

WWSC Tennis Section Newsletter

October 2023



125 Years of West Warwick Tennis Club

On Saturday 15 July we held a musical evening with Walter Smitty and the Unviabes, to celebrate **125 years** of tennis at West Warwick's, 1898 - 2023.

The evening commenced with an introduction from Terry Dight, welcoming honoured guests and recalling the many good years at West Warwicks Tennis Club.

The raffle included lots of very nice prizes, with vouchers from various businesses and items kindly donated by members, our coaches and the club.

Following a delicious Summer Chicken dinner, we heard from Roger Watson with more memories and history of the club.

To make the evening even more fun, there were games of Heads & Tails and Stand up Bingo.

The band kept us entertained and guests danced the rest of the night away.



Proceeds raised on the night enabled us to support the Tennis section and our local Marie Curie hospice, to which we made a donation of £425.

Many thanks to all who came to celebrate with us, and in particular to the Tennis Entertainment Committee and Club for organising such a fantastic evening.



****SAVE THE DATE****

16 November 7pm
WW Tennis Section AGM

21 November
Knowle & Dorridge Christmas Tournament

6 December
WW Christmas Tournament

Postponed to 2024
Comedy & Musical Evening with Fat Chance



Comedy & Musical Evening with Fat Chance

We regret to say the Fat Chance event on the 11 November has been postponed.

The Tennis Entertainments committee will be in touch as soon as all the rearrangements have been made, at which point you will be able to retain any tickets already purchased and have a great evening to look forward to in the New Year. Failing that, a full refund will be given. Can we say as a team, how sorry we are that this has happened and thank you in advance for your understanding.

In the meantime, please note we plan to run a Charity Tombola at the above event. If you are able to make a donation however small, it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be given to the Entertainments Committee or Reception. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

The Tennis Entertainment Team



Court Maintenance

Courts 3,4,5,6 & 7 received a deep clean on 8 and 9 June, then follow up maintenance cleaning on 12 July and 9 August. There has been a massive improvement in the condition of the courts, particularly noticeable after heavy rain, which unfortunately we have seen a lot of this year! The hedges were trimmed back over the summer, improving the court surface as there has been less debris.

Floodlighting Update

All Court Tennis have purchased some temporary lights for coaching use on Courts 5, 6 & 7, which will improve availability of courts 1,2,3 & 4 during the darker months. The plan for court 1 is to replace the heads that are not working.

Padel Update

The club is still awaiting the council decision, and a response from Game4Padel.

Coaching Update

Coaching Programme

Free adult coaching paid for out of Legacy Funds has been agreed up to the end of October. We are pleased to confirm that thereafter, these sessions will continue, and will be funded 50/50 by the club and the tennis section legacy fund.

If you are interested in any of the adult or junior coaching sessions, please contact All Court Tennis.

Adult Tennis Timetable:

Monday	7:30pm-8:30pm	Doubles drills and tactics
Tuesday	7:00pm-7:45pm	Cardio Tennis
Thursday	11:00am-12:00pm	Adult Improvers
Friday	6:00pm-7:00pm	Adult Beginners/Improvers
Saturday	9:00am-9:45am	Cardio Tennis

Join the WhatsApp group to keep up to date with news on sessions, especially during inclement weather.

Treasurers Update

In 2017, Richard Horsford bequeathed £30,000 to the West Warwicks Tennis Section, to develop and maintain the membership. The committee continue to spend these Legacy Funds to the benefit of the members and have recently approved the next phase of coach led group lessons, up to the end of October.

We are always looking for new ideas to benefit the members so as always if you have any suggestions please let us know.

We are also very grateful for the income generated by the social events which helps grow the monies available.

French Open Doubles Tournament

Thank you to everyone who made the French Open tournament on 10 June....it was a hot one!!! Congratulations to **Michelle** and **Rob** for their well-deserved win!!



As you can see from the photos, everyone got into the spirit and we received some lovely feedback:

Well done all especially Alison for organising. Really enjoyed it.

Kev M

Thanks Alison and everyone who was involved in organising the event. I had really good time. Looking forward for the next one.

Grzeg

C'est magnifique! Tres amusing, bien juiie Alison!

Faye

A very fun event! Thanks Alison and the young garçon Dan!

Terry

Thanks Alison and those who organised yesterday. I had a fantastic time! Bring on the next one! 😊

Matt P



Moore Pereira Cup

On 25 June at 9:30, 16 men gathered on court whilst Andy Jeffs made the draw for partners, ready to compete for the Moore Pereira Cup.

After 2 hours of tennis, the finalists battled it out in front of a crowd on the balcony.

Cup Winners

Ian and Jake

Runners up

Matt G and Matt P

Plate Winners

Grzegorz and Rob J

Runners up

Tom and Rob G



Wimbledon Retro Tournament

Members took a step back in time to compete in the Wimbledon Retro Tournament on 9 July. In keeping with tradition, wooden rackets, white kit and retro outfits were the order of the day. Luckily the rain stayed away, the weather was perfect all morning.

