



STC NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN/WINTER 2022

We have had so much activity at the club over the second half of the year.

BOYD TROPHY

Starting with the Boyd Trophy which was played on Sunday 29 May 2022. Sixteen players took part with, Cathy Brenner and David Fletcher winning the final against Carol Cook and new member Andy Constantinou 6-1.

L to R Andy Constantinou, Cathy Brenner, David Fletcher, Carol Cook



JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Sunday 25 May 2022 saw Ollie Toms running a junior tournament with 25 juniors competing from 15 different schools. Fantastic tennis throughout.

Red Ball winners : Henry Frier. Runner Up. Adam Cullen

Orange Ball winners: Seb Lewis. Runner up Dougie Armitage

Green Ball Winner- Sebastian Watts. Runner up Jake Notton.



Participants in Junior Tournament

LADIES FUN TOURNAMENTS:

11 June 2022

These tournaments are always a lovely day. Ten ladies took part with eventual winners Marta Hensall and Carol Cook winning over Rachel Poole and Dina Macdonald.

Participants in Ladies Fun Day



19 August 2022



The winners of the 19th Aug ladies only fun tournament were:

Fiona Pye/Chris Bailey who beat Carol Cook/Sue Simpson.

Consolation winners were Caroline Crossley/Catherine Gibby who beat Ginette and Fiona O'Brien 4-3 in a close final. That was the last ladies only fun tournament of the year. More in 2023.

PRESIDENT'S CUP: Saturday 25 June 2022

16 people took part in the President's Cup (originally donated by past-President Richard Shervington). Despite a very windy day there were some very close matches with the



ultimate winners Cathy Brenner and Adrian Olver coming back from 5-2 down to win 6-5 against new members Caroline White and Andy Constantinou. It was a really close match. Consolation winners were Diane Brown and Michael Wilde who beat Mark Harris and Catherine Gibby 4-2. The prizes were handed out by current President Garth Lane. This was followed by a fish and chip supper and a few drinks.

BBQ

A summer barbeque was held at Stansted Tennis Club on Sunday 17 July 2022. It was glorious weather and about 45 players and family turned up to have a fun afternoon. No tennis was played as it was over 30 degrees. The organising committee Caroline Mott, Diane Brown, Cathy Brenner and Catherine Gibby did a great job, ably helped by Garth Lane who cooked the burgers and sausages. Trevor lent us a huge gazebo which he, Ash, Jon, Gail and Jamie set up. The day was so successful that it was decided that this will become an annual event.



CLUB FINALS DAY – SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022

Finals' Day for Stansted Tennis Club's annual knockout tournament was played on Sunday 11 September. Organised to perfection by Daphne Lunnon.

The day commenced at 10am and was observed by a minutes's silence to pay respect to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II following her death aged 96 on 8 September 2022..



In the Ladies' Singles event, Daphne Lunnon defended and retained the trophy, beating Sandra Ayres 6-4, 6-4. Sandra saved four match points in the seventh game of the second set at 5-1 down, won the next two games, only for Daphne to clinch it in a close two setter.

In the Men's' Singles event, Jon Budd was defending his title against club newcomer, Jon Purshouse. In a thrilling first set, Jon P won on a tie break, taking the second set with a bit more ease, 6-2.

The Ladies' Doubles was a repeat of last year's match – Carol Cook and Fiona Pye against Diane Brown and Daphne Lunnon. The result was pretty much the same too – Carol and Fiona retained the title, winning in two sets, 6-4, 6-3.

Father and son duo (and club newcomers) Andy and Sam Constantinou took on reigning champions Jon Budd and Simon Fox in the Men's Doubles. The Constantinous won the first set 6-2, but Jon and Simon stayed in close contention throughout the second set, narrowly losing 7-5.

It was an all-new line up for the Mixed Doubles final, with Ben Jones and Marta Hensall taking on David Fletcher and Carol Cook. Ben and Marta were convincing from the get go, with Ben in particular, taking no prisoners at the net. They won in two sets 6-1, 6-1.

The only three setter of the day was the Men's Singles Plate final, contested by Mindaugas Pekorius and Ash Patel. Ash won the first set 6-4, then Mindaugas clawed back from 3-5 down to win the second set 7-5. Ash took the third set 6-2.

The Roger Loveday trophy for most improved player of the year, was won by Mark Harris.



Thanks also to Phil Berry, Garth, Debbie and Daphne for umpiring and to Jon, Ash, Fiona O'Brien and Lyn Timms who were a big help on the day.

FUTURE DATES TO THE END OF THE YEAR:

Look out for the following events:- (You will hear more via Clubspark in due course).



JIM KITSON TROPHY – This is the last trophy match of the year and will be played on **SUNDAY 9th October** – details and sign up sheet will be sent out shortly.



Quiz Evening **Friday 28 October** at St Johns Church Hall, Stansted. CM23 8JP. Details to follow soon but put in your diary now!!

MIX AND MATCH FOR WINTER SEASON

The Mix and Match will be played during winter months **starting October 16th**. This is a fun way of playing with different players in different rounds. Perhaps people you wouldn't normally play with or maybe haven't even met!

FINALLY CHRISTMAS DRINKS AND NIBBLES (can't believe it's that time already!)

December 8th 7PM – Save the date



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