



## STC NEWSLETTER - SPRING/SUMMER 2022

We are delighted to welcome all our new members to the club, the last few months have seen many new members and we hope to see you all on the courts soon if we haven't already met you! Please don't hesitate to contact the Committee should you have any questions or concerns. Despite some very cold and windy days tennis in the past few months the Club has got off to a great start this year. There is a full year of events scheduled and they can be found on the website :[www.stanstedtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.stanstedtennisclub.co.uk). The chosen charity, for any fundraising profits raised this year, is the Red Cross for Ukraine.

The AGM of STC was held on the evening 22 March 2022. There was one resignation from the Committee and thanks were given to Fiona Kelly who has been a stalwart over the past few years but is now taking a well-deserved break. Jamie Hogg is to continue as Chairman, Garth Lane as President, Diane Brown as Treasurer and Catherine Hodgen as secretary. Other committee members can be found on the STC website [www.stanstedtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.stanstedtennisclub.co.uk). The website is ably maintained by Gerred Gilronan.

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### TOURNAMENTS & TROPHIES

The Mix 'n' Match tournament ran through the winter months and the results were as follows:

	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runners-Up</b>
Mixed Doubles	Daphne Lunnon & David Fletcher	Diane Brown & Neil Basten
Ladies' Doubles	Marta Henshall & Fiona Kelly	Debbie Lane & Fiona Pye
Men's Doubles	John Nichol & David Fletcher	Neil Basten & Jon Budd
Consolation Ladies	Fiona O'Brien & Catherine Gibby	Diane Brown & Dina McDonald
Consolation Men's	Simon Fox & Alan Midgley	Tudor Owen & Neil Basten



L to R David Fletcher, Daphne Lunnon, Diane Brown. Neil Basten



L to R Fiona Kelly, Marta Henshall,  
Fiona Pye, Debbie Lane

The Mix and Match will start again in October 2022.

### Ladies-Only Fun Tournament 22 April 2022

This was the first ladies-only tournament of the year - two more to come: Sat June 11<sup>th</sup> for those ladies that want to play, and are usually at work, and the final one for the year on Fri 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

It was quite challenging playing in the very windy conditions but the 14 ladies who played in it played some good tennis and there were some very close matches. There was also lots of lovely food brought by the ladies to share.

The winners were Fiona Pye and Clare Murfitt and runners up were Sandra Ayres and Chris Bailey. Winners of the consolation prize were Sue Simpson and Debbie Lane.



L to R Sandra Ayres, Chris Bailey,  
Debbie Lane, Fiona Pye, Clare Murfitt



## Dunlop Rackets Testing Session Sunday 3 April 2022

Martyn Taplin organised for Steve Smith the Dunlop Tennis rep to spend the Sunday morning session at our club giving a testing session of Dunlop rackets. More than twenty members turned up and were given a chance to try out

different Dunlop rackets and get expert advice from Steve. It was a really enjoyable morning and very useful. Turns out some of us were playing with totally the wrong rackets! If you wish further advice on this please contact Martyn ([mj.taplin@btinternet.com](mailto:mj.taplin@btinternet.com)).

## COACHING

Coaching can be offered at the Club see [www.olliestennis.co.uk](http://www.olliestennis.co.uk) for further details and Martyn Taplin [mj.taplin@btinternet.com](mailto:mj.taplin@btinternet.com).

## RUSTY RACKETS

Rusty Rackets sessions will start again but please note they will now run from 1pm to 2pm on the following Sundays:-

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

These drop-in sessions are aimed at adults who either haven't played for a while and are feeling a bit rusty, or for beginners who would like to play with people of a similar standard, to build up some more confidence.

There is no charge for members and it's just £2 for visitors. Balls will be provided and a couple of committee members will be on hand if needed.

If you have any queries, please email [contact@stanstedtennisclub.co.uk](mailto:contact@stanstedtennisclub.co.uk) or speak to any member of the committee.

## LADDER MATCHES

Ladder matches have now commenced and will run until the end of September. If you wish to join the ladder you can do so at any time by contacting Ginette Basten e mail [ginettebasten@gmail.com](mailto:ginettebasten@gmail.com).



## DIARY DATES OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMING MONTHS

Advance notice that the following events are due to take place in the coming months - details will be sent to you via Clubspark e mail nearer the time, but please make a note of them now.

**Friday 6 May** 6pm Social Tennis and fish and chips. Contact Caroline Mott email [carolinemott@gmail.com](mailto:carolinemott@gmail.com) for further details. You should also have received an email about this dated 26 April.

**Sun 22 May**: Junior Tournament (organised by our coach Ollie Toms)

**Sat June 11 and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August** - Ladies only Fun tournament

**Sunday 19 June** 13+ Junior Tournament for boys and girls (Ollie Toms)

**July 25 to Aug 22** Mondays only : Summer Junior Tennis Camp (Ollie Toms)

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June** - Presidents Cup (fish and chip supper afterwards)

**Sunday 17 July** : Club BBQ and tennis - more to follow.

**Sunday, 11 September**: Club Tournament Finals Day

**Saturday 22 October**: Quiz evening and fundraiser. Venue and details at a later date.

### **ESSEX SMALL CLUBS LEAGUE (ESCL)**

The Essex Small Clubs summer league has started and the captains for the various teams are as follows: Ladies 1: Daphne Lunnon; Ladies 3 (Red team) Debbie Lane, Ladies 3 (Blue Team) Dina McDonald, Men's Div 3 Jon Budd, Mixed Div 3 Gerred Gilronan.

**Obituary:** It was with great sadness that we heard of the recent death of Richard Shervington. Richard was President of the Club for many years and donated the President's Cup. Richard will be remembered for his good humour, outstanding achievements and dedication to the club over the years.

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**HAVE A COOL SUMMER OF TENNIS!**

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