

Storrington Tennis Club

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A reminder that the closing date for the Club tournament is Monday 27th May at 10am. Events available are Men's singles, Women's singles, Men's doubles, Women's doubles, and Mixed doubles. If you would like to play, please make sure you enter before this deadline using the following LTA website.

[Storrington Club Championships 2024 | LTA - Tennis for Britain](#)

MEN'S TENNIS CO-ORDINATOR



We are delighted to announce that Sean Murphy has joined the Committee as Men's Tennis Co-ordinator and will be the representative of men's tennis at the club. Theresa Parsons will continue to be the representative for ladies' tennis. The tennis co-ordinators are there to support adult members of all standards, particularly helping new members to find their way around the club, organising events, club times etc. Please give Sean a big STC welcome if you see him around the club.

This is a message from Sean:

I am delighted to join the team as Men's Tennis Co-ordinator and my aim is to represent men of all levels at the club. We are introducing a new session for Men and Intermediate Juniors on Monday evenings from 6- 8 pm. **This will commence Monday, July 1st.** It will be a non-coached session aiming to provide a good hit for all. You can turn up at 6 when it starts or 7.15pm! Your call. We will play a set and then swap around. Moving forward we hope to offer you a fast four competition mid-July/August as a bit of fun one evening. Please feel free to email me with any ideas/wishes, positive feedback or things you would like to

change. If we don't know we can't help! I look forward to meeting you over the next few weeks and months. menstennis@storringtontennisclub.co.uk

HOSTED CLUBTIME

Olly is no longer able to host our Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon club times. During the summer months, Thursday evenings will be a turn up and play session – 5.00pm-7.00pm, and we will look to organise something more structured for the winter months. If you regularly attend these sessions, please introduce yourselves to new members and ensure that everyone is included. Please also ensure that newcomers are invited to join any WhatsApp groups. We endeavour to keep the Find a member document up to date as much as we can

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/StorringtonTennisClub/Booking/FindaMember>

but if you are unable to find a member's contact details, please let Kate know

admin@storringtontennisclub.co.uk

Saturday afternoon club time will revert to the peg board system as we currently don't have enough volunteers to host this session. This is a system where you put a peg on the board when you arrive and the first four go and play etc. Again, if you are familiar with this system, please show those that are not how it works and make new attendees feel welcome.

OPEN DAY

Was another great success with lots of variety on offer for all ages to enjoy as well as delicious homemade cakes and ploughman's lunch. Andi from the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre supported with pickle ball as part of our new and developing partnership with the centre and it was great to welcome new and prospective members. There were over 20 volunteers helping throughout the day which was brilliant. A tremendous team effort with a lovely camaraderie all round - great ambassadors for our club. Thank you to everyone involved.



JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT 29TH JULY - 3RD AUGUST

Entries open online via the LTA website from June 12th. We are looking for volunteers to support each day with shifts running from 9.00am-12.00pm 12.00pm -3.0pm, 3.00pm - 6.00pm Monday to Saturday. Please let Sharon know if you can help. More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/tournament/F5E47CEC-9542-4855-B2C4-A507DA32CFC9>



SWEET TREATS/SOFT DRINKS/ICE LOLLIES

Will be available on Saturday 8th June. During the summer months we will have ice lollies and soft drinks available to purchase in the small fridge/freezer compartment. All will be priced. Please put money in tin and note your purchase in the book provided so we can keep account of stock. Please ensure the fridges are shut after use.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND SUPPER CLUB

Following on from the successful Mexican Supper evening, we are looking to organise a Caribbean themed night later in the summer - date tbc. There will be delicious homemade dishes plus live music performances from Jim Bernardin on the Steelpan. More details to be announced in the June newsletter.

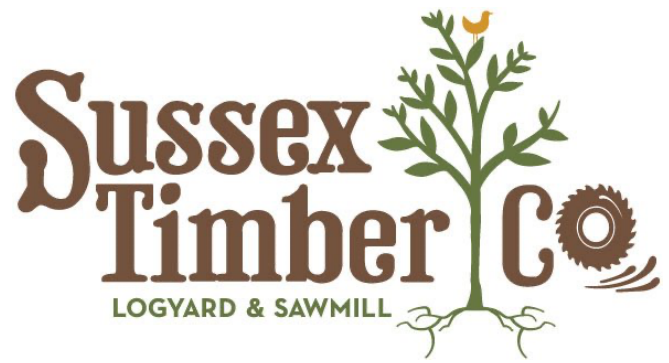
The Social event calendar will continue in September with a Quiz night, Race night/Shuffleboard evening, Pickleball & Prosecco, and a Wine Tasting evening from one of our newest members. Confirmation of dates to follow.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

We now have a database of brilliant volunteers but are always looking for more willing helpers to sign up and support our variety of social and tennis events throughout the year. If you can offer an hour or two occasionally, please contact Sharon on social@storingtontennisclub.co.uk

NEW SPONSOR

We are delighted to announce that we have a new sponsor at the club – Sussex Timber Company. There are leaflets in the clubhouse and a banner will shortly be going up on court six.



ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- Thank you to nearly everyone that has **renewed their membership**. We are still having to chase up the last remaining stragglers despite numerous reminders. I would like to remind you that the committee is run by volunteers who give up much of their time to make the club run smoothly. Chasing up late payers is time consuming and as a result this year we have had to put some important projects on hold while we chase these people up.
- Please be aware that there is now **CCTV in the clubhouse**. The clubhouse has been left open again overnight. If you are playing in the evening – even on the top courts – please just pop down and ensure that the clubhouse door is shut.
- The remaining **lost property** is in the clubhouse. Please look and take what is yours. Anything that remains unclaimed will be sold in the clubhouse on Saturday 8th June and profits will go to the junior fund.
- A reminder that there are **First Aid boxes** in the cupboard on the left after the kitchen door. There is also an accident book in the clubhouse and a bag of peas to be used as icepacks in the freezer.
- Apologies for any confusion in previous correspondence. Playing times at the club are as follows: **Monday – Saturday 8am – 10pm Sunday: 9am – 10pm**. Please ensure that you leave quietly if playing late and where possible use the courts away from our neighbours i.e., courts 5 and 7 particularly if using floodlights.
- This is a busy time of year for booking courts with matches, tournaments, box leagues etc. Please ensure that you remember to cancel any courts that are no longer required and remember that the courts are usually very quiet on weekday afternoons.

Wishing you all a lovely bank holiday weekend.

With best wishes

Sarah and the team.