

Charlton Kings TENNIS PLACE!

at Balcarras School Sports Centre, Charlton Kings

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Dear Members

As we are now at the start of November, it is the end of the CKTP 2023 season but what a fantastic seven months of tennis we have had!

Many thanks again to Ruth & Simon for their help to transition us to a member-led club and many thanks to the committee - Anne, Alison, Tom, Sue & John for everything that you have contributed.

We've run 4 league teams, held 8 tournaments, social tennis most Thursdays & Saturdays (sometimes getting rain soaked), numerous coaching sessions and we've had a fabulous family finals day BBQ. We've enjoyed some great tennis and I hope everyone has enjoyed the season as much as I have.

In this newsletter is a quick round-up of our season and a few dates for your diary in 2024.

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Thanks everyone for the wonderful games and see you in spring 2024 if not before!

Helen Abiona
Chair, CKTP

AGM & Skittles Social Night – Friday 22nd March

We will be holding our annual general meeting on Friday 22nd March 2024 at 7.00 p.m. We welcome all members to attend the meeting which will include the annual re-election of the committee. The venue is to be confirmed and agenda will be sent late February so please add this date to your diary.

The AGM will be followed by a social evening. All details to be confirmed in the new year but likely to be a skittles evening at a local pub. Again, please add this date to your diary and we hope this will be a great way to start the 2024 season ahead.

Welfare Officer & CKTP Policies



Sue Thomas – Welfare Officer

We can't run as a club without this important role and would like to express thanks to Sue for her support throughout the season. Thanks Sue, you are very much appreciated!

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Members should be aware of CKTP policies that are available on the website that include safeguarding, diversity & inclusion, code of practise, complaints, privacy and incidents.

Social Tennis

Social tennis has been well attended on both Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings with some very fun and competitive mixed, men's, ladies and singles games. It has been great to see how well attended the sessions have been with all courts in use on some nights and fabulous to see new members joining-in regularly.

Feedback of the "sign-up" system on Thursday nights has been positive overall allowing members to mix-in well and get on court quickly to change & start games. Whilst it does remove some flexibility of just "showing-up" we'll look to continue a similar Thursday "sign-up" approach in 2024.

Coaching

Huge thanks to our Head Coach Denisa Davis and Assistant Coach Mike Lewis for the numerous coaching sessions throughout the season. It's been great to see so many members and non-members participating in the group coaching sessions and 121 coaching also.

Thanks also to Denisa for running the Friday night Junior Club – a small group who had a lot of fun!

Tournaments

We had lots of opportunities for adults and juniors to take part in fun and competitive tennis tournaments throughout the season.

We've had 22 different winners over the tournaments which is great to see the success across our membership.

The American & Australian tournaments are a great opportunity to play lots of games with many different players and the format for the last tournament of "red" or "black" also worked surprisingly well, phew!

The annual summer tournament was particularly fun with lots of members taking part and a great BBQ at the final's day – we think this will become an annual event! Delicious burgers & the weather didn't beat us! All finals (including the table tennis) were very competitive and played in great spirits.

The Michele Cooper Cup was also a lovely event this year, we had a delayed start but finally the sun came out and we enjoyed some great competitive tennis.

Well done to all the winners and those that took part!

Gallery of photos below.

League Tennis

Gloucestershire Summer League

We were pleased to support two men's teams and two ladies' teams in the Gloucestershire Summer League. Thanks to Mark, Helen & Cathy for captaining duties this season!

All teams performed well with Mens A & Mens B finishing 3rd & 4th in their respective leagues and Ladies A & B finishing 4th & 3rd. Special mention to Ladies B who missed out narrowly on promotion – they were joint second on points but came third due to slightly worst set % statistic.

Charlton Kings Ladies A - Division 3 – 4th place finish

Charlton Kings Ladies B - Division 4 – 3rd place finish

Charlton Kings Men A - Division 4 – 3rd place finish

Charlton Kings Men B - Division 6 – 4th place finish

Contact Details & Feedback

We would like to hear from members with any comments, suggestions and feedback so please get in touch.

Our mailing address is tennis@charltonkingstennisplace.co.uk

Winter Tennis

Whilst the CKTP 2023 season is now over, a group of CKTP members do play regularly on Saturday mornings over the winter months in Pittville Park. If you would like to come along then please get in touch with Helen (mobile 07776 291611) – all are welcome!

Gallery of 2023 Season



