

# **2022 Competitions Report**

## **Aboyne Tennis Club November 2022**

### **Ladies NESLTA League**

It was a very successful and busy season with a record entry of three Ladies teams in the NESLTA league. All credit to the commitment from the ladies playing matches through rain storms and tropical temperatures, not to mention the mileage! The A team finished 2nd out of 8 teams in Division 2, having played some very competitive and fun matches. They won their end of season play off to be promoted to Division 1 for the first time in a while. The B Team were 3rd out of 8 teams in Division 3, which is an amazing result after finishing bottom of that division last year. It was initially thought that they were 2nd and completed a playoff against Udny, which they won. Sadly it was to no avail, once the correct league order was finalised, following late completion of some unplayed fixtures. The C Team finished 6th out of 8 teams in Division 4. This was a great result for a developing team and all players made a good contribution and gained valuable experience for the future, as well as growing the playing pool.

### **Ladies Deeside League**

This started in August, rather than May, this season, taking place on Wednesdays, rather than Mondays. It was an enjoyable tournament but we struggled to find players for all matches. This was in part due to many players "graduating" to play for the Aboyne C team in the NESLTA league. However some newcomers including Gloria, Josephine and Mairi added to the core pool of Tammie, Claire and Anke (with Keren occasionally stepping in for emergencies). We've asked the organisers to consider reverting to the previous format for 2023, which would help with player availability.

### **Men NESLTA League**

All 25 squad members played during the season, with a number of new faces. The youthful A team had mixed results in a strong division to finish 7th (of 8) in Div 2, just one and two points respectively behind 5th & 6th placed Cults D & Stonehaven C. Banchory B (the 2nd placed team in Div 3) won a competitive play off against Aboyne A on a wet evening, relegating us to Div 3. We aim to bounce back in 2023! The B team had some good early season results and were initially promotion contenders. However an occasional reversal later on in the season meant they slipped out of contention and ended up 4th (out of 8). The C team ended up 5th (out of 8) in Div 5 and had lots of new faces playing, which bodes well for 2023.

**Fleming Trophy** Aboyne withdrew from this inter-club knockout mixed doubles competition, being unable to field a competitive team on the men's side.

**Kincardine & Deeside Tournament** This was hosted by Stonehaven in late September, with Aboyne entering three ladies and two men's pairs. The club did well, with Sarah & Carol making it to the semis. Both men's pairs also made the semis, with Thomas & Cluan winning against Harry & Wynn, before beating Banchory in the final.

## **Mixed Doubles**

2022 spring competition - ten pairs entered, with Thomas Petrie & Josephine Hazely beating Harry Thomson & Trish Atkinson in the final (all players were first time finalists).

2022 autumn competition - eleven pairs entered, with Iain Wallace & Gloria McLennan Sanchez beating Sham Rahman & Christine Fyfe in the final (another two new finalists).

Monthly - no Sunday sessions of mixed doubles took place from May to August due to lack of numbers, in sharp contrast to 2021, which had waiting lists.

## **Singles Tournaments**

The ladies Rhu-na-Haven Cup was played on Sunday 14th August, with Alison Hodgetts coming out on top. The men's Balmoral Cup was not played this year.

## **Club Champs**

**Seniors (over 45s)** - this was played in May & June. Carol Bisset retained the ladies singles, beating Sarah Hoare in the final. Iain Wallace also retained his men's singles title against Jason Carrigan. Sarah Hoare paired up with 2021 winner Keren Beveridge to win the ladies doubles against Wilma Kaufmann & Judith Brown Kerr. In the men's doubles, Jason Carrigan & Andrew Fyfe won against Iain Wallace & Tom Innes.

**Open** - a good number of entries and some great matches on 18th September finals day. Jemima Curran retained her 2021 ladies singles title, becoming champ for a record 6th time. Thomas Petrie won the men's singles trophy for the first time. The ladies doubles was won by Wilma Kaufmann and Freya Ross, with Tomas Petrie & Andrew Fyfe triumphing in the men's. Cat Manzi & Cluan Mardall won the mixed, the latter making up for a close loss in the men's singles final.

*Sarah Hoare Ladies Captain & Andrew Fyfe Men's Captain*