

SUPER SENIOR INTERPROVINCIALS IN Galway LTC 17TH/18TH September 2022

24 players from each province travelled to Galway Lawn Tennis Club. This included 65,70 men's and ladies' teams, 75 men's teams, one 75 ladies' doubles and one 80 men's doubles combination with a total of 72 matches played over 1.5 days. The Ulster teams were very grateful to Wendy Cree who was non-playing captain. The team performed well and succeeded in bringing the Cup home to Ulster.

Team members were: Ellen McCartney, Rosemary Masefield, Kathleen Maguire, Eileen Morrison, Helen Pollock, Letty Lucas, Liz Thompson, Margaret Thompson, Jennifer McDonnell, Margaret McKenna, Jimmy Wilson, Gordon Addy, Stephen Cuthbertson, Alan Campbell, John Canning, Willie Caldwell, Clifford McIlwaine, Trevor Long, George Lucas, John McAllister, Des Pedlow, Noel Robinson, Paddy Brockerton and Brendan Mathews.

SENIOR INTERPROVINCIALS IN Belfast Boat Club 10TH/11TH September 2022

24 players, from each province, travelled to Sundays Well in Cork. This included 50, 55, and 60 year old, ladies' and men's teams with a total of 108 matches played over 2 days. The Ulster teams were very grateful to Gordon Boal who was non-playing captain. There was great camaraderie between the age groups and players from Ulster fought valiantly for each match. The weather was also a challenge and volunteers from all provinces were kept busy sweeping the water off the courts. The Ulster Branch would take this opportunity to thank the Belfast Boat Club manager, staff, and committee for allowing us to host the event at the club. Thanks also go to Ballynafeigh TC for the use of their courts for the overspill matches.

Team Members were: Wendy Cree, Kathy Cunningham, Amanda Leeman, Carrie Blower, Sophia Dobbs, Ruth Greenlees, Emma Black, Trish Fraser, Susan Templeton, Pam Peard, Jill Little, Geraldine Fredlander, Grzegorz Gelmuda, Steven Leeman, Jim Watt, Allen Robson, Hans Enoksen, Tim Blomley, Godfrey Gaston, Darren Pearce, Andy Moore, Willam Noteman, David Cunningham, John Maguire and Karl Meussen.

YOUNG SENIORS INTERPROVINCIAL in Malahide 14TH/15TH May 2022

32 players, from each province, travelled to Malahide in North Dublin. This included 30, 35, 40 and 45 year old, ladies' and men's teams. With a total of 144 matches played over 2 days it was an action-packed weekend. Gordon Boal travelled with this team to Dublin as non-playing captain and Greg O'Rawe, UBTI President was also on the side lines voicing his support.

The team played well but unfortunately one player tested positive for covid on the first morning and that left us depleted and having to concede 3 matches.

Team Members were: Elizabeth Cardy, Nicki Hawkes, Lisa Wallace, Lauren Smythe, Kerri Russell, Alexis Russell, Fiona Morrow, Lyndsey Morrow, Julie McManus, Donna McSorley, Ashley McVeigh, Joan McCandless, Deirdre Johnston, Kathleen Diamond, Cherry McCullough, Gillian Robson, Alex watt, Karl Donaldson, Michael Blease, Ross McCarey, Francis Venzon, Scott Burnside, Adam Boyle, Simon McFarland, Johnny Abosi, Sean Maloney, Matthieu Delas, Andrew McVeigh, Matthew McGann, Liam Kane, Arie Van Limpt and David Browne.

2 INTERNATIONAL HONOURS THROUGHOUT 2022

Many of our Ulster Senior players were selected for international honours:

- 4 Nations players Kerri Russell, Julie McManus, Nicola McCormick, Sophie Dobbs, Helen Pollock, Letty Lucas, Steven Leeman, Grzegorz Gelmuda, Willie Noteman, David Cunningham, Mark Milligan
- ITF players Kerri Russell, Alexis Russell, Julie McManus, Sophie Dobbs, Ruth Greenlees, Tim Blomley, Helen Pollock, Letty Lucas, George Pollock, George Lucas, Paddy Brockerton.

3 Irish Indoor Veteran Championships 2022

The year 2022 got off to a good start with a record entry, 257 players, from across Ireland taking part in the Irish Indoor Veterans' Championships at David Lloyd, Belfast, from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th February.

To cater for this huge entry we used courts at David Lloyd and Belfast Boat Club. The Tournament Committee extend their sincere thanks to the members and committees of David Lloyd and Belfast Boat Club, for hosting matches.

There were many local players amongst the list of winners, including Elizabeth Cardy, Christine Duncan, Deirdre Johnston, Nicola McCormick, Kathleen Maguire, Fiona Morrow, Donna McSorley, Julie McManus, Emma Black, Ruth Greenlees, Ellen McCartney, Helen Pollock, Letty Lucas Alex Watt, Gareth McGreevy, Johnny Abosi, Alex Iliev, Grzegorz Gelmuda, William Noteman, David Cunningham, Stevie McCausland, David Browne, Arie Van Limpt, Mark Milligan, David Craig, George Lucas, George Pollock, John McAllister.

UBTI acknowledge all who helped to run the tournament. Maggie McKenna, Lauren Smythe, Eileen Carlin, Ann Rosa, Jenny Lyall, Wendy Cree, Kathryn Fleming, Audrey Ross and Letty Lucas in organising and delivering this event. Tournament Referee, Glenn Maitland and his assistant Johnny Abosi did a remarkable job in scheduling some 260 matches at various venues throughout the weekend. Thank you all.

4 **SELECTION**

Thank you to all who contributed to Ulster Senior team selection throughout 2022. Lauren Smythe (Larne), Kerri Russell (ATP), Johnnie Abosi (David Lloyd) Jenny Lyall (David Lloyd), Wendy Cree (Hawarden), Ellen McCartney (Bangor), Gordon Boal (Bangor), Letty Lucas (Downshire) and John Maguire (Irvinestown) constituted the selection committee. Their scrutiny of results and knowledge of players was invaluable.

Letty Lucas
Chair of Seniors Committee
February 2023