

SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB

MEMBERS NEWS UPDATE

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Winter League Update



Somerton has three mixed teams taking part in the Yeovil & District Winter Tennis League this season and with matches being played outdoors each weekend from early November, there have already been a few games postponed due to poor weather.

Somerton's A & B teams are battling it out in Division 3, whilst our development C team are fighting for every point in Division 5.

At the end of December, our A team are unbeaten at the top of division three, with a total of 38 points from a possible 40 from their first four matches. The B team sit just above the relegation zone and await their first victory, having come closest against Queen Camel A's, losing on game count back after the sets were level on 4 all. The C's, debuting lots of new players are enjoying every match but also await their first victory.

The highlight of the season so far was a home match-up between our A & B team's, with some fantastic tennis on display, entertaining those spectating; come & watch the return match on the 29th January 2023!

Snowballs – 1st January 2023



There won't be any Snow on the 1st January in Somerton, but there will be Snowballs!

Open to all adult and junior members, their friends and families, our annual fun tournament Snowballs (tournament is used in the loosest possible terms) takes place between 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Whilst it's not Wimbledon, we can guarantee you will enjoy it, as there's lots of fun and games for all ages and abilities and as long as you can pick-up a racquet, you can join-in!

It's completely free to enter, just bring some food or snacks. There will be mulled cider available; well, we are in Somerset after all!

2022 In Review – What A Year!

It's been quite a year for Somerton Tennis Club, here's just a few highlights of what's been happening at our Club in 2022:

- Completion of our new members Clubhouse with decking installed to provide a safe-level and social outside space.
- Redesigned Club logo and signage following a member's consultation, supported in full by grants and donations.
- New visitors entrance for public court bookings.
- Fantastic support from our members volunteering to help throughout the year (leaflet drops, marshalling, cake baking, helping out at events, site maintenance and many, more!).
- New backboards also installed by volunteers at either end of the courts, with the material costs sponsored by CRS Building Supplies of Somerton.
- New beginners coaching sessions for adults and juniors.
- Additional club social sessions for men and women.
- Record membership numbers up 44% when adult and junior categories are combined.

2022 In Review (continued):

- Community fund of £960 to support coaching in four local primary schools.
- Big Tennis Weekend Open Day in July attended by over 50 people, featuring Junior, Cardio, Adult and Free-Play sessions.
- Two new LTA level one coaches, supported by grants and funding.
- The return of Social Events: including a Summer BBQ, Annual Club Dinner, Curry Nights, Coffee Mornings, Golf Tournament, Christmas Meals and End-of-Season Celebrations for our league team participants.
- Introduction of Cardio Tennis & Singles Box Leagues.
- League Trophy as our Men's B Team were crowned Summer League Division Four Champions.
- Fundraising for DEC for Ukraine that raised £1050 including a contribution from a matched sponsor by hosting a tea, cake and fundraising raffle alongside the David Kneebone mixed doubles tournament in April.
- Sunday Club special social mornings alongside every tennis major to encourage members to attend and socialise; watch out for our next one in January 2023 alongside the Australian Open!



Winter League Team Celebration – March 2022



David Kneebone Fundraising Event - April 2022



Cardio Tennis Sessions – Summer & Autumn 2022



Summer BBQ – September 2023



Golf Tournament – October 2022



Club Dinner – November 2022