



Welcome to the autumn newsletter. The nights may be drawing in and the temperature dropping but that doesn't put a stop to the tennis for the hardy players at Bramhall Lane.

Team Tennis

Bramhall Lane have entered a number of teams in both the adult and junior winter leagues. The matches have already begun and will run through to the end of March.

There are four adult teams, with the format being a combination of men's doubles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles. If you are not currently in any of the squads but would like to get involved, please speak to either Simon Davies (men's match secretary) or Liz Sweeting (ladies' match secretary) and they can put you in touch with the appropriate team captain.

The juniors field teams at most age levels with the 12 & under girls being particularly well represented with 4 teams taking part in the winter leagues.

In my last newsletter, I was able to report on the success of our ladies in the Cheshire Shield. I can now report that our more mature ladies matched the achievement of their younger counterparts by winning the Ladies Cheshire Seniors event. Well done to Kay Hebden, Caroline McGeorge, Debbie McKeever and Jean Thistleton.

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Club Tournaments

The three club doubles tournaments were played as one-day events in September and October. The Prince Cup (men's doubles) was won by Richard Carroll and Matty Cooper. The Kathy Hall Cup (ladies' doubles) was won by mother and daughter pairing, Debbie and Gaby McKeever. The Geoffrey Richardson Cup (mixed doubles) was won by Jonathan Bradley and Katie Sidell. Thanks to Val Bowen and Liz Sweeting who organised the events and ensured the much appreciated supply of cakes baked by willing volunteers.



Kathy Hall Cup winners – Gaby & Debbie

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under singles tournament held at Birchwood.



Prince Cup winners – Richard & Matty



Some of our winners at the Junior Cheshire Championships

Not to be outdone by the juniors, at the adult Cheshire Championships, Jean Thistleton and her partner won the 60 & over mixed doubles. There was further success for Ben Roberts and Anna Karavayeva in the 35 & over mixed doubles. Anna also won the recent Fast 4s ladies' singles tournament held at Bramhall Lane. The club hosted both men's and ladies' events over the same weekend which attracted a very high calibre of entrants.



Geoffrey Richardson Cup winners – Jonathan & Katie

Individual Successes

At the Junior Cheshire Championships held in September there were notable performances by a number of Bramhall Lane's junior players. Seb Windas won the mini red (8 & under) singles. Teddy Lynch (a member at both Bramhall Lane and Hale) won the 9 & under singles and 10 & under mixed doubles and finished runner-up in the 10 & under singles. Ayan Majeed was placed 3rd in the 9 & under singles. A week later, Ayan went on to win another 9 &



Jean Thistleton and partner Jim Gibbs (Northern) receive their trophy from BLLTC's Liz Sweeting (Cheshire LTA President)



35 & over Cheshire Champions – Anna & Ben

Well done everyone!

Endeavour Cup

The Endeavour Cup(s) are presented to two junior players in recognition of their contribution to the club, both on and off the court.



Lydia and George are presented with the Endeavour Cup by head coach James Turner

Social Tennis

As always there is plenty of organised tennis for all standards. The box leagues

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offer competitive tennis, both singles and doubles throughout the winter.

Clubnights continue as usual. The final clubnights of the year will be on Friday 15th December for juniors and Monday 18th December for adults. There will also be one more clubnight tournament in December. Look out for the newsbyte.

Charity Events

The end of season team social evening is a chance for the team players to get together and celebrate the season's achievements. Some fun tennis is followed by some food and drink and a raffle. This year's raffle raised £103 for the Kostyuk Foundation, a charity set up by a Ukrainian tennis player to help Ukrainian children after the Russian invasion.

The club also held a coffee morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support which raised over £400. Thanks to Denise McDonald and Liz Hitch for organizing this event. At the event, the Jean Siney award was presented to Carol Mizen. This award is presented annually by Jean's daughters Debbie and Fiona to someone who makes a valuable contribution to keep our club running smoothly. Carol is the House chair and the person who does all the unseen (and often unpleasant!) tasks that go unnoticed but without whom we wouldn't have such a successful, safe and happy club. Congratulations Carol.



That's all for now. Keep enjoying your tennis.

Christmas at Bramhall Lane

Debbie McKeever has organised a group of volunteers offering hotdrinks and mince pies at the club during the week from Monday 11th to Friday 15th December. There will be two chances to indulge each day from 10:30am to 1:00pm and 3:30pm to 6:00pm.

