

# Caversham Park Tennis Club

## Newsletter

### Issue No. 51



Dear Member

I hope you're all enjoying your tennis on our freshly painted courts.

The days may be getting shorter, but a special atmosphere is created when floodlights illuminate the tennis. So, it's business as usual at CPTC with all the usual club sessions and match practice nights. If you're relatively new to tennis or you're a lapsed player, our 'Rusty Rackets'/Improver sessions are now a popular and well-established feature of our weekly programme of activities. New to this autumn's schedule is a Box League competition and a Halloween Tournament. Read on for more information!

**Mike and Miriam**



In this newsletter you will also find a report on our successful Club Finals Day and the latest updates on how our teams have been faring in the summer league.

If you're wondering what happened to the apples on the tree by the bike rack, I asked Bianca about this... and she explained that, sadly, the birds had got at them. However, the unaccountable appearance of fruit pies in our freezer suggests otherwise!

To get an update on all the latest club news, please check the [website](#) throughout the month.



*The Club Chairman, Brian, has summoned Mike and a couple of committee members to the notice board in the clubhouse following a club session...*

*Brian:* Would you please examine Exhibit A.

*Mike:* The notice board?

*Brian:* More specifically – the singles ladder section.

*Miriam:* What's all this, Mike? You beat the club singles champion 6-1 6-0? Twice? Really? I think if you're going to fabricate your ladder results, you might at least make them plausible.

*Brian:* Yes. And you knew he wouldn't notice this, because he's gone back to university.

Dave Winship (Editor)

"Don't worry if Plan A doesn't work out. There are 25 more letters in the alphabet."



## Members who joined during September:

Welcome!

Alina Attwal, Amarpal Attwal, David Brown, Nick Butcher, Kate Finn, Philip Greenhalgh, Ryan Heslop, Archie Hinke, Shrimat Kapoor, Dan Mead, Matthew O'Farrelly, Annabel Payne, Kieran Stacey, Songke Wang.



## Teams

The Men's 1 and Ladies 1 teams were both relegated from their respective divisions in the Berkshire Summer League, but the Men's 2 and Men's 3 teams finished top of Divisions 4 & 5 respectively.

Congratulations also to the Mixed 2 team who will join the Mixed 1 team in the top division next summer! The Mixed 4 team also clinched promotion following a good win away against Wellington.

The Winter League gets underway this month.

These are the Berkshire League results/fixtures for September and October:

Date	Team	Division	Home/Away	Opponents	Result
Sat Sep 4	Mixed 1	1	Home	RATC 1	Won 3-1
	Mixed 2	2	Away	Windsor 2	Won 3-1
	Mixed 3	4B	Away	Home Park 1	Lost 0-4
	Mixed 4	6A	Home	DL Newbury 1	Conceded
Sat Sep 11	Mixed 1	1	Away	Windsor 1	Winning draw
	Mixed 2	2	Home	Crowthorne 1	Won 4-0
	Mixed 3	4B	Home	Shinfield 1	Winning draw
	Mixed 4	6A	Away	Wellington 2	Won 3-1
Sun Sep 26	Ladies 2	6	Home	Shiplake 1	Won 4-0
Sun Oct 3	Men's 1	2	Home	Wargrave 1	
	Men's 2	3	Away	Wargrave 2	
	Men's 3	5 East	Home*	Windsor 5	
	Men's 4	7 West	Away	Twyford 3	
Sat Oct 9	Ladies 1	2	Away	Cholsey	
	Ladies 2	6	Home (11am)	Wellington 2	
Sun Oct 10	14U Boys	1	Home	Windsor A	
	18U Boys	1	Home	Peppard	
Sun Oct 17	Mixed 1	2	Away	Windsor 2	
	Mixed 2	4	Home	Crowthorne 2	
	Mixed 3	6 West	Away	DL Newbury 1	
Sun Oct 24	Men's 1	2	Home	DL Royal Berks 1	
	Men's 2	3	Away	Twyford 1	
	Men's 3	5 East	Home	Wargrave 4	
	Men's 4	7 West	Away	Shinfield 3	
Sat Oct 30	Ladies 1	2	Home	Caversham 2	
	Ladies 2	6	Away	Shiplake	

\* This match was originally scheduled as an away fixture



## 2021 Finals Day

The defending men's and ladies' singles champions, Edwin Lau and Laura Salinas, prevailed in their respective finals on Finals Day. Despite a spirited challenge from Celine Loader, Salinas drew on all her big match experience to hang on to the ladies' crown, while Lau powered past the 14-year-old pretender to his title, Christian Rowbotham, in hugely impressive fashion.

