

## Summer League Teams Results 2018

Congratulations and well done to all who played in the teams and those who captained those teams. The results can be checked for all the teams by going to the club's website [www.dtsc.org.uk](http://www.dtsc.org.uk) under Tennis - Team play or at these links (they are on the website to save you typing them out!):

**Dorset Leagues:** <http://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=D9F43101-850A-459F-85A1-6CA6AA9F57CC>

**Y&D Leagues:** <https://lta.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/tournament.aspx?id=341F56E9-9E47-4BE3-A60B-77CF79AD34CD>

### Dorset Leagues

**Men's 1** – Currently 6<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 (possible relegation)

**Ladies' 1** – Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 2 (promoted to Division 1)

**Men's 2** – Finished 8<sup>th</sup> and bottom in Division 3 (probable relegation)

**Men's Vets** – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> (of 4 teams) in Division 2

**Men's Over 60s** – Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the League

**Mixed 1** - Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 2 (promoted to Division 1)

**Mixed 2** – Finished 7<sup>th</sup> in Division 3 (relegated to Division 4)

### Yeovil & District Leagues

**Men's** – Currently 6<sup>th</sup> in Division 2 (and will probably be relegated next summer)

**Ladies'** – Second in Division 3 (and will be promoted next summer)

### Dorset Ladies 1 Season Review by Sarah Skidmore

The ladies team this summer has been brilliant! I have had lots of people volunteering to play in the matches, so much so that I haven't had to play at all! So many congratulations go to Alison Beaven, Kayleigh Budge, Katherine Bundy, Elspeth Gracie, Yvonne Henderson, Sue Ramsbottom, Lorraine Slowther and Ann Williams who played so well that they managed to get the team to finish in second place in Division 2 and therefore promoted to Division 1 for next summer.

### Dorset Mixed 1 Season Review by Sarah Skidmore

Congratulations to the Mixed 1st team for reclaiming their place in Division 1 for next summer. We have managed to play juniors in the male role for every match with the age ranging from 14 -17 years old, which is great for the youngest to get the experience of playing senior team tennis. The boys have been capably supported by slightly more mature ladies in myself, Yvonne Henderson, Ros Clark and Katherine Butler, and the youth policy has been continued with Kayleigh Budge, although no longer a teenager!

### Dorset Men's Vets Season Review by Grahame Bennett

A short season of 3 matches. Our opponents were Victoria Avenue , Sherborne and Corfe Mullen. Our first match v Victoria Avenue turned on 3 tie breaks, win one and victory was ours, we lost all three. Our next opponents Sherborne were grateful that we brought the start time forward as they were keen to be home by 3pm, something to do with England playing in a World Cup quarter final. Another keenly fought match ended in a narrow defeat with both second rubbers going to a champions tie break, we all got away by 2.45pm and home in time for the football. Our final match was away to Corfe Mullen. This was now the wooden spoon match with Corfe Mullen having also lost their opening 2 fixtures. The match was played on a lovely summer evening and saw us win all 4 rubbers

with Alister and Harry breaking the teams tie break hoodoo by winning 2 tie breaks. Thanks to all the players that took part this summer Peter Smith, Alister Millar, Harry Offer, Tim Guppy, Chris Porter and the Captain Grahame Bennett.

### **Yeovil & District Men's Season Review by Mike Williams**

At the time of writing, the fate of our Men's team in Div. 2 hangs in the balance, as there remain some unplayed matches. The 'core' squad of Grahame Bennett, Martin Kimberley, Keith Mason, Chris Porter and Mike Williams have won impressive victories over Ilminster, Martock, and North Cadbury (twice). Only Wincanton have beaten us home and away. When an Over-60's match took away Keith, Mike, Derek Hanby and Al Clark, we were boosted by the youthful (and useful) Alex Baker and Joe Chambers for a hard-earned draw at Sherborne. For our match at runaway leaders Taunton, Joe and promising debutant Kevin Willemse helped Grahame and Keith earn another very creditable draw.

Our first-ever season in Div 2 has been hard but enjoyable, testing ourselves against some real 'A' team players.

### **Yeovil & District Ladies' Season Review by Ann Williams**

Ladies - Well, what can I say? Those of you who played in our last Yeovil & District match against Somerton B already know, but I am very happy to report that the terrific win (10-1), resulted in us finishing second in Division Three, only 1 point behind Yeovil and that this means that we are promoted to Division 2 next season!

I hope you will all agree that it has been a thoroughly enjoyable season of evening tennis. We've played some cracking tennis, had some tough matches and some not so tough, met very nice opponents, had lovely after match suppers and generally had a great time. This is our second successful season in the Yeovil and District League, which we entered under Alison's excellent captaincy, and our second consecutive promotion.

I know that some of you did not get to play as many matches as you would have liked. However, our squad this year was enormous. There could be a strong possibility of entering a B team next year if people are interested. This is all dependent on court availability although the tennis committee have tentatively agreed it, so watch this space, more information to follow at some point.

Thank you all for your support, you've been brilliant.

It was an enormous squad - pictured below from (left to right) Sarah, Andrea, Ann, Felicia, Jenny, Sue and Alison. Not pictured - Sue, Helen, Ros, Lorraine, Julie, Ann, Katherine, Claire and Felicity.

