

Kenton Tennis Newsletter *Sept 2020*

FINALS DAY SPECIAL



We are very pleased that we managed to belatedly complete our club tournaments despite the challenges of Coronavirus on a very hectic finals day. Overall we had 23 finals and 62 trophies and medals to give out. The matches started at 10am and finished at 8pm with sunshine, wind and a little rain, adding an extra dimension to proceedings but the quality of the tennis still shone through.

As we couldn't hold the traditional evening presentation and not everyone could be there to watch we thought our members would appreciate this record of events. Read on to see who got all the silverware.....

Open tournaments

Ladies Singles

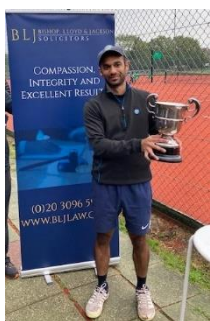
Well done to Ali (and her fitness trainer John!) for her second Ladies Singles title. The last one was in the year 2000, we hope we don't have to wait until 2040 for the next one.

Ali definitely gets player of the year winning all four tournaments she entered.

Alison beat Helen 6-2 3-6 6-2



Mens Singles



That man again! Congratulations to Aamir on his 12th consecutive triumph, but also to Justin for running him closer than anyone else has in recent years. We were starting to believe Aamir was no longer invincible, maybe next year...

Aamir beat Justin 2-6 6-4 6-4



Ladies Doubles

As well as top marks for colour coordination, the Ladies Doubles final delivered one of the longest and best matches of the day. Serial winners Alison and Janette prevailed in the end.

Alison & Janette beat Lucy & Helen 6-2 3-6 6-2



Mens Doubles



Justin and Fahim have been club members since they were young children so it was great to see “two of our own” take the Men’s Doubles this year - Justin’s first Open Championship trophy and Fahim’s second.

Justin & Fahim beat Paresh and Ajit 6-3 6-2

Mixed Doubles

Finishing at 8pm in the cold and wind, and the third match of the day for both Alison & Justin, this was still a high quality match.

Alison & Ajit beat Justin & Janette 6-2 6-3



Junior tournaments

Congratulations to all our winners and also to the runners up who did really well to get to the finals. We definitely have plenty of potential club champions in the making!

Girls U-8: Elisa beat Mary 10-7 10-8



Girls U-9: Tanisha beat Lucille 10-6 10-5



Girls U-10: Arushi beat Liya 4-1 4-0



Girls U-12: Anouk beat Arushi 2-4 5-3 10-6



Girls U-16: Devmini beat Mishall 6-4 7-5



Boys U-8: Miles beat Vihaan 10-4 10-3 and Boys U-9: Miles beat Vihaan 10-7 12-10



Boys U-10: Aaron beat Rian 4-2 4-1



Boys U-12: Alex beat Adi 4-0 4-1



Boys U-14: Saaj beat Alex 6-2 6-0



Boys U-16: Saaj beat Aarush 6-4 6-1



Boys U-18: Dhruv beat Chris 6-0 6-2



Boys U-21: Dhruv beat Mateo 6-2 6-1



Veterans tournaments

Vets Mens Singles



The youngest Mens vets champion ever with Lionel coming of age at the end of July and also our first all French final. Plenty of Gallic flair and passion on display!

Lionel beat Jean-Marie 6-3 5-7 6-0

Vet Ladies Doubles

Well done to Gail, and third time lucky for Helen after two runners up trophies on Saturday.

Gail & Helen beat Liz & Mel 6-3 6-3



Mens Doubles



Raj & Raju got off to a flier with a big first set lead, but Steve and Dave pulled it back - they are as adept at tennis as they are at building projects!

Steve & Dave beat Raj & Raju 7-5 6-4

Mixed Doubles



Was this our first final between two married couples? Jhangir's offer of legal divorce advice was not needed in a friendly Friday night epic. John's first tennis trophy will hopefully find some space amongst Ali's treasure trove in the Hinchin household.

Alison & John beat Mel & Dave 5-7 6-2 6-2

Vets Ladies Singles

By 8pm Janette and Mel had decided a drink was required rather than another match, so this one will be played another day.

Most Improved Players

Each year we give an awards to the most improved adult, junior and mini. These are awarded taking into account not only the rate of improvement of members over the last year but also their overall contribution to club life. This year's winners were Mena (adult), Devmini (junior) and Alex (mini), with Devmini also being awarded the Andrew Glynn Trophy for the overall most improved mini and junior. All are delightful members of the club.



Unofficial awards

The Lazarus Award: To Jean-Marie: one set down, 5-3 down and lying prostrate on the ground with cramp for a few minutes, he got up to win the next 4 games. It didn't last though with Lionel winning the last set in the loudest match of the day, allez allez!



Photo-bomber award: Jhangir of course, no explanation needed looking at all the above pictures - the ones he is not in he's been cropped out of or is holding up the banner! But funding the trophies didn't buy him one this year which shows we cannot be bought :<)

Heckle of the day: The regular cries of "Peter Metre" as a reminder to our Vice Chair to socially distance.

Thank you!

To Lucy our Competitions Officer for making everything possible and doing a brilliant job in administrating the tournaments.

To Peter for running all the Veterans tournaments, and Helen for all her work on the Junior competitions.

To Ian as the official photographer for the day, and Vijay for his contribution to the photos in this booklet too

To all the umpires (too many to mention) who had the coldest job of the day.

To Alison for sourcing all the trophies, even though she kept quite a few for herself!

To Gail, Mel & Belinda for keeping the bar open

To Gail for organising all the tracking arrangements

To Neville for making the grounds look the best they have this century, to Barry for painting the tennis hut and to Steve for the court maintenance

To Raju for providing the wine to fill the veterans' singles trophies, and to SaaJ for bringing his birthday chocolates

To everyone who played in the tournaments in such a good spirit and to all those who came down to the club to support Finals Day

And last but not least to Jhangir and BLJ Law <https://bljlaw.co.uk/> for their generous donation towards the cost of all the trophies

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