

There are an increasing number of Over 60s playing competitive tennis and the Ladies League in particular is thriving. Last Winter Season we entered two Ladies, one Mens and a Mixed team in Seniors Leagues.

The Ladies A Team, captained by Ro, finished third in Division 1 after some hard fought matches. They remain in that Division for this coming Season and Heather Jefferies has taken over the captaincy.

The Ladies B Team, under the expert guidance of Mary Merricks, finished third in the Division 3 and have been moved into Division 2. This year we anticipate some tough opposition and Maria Walker has taken on the role of captain.

The Men's Team captain Roger Davies reported on an excellent Season.

"The Men's Over 60s team was resuscitated for the 2023/24 season after a two-year sojourn when we couldn't find enough players. And what a good decision it was to bring the young 'uns back! After a slowish start, we got into top gear and ended up second behind a very strong Winchcombe team. We actually took the top two places in the League stats, with Jon Hughes topping the table with a 17-3 set record, closely followed by Roger Davies on 15-1. We have a really strong team for the coming season and will be pushing for promotion to Division One. Bring it on!"

Mixed Team captain Zena reported on a very enjoyable season.

"The Mixed Team had a brilliant start winning their first three matches. Then one team pulled out and took all our points away! It was a big success though as it was the first time we had entered a mixed team, and we all enjoyed playing. Our squad is now big enough to maybe field two teams next year."

The Seniors Annual Summer Tournament was held in June and coincided with the inauguration of a new bench on Court 1 in memory of Graham Wellfair. Midge presented this year's winners Mary Malcolm and Jeremy Clarke with their trophy and Ray returned to officiate. Many thanks to Zena for assisting with the running of

this event.

Roll-up sessions on Thursday mornings (at 9.30am) and Monday afternoons (at 1.30pm) continue to be well supported, but we are always keen to welcome new players.

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