

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

The Club Championships are now OPEN!

Everyone is invited to enter Club Championship competition which will run throughout the summer, culminating in Grand Finals Day on Sunday 22nd September. The **ADULT** categories are:

- Women's Singles
- Men's Singles
- Women's Doubles
- Men's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles



Entries should be made to Nigel Willard by 23rd May (nigel@nigelwillardtennis.co.uk). If you wish to play in a Doubles event but don't have a partner, let Nigel know when you enter and indicate that you would like to be paired up. The draw will be made on 24 May. Once the draw has been made, the first-round matches must be played by 23rd June. All first-round losers will then go through to the Plate competition which ensures that all who enter will get at least two games (and usually more) in each category.

The competition to find our **JUNIOR** Club Champions will be held on the weekend of 14th and 15th September with matches played by age groups. The yellow ball players will then also play their finals on Grand Finals Day, Sunday 22nd September.

There were more entries than ever last year for both adults and juniors, but we are hoping for even more this year. The more entries there are, the more enjoyable the competition. This is a competition for players of all standards - you might not become the Champion, but you will play with and meet a whole range of other Club players.

PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON

The first-round matches in the LTA Play Your Way to Wimbledon tournament have now been played and the following players will be going forward to the next round, that is, the regional/area finals: Darryl Lucas and Armaan Ahmed in the Men's Doubles, Marie Walters and Isabel Cabero Alonso in the Women's Doubles, Alfie Wisson in the Boys' Singles and Jasmine Simms in the Girls' Singles. Congratulations and Good Luck to all of you!

SAVE THE DATES



The first in our summer tournaments to celebrate the Grand Slam events is coming up soon. These events are friendly occasions for those that like a little more competition on a Sunday morning! Come along and you will be play with several different partners, all decided by the draw.

Entry is £5, payable on the day by cash or credit card, and includes new balls, drinks and a light lunch after the competition. To enter, text or Wattsap Jenny on 07875945307.

Other dates: There is plenty of action this summer. If you would like to join in on either of the events below, please contact Gavin Fowell on 07951 51641 or gavin@nigelwillardtennis.co.uk

Sunday 12 May, 1-4pm. Adult doubles beginners' tournament – a fun, social doubles tournament for those new to tennis and competition. You can enter with a partner, or we will pair you up. Entry £12 per person.

Saturday 8 June, 1.30pm. French Open Team Challenge. Open to all Juniors. A fun team-based competition with a French Open feel. Entry £7 per person

SOCIAL TENNIS SESSIONS

The Club holds several Social Tennis sessions a week which are run on a 'turn up and play' basis. The usual format is to pair up randomly and play 5/7 games, before everyone moves round, so be prepared to play with and against lots of different players. The gate access code for these sessions is 9574. There are 2 WattsApp groups so that members can communicate about the sessions, one for Beginners and the other a more General one. If you would like to have your name added to either of these, please message Jenny on 07875 945307.

- Tuesday 18.30-19.30
- Wednesday 18.00 – 20.00
- Friday 10.30-12.00
- Sunday 10.00 – 12.00

JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE MONTH



The Player of the Month for March is Theodore Swaby. Theodore had a fantastic month, finishing runner-up in a doubles tournament and winning a singles tournament. He also performed really well in his box league. Theodore always arrives at the Club with a smile on his face and is keen to learn more. Well done, Theo, and keep up the good work!

SOME REMINDERS!

Here are some important points for all our New Members that have joined recently which might also be useful as friendly reminders for others:

- The code to access the Clubhouse is C1530. Please help look after the Clubhouse: properly wash and put away any cups etc that you use, take away ALL food waste and large items, such as ball canisters and drinks bottles, to dispose of at home.
- Tennis balls used in matches are in the open cupboard for use in Social Tennis sessions. Please collect them after use and put them back in the canisters ready for others to use.
- If you are playing with non-member guests, please pay for them online when booking.
- Please cancel courts if you can't use them so that others may have a chance to book them.

Basically, we all have a responsibility to keep the courts and Clubhouse clean and tidy for others who come after us. Thank you!