



Storrington Tennis Club

JANUARY 2024 NEWS

This is a slightly earlier newsletter than usual to wish you all a Happy New Year and a special welcome to all our new members who have recently joined.

WEEKLY SESSIONS

The club runs a series of sessions throughout the week, see details below. If you would like to join one of these groups but are unsure which one would be most suitable for you, please contact our head coach Nigel Matthews, who will be able to help you. Email him at matthewstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Tennis	Day	Time	Pay & Play
Ladies Improvers	Monday	1.30pm - 3.00pm	£9
Ladies Team Training	Monday	7.00pm – 8.15pm	£6
Rusty Rackets	Tuesday	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Members £6 non £8
Ladies Team Training	Wednesday	6.00pm – 7.30pm	£6
Men's Team Training	Wednesday	7.30pm – 8.45pm	£6
Mixed Improver	Thursday	7.30pm – 8.45pm	£7.50
Mixed Improver	Friday	12.00am – 1.30pm	APP £9
Cardio Tennis	Saturday	9.30am – 10.30am	APP £6.50 (open to all)
Beginners Tennis	Saturday	10.30am – 11.30am	£6

BOX LEAGUES

The new Box Leagues begin on Monday January 29th and is a great opportunity to meet other members and play competitive matches against people of a similar level to yourself. Players of all levels are welcome, as you will be placed into the appropriate group according to your ability. We have three events running. Men's singles, Women's singles, and Mixed doubles which will enable you to play 4/5 matches in your division by the end of the membership year 31st March 2024. As it's the last round of the year, there is no entry fee. It is completely free. To sign up just click the link below and follow the instructions, you'll need to log in with your LTA membership.

<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/find/ladder?page=1&Q=Storrington+tennis+club+box+leagues>

CLUB TOURNAMENT

This year the Vets and Super Vets club tournament will run from April – June and the Final's weekend will be on June 15th and 16th. The Main Draw will run from June – September and the Final's weekend will be 14th and 15th September. More information to follow.

THE MIKE COMBER TROPHY

Huge congratulations to the Storrington's Mixed Vets 1st team who recently won the Mike Comber Mixed Vets trophy for the second year running. A great result which means that Storrington will collect the prize for the Mike Comber AND Les Dart Trophies this season at the upcoming Tennis Sussex Awards. A massive well done to you all.

The Mike Comber Mixed Vets is a Competition for teams from East and West Sussex W40+ and M45+, split into 3 leagues initially, followed by a 3-way final that the 1st team won overall. The 2nd team also made it to the final. Thanks, and congratulations to the following who all contributed to the club's success: Julia Searle, Jo Burns, Sarah Inman, Louise Amir-Ebrahimi, Theresa Parsons, Chloe Hayward, Anne Marie Woodhouse, Phil Worsdell, Alex Rainbow, Ian Chapman, Leo Farrow, Ben Lawrenson, Paul Tonks, Darrin Watson, Andy Morrison, Mark Langley and Captain Pippa Pinn 🏆



CLUBTIME TENNIS

Due to the recent cold winter evenings, it has been decided to turn on the floodlights from 5pm for the Tuesday and Thursday club time evenings. Thursday will still officially start at 6pm with coach Olly – but this allows people to play before he arrives as typically most people want to be away by 7pm. Roll on the Spring!

USED TENNIS BALLS

Could we please remind all players to put used/old balls in the recycling bin inside the clubhouse. The club gets money for all used balls. Please DO NOT put these in the courtside bins. If balls are wet, just leave beside the bin, and no worn out and dirty balls please.

100 CLUB

The 100 Club is run as a private lottery within the Club and anyone over the age of 16 years is permitted to take part in the monthly draws. Friends and family members are also eligible to join. The greater the membership, the more money is raised for the Club and given in prize money. The annual cost is £25 per number which can be paid by standing order, BACS, cheque, or cash. Each participant is given a permanent number in the monthly draw. This number will be retained provided the subscription is maintained. If there are 100 members paying £25 pa raising £2500.00 then £1250 goes to the Club and £1250 goes in prize money. For all months apart from December there are two prizes, one of £50 and one of £25. In December there is a bumper draw with 3 prizes one of £200, one of £100, and one of £75. The scheme runs from March 2024-February 2025. The first draw of the new year will take place at the end of March. The club hugely benefits from this scheme so if you would like to join, please contact Erika via email: erikabrichta@hotmail.com to arrange an annual payment or monthly standing order **by the end of February**.

CLUBHOUSE

You will have noticed that the clubhouse has been changed around with more room for socialising and just a couple of tables at the back for meetings, working parents etc. The feedback so far has been positive. Any comments/suggestions please contact Lucy Neale via email: clubhouse@storringtontennisclub.co.uk



Please remember to bring your key fob down to the club, as the heating has been programmed to be on for a few hours each day – so the door will be shut for much of the day. Please only use the tennis ball to secure the door open when necessary whilst this cold/wet weather continues. If you are a new member from the free membership promotion then please ask

someone to let you into the clubhouse, and if you re-join the Club in April, you will be given a key fob.

Lucy Neale continues to supply delicious cakes/brownies etc. on the second Saturday morning of the month and any proceeds go to the club. These seem to be very well received on cold Saturday mornings and enjoyed by children and parents alike. Don't forget to pop into the clubhouse for the next one – Saturday 10th February.

SUPPER CLUB

We are trialling the idea of holding a Supper Club on the last Friday of the month. The first one will take place on Friday February 23rd and will be a Curry night. Please save the date and details will be sent out nearer the time.

RECRUITMENT

100 Club Representative

Erica has managed this for the last four years and would like to hand it over. A huge thanks to her for taking on this role and for running the 100 club so efficiently. This would ideally suit someone who regularly attends the club and is able to encourage people to join. It is not a big job – every month there is a prize draw, and the winning members need to be notified. The new year starts on March 1st so if you are interested, please let me know. gm@storringtontennisclub.co.uk

Marketing Representative.

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Ayesha has had to step down from this role with immediate effect. A huge thank you to her for all her hard work. We are therefore looking for someone with good marketing skills to join the team as our Marketing Representative. This important role helps steer the club strategy as well as looking after our comms, promotions, website, and social media.

2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 13th	AGM – Details are on the notice board
February 23rd	Supper Club at the clubhouse – details to follow
March 16th	New members are invited to join Saturday afternoon club time followed by refreshments. Great opportunity to meet the team and fellow members
April 27th	CLUB OPEN DAY – EVERYONE WELCOME
June 15th/16th	Vets and Super Vet's Club Tournament Finals weekend
June 25th	Eastbourne tennis trip – details to follow
September 14th/15th	Main Draw Club Tournament Finals

Looking forward to some warmer weather and lighter evenings. Enjoy your tennis
Sarah and the team