

**UPDATED REPORT FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION OF  
RESULTS FROM VLTA – 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2005.  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
(in conjunction with the Veteran's Lawn Tennis Association GB)  
REPORT ON THE VETERAN'S INTER-COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005**

I am pleased to report on the progress of the nine Gloucestershire teams participating in this year's competition. The confirmed results and final league tables were received from the VLTA on the 15<sup>th</sup> October, after the GLTA annual report had gone to print. The major news is that our Ladies 35+ have won their group outright for the second successive year and will attain Division 1 status in 2006. Three other teams M45, M55 and L60 have also earned promotion for next year. Congratulations to the Captains, Organisers and Players. Summary results are:

**LADIES 35+ (Group 2B – Eastbourne weekend event)**

**Captain:** Marie Bell (E.G.)

**Players:** Marie Bell (EG), Sarah Carter (EG) Lucy Howitt (TP) Lorraine Ristic (PW) and Heather Sheridan (EG)

**Result:** Played and won 3 – total 11 points – promoted to Group 1 for 2006.

**LADIES 40+ (Division 4)**

**Captain:** Sue Wood (EG)

**Players:** Gaynor Bridgeman (MH), Chris Harrison (EG), Clair Huxtable (EG), Jenny Magwith (CC), Lorraine Ristic (PW) Heather Sheridan (EG) Fiona Smith (EG) and Sue Wood (EG).

**Result:** Played 5 and won 4 (conceded 1 match) – total 16 points – finished 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**LADIES 50+ (Division 4B)**

**Captain:** Concetta Knee (EG)

**Players:** Renata Calvert (EG), Sheila Coutts (EG), Liz Elgood (EG), Philippa James (PW), Sue Kinder (EG) Concetta Knee (EG), Jane Muncer (CC)

**Result:** Played 5 and won 2, - total 9 points – finished 4<sup>th</sup> – maintain position for 2006.

**LADIES 60+ (Division 3B)**

**Captain:** Anne Dimmer (EG)

**Players:** Sheila Agius (EG), Anne Dinner (EG), Rosemary Hirst (EG) Gill Moore (EG) and Felicity Thomas (EG).

**Result:** Played 5 and won 4 – total 13 points – finished 2<sup>nd</sup> (better average than Dorset also 13 points). Promoted to Division 2 for 2006.

**MENS 35+ (Group 4B)**

**Captain:** Neil Howitt (EG)

**Players** Tony Ballardie, Steve Evans (EG), Matt Fuller (CR) Neil Howitt (EG) and Ben Knapp (CR).

**Result:** Played 3 and won 1 – total 6 points – finished 3<sup>rd</sup> – maintain position for 2006.

**MENS 45+ (Division 4B)**

**Captain:** Steve Evans (EG) Organiser: David Barham (EG)

**Players:** David Barham (EG), Steve Clayton (EG), Dale Curtis (CD), Steve Evans (EG), Wilf Gonsalves (EG), Richard Horder (EG) and Martin Szymkowiak (EG)

**Result:** Played 5 and won 4, - total 18 points – finished 1<sup>st</sup> – promoted to Division 3 for 2006.

**MENS 55+ (Division 3B)**

**Captain:** Peter Collins (EG)

**Players:** Graeme Adams (EG), David Blackburn (LN), Peter Collins (EG), Jim Cressey (EG), Alec Davidson (GO) and Tony Spearpoint (LL)

**Result:** Played 5 and won 3 – total 15 points – finished 2<sup>nd</sup> (better average than Dorset also 15 points). Promoted to Division 2 for 2006.

**MENS 65+ (Division 3A)**

**Captain:** Les Agius (EG)

**Players:** Les Agius (EG), Peter Bolton (PW), Brian Bullingham (EG), John Fox (EG), Roger Martin (EG), Hugh Mildmay (CD) and Howard Sear (DA).

**Result:** Played 5 and won 2 – total 11 points. 5 out of the 6 teams in the division all finished in the range 11/13 points. We were in a three-way tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> position with Wiltshire and Avon. Unfortunately we lost out on the average. Final position was 5<sup>th</sup>. Unclear at present the outcome for 2006.

**MENS 70+ (Division 2B)**

**Captain:** Ian Flowers (EG)

**Players:** Ron Barney (EG), Peter Bentley (EG), Ian Flowers (EG), David Gill (EG), Bill Lambell (EG) & Mike Russell (EG).

**Results:** Played 7 and won 1 – total 7 points – maintain position for 2006.

Our thanks also to:

- All team captains/organizers and players for their hard work in arranging practices, team selection and, of course, the actual fixtures.
- In particular my thanks to Sue Woods, the retiring Captain of the L40 - we hope to have the benefit of Sue's playing ability in the L50 for 2006 and onwards.
- Also to Ian Flowers who is both retiring as Captain of the M70 and as a player in the VICLC – but, more importantly Ian will still be playing and arranging more local tennis within EG.
- East Glos Club – it's members, tennis committee and member services, bar and catering and ground staff for continuing to provide assistance and a top class venue for all our home matches.
- Adrian and Hilary and GLTA for administrative and part financial support for both home and away fixtures.
- All participating squad players from 10 of our affiliated clubs within GLTA who helped to maintain Gloucestershire's involvement in this National competition. Our Ladies 35 team, whose efforts now put them on par with some of the top home counties players upon attaining Division 1 status - an all time record!

We continue to look for more players of a good league standard. Let's go even further in 2006.

Jim Cressey - GLTA Inter-County Veteran's Organiser.