

SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB

MEMBERS NEWS UPDATE

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2023 Club Event Calendar:

We are pleased to announce the publication of our 2023 event calendar as detailed below.

STC Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

STC Junior Grade 6 Tournament: 8U & 10U

Saturday 10th June 2023

Wimbledon "Strawberry & PIMMS Social"

Sunday 2nd July 2023

Somerton Schools Competition

Tuesday 4th July 2023

Somerton Summer Stock Festival

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th July 2023

Somerton Open Day & Community Day

Sunday 16th July, 10am to 7pm

STC Annual Summer BBQ

Saturday 2nd September 2023

Club Grounds Maintenance Day

Saturday 16th September 2023

Club Championship Finals Day

Saturday 23rd September 2023

Annual Golf Fundraiser

Saturday 14th October 2023

Richard Mills Interclub Tournament

Saturday 22nd October 2023

STC Annual Dinner

25th November 2023

Snowballs Fun Tournament

Sunday 31st December 2023

Winter League Concludes

Members of our Yeovil & District Winter League teams recently attended an end-of-season meal at the White Hart in Somerton to celebrate the conclusion of the 22/23 season.

With our A & B teams facing off in division three and our C team in division five, the season started off with great hope, led by three completely new captains.

It concluded with our A team crowned Champions, topping the table by 20 points over their nearest rivals and the only team in all five divisions to remain unbeaten all season. Our B team unfortunately found the going very tough after their promotion the previous year and will be playing back in division four next season, whilst our C team ended mid-table in a creditable fourth placed finish.

Player of the Season Awards were presented to Helen Williams (pictured below right), who not only scored the most points for the A team but was also ranked 12th overall out of 334 players in the winter league, Kendall Pickup (pictured below left) for the B team and John Treece in the C team. Awards were selected by the team captains on merit for players who had made the most significant impact and team contribution this season.



Annual General Meeting - AGM

Somerton Tennis Club's AGM will be held at the Sports & Social Club adjacent to the courts on Wednesday 3rd May at 7:15 pm.

All members are invited, please come along to hear about the club's future plans, for reports on its finances and to have your say.

We will also be electing our new committee and with several leaving, are seeking some new members to help keep of great club moving forward.

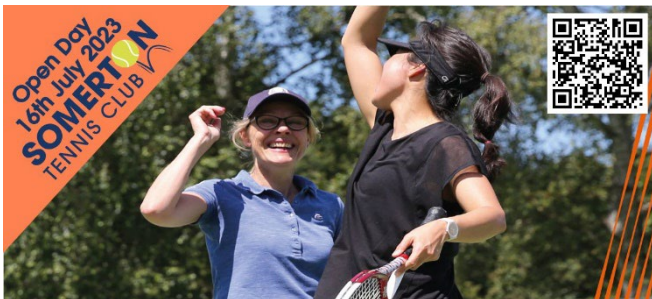
Somerset Club of The Year 2022



It was a case of so near, so far, in our nomination to be crowned Somerset Tennis Club of the Year 2022, where Somerton TC was just beaten to the post by Wellington TC on a deciding vote, with Bridgewater TC placed third.

Thank you to Neil Driver for entering Somerton into the awards. Here's just a few highlights from our entry: community engagement supporting coaching in Schools and providing volunteers for local events, fundraising efforts for DEC Ukraine appeal (>£1K), updated signage and new logo following a members consultation, a 44% growth in membership, expanded adult & junior coaching programmes, facility improvements including a new member clubhouse / decking, an improved programme member of activities including social sessions & singles box league, plus our summer & winter league successes.

Community Events & STC Open Day



Somerton Tennis Club will once again be throwing its gates open to the public when it takes part in the LTA's "Big Tennis Weekend" event, which will run concurrently with Somerton's Community Day being held at the Recreation Ground on 16th July 2023.

Adults, parents and children of all standards will be welcomed onto the courts. There will be coaching sessions, ball machine blast, mini tennis, with lots of fun games and prizes throughout the weekend, plus drinks and refreshments too.

Tell your friends and family to come along to find out more about our great Club; visitors won't need a racquet – just some enthusiasm to give tennis a go! Further details will be announced on our website shortly.

Defibrillator Locations

With the chances of someone surviving a cardiac arrest increasing from 6% to 74% if a shock is delivered in the first 3-5 minutes, the power of a defibrillator should never be underestimated. There are two defibrillators located close by the tennis courts, one on the front (field) side of the Sports & Social Club, the other at the MUGA sports pitch located on the far side of the bowls club.

Hedge Cutting Team

The committee would like to extend a massive thank you to those involved in trimming our out-of-control hedge at the football pitch end of the courts.

There is now a lot more light at this end, plus the reduction in height will only help prevent further root damage to the courts and simplify future maintenance efforts.

Helping out were: Ian P, Ian T and Ian F (yes there were three of them there one day), Dave T, Sue F, Kendall P, Katie T, Kate S, Geoff R, Penny R, Paul R (and two of them as well), John T, Thomas J, Arthur T, Nicki D, Anita R, Jayne B, Matt B & Matt G, Vaughan S, Steve D and Cameron B.

David Kneebone Fundraiser

Players were blessed with the best weather of the year so far for our annual David Kneebone fundraising tournament, which after a series of matches, was won by Cameron Bateman and Rolanda Purcell, whilst raising a fantastic £320 for the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal. Thank you to everyone that contributed with raffle prizes, baking cakes, making soup, and helping out.

