

2023 was a mixed year for the club in terms of team success.

Wirral Summer League

The summer season began with pre season match practices which always helps create a great team spirit. Thank you to Owen Kirkham and Trevor Merrick for organising. This year Neil Elsby and the coaching team are running them again in February, March and April.

The 1st team had a really positive season following promotion the preceding year back into the top division, finishing 6th and avoiding playoffs and relegation. They showed resilience and team spirit and the team was made up mostly of former Heswall LTC juniors.

Sadly the 2nd and 3rd teams who were also promoted last season suffered from poor availability and were relegated to division 3 and 4 respectively.

On a more positive note the 4th team got promoted from the 6th division into the 5th division. Well done everyone involved!

A big thank you to all the captains for all their hard work, Owen Kirkham, Trevor Merrick, Sally-Ann Buckle, Nic Roberts, Chris Lea, Tom Evans and Judy Hughes.

This year, as well as the 4 mixed teams, Heswall also entered a mens team in the summer league, captained by Tom Evans. They finished top in their division and gained automatic promotion into division 2 which was a great achievement.

Club tournament

There were the usual 5 open and 5 handicap events and most events were very well represented.

The finals were held day on a beautiful sunny day on Saturday 9th September followed by delicious pizza provided by the Dough Bros. There was a brilliant turn out and the day was a great success. Special thanks go to all the kind and generous people who umpired and helped out in any capacity. Also to Chris Keggins for organising a fantastic pop up bar and to Nic Roberts and Sally-Ann Buckle for all their help and Sue Orrell and Paul Joynes for helping get everything ready.

For finalists please refer to the club website and thank you to Mark Peters for arranging to get the honours boards updated with the tournament winners.

Floodlit league

Last season was the inaugural season for this league with 8 teams involved and Heswall won the title and Trev Merrick had the best player average. Well done and thank you to everyone who played.

Wirral Tankard

The Tankard is held throughout the summer after the Wirral league matches have finished. It comprises 2 mens singles, 2 ladies singles, a mens doubles, a ladies doubles and a mixed doubles.

Heswall hosted the finals in September which was well attended by members and visiting spectators alike. The standard of tennis was brilliant and it was another successful day for the club. Thank you to everyone who helped including those who made tea, coffee and cakes etc. And a massive congratulations to our vets team who won their category.

Winter league

The ladies are having a great season with the 1st team currently top in the top division and the 2nd team top in the 3rd division. The 3rd teams are safely in 6th place in division 3. Thank you to Sally-Ann Buckle, Nic Roberts and Liv Wilkinson for all their hard work organising and getting teams out!

The men in the open division are having a solid season, the 1st team are currently 5th in the top division. The 2nd team are 3rd in the 4th division and and the 3rd team are 5th in division 6. Thanks to Tom Evans, Chris Lea and Trevor Merrick also for getting teams out and for all the organising and time that takes.

Chester League

The team had a good season back up in the top division and maintained their position in that league. Thank you to Rod Bennett for captaining and organising.

And finally a massive thank you to Julie Riseley and Sue Paton for all their hard work and support, we couldn't do any of it without you.