

# Newsletter SUMMER 2023



Welcome to our Club Newsletter. Please find the latest summer news and upcoming events for the rest of the year!

## **CLUB CHAMPIOSNHIPS 2023**

Our annual Club Championships finals took place on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September and what a scorcher of a weekend it was both on and off the court.

114 Members took part in this years club championships, well done to everyone particularly our finalists.

Finals weekend isn't a success without a team effort so huge thank you to, Caroline for running the bar all weekend, Russell, Andy and Mark for helping with food, and Tony and providing the chair umpire set up.

### 2023 Club Champions:

8U Singles - Sam Roan 9U Singles - Wiktor Laskowski 10U Singles - Wiktor Laskowski 14U Girls Singles - Lucy Nicholas 14U Boys Singles - Daniel Cistelecan 18U Girls Singles - Hattie Kendrick 18U Boys Singles - Isaac Jones Ladies Singles - Hattie Kendrick Mens Singles - Ben Foster Ladies Doubles - Ella Nicholas & Charlotte Johns Mens Doubles - Arthur Eyles & Ben Foster Mixed Doubles - Laura Mineards & David Garrett Ladies Vets Doubles - Sarah Whybrow & Liz Heathfield Mens Vets Doubles - Tony Pratt & Matt Ward Mixed Vets Doubles - Sarah Whybrow & Graham Irons Age Handicap Singles - Tony Pratt Mixed Handicap Doubles - Cathi Ashby & Mark Alewood.

### **Club Committee**

Chris Mellor - Chairman Tim Swallow - Treasurer Jim Phipps - Secretary Laura Mineards - Head Coach Philippa Plater - Membership Una McIntosh Damien Venkatasamy Mike Musson Sarah Whybrow Tony Pratt Andrew Kendrick



**Club Trophies**- We are lucky to have 5 silver trophies for the club championships, which are filled with history of NCLTC. 12 of our events our missing some silver wear! Are you able to sponsor a event? Have a trophy in your name? Contact a committee member!

## **2023 Most Improved Club Player**

Congratulations to our lovely member Emily Windus on winning our Most Improved Club Player for 2023 trophy. Emily has really excelled in her tennis this year, which hasn't gone un-noticed by her team captains and many of our club members on her dedication, improvement and successful performances representing us in the Northants Tennis League.



Emily also regularly supports social tennis events at the club and winning our May Saturday Social Tournament! Well done Emily keep up all the practice and hard work!

## **Club Kit**

Our New Club Kit Collection is available to purchase from NCLTC Club Shop. Visit www.ncltc.co.uk/clubshop Sample Sizes are available at the club for you to try before you buy!

We would love all our members to be wearing our club kit with pride and teams wearing our club kit when representing us in the Northants Tennis League.

## Saturday Social Tournaments

Thanks to all our members who supported our Saturday social tournaments this summer unfortunately our last one in July had to be cancelled due to bad weather. We look forward to continuing these with our next one on Saturday 14th October. Sign up via our Join In website or on the clubhouse noticeboard.

Saturday 20th May - We had 32 members taking part, our champions were Connor & Emily. Saturday 14th June our French Open inspired tournament saw 24 members taking part with Hannah & Tom taking home the trophy.



### **Upcoming Events**

**19th September-** Ladies Evening Supper

**7th October 7pm -**OKTOBERFEST (end of season party)

**10th October 7-8pm -** New Members Workshop

**14th October -** Saturday Social Tournament

**24th October 10-1** - Young Leaders Course

**24th October -** Ladies Doubles Team Training

**25th October 10-3** - Junior Halloween Spooktacular Team Competition.

**25th October -** Men's Doubles Team Training.

**16th December -** Xmas Doubles Social Tournament.

**16th December -** Member XMAS Drinks.

**26th December -** Boxing Day Social Tennis

**31st December -** New Years Eve Social Tennis

### **Head Coach Report**

# It's been a very busy but successful summer with summer camps, tournaments, tours and club events!

**Open Day -** 50+ people registered for our open day this summer, opening up our club for some junior / adult coaching and free play. This was extremely well supported particularly by families and the junior coaching, our next open event is Tuesday 10th October for anyone who would like to return to tennis, spread the word!

**Coaching Masterclass -** 24 members took advantage of our 20 minute coaching masterclasses with one of our coaches. Thanks to all members who took part and our coaches for passing on your expertise, I hope you all found these very useful and enjoyed your masterclass.



**Crackawhoppa-** 12 of our Junior and Adult members participated in this fabulous event sponsored by Tony Crack. Our juniors are paired up with one of our adult members, where they help our juniors to battle it out to become Crackawhoppa champion. This years title goes to **Lucy Nicholas** with the help from Christian Rostlund. Thank you so so much to all our adult members who supported our juniors, I know its a real highlight in their calendar. Crackawhoppa will host its 25th Year next year, which we are truly grateful to our sponsor Tony Crack.

