

Mens Teams Captains Report 2022

This report will cover the Winter results form 21-22 and the Summer results from 2022.

Stroud League Winter 21-22

The Mixed A team won the Division 1 title for I think the fifth year running. The squad was me, Paul Harris, Andy Dickinson, Katie, Ange, Julie and Julia and with guest appearance by Ash and Bernard.

The Mixed B and Mixed D teams (after promotions the previous year up to Division 1 and Division 2 respectively,) finished at the bottom of their newer higher division. The Mixed C finished equal second in Division 2 missing out on promotion on sets difference.

Gloucs Winter League 21-22

Last winter we had less players willing to turn out on cold nights into deepest Gloucestershire. Those players who were willing to play found themselves in higher divisions then they had played in previously and both our B & C teams were relegated from Division 1 and Division 2 respectively. This winter both teams should find the tennis level much more comfortable.

The Mixed A finished 4th in the premier league behind very strong East Gloucs and Minchinhampton teams. Top performers A (Ange & Shane); B (Steve Lambie & Di); C (Rob Ralph & Britta).

Mens Summer League 2022

It was very pleasing to report that a great deal of men put their names forward for the Summer League, with the F team made up of all new league players plus Martin & Toby. We did consider a seventh team, and this may well happen in 2023.

It was always going to be a tough season, as the Mens C, E and F had all gone up a Division in 2021.

Mens A

Another strong performance, finishing 4th In the Premier League behind two East Gloucs team and David Lloyd. Zach was top player with Ben close behind. Interestingly East Gloucs B won the league from EAST Gloucs A!!

Mens B

Thank you to Paul and Hugh for running this team.

Paul comments "Division 1 this year was very competitive with 1 stand-out side, East Glos, and 1 weaker side In Painswick B, and all the others very similar. There were a lot of draws (5) but unfortunately our 2 wins and 5 losses left us on 21 points which was not quite enough. There were 2 teams on 23, and another on 24 which shows how close it was. Everybody contributed points and overall fine margins went against us. Thanks everyone who played, and to Hugh for helping with the captaincy.

It ends a run on 15 years in Div. 1 or above for the B's, so we certainly need to get back up there next year." Top performers were Paul, Ash, Andy and Hugh.

Mens C

Thank you to Jeremy for captaining this team. He writes "A very enjoyable season for the C team despite possibly facing relegation after finishing second bottom. We were very competitive in virtually all the games, our downfall again caused by a terrible championship tie-break record of 3

won and 12 lost. We welcomed Guy and Darren to the team, and unfortunately lost Gordon to injury after only one appearance.

Highlights included an incredible 6-0 6-0, 6-0 6-0 double by Chris Jones and Paul Jenkins away at South Cerney, and a very creditable 2-2 draw away at the division winners Nailsworth.

Thanks to the whole team again for making my job so easy."

Special mention to Darren Ash and Jeremy for being top performers and I'm sure if this side is relegated it will be pushing to get back into Division 2 next season.

Mens D

Thank you to Jon and Spencer for captaining this side to a very creditable 3rd in Division 3

Jon comments "Overall a good performance this year by the D team finishing 3rd with some good tennis and hard-fought results along the way. Again, injuries plagued the general smooth running of the schedule but just the one sub required this year to ensure we completed all matches.

As I'm sure everyone found, the weather was generally kind, albeit some of the fixtures were court meltingly hot even at 8 o'clock.

It was a 3-way tie at the top on the statistics front with Rob, Jon L and Neil. Well played all! "

Mens E

Thank you to Christophe and Roger for captaining the E team

They comment "Definitely a difficult season for Team E. Following unexpected promotion to the heights of Division 3, we found ourselves outgunned and sadly finished last. We had several new members in the team with strong tennis skills, but we'd not played a lot with each other.

By the end of the season, we were getting results, with 2 strong draws in the last 2 games. Many players put a solid shift in: Roger Davies, Benito, Bruce Lloyd, Jon Hughes, Andrew Lazenby and Daniel Philips amongst them. The revelation of the season was Chris Summerbell who displayed some outstanding tennis skills - a great potential to progress further up the ladder in the club.

Bring on 2023!"

Top performers Chris Summerbell and Jon Hughes

Mens F

Thank you to Martin and Toby for running the team which also had been promoted in 2021 but will go back to Division 5 in 2023. This team had many new players league players this year. Top performers Will and Mark Moore

Thank-You

I would also like to thank all of the Captains who served throughout 2021-22. These people many of whom work full time, are the ones who have to cope with last minute drop-outs, making a decision on the weather, travel arrangements, balls, refreshments etc, so spare a thought for your captain when you rock up with your tennis bag and wonder why he or she may be looking slightly stressed 😊

A Special thank you to Julie Taylor who has in her first season in this role done such a great job. And our other members of the selection team, Jono, Jeremy and Ann.

And finally, a big thank you to all the players Men and Ladies who competed for Cirencester in 168 matches since the last AGM.

Shane