

TENNIS ULSTER MASTERS' REPORT – AGM 2026

Tennis Ulster Masters players enjoyed another highly successful year in 2025, both domestically and internationally, reflecting the continued strength and depth of Masters tennis across the province.

INTERPROVINCIALS

A total of 82 players travelled to venues across Ireland, including Belfast, Sligo, Nenagh and Carlow, to represent Ulster in the Interprovincial Championships. On the home front, we were delighted to host the 30–45 age groups at Belfast Boat Club and Cavehill Tennis Club. This was the largest Interprovincial event of the year, with 144 matches played over one and a half days. The 2025 calendar presented logistical challenges, as the ITF World Championships divided age groups across four venues and spread fixtures throughout the year. Despite this, Tennis Ulster teams were expertly managed by our non-playing captains, and sincere thanks are extended to Donna McSorley, Karl Donaldson, David Williams and Jenny Lyall for their commitment and leadership.

HONOURS

Many Ulster Masters players were also selected for international honours, representing Ireland at Four Nations and ITF events, which is a testament to the high standard of play within the province.

TOURNAMENTS

The Irish Masters Indoor Championships continued to thrive and, in 2025, achieved the prestigious status of an ITF Masters 400 event — the highest-level Masters tournament in Ireland. Over 300 players competed across 20 age groups and categories, requiring the tournament to be staged over two weekends. Our thanks go to David Lloyd and Belfast Boat Club for hosting, and to the dedicated tournament team led by Maggie McKenna, Lauren Smythe, Eileen Carlin, Eileen Morrison, Liz Thompson, Jenny Lyall, Wendy Cree, Donna

McSorley and David Mercer. Tournament Referees Glenn Maitland and Will Boyd managed the scheduling of over 260 matches with outstanding professionalism.

Masters tournaments were also hosted at Belfast Boat Club, Ballycastle, Cavan, Enniskillen, Omagh, Irvinestown and North West(Letterkenny), while the Evergreen Leagues, organised by the B and D League Executive, provided valuable competitive opportunities throughout the spring and early summer.

MASTERS COMMITTEE

Finally, sincere thanks are extended to the Masters Committee, whose expertise, dedication and scrutiny ensured fair and balanced team selections throughout the year.

The committee are, in alphabetical order: Emma Black (Downshire), Gordon Boal (Bangor), Wendy Cree (Hawarden), Karl Donaldson, Letty Lucas(Downshire), Jenny Lyall (Bangor), John Maguire (Irvinestown), Donna McSorley (Irvinestown), Kerri Russell (ATT), Lauren Smythe (Larne), Susan Templeton (BBC), David Williams (Windsor).

A very big personal thank you to Donna McSorley who organised selection meetings and contacted all players. She did a brilliant job.

All players and results from various events can be found on tournament software.

Letty Lucas

Chair, Tennis Ulster Masters Committee

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