After the tennis, players gathered on the balcony for refreshments. Luscious strawberries and cream, washed down by Pimms refreshed everyone.

A wonderful day, thank you to all who organised, participated and supported the tournament, which we are hoping will become an annual event!



Pictured:

Retro winner **Rob G**, (medal presented by **Terry D**). Will Rob continue his run in the Grand Slams? Carry on reading to find out.....



Knowle & Dorrige Tournament

18 July saw the return fixture of this popular event.

Once again the West Warwicks team retained the brick trophy.

Well done to our winning pair Bev and Ian S.

The Christmas event will be held at WW on 21 November 2023.





Junior Club Championships

The junior club championships was really well attended this year with some excellent tennis on display and more than 8 entries for each age group.

8&U: Tyler Mee bt Kenan Alimajstorovic

9&U: Kavis Arunkumar bt Toby Leach

10&U: Kavis Arunkumar bt William Morris

11+: Ava Mcdonell bt Caolan Mcdonell

Parent & Child: Noah & Nathan Rooney bt Noah & David Ayre

Well done to all who participated and all the parents who came to show support.



Junior Summer League:

Well done to the junior teams and all the parents, captains and players who participated in the 9 teams that we had. West Warwicks was well represented with some excellent performances against clubs from around warwickshire with 4 first place finishes.

8&U Mixed Winners-	Division 2
9&U Mixed 2nd Place-	Division 1
9&U B Mixed Winners-	Division 2
10&U Mixed 3rd Place-	Division 1
11&U Boys 2nd Place-	Division 2
12&U Boys Winners-	Division 2
14&U Boys Winners-	Division 2
16&U Girls 3rd Place-	Division 2
16&U Boys 3rd Place-	Division 1



Special Achievements:

There have been some outstanding achievements from our All Court Tennis players this summer.

- Violet Kennedy has become a county champion winning the 9&U Girls Warwickshire county closed this summer.
- Olivia Larche won an 8&U grade 3 competition at the age of 6.
- Kavis Arunkumar has been regularly selected for LTA regional camps and has now won numerous grade 3 competitions.
- All Court Tennis players Ava Muldoon, Noah Ayre, Kavis Arunkumar, Olivia Larche, Violet Kennedy, Sam Jeffs, Isla Henderson, Toby Leach, William Morris, Isaac Whitehouse, Elliot Fackrell, Alfie Rudolph, Ayrton Little, Seb Crawley, Gabriella Kozdryk have all been selected for county training.
- Over 20 juniors now playing external competitions and over 40 juniors now involved in internal competition.
- Over 100 juniors now on the tennis programme at West Warwicks.

All Court Tennis and West Warwicks will be holding a presentation evening on Friday 17th November at 5pm to congratulate all juniors on the tennis programme and celebrate successes.

Upcoming Junior Events:

- Friday 27th October- 5-6.30pm- Monster Smash Event
- Tuesday 31st October- 6-10pm- Halloween Party
- Saturday 11th November- 1-4pm- Junior Matchplay
- Friday 17th November- 5-6.30pm- Junior Presentation Evening
- Saturday 9th December- 1-4pm- Junior Matchplay

Adult Club Championships 2023

The new format for the championships this year has proved highly successful, with 34 members entered across 6 events.

Based on a compass draw with finals being held on Sunday 10 September the format for each event was:

Best of three sets

Normal deuce

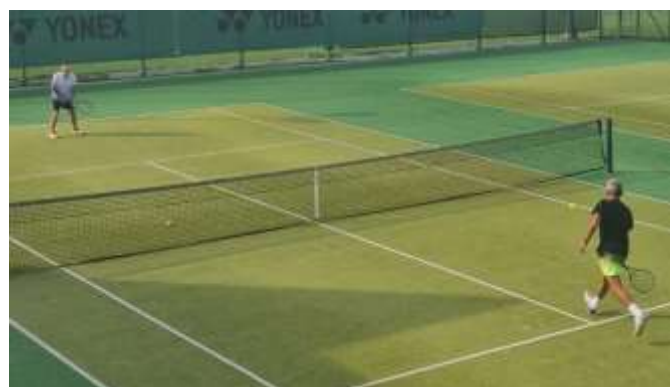
6 all in games 7 point tie break

1 set all, 10 point championship tiebreak

Although there were a number of setbacks due to injuries in the elimination rounds, our qualifiers had a great finals day.

You can find details of our Club Champions on the last page of this newsletter.

Congratulations to all the winners and competitors.



What a great day of tennis, the results were as follows:

Ladies Doubles Final:

Faye & Kate bt Alison & Michelle 6-1 6-4

Men's Doubles Final:

Terry & Dan bt Nick & Luke 6-2 6-4

Men's Doubles Plate:

Tom & David bt Matt P & Pete H 6-2 6-1

Mixed Doubles Final:

Pete & Faye bt Sam J & Bethan 6-3 6-4

Men's Singles Final:

Nick King bt David Ayre 6-0 6-1

Men's Singles Plate:

Greg bt Matt P 6-3 6-4

Men's over 45 Singles Final:

Terry D bt Pete H 6-1 6-0

Family Doubles Final:

Alison & Dan S bt Andy & Sam J in a thrilling tie break decider 11-9



US Open Tournament

The start of September saw an Indian summer, creating the perfect conditions for our US Open tournament. In beautiful sun shine, ten Republicans did battle with 10 Democrats, with the Republicans coming out on top. After five rounds, the top two Republican teams then competed in the final.