Junior Tour - This years junior tour took us to Cardiff, where we last did a Tour their in 2013. This tour was a step up from last years being a Grade 3 Competition (high regional / national level event). All our players embraced the level and raised theirs putting in some impressive performances. A lot was also learnt which players can use to continue to improve, but they all supported each other and had a great time both on and off the court making memories to last a lifetime. Congratulations to Hattie Kendrick who came away from the week as Ladies Runner Up, a huge achievement in the level of competition. Huge thank you to HUBTEX, NCLTC and everyone who supported their fundraising at the beer festival to make this possible.



**County Closed -** Northants Junior County Closed was held at the end of August where players battle to become this years County Champion. Extremely proud of all our juniors who took part in the tournament. We were the only club to be represented from 8U-18U, which is a huge achievement in itself and many of our juniors picking up trophies along the way.

**LTA Youth Girls -** We launched our LTA Youth Girls Program after Easter, targeting girls from 4-16 to start / come back to tennis. The success of the summer program has enabled us to launch these again this autumn term, sessions available are; Mon 4-5pm age 4-7, Sat 10-11am age 8-10, Tue 7-8pm age 11+.

Please contact me for any further information regarding NCLTC's Coaching program! Laura

### CONGRATULATIONS

Huge well done to Charlotte Johns and her partner Megan on winning the National Play Your Way to Wimbledon Doubles Finals! Also Oskar Laskowski & partner on winning the 11U National Doubles Championships! Amazing wins and experiences!

### **County Representation**

Many of our members have been busy this summer representing Northants County Tennis. Ladies Team - Laura Mineards (c), Catherine Worker, Charlotte Johns. The ladies competed in Oxford finishing a respectable 3rd, just missing out on promotion.

Mens 35+ Team - Ben Foster & Barry Wilson competed in Bournemouth over a wet summer weekend.

Ladies 35+ Team - Well Done to Suzanne Clarke (c) and Liz Heathfield on winning their group and getting promoted!

### **NCLTC Social Tennis**

Tuesday 6pm - Ladies Social Wednesday 5:30pm - Men's Social Saturday 1pm - Mixed Social

**Join IN Tennis Website** -This website allows members to book on to specifically designed club sessions and communicate with each other.

**Monday 7-9pm** -Division1 Standard Men's Doubles -Division 2+ Standard Men's Doubles -Division 3+ Standard Mixed Doubles

**Tuesday 7-9pm** - Back to Tennis Doubles (returning / new players).

**Thursday/Friday 7-9pm** - Division 1 Standard Mixed Doubles (depending on court availability)

Friday 5-7pm - Mixed Doubles Social Tennis

**Website: ncltc.join-in-tennis.co.uk** Let Laura or Tony know if you can't access Join In.



Instagram @northamptoncountylawntennisclub

### Summer League 2023 Results

Thank you to all our members who represented us in this years summer league, we hope you all enjoyed competing. HUGE Thank you to all our captains, we really appreciate all the work that goes in to organising teams.

# Congratulations to our Mixed A on winning the league.

Ladies and Men's A/B Teams on staying in the new format 1st Division.

Our Mixed E Team on gaining promotion into division 3.

Well done to our Men's G team on your first club representation, you put in some excellent performances and a great start to your league competing journey.

### **Good Luck to All Winter Teams!**



#### Social Committee

We would love to bring back a club social committee to help with the running of events.

If you enjoy organising events and have some time to ensure we keep our calender busy contact Laura to join.

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# **Calendar Dates 2023**

UES	19-Sep	Ladies End of Season Supper	Tennis followed by supper 8.00pm
SAT	07-Oct	Oktoberfest	7pm - Members End of Season Party
TUES	10-Oct	Back To Tennis Workshop	7-8pm - New / Recently Joined Members
SAT	14-Oct	Mixed Doubles Social Tournament	2pm - Doubles Tournament followed by food.
TUES	24-Oct	Young Leaders Course 11-18	10am-1pm Young Leaders Training Course
TUES	24-Oct	Ladies Doubles Training	6-7pm & 7-8pm Doubles Coaching Sessions
WED	25-Oct	Junior Halloween Tennis Event	10am-3pm - Junior Training & Tournament
WED	25-Oct	Men's Doubles Training	6-7pm & 7-8pm Doubles Coaching Sessions
TUES	TBC	Ladies Christmas Evening	Tennis followed by festivities & Supper 7.30pm
SAT	16-Dec	Mixed Doubles Christmas Tournament	Tennis followed by club social
	16-Dec	Club Christmas Drinks	Bar Open 4pm
MON	26-Dec	BOXING DAY - Social Tennis	From 10.30am
SAT	31-Dec-23	NEW YEAR'S EVE - Social Tennis	From 1.00pm