

Storrington Tennis Club

SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

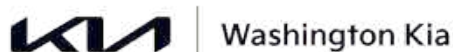


The Junior Tournament this year was an Open tournament, meaning that players from outside the Club could participate while allowing competitors to gain ranking points from the LTA. It was a brilliant week culminating in a busy finals' day last Saturday. A great level of tennis enhanced by the outstanding level of sporting behaviour on court and the fabulous vibes off court throughout the week.

Thanks to Nigel for his brilliant organisation – maintaining a calm and supremely professional manner whilst arranging over 300 matches in a week is no mean feat and the positive feedback is in no small part down to his leadership and energy.

The club had a safeguarding inspection on the first day of the tournament and the summary from the inspector was as follows:

“It was a real pleasure to attend this venue and competition. There was a genuine positive ethos displayed by all relevant persons to ensure that those children participating in this competition were safe and that the tennis played was conducted in an appropriate environment. Well done to those concerned in the planning and management of this event”.



Our huge thanks go to our tournament sponsor **Birchwood Kia** who very generously donated £1k plus an additional £470 to cover half the cost of the trophies. In addition, they offered a 48-hour test drive in their top of the range KIA EV9.



SO MANY THANKS

A huge thank you to Sharon Blaikie, Lucy Neale and their AMAZING team of volunteers who made the week such a success. The catering was fabulous along with the organisation of the raffle, prizes, quizzes and competitions.

Here are a few highlights:

116 Participants

301 matches took place over 6 days

62 trophies and 15 medals were presented on finals day

Thanks to the following people/organisations for their generous contributions to the raffle and competition prizes. Below is a list of the main donations:

- Will, Jo, Jackson and Charlie Morey for giving their Beach Hut for a day in the Witterings, a Wimbledon 2023 Book and Towel
- Ayesha Nauth - 5 Yoga classes. *Please note that Ayesha also teaches Yoga specifically for tennis mobility and can be contacted on: ayeshanauth@gmail.com*
- Vintage Rose – £15 voucher
- Amberley Museum - a family day ticket
- Steyning Leisure Centre passes x 2
- Springs Nursery - £25 voucher
- Brocketts Farm – free entry for 2 people
- Springs Gym - a free personal training session
- Rebecca Farrow - a free tennis lesson
- Wilson Tennis Bag
- Lucy Neale – Tea for two – delivered
- Tilly Mellor – Bag of Charcoal
- Anna Hopcroft – 2 x Tropic Goodie Bags including mini facials
- Thirteen restaurant - £25 voucher towards a meal
- Rebecca Rayner - Personalised bespoke Alphabet Picture
- Truffles Bakery – A Gateaux
- The Scribbling Shop – Pens and Pads of paper etc for prize for the poster competition

FORMER CLUB PRESIDENT ATTENDS THE FINALS



It was lovely to see Harold and Cecily Linfield – our former President – attending the finals day. Harold and Cecily started the Junior Tournament 50 years ago, in those days she insisted that whites were worn! They both ran the junior section of the club for many years and their son Charles played a lot. The Linfield Cup Tournament is associated with them.

JUNIORS

A Junior Club time is being introduced and will take place once a month at the club. This will be trialled on Friday 6th September from 6-8pm (more details to follow). Will Morey's company Pragma have very kindly sponsored the club £1000 towards the Junior fund. The committee are looking into introducing a ball boy scheme to encourage juniors to learn to ball boy and represent the club in key matches.

Dorset House, one of our sponsors, are having an Open Morning on Friday 27th September. Please let your friends and family know. There will be some flyers in the clubhouse shortly – please take some and distribute on their behalf.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT CREATOR NEEDED

Kierrer Jarman is stepping down at the end of August as our Social Media creator. She has been with us for around a year whilst finishing her degree and I think you will agree she has done a great job. We will be sad to see her go and wish her well in her new career. Whilst we look for her replacement, Sean Murphy will take on this role – so please send him any news/info/pictures etc so that he can keep posting.

menstennis@storringtontennisclub.co.uk

We are now looking for someone to take on this important role in our communications. It is about 2 hours a week. You need to have a good understanding of how social media platforms work to post and write various engaging and visually appealing content. To see the full job description, please click the link below. The role is paid.

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SLTC GOLF DAY AT COWDRAY PARK – MIDHURST SEPT 25TH

Club members are being invited to swap their tennis rackets for golf clubs to join in on the inaugural SLTC golf day at Cowdray Golf Club, Midhurst, on Wednesday, September 25th starting at 2pm. The cost per person is just £35 (the normal visitor fee is £95!) per person with prizes for the best men and women Stapleford scores together with nearest the pin and longest drive contests. Please feel free to enter a three or four ball team otherwise players will be allocated places with other bandits!

Contact Nigel (nigelmatthewstennis@gmail.com) or Jules (julesgammond@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to play asap as this looks like being a tournament to rival the Ryder Cup.

MISCELLANEOUS

- First Aid Kits - please ensure if you take anything from the First Aid Kit's that you write it in the book kept in the main first aid box. This will ensure things are replaced and the kits are kept up to date. A plaster dispenser can now be found on the clubhouse wall.

- Chanctonbury Leisure are having a Fun Day on **Monday 19th August from 11-3pm**. Storrington Tennis Club will have a stand at the club and our coaches will have some fun things going on - so please encourage friends and family to come along. Everyone welcome.
- Dogs - Can we please remind you that dogs are welcome at the club but must be always kept under control. Dogs must not run around the courts at any time.
- A reminder to be mindful when others are playing by not walking across courts or behind courts during points. Please be aware of matches going on around you and where appropriate keep noise down to a respectful level.
- When opening new tins of balls, please ensure you take the sharp lids off the court and dispose of them in the clubhouse bins or take them home.
- Please DO NOT remove any balls from the cupboard that do not belong to you. Balls are there for team matches and then re-used for clubtime. These are going missing on a regular basis – and unbelievably some match balls were recently swapped for someone's old balls whilst the team were sitting outside eating lunch! Just a reminder that we have CCTV in the clubhouse.....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 6th September – Junior Club Time (more details to follow)
- Sunday 8th September – Men's Open Tournament (more details to follow)
- Saturday 14th September – Main Club Tournament Finals' Day
- Sunday 6th October – Mixed Open Tournament (more details to follow)

We hope that you are enjoying this lovely weather and making the most of the longer evenings.

With best wishes

Sarah and the team.