

Stansted Tennis Club Newsletter



Spring/Summer 2021

Dear Members

Welcome to our spring/summer newsletter! It's been great to be back playing again, after yet another lockdown. From May 17 we have also been able to use the clubhouse, with up to six people inside at a time. Club sessions, club tournaments and league matches have resumed and two, one-day tournaments have already taken place.



Tournaments and competitions

Kicking off the tournaments for the year, was a one-day ladies' event, held on Friday 23rd April, in glorious sunshine. Diane Brown and Carol Cook prevailed, winning 6-2 in the final against Debbie Lane and Catherine Gibby. In the consolation draw Anthea Harrison and Marta Hensall beat Cathy Brenner and Fiona O'Brien 4-2. Many thanks to Debbie for organising such an enjoyable day.

From left to right: Catherine Gibby, Debbie Lane, Diane Brown and Carol Cook.

The first men's tournament followed shortly afterwards on Sunday 9 May. Daphne Lunnon and Diane Brown were honorary men for the afternoon, joining the 12 other players after one person had to pull out and another got injured in the first game. Daphne went on to win the tournament with Jon Budd, beating Paul Balas and David Fletcher 6-1 in the final. The consolation draw winners were Gerred Gilronan and Ian Mott who beat Mark Harris and Diane 4-1.



From left to right: Paul Balas, David Fletcher, Daphne Lunnon, Jon Budd

The next club tournaments coming up are the Pearce Trophy on Sunday 30 May, which is a mixed doubles contest, followed by a ladies' doubles social tournament on Friday 11 June. Details of more tournaments and competitions can be found on the club's website at stanstedtennisclub.co.uk.



The competitors at the Men's Tournament on 9 May

The ladder competitions, which have been running on and off, due to lockdowns, for over a year now, are going really well and lots of matches are being played. They will finish (temporarily) on Friday 10 September and the winners of each ladder, ie those at the top, will be announced at Club Finals Day on Sunday 12 September. They will resume in the winter when the calendar is less busy.

It's not too late to join the ladders; if you'd like to take part please contact Ginette Basten at ginette.basten@virgin.net and your name will be added to the bottom of the relevant ladder/ladders.

League Matches

The Essex Small Clubs Summer League is now underway. Best of luck to the teams and thank you to the captains. If you are interested in playing please contact the team captains: Daphne Lunnon (ladies premier), Gail Hogg (ladies 2) and Dina McDonald (ladies 3), Jon Budd (men's 2) and Trevor Lloyd (mixed 2).

Rusty Rackets!

These new drop-in sessions, aimed at beginner level adults, are held every Sunday morning at 9-10am. They are free for members and only £2 for visitors, so please come along if you're feeling a bit nervous about launching straight into a normal club session!

Coaching

LTA qualified coach Ollie Toms continues his popular coaching programme, including junior tournaments and tennis camps and group/individual coaching for juniors and adults. Please contact him on 07917 652014 or visit his website: olliestennis.co.uk for more information. Martyn Taplin (mj.taplin@btinternet.com) is also available for private coaching.

Thanks!

A club maintenance session was held on 16 May and the courts are now looking great! Many thanks to everyone who helped out, your efforts really made a difference.

Thanks also to all the 'Friends of the Committee' who help with the day to day running of the club; especially Gee for all his continued hard work maintaining and updating our website, Debbie for organising all the one-day social tournaments and Ash and Ginette for keeping the garden at the front of the clubhouse looking so lovely.

Tennis Balls

Please bring all your old, unwanted tennis balls to the club and put them in the box under the table. These are passed on to Jan Hollis who very kindly, washes and recycles them.

Please see the recently updated STC website (stanstedtennisclub.co.uk) or contact any of the committee members for further information about the club.

Kind regards

STC Committee.