As the freshly painted courts gleamed in the sunshine and the barbecue sizzled and smoked, spectators were captivated by a succession of enthralling encounters throughout the afternoon. The men's singles finalists were paired together to take on Jonny Tait and Logan Turner in the men's doubles final. In a keenly contested match, Lau and Rowbotham came away with the trophy. The ladies' doubles final was a close-run thing with Lottie Botterill and Laura Salinas just losing out to Celine Loader and Judy King.

Other winners on the day were: Laura Salinas and Christian Rowbotham (mixed doubles), Bogdan Gradzik (men's plate), Lorraine Hamilton (ladies vets singles), Dave Winship (men's vets singles), Dylan Cook (18U boys singles), Alex Stronach (14U boys singles) and Simion Kacesov (11U boys singles).

All the players and spectators thanked tournament organiser Richard Morgan for making the event a great success.



For more photos and information, please visit the [website](#).



## Box League and Halloween Tournament

**CPTC BOX LEAGUES**  
Starting 1st October  
2 matches every month  
Anyone can enter  
Completely free to play

To enter either:  
Scan the QR code and complete the form!  
Or  
email: [cptctournaments@gmail.com](mailto:cptctournaments@gmail.com)



1. This autumn, Tom and Ben Silvester-Ratcliffe will be running a Box League singles competition open to all playing members of the club. The idea is that results will count towards ratings. Players should get to

play two matches per month on average. If you wish to enter, please email [cptctournaments@gmail.com](mailto:cptctournaments@gmail.com) (or scan the QR code in the picture above and complete the form). But hurry, entries close on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October!

2. They also propose to run a one-day doubles tournament around Halloween time (date to be confirmed). The format will be similar to the Turkey Tiebreak tournaments the club has run in the past, i.e. first-to-10 tiebreaks, winners up, losers down, partners split up. The winner will be the player with the most points from their tiebreaks. Halloween costumes will be encouraged!



Tom and Ben also propose to run a winter doubles tournament starting in the New Year. More details soon.



### Mystery players

Can you identify these two players?...



Last month's mystery players were...



### This month's riddle

When do you start on red and stop on green? (Answers to: [cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk](mailto:cavparktennisclub@aol.co.uk)).

And now for the solution to last month's riddle. The question was: "A young woman in a restaurant was approached by a tearful old lady who said, "You look so like my own daughter who passed away last year. Could you do me a favour and say 'Good-bye, Mother' when I leave?" The young woman happily agreed and said, "Good-bye, Mother" when the old lady left. Later she got a shock. What was it? "... She was presented with the bill for the old lady's meal. The lady had assured the waiter, "My daughter will pay."