Pictured:
Winners
Maggie and
Matt P with
runners Up
Karen and
Rob J.

Following the tournament everyone relaxed and enjoyed refreshments of beer and popcorn on the balcony, soaking up the rays. Although Rob G did not continue his Grand Slam run of success, he did win the award for best dressed! Big thanks to Jayne and Martin for organizing a super event.



WW Tennis Ladders

As it has proved difficult for members to arrange many matches for the Box Leagues, these have been replaced with a Ladder format. All Court Tennis have now set up a mixed singles and doubles tennis ladder to encourage singles and doubles match play at the club - only members of the club may apply to join. The ladder is on display on the tennis notice board. Get signed up and enjoy some fun and competitive tennis over the winter!

Court Booking Priority Order

The following court booking priority order is in place in line with our commitment to team tennis, coaching and tournament programmes for the enhancement of the tennis section.

1. Team matches
2. Coaching programme
3. Club Tournaments
4. Team practice/Club Social Sessions
5. Individual bookings

Every attempt will be made to relocate individual court bookings to an alternative court/time slot should a clash arise. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Social Tennis

Our Social Sessions have been very popular over the summer. Our Saturday session is back to 3pm for the winter months, and will revert to 4pm in the Spring.

Wednesday	6:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday	3:30pm to 5:00pm
Saturday	3:00pm to 4:30pm
Sunday	10:00am to 11:30am

***Please check the booking sheets on the day for court details*

These sessions are the perfect opportunity to play with and against other members in a relaxed and friendly environment. You can also take the opportunity to practice different shots and tactics as you develop your tennis skills.

All welcome!



End of Season Curry Night

The tennis section hosted another popular social evening on Friday 20th October.

Everyone gathered at the club at 7pm for pre dinner drinks, followed by a lovely curry around 7.30pm.

After the food, presentations of our club awards were made, and you can find details of all this year's winners in the Roll of Honour on the back page of this newsletter.

The tennis section have had a fantastic 2023 season, organising several tournaments, running a number of teams in the Mens and Ladies Birmingham and Coventry leagues, plus some wonderful successes in our junior section. Alongside that our Entertainments Committee have arranged a number of fabulous evening events.

All the organisers give a lot of their own time and energy into making these various events a success, many thanks to all who have been involved.



WW Tennis Teams Update

Well done to our team players who competed in the Summer Leagues:

Ladies Teams

A number of ladies have various injuries throughout the season but nevertheless we saw some great results. As there was a surplus of match fees from the Ladies Cov League, a donation of £20 has been made to Marie Curie in memory of Jane McTernan.

- Team 1 - finished top of Division 4
- Team 2 - finished 5th in Division 5
- Team 3 - finished 4th in Division 7
- Coventry - finished 8th in Division 2

Men's Teams

A difficult season as we enter a period of rebuilding our teams. However the Summer saw 12 new players represent the club, 8 of which were young juniors who performed particularly well, with some success!

- Team 1 - finished 9th in Division 3
- Team 2 - finished 9th in Division 4
- Team 3 - finished 9th in Division 6
- Team 4 - finished 11th in Division 8
- Coventry - finished 8th in Division 3

BIG thanks to all our team captains who do an excellent job arranging matches and sourcing team availability. Special mention to Eileen Pereira and Matt Gough who have now stepped down.

We have entered teams in the following Winter Leagues, please contact Terry Dight or Alison Owen if you are interested in playing for any of our teams.

Warwickshire Men's Winter League

Warwickshire Ladies Veterans League

Match practice is rota'd on Monday evenings for ladies. There are also rota'd mens sessions on Saturday and Wednesday mornings, and an open men's session on Thursday evenings.



2023 Tournament Champions:

Moore Pereira Cup Ian Smith & Jake Smith
Runners Up Matthew Gough & Matt Pougher



2023 Club Champions:

Men's Singles Nick King
Runner Up David Ayre
Mens Vets Terry Dight
Runner Up Pete Holtom



Men's Doubles Terry Dight & Dan Stokes
Runners Up Nick King & Luke Ranford
Ladies Doubles Fay Lanham & Kate Salter
Runners Up Alison Stokes & Michelle Thompson
Mixed Doubles Pete Holtom & Fay Lanham
Runners Up Sam Jeffs & Bethan Darcy
Family Doubles Alison Stokes & Dan Stokes
Runners Up Andy Jeffs & Sam Jeffs



Club Awards 2023:

Richard Horsford Player of the Year

Men Nick King

Ladies Alison Stokes

Chairman Award Jan Stanway

