

Biddestone Tennis Club



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Fun Mixed French themed tournament held in June

We've had another successful, fun-packed year.
Here are some of the 2023 highlights.

NEW COACHING TEAM

We have been delighted with our new partnership with Blue Sky Tennis.

Shaun Hitchcock is currently coaching juniors on a Tuesday and adults on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

There is a variety of classes on offer e.g. Dynamic Doubles, one to one lessons, Coach My Four and Cardio Tennis.

Feedback from members has been fantastic. The coaching programme will expand in the Spring. If you would like to contact Shaun you can email him at shaun@blueskytennis.co.uk or you can find out more on the coaching pages of the club website.

LEAGUE TENNIS

We had nine teams competing in the Summer League and for the first time have entered three teams in the Winter League.

Congratulations to the Mixed B for winning Division Three.

It has been particularly good to have some of our younger players in the A teams.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year the Mixed Doubles was won by Graham Martin and Louise Blackman.

Helen Benton and Louise Blackman are our Ladies champions.

The Men's Doubles Final was won by Sam Coulson and Richard Farr.

Congratulations (again) to Sam Coulson who held his Men's Singles Title!



Men's Doubles Finalists

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COURT MAINTENANCE

Maintenance is ongoing, in recent weeks court 1 has been moss sprayed and courts 2-4 have had leaves cleared.

The club held two working parties this year, the first in April and the second in September.

Thanks to all the club members who came along and helped cut back the perimeter hedges, moss spray the courts, mend the fences and clear weeds!

The club will need similar efforts in 2024, all help appreciated and free drinks offered!

CLUB TENNIS

Friday night and Saturday mornings continue to be well attended and give the opportunity for all players to mix in and meet other members.

Our Ladies and Men's rota nights are also very popular, attracting new members

SOCIAL MEDIA

You can catch up on what's happening at the club via social media. In 2023 we doubled our followers on Instagram to 120 and increased our Facebook followers to 116. Please continue to send photos and news for publication.

www.instagram.com/biddestonetennisclub

www.facebook.com/BiddestoneTennisClub

SEASONS GREETINGS

In 2024, an Open Day is planned in the Spring for club members to meet the coaching team from Blue Sky Tennis



Wishing all our members
a very Happy Christmas and look forward to
seeing you on court in 2024



CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Membership is now a very healthy 208. We have not raised membership fees for the last few years but in order to maintain our facilities we will have to increase adult membership fees in 2024 in the face of rising costs of construction.

Rates for anyone under 25 will stay the same as in 2023 and Biddestone will still offer the best value memberships in the area .

Our next major project will be resurfacing and re-fencing of Court 1 which is planned for 2025.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The social highlight of 2023 was our fun, mixed French tournament held in June complete with croissants and baguettes. Awards for the best dressed players were made to Madame Mary Webster and Monsieur Nigel Hillier.

We held our annual dinner in May, which was well attended, where we made a presentation to our most senior member, Roger Hurley.



Mixed Doubles Finalists