



## Honorary Secretary's Report 2022

The Ulster Branch Tennis Ireland continues to strive to increase its membership by visiting existing and new Clubs, encouraging clubs to try for Accreditation awards and introducing more players to Parks Tennis and many more.

The Junior Interprovincials (Under 18) was held in Waterford with Ulster coming 3<sup>rd</sup>, Under 14 interpros were held in Claremorris with Ulster 4<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Interpros were held in Cork with Ulster 3<sup>rd</sup>. On the Senior side, Belfast Boat Club was the venue for Seniors Interpros with Ulster 3<sup>rd</sup>. Malahide was the venue for Young Seniors with Ulster 3<sup>rd</sup>, while the Super Seniors were victorious in Galway, a fantastic result. We were competitive in all the events so well done to all who represented the province. Congratulations to the many Ulster players who were selected to play for Ireland in the various age groups in Lisbon, including Kerri Russell, Fiona Morrow, Julie McManus, Ashley McVeigh, Matthew McGann, Liam Kane, Johnny Abosi and Gareth McGreevy.

In the Schools Games (Ulster Wheelchair Team), Charlie Jago-Byrne and his partner from Scotland, won the bronze medal for Under 18 boys doubles, a great achievement. Brady Chambers and Ella Coleman won bronze in Under 18 mixed doubles, while Ryan Cleary was runner up in the Under 18 boys singles. Great results all round.

In Secondary Schools Tennis, 32 schools in Ulster participated with a total of over 200 kids from year 8 to Seniors taking part. Stephen Garvin ran two level 1 coaching courses during the year.

The Junior, Senior and Veteran tournaments were well supported and contested. It is important that players come out and support the Clubs who run these events and thus support the Sponsors. The David Lloyd Irish Indoors entry is increasing every year with players from all over the provinces entering. Tennis Ireland Tournament Software has helped in the collection of data and results during the season.

Many thanks to Anna McCartan for her hard work in the branch office.

Thanks once again to Stephen and Susan Creber for their contribution in running the B&D Leagues along with the members of the Executive. Stephen & Susan decided to step down from their positions at the end of the season after many years of great work. Stephen served for 43 years and Susan for 45 yrs. Amazing service. The leagues are a large part of the Ulster Tennis Scene.

To all the Clubs who continue to organise Tournaments thank you and we would ask that you support them and their sponsors.



Please support the Club committees throughout Ulster who give of their time to organise Tennis in your Clubs.

I wish you all a very successful season and hope that you will get lots of enjoyment from the game no matter what level you play and I wish the Ulster Branch Tennis Ireland every success in the future.

Remember “ TENNIS IS A SPORT FOR LIFE “

Gordon Boal

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