

Southport and District Tennis League
Individual Tournaments Secretary Report
2019 Season

I would like to start my report by thanking the people that helped make this tournament a success: Dennis for his support and invaluable advice, Christian for updating the website throughout the tournament so promptly, Birkdale LTC committee who helped run Finals Day and finally to everyone who entered and supported it.

This year saw a slight drop in entries from 70 to 61. However more people took part across the 11 tournaments as there were more doubles entries, resulting in an 11% increase in entry fees from £275 to £306.

Matches were competitive and played in good spirit. I received numerous emails/texts throughout the tournament telling me how much players had enjoyed their match - which was very nice and encouraging to hear.

The only issues I encountered were as follows:

- Large numbers of late entries, resulting in a delay in getting the draws and contact lists finalised and on to the website. Please can every effort be made to submit entries before the deadline next year.
- Entrants that entered via text/email need to send their entry fee to either the Individual Tournament Secretary or to the League Treasurer as soon as their entry has been accepted. I spent lot of time chasing people up for payments who entered this way.

I would also like to congratulate all this years winners.

Individual Tournaments Winners 2019

Open:

Men's Singles - Henry Billington (Argyle)
Ladies' Singles - Janet Kearton (Croston)
Men's Doubles - Rob Staziker and Stuart Grice (Croston)
Ladies Doubles - Jane Godsland and Sheila Wastell (Croston)
Mixed Doubles - Anthony Burkett and Sue Wilkie (Birkdale)

Division 5 and Below:

Men's Doubles - Mick Walsh and Kris Cooper (Carlton)
Mixed Doubles - Mick Walsh and Emily Miller (Carlton)

Veterans:

Men's Singles - Tim Molten (Birkdale)
Ladies' Doubles - Janet Kearton and Sheila Wastell (Croston)
Men's Doubles - Dave Price and Nathan Freear (North Meols)
Mixed Doubles - Dave Sherwood and Jenny Watling (Ormskirk)

Unfortunately I will be unable to continue as Individual Tournament Secretary next year due to exams, so I would like to wish my successor all the best and I will be more than happy to give them support and advice if they need it.

Individual Tournaments Secretary
Sam Johnson
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