved, the reduced cost of participating and the possibility to organize matches outdoors, this competition proved very popular with players.

Some age groups had not completed their matches by 30th September but players who represented West of Scotland to that date are listed below.

MEN 45	MEN 50	MEN 60	MEN 65
Gordon Bell	Iain Allan	Andy McKeown [C]	Ian Allingham
Stuart Clark	Alan Dickson [C]	Simon Coom	Colin Anderson
Calum McKnight [C]	Gerry Kelly	Alan Lackie	Maxwell Black [C]
Allan Ralston	Ian McAulay	Kenneth Reid	Keith Haig
Graham Robertson	Sohail Shah	Gerry Kelly	Pat McCambridge
Gary White	Martin Kilday		William Clarke
David Wilson	Blane Dodds		Roy Fraser
	Graham Robertson		Alan Liddell
	Graham Pirie		Ian Murdie
			David Rankine

WOMEN 40	WOMEN 50	WOMEN 60
Susan Burns	Ruth Adam	Sally Binnie
Karen Christie [C]	Gillian McLeod [C]	Sandra Fraser
Ashley Donnelly	Carol Milne	Anne Fulton
Rachel Neal	Liz Mosin	Diane Fung
Elizabeth Stevenson	Sally Rear	Christine Lockhart
Hazel Weir		Marjory Love
Lillian Young		Barbara Reid [C]
		Lynne Baker
		Celia Fisher
		Audrey Kennedy
		Ann McGrath
		Annette Riley
		Anne Smillie
		Monica Stewart
		Mary White



Helensburgh's **Gordon Reid** enjoyed a hugely successful 2021 winning the Men's Wheelchair Doubles Grand Slam with partner Alfie Hewett. Gordon also reached the singles final at Wimbledon and the semi-finals at both the Australian and US Open to currently be World ranked #1 in doubles and #4 in singles.

Representing GB at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, Gordon won a silver medal in doubles with Hewett and a bronze medal in singles.

2021



West of Scotland's **Marjory Love** won the British 70 & Over Singles and Doubles title at the All England Club in August 2021.



West of Scotland Men, playing on grass at Felixstowe, won promotion to Group 3 of the Summer County Cup by winning 4 out of 5 matches.

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1,098,657 web site hits during the 2021 summer season



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Tennis West of Scotland operates a county training programme for junior players eligible to represent West of Scotland in district and county competitions. Currently 104 players train regularly at indoor centres throughout the winter.

The county programme works closely with the regional training programme managed and delivered by Tennis Scotland with both the Tennis Scotland and Tennis West of Scotland coaching teams working together to plan an integrated programme.

A local player development programme links the county programme to key clubs and centres to ensure that young mini players develop the correct techniques from club and centre coaches and are encouraged to regularly compete.

A full programme of tournaments and leagues are organized for junior players of all ages.

The current coaching team:-

- Mike Cohen
- Fraser Craig
- Emily Gates
- Euan Gibson-Smith
- Jordan Gray
- Craig Kyle
- Scott MacAulay
- Graham Robertson
- Caitlin Steel
- Jennifer Steel
- Harry Sutherland

