

## Tennis Tournaments 2023

The Club Championship Finals in September was once again mainly rain free, with some scorching sunshine and equally scorching tennis. There were several first-time winners and finalists which is great to see, with the next generation providing great entertainment for the large turnout. Special mention to Sam Shakeshaft for an unprecedented clean sweep of all four titles and James Lea for an amazing effort in two men's finals at 12 years old.

The two singles finals were both hard fought with Harry Malone defeating James Lea to win the title again in the Men's, and Sam Shakeshaft beating Helen Atherton in the Ladies.

Sam Shakeshaft & Karen Morris beat Anne and Emma Lycett in the Ladies 90+. The Men's 90+ was retained by David Green and David Lea against Patrick Parry Evans and Matt Dunn. The Men's Doubles saw Matt Dunn and Phil Shakeshaft win their first title with a tightly contested match against David and James Lea. The Ladies Doubles saw Sam Shakeshaft and Katie Standley defeat Emma Lycett and Jo Brattle. The final match of the day saw Sam Shakeshaft win her fourth title of the day with Jim Hughes in the mixed doubles, beating James Smallwood and Nicola Horobin.

I would like to thank all the people who volunteered to umpire the finals, to Alex Nurse for selflessly supplying superb food all day, Karen and Paul Morris for teas and coffees and a special thank you to all who helped on the day with other refreshments and bringing cakes.

Also thanks to Matt Quinn for organising the other mixed tournaments and box leagues throughout the year.