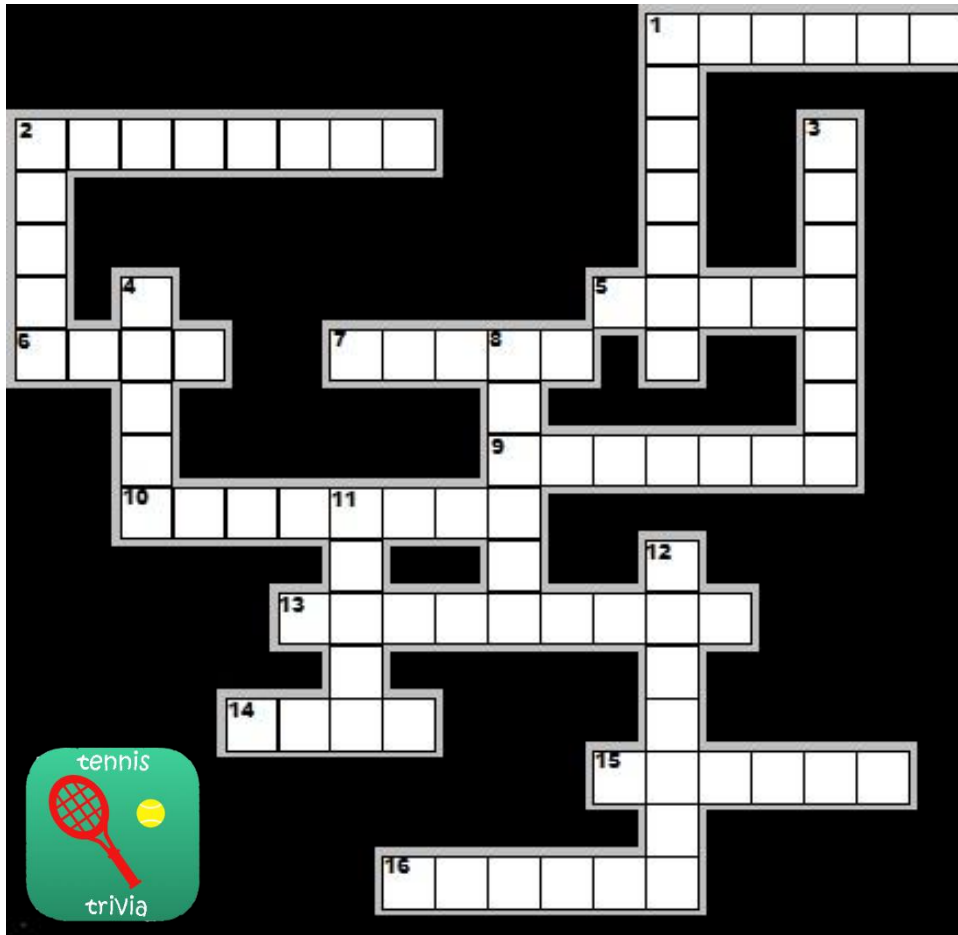


### Shorts

- Many congratulations to Richard and Sarah Morgan on the birth of their baby boy, Thomas, who weighed in at 8lb 9oz!
- Three impressive straight-sets wins and a walkover propelled Alan Noble to second place in Group 4 of the Reading Tennis League (Round 48). Ezequiel Cupido reigns supreme in Group 6 following five wins. There were also wins for Keir Lord (Group 8) and Alex Baillie (Group 10).
- CPTC leads the way in the new Reading Doubles League. Bogdan Gradzik/Jerome Combes (four wins) and Ezequiel Cupido/Alan Noble (three wins) are currently first and second respectively.



## Crossword



### Across

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| 1. May ____, first overseas player to win Wimbledon title | 10. Sisters who share the record of most Olympic golds    |
| 2. Mo ____, first woman to win calendar year Grand Slam   | 13. Mark ____, Australian who won 1976 Aussie Open        |
| 5. Nicknamed "The Rocket"                                 | 14. Elizabeth ____, winner of 19 Wimbledon doubles titles |
| 6. Dubbed "Fräulein Forehand"                             | 15. Company that produced Connors' T2000 racket           |
| 7. First man to win all 3 Wimbledon titles in same year   | 16. Known as "Boom Boom" in the 80s                       |
| 9. Jean ____, nicknamed "The Bounding Basque"             |   |

### Down

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|--|---|
| 1. Won the inaugural Grand Slam Cup in 1990        | 8. Althea ____, first African American woman to win Wimbledon |
| 2. Won French Open at age of 17 years and 3 months | 11. Refused to play 1973 Davis Cup final vs South Africa      |
| 3. Lost French Open final 6-0 6-0 in 1988          | 12. Jim ____, dubbed the Dude from Dade                       |
| 4. Frank ____, credited with inventing the lob     |   |

Here is the solution to last month's Spot The Ball competition:

