

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 Junior Grade 6 Tournament: 8U & 12U

Saturday 11th March 2023

Winter League End-Of-Season Meal

Saturday 25th March 2023

New Membership Year Starts

Saturday 1st April 2023

David Kneebone Fundraiser

Saturday 15th April 2023

STC Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Wimbledon "Strawberry & PIMMS Social"

Sunday 2nd July 2023

Somerton Summer Stock Festival

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th July 2023

STC Annual Summer BBQ

Saturday 2nd September 2023

Club Championship Finals Day

Saturday 30th 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

Balls for Club Sessions & Social Play:



As part of your membership subscription, Somerton Tennis Club provides tennis balls throughout the year for our nine "Official Club Sessions".

In addition, new balls are provided for matches paid for by the players match fees and used balls are provided for member's own social play.

Given the club is run entirely by volunteers, the process of managing balls for the increased club sessions & activities has become very onerous and difficult to manage fairly for all members.

To address these issues, we are introducing a new system, details of which will be emailed directly to all members and needs your help and cooperation to be successful.

Please note, STC's "Official Club Sessions" are as follows:

- Women: Tuesday 12:00 noon to 13:00, Wednesday 9:00 to 11:00, Thursday 9:00 to 12:00 noon & 19:00 to 21:00
- Men: Monday 18:00 to 22:00, Wednesday 14:00 to 16:00, & Friday 18:00 to 22:00
- Mixed: Wednesday 19:00 to 22:00 & Sunday 10:00 to 12:00 noon

Your Clubhouse:

A polite reminder, it is everyone's responsibility to keep our Clubhouse clean and tidy. If you use a cup, crockery, cutlery, or beaker etc., please ensure wash up after yourself and wipe down any mess / spillage.

Also, for those that are not aware, our sink waste does not drain to a soak away or sewage connection, so will empty very slowly if large volumes of water are disposed of down it. Please empty the bowl onto the grass outside the courts whenever possible.

Please remember to make a small donation if you have a tea or coffee using the supplies stored in the clubhouse.

Items left in the clubhouse will be moved into the "Lost Property Boxes", which can be found in the storeroom on the side of the clubhouse.

Summer League Entries 2023:



LOCAL TENNIS LEAGUES

Somerton Tennis Club will be entering two women's, three men's and back by popular demand, one mixed team, into the Yeovil & District Summer League this season.

This will be an exciting and challenging year for our teams, following their successes in 2022, which included our women's A's gaining promotion back into the top division, our men's A's being promoted into division two and our men's B's being crowned champions of division 4.

With matches starting late April and played during May, June & July, there will be plenty of opportunities for players to represent the club throughout the different teams. If you are interested in playing and have not yet registered your interest, please let either Neil Driver, Matt Brown or Ann Barnett know and they will inform the team captains accordingly.

Guest Rule Update:

The committee are pleased to announce that the restriction on the number of times a member's guest may visit to play at the club has been abolished.

The rule previously stated that guests (i.e. non-members) may only visit the club three times with a member to play, before they themselves must become a member of the club.

The change means that guests may now play with members as often as they like, each time paying a £3 fee "per visit" either online during the court booking process, or by entering the details in the visitor's book and making payment into the blue honesty box located on the shelving unit in the clubhouse.

Former Committee Member "Amanda Hope Kibble" Remembered:



Somerton Tennis Club sends it's love and best wishes to the family of former Committee Member, Amanda Hope-Kibble, who sadly passed away in January after a long battle with cancer.

Amanda was an inspiring person who was instrumental in delivering a wide range of activities and improvements at the club. The committee are delighted to announce our "Member of the Year" award will now be named in her memory.

Everyone who met Amanda will remember her bubbly character, unbelievable enthusiasm for life and her kindness. Amanda's last request was that should anyone wish to donate (instead of sending flowers), they should support the Yeovil Hospital Charity, because she received such incredible care there:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rememberingamandahope-kibble>

Two New Adult Coaching Courses:

Somerton Tennis Club is pleased to announce two brand new, six-week adult coaching courses, starting Friday 28th April as follows:

9-10am: Walking Tennis Course, for people with reduced mobility

10-11am: Tennis Express Course for beginners and rusty racquet players

Further details can be found in the coaching section of Somerton Tennis Clubs [website](#).

An advertisement for 'Tennis at Your Pace' featuring a woman in a blue top and a man in a grey shirt and hat on a tennis court. The text reads: 'TENNIS AT YOUR PACE. No running, no jumping and you can let the ball bounce twice. Less speed, but just as much fun.' There is a QR code and the LTA Walking Tennis logo at the bottom left.

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LTA WALKING TENNIS