

2017 British Tennis Awards and Awards Evening

The quality of nominations and award recipients highlight how competitive the on court Tennis is as well as all the effort behind the scenes.

National Winners receive their recognition at the Official Award ceremony at the All England Club during the Wimbledon Championships.

Regional Winners in 2018 were invited and awarded prizes at the Fever Tree Championships at The Queens Club.

County winners were recognised at The Awards Evening held at The Queen's Club in March alongside Middlesex Awards.

The Evening started off (after a wonderful Canape and Prosecco reception) with the 10 British Tennis Awards, presented by John Love, Tennis Development Manager.

South East Regional Winners:

> **Community Venue Award** - Pavilion Sports & Café

> **Education Programme Award** - Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls

> **Outstanding Achievement Award** - John James

Club of the Year - Wembley & Sudbury Lawn Tennis, Squash & Social Club

Coach of the Year - Manfred Naumann (Conway LTC)

Competition of the Year - Middlesex Tennis Summer League

Disability Programme Award - Highgate Lawn Tennis Club

Volunteer of the Year - Alice Shimmin (Hartwood LTC)

Young Volunteer of the Year- Willem Cooper

Official of the Year - Brenda Stewart

Competition is a vital to Tennis with thousands of players in Middlesex participating in Recreational, County, Graded, National and even International Tournaments. This year we recognised the winners of the 18U Singles Event and County Closed - Mayela Bassega (Girls) and Ali Hassanhabib (Boys). Both players were both still eligible for 14U last Summer so it is a big and challenging achievement.

The Middlesex Cup is one of Middlesex's Prestigious events with the Top 6 players from each club competing across Mens and Ladies and 3 divisions. In 2017, Hazelwood Ladies won the trophy, defeating long-term holders Cumberland LTC in a tightly contested Final. The Queen's Club reclaimed the Men's Cup from Globe with a 5-4 home Victory against Cumberland LTC in the Final.

The Middlesex Summer League, run by Chris Green and Regional Secretaries Brenda Stewart, Ro Foley, Hilary Watts and Mike Walesby reinstated the East V West Play Off three years ago with the Premier League Champions. Campden Hill kept their title for a third year in a row with a win over Cumberland LTC in the ladies and Dukes Meadows beat Globe LTC in the Play Offs in the Mens.

Finally Three New Awards were introduced this year to highlight Middlesex's increased commitment to Performance Tennis - presented by Andrew Lewandowski.

Team of the Year - 14U Boys, National Champions

County Cup Captain of the Year - Andy Fyfe, Men's Captain

County Player of the Year - Paul French

Well done to all winners. We are looking forward to expanding on this in 2018.

