

# Storrington Tennis Club

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2023

### MEN'S 1ST TEAM RESULTS (BY NIGEL MATTHEWS)

The men's 1st team ended up winning a nail-biting Division 1 championship playing their closest rivals (Weald) on the last day of the season, needing a draw to win the league on sets. It came down to the last rubber with Storrington 2-1 down in matches and the two 1st pairs going head-to-head. Captain Nigel Matthews was partnering David Wakefield and after two tight split sets it was all decided on a championship tie-break! David raised his game and came up with some quality tennis, to help us secure a 10-5 victory to thrill the 20 or so people who had come to support. We finished the season with 17 points from 5 matches and the whole squad played a big part in the season with 11 players competing for the team: Nigel Matthews, David Wakefield, Scott Wolters, James Li-Tremble, Stuart Li-Tremble, Alex Manktelow, Lewis Hall, Zack Bull, Evan Blake, Alex Rainbow, and Kai Maeda-Parker. We look forward to collecting the trophy at the Tennis Sussex awards early next year.



### BOX LEAGUE

We will shortly be introducing a Mixed Doubles Box League which will begin on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and end on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. Nigel will send out an email soon with all the details of how to sign up.

## JUNIOR TENNIS

Lucy's notoriously delicious pop-up sweet treats will start again from Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November for the winter months and will continue on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Come and enjoy all the usual favourites Lemon Drizzle, Chocolate chip cookies, Flap jacks, Chocolate brownies and some surprises, warm up and enjoy a cuppa after tennis and cardio – all in the clubhouse.

## MEN'S 4TH TEAM (BY PAUL COTTON)

The summer league saw a second consecutive promotion for the men's fourth team. We thought we had come second, only for Lindfield 2nds getting scratched at the last moment and with that our one poor result getting voided, so we topped division 8. It was a really tight tussle with lots of closely matched teams, but the squad, pulled together to get some impressive results, including a first win over Steyning 1sts in a few years. Many thanks to all who contributed. The players, a mix of talented youngsters and gnarled Vets, were Zack Bull, Thomas Blakely, Paul Cotton, Owen Davis, Mark and Matt Langley, Ben Lawrenson, Sean Murphy, Oscar Parkin, Darrin Watson, and Charlie Wood.

## CLUB SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. We are listening to your views and the committee and directors will now be carefully analysing the survey and prioritising the next steps. Here are some of the comments/feedback that you gave:

- 35% of our adult membership completed the survey. 66% of which were our newer members. Only 9 Juniors completed the survey despite us putting this on social media.
- 90% said they were very satisfied with their club membership and would recommend it to a friend – a great result.
- Location, coaching, strong junior section, team tennis, welcoming and friendly were the main reasons why new members chose our club.
- 42% said it was good value vs other clubs.
- 80% said the online booking system was easy to use.
- Most agreed that hosting club sessions was the way forward and agreed with the trial plans in place.
- Most thought team tennis was working fairly well – a few things need to be ironed out.
- For some the Club Tournament was too elitist with scheduling an issue for a few.
- Most said they were satisfied with communications, but many said they rarely visit the website other than to book courts.
- Eastbourne tennis was the No 1 social event. Many were only interested in social tennis not social events.
- 95% said the facilities and courts were in very good order except for the potholes and poor communal lighting in the carpark.

- LED floodlight replacement was your priority, this was very closely followed by improving and upgrading the clubhouse, patio area and communal lighting in the carpark and replacing one court with a Padel court.

## REMEMBRANCE PARADE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

Road closures will be in place which will prohibit access to the tennis club driveway between approx. 2.40pm – 3.15pm. Church Street will be closed, and the parade will assemble at the corner of Greyfriars/School Lane/Church Steet for the wreath laying ceremony. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the road closure/directing traffic, or happens to be a Percussion or Brass player and is willing to play/walk with the parade, please let Kate know as they are in need of people: [admin@storringtontennisclub.co.uk](mailto:admin@storringtontennisclub.co.uk)



## 2 X TWO-SEATER SOFA'S WANTED FOR THE CLUBHOUSE

If anyone has one or two in leather or leather effect that they no longer require and would be willing to sell or donate, please contact Lucy Neale, Clubhouse steward on: 07891413405 or email: [clubhouse@storringtontennisclub.co.uk](mailto:clubhouse@storringtontennisclub.co.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The AGM will take place next year on Tuesday February 13th 2024  
Junior Tournament Week: July 29th – August 3rd 2024



ENJOY YOUR TENNIS  
Sarah & the Committee