

SOMERTON

TENNIS CLUB

MEMBERS NEWS UPDATE

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Upcoming Events:

There's not a lot planned during the colder winter months, but don't miss out on the best of the lot **"Snowballs" on Sunday 1st January 2023 from 11:30am to 1:30pm.**



Open to juniors and adult members and their families and friends. Got people visiting, then bring them along too for some "Snowballs" fun & laughter, playing lots of games you probably never thought were possible on a tennis court, some even involving a tennis racquet (don't worry if you've not one, we'll lend you one of ours!).

We can't promise you'll burn off any excess Christmas calories, but we guarantee you'll have GREAT FUN at Snowballs.

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

More details to follow via email to members.

STC - A Volunteer Run Club



Somerton is a community club that simply would NOT exist without its members stepping forward and volunteering their support.

There's too many to mention individually but these volunteers extend well beyond the committee, and whilst we don't yet have a kit man...we do have a ball man that keeps us supplied with balls for club sessions and matches. There are team captains, a clubhouse champion, marshals for the recent fireworks, someone applying weedkiller around the courts, organisers of club social sessions, cake bakers, fundraisers, lawyers reviewing club documentation, leaflet posters and a great hoard of volunteers that helped trim the overgrown shrubbery, plus people that replaced the backboards and installed our new public court pathway, and many, many more not mentioned!

And you thought you had joined Somerton to play tennis!

So, on behalf of everyone at the Club, we thank you.

Adult & Junior Somerton Tennis Club Caps



If you would like your own Somerton Tennis Club Cap, they are now on-sale for adult and juniors in: Orange (pictured), Navy (pictured), Sky Blue, White, Emerald or Fuchsia for £10 each. Please contact somerton.tennisclub@gmail.com to order yours.

STC Annual Club Dinner

Somerton Tennis Club's annual dinner was held at the Cross Keys function room in West Lydford on Saturday 26th November. It was a night of celebration, recognising the efforts of the many volunteers that have contributed to the success and improvements at the club in the last year, plus awarding the cups and prizes to the various club champions, tournament winners and most improved players. With people seated on tables of eight, great food, drink and conversation flowed throughout the night, with all in attendance agreeing that it was a fantastic event and the highlight of the year for members of the club and their partners.

The Club Member of the Year Award as nominated by the committee and presented by Chairperson Matt Brown, was awarded to Ann Barnett for her commitment and dedication. If you don't know her, Ann organises all our club competitions and tournaments, our tennis major and regular Sunday club sessions, the women's summer league A team, plus attends committee meetings in a non-voting capacity and ensures our junior and vulnerable members are kept safe at the club in her Safeguarding role.

The most improved player awards as nominated by club members and presented by Head Coach Neil Driver, went to Cameron Bateman and Julie Falconer, with both players receiving one of our new Somerton Tennis Club caps as their award. Other notable nominations included Ian Taylor, Geoff Richardson, Graham Bizley, Sid Osmond, Liz Cherry, Janey Dillway, Emma Van Zyl, Katie Taylor, Paula Wareing, Jayne Brown and Hannah Luckhurst.

Club Championship winners receiving their trophies and caps, also presented by Neil, included Sarah Raven in the Women's Singles and Mixed Doubles with Peter Maxwell, Cameron Bateman in the Men's Singles and with Ian Preece in the Men's Doubles and Helen Williams with Kate Stent in the Women's Doubles. Tournament winners comprised Chris Treece and Jayne Brown in the Richard Mills and Peter Maxwell, Ann Barnett and Tanya Reed in the David Kneebone.



Somerton Club Dinner 2022



Neil Driver Showcasing the STC Trophies



Sarah Raven, Women's Single Champion



Ian Preece, Men's Doubles Champion

Kate Stent & Helen Williams, Women's
Doubles Champions TrophiesTanya Reed & Ann Barnett, David
Kneebone Tournament WinnersJayne Brown & Chris Treece, Richard
Mills Tournament WinnersMatt Brown, Yeovil & District Summer
League, Men's Division Four TrophyJulie Falconer, Most Improved
Women's Player