

MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

SODBURY 
TENNIS CLUB



JUNE 2022

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to our latest Newsletter, enjoy!

With the better weather it's been a joy to play tennis at Sodbury, I'm sure you agree. You may have noticed the work being carried out on the New Games Area; Gordon Runcie has coordinated the team of club members that have volunteered to achieve this great asset for us all. We are making plans for a grand opening on Saturday 9 July, please come along and congratulate the team.

We have a good club spirit; you our members make that happen.

Have a fabulous tennis summer.

Mark Belcher
STC Chairman



NEW GAMES AREA

Several volunteers from the Club have been working hard in recent weeks to create the New Games Area.

The works involve the total refurbishment of the tarmac mini court and development of the grassed area adjacent to this court which was the site for sheds storing coaches' equipment and club tools. When completed, both underutilised areas will be surfaced in Tiger Turf to match the 4 main courts. A permanent outdoor table tennis table and basketball hoop will complement the resurfaced mini court to provide an activity area for all to use. The practice wall will be re-painted with a mural to further enhance the area. More outdoor seating will also enable spectators to sit and watch the play.



To create a fully stabilised and safe level area it was necessary to pollard an ash tree suffering early die-back, partially fill the ditch and install edgings to hold the 45 tonnes of stone which was carted from the car park in mini dumpers.

Currently, we await final dates for installation of the Tiger Turf and hope that the facility will become fully accessible and operational during the next few weeks. Funding for the project was provided in part by a grant from South Gloucestershire Council from the Section 106 funds created by the planning process for the adjacent Cotswold Homes development at the Golf Club entrance. The remaining monies coming from club funds.

Gordon Runcie



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS

Wednesday night social tennis continues to be well attended. Matches are organised to be competitive across all standards of play, with people mixing throughout the evening. It's a great way to meet players of a similar playing level and to practice your match playing technique in a relaxed atmosphere.

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AVON LEAGUES

Summer

In 2021, the ladies 1st, 4th and 5th teams won their divisions and attended the Avon Tennis UK Summer Leagues Presentation to receive their awards. Well done ladies!

The 2022 summer league runs from 6 May to 15 July with a week off on 3 June.

Sodbury had a great start to the summer league this year with seven ladies and eight men's teams playing. Lots of good results, well done to all!

Everyone is welcome to come along to the club on Friday nights to support the Sodbury Teams. Or of course, come back after you have played! Food will be provided, and proceeds go to the 'Carers Trust', the club charity.

Late Summer League – 2021

Well done to everyone who played in the Late Summer Mixed, Men's and Ladies Vets League. Sodbury won both the mixed and ladies divisions!

Winter league 2021-22

We entered six mixed teams in the Avon Tennis Winter League, two of which were senior teams. Lots of members played and the teams were run by Ann Mora and Nic Webber. As always the standard was high but lots of great matches were played and enjoyed! Mixed results, the teams all finished either 2nd, 3rd or 4th in their respective division. The full results are available on the teams page of the website. Well done to everyone who played!



NATIONAL LEAGUE — OVER 60S

The men's over 60's team entered the National Inter Club Knock out Tournament this year. In previous years there has been an over 55s team, but they are all getting a bit older now!

The team comprises Martin Coultard (captain), Dale Curtis, Steve Scott and Gordon Runcie. Rob Marshall has ably volunteered to be first reserve.

The first match, played on 1st May, was against Atlantic Rackets Centre from Bideford. Our men won in a keenly contested match by 4 rubbers to nil. Martin and Dale formed a very strong pair and won both rubbers in straight sets, Steve and Gordon also won both rubbers but each one was finally decided with a champions tie-break 3rd set.

 In the next round, our team will travel to play the West Hants Club near Bournemouth.





JUNIOR LEAGUES

Avon County Junior Friendly vs Gloucestershire –

It is very close in the 11u-14u age groups, with the Avon girls winning by three games! Well done to Gloucestershire on the win overall! Well done to the Sodbury players Kadie, Maya, Rosie, Ben, Jamie and Ruben, they all had a great time and played brilliant tennis!

National League Winter 2021-22 –

Sodbury entered three mini and six junior teams, the 10U 1st team, James T and Ailsa, playing in Div. 1 finished a creditable 2nd. The boys 14U second team of Ruben, Ben T, Leo and Flynn finished in equal 1st place with NSTA on points.



Play Your Way to Wimbledon

The girls all played really well despite the rain! Congratulations to the winner Kadie. 2nd place was taken by Rosie after winning a very close match with Pati, well done girls!

Congratulations to Dan who won the boys final against Ben T, it was a brilliant match to watch, well done boys!

PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON



CLUB TOURNAMENT 2021 POSTPONED FINALS

Boys' singles and doubles finals were postponed and played on 25 September. Congratulations to the winners and runners up. Amazing tennis and a really close match in the singles ending in a championship tiebreak.

Doubles winners – Dan and Munya. Doubles runners up – Ben and Jude

Singles winner – Josh Singles Runner up – Dan.

Thank you to the umpires Gordon and Clint

Ladies' singles and doubles finals will be played at 2pm on Sunday 7 August. Come and watch the matches and enjoy some light refreshments.



CLUB COMPETITIONS

Christmas American Tournaments

Fun was had by everyone at the festive American Tournament. The day was topped off nicely with mince pies and mulled wine!

Good Friday American Tournament

15 ladies and 13 gents competed in the timed tennis event, with Karen the over winner of the ladies with 18 points, and Jane M, Caroline M and Becky were runners up on 17 points.

There was a three-way tie amongst the gents with Clint, Rob and David A all tying on 18 points.

Some great tennis was played, and hot cross buns were savoured. £62 was raised for the Carers Trust, the club charity.

Box Leagues Finals

Fantastically sunny day for a fun American Tournament. Well done to the box winners and runners up, and to those who won the winter box leagues. Thank you to Kathy and Paul Frampton for all your hard work running the event that was enjoyed by all!!



INCLUSIVE TENNIS — CULVERHILL SCHOOL



Sodbury has run some very successful tennis coaching sessions for year 10s and year 11s from Culverhill school. The pupils fed back that they liked coming to the club and didn't mind being outside saying, "the tennis courts are nice with lots of room for all of us." The pupils had fun, enjoyed playing tennis and seeing improvement in their game. Some especially liked the "warm up games", "playing proper games", and were pleased that their tennis "got better".

“ It was lovely to see how the ladies engaged with the children and supported them to enable progression. The sessions are always so well organised and have a range of activities to make sure everyone is included. It gave them the opportunity to experience sport in a community setting and to learn a number of life skills as well as tennis skills.”

Attending Teachers

Well done Culverhill pupils!

Thanks to coach, Julie Pennington and helpers, Kathy, Jany, Sian, Liz, Ann and Sue.

Watch out for the Family Fun Day fundraiser for inclusive tennis on 2 July run by 'Bright Ideas for Tennis' charity. Book onto tennis activities for everyone and enjoy an exhibition match. Click on the link below to find out more:

clubspark.lta.org.uk/sodburytennisclub/Events/Event/fc24e359-b3ae-4c7d-86f4-9856f0c3bcab



CLUB CLOTHING

Club clothing is available to order from:

thewinningmargin.uk/collections/sodbury-tennis-club and it looks fabulous!
Password: sodburynotchipping

Follow the link to view the range and prices, and use the password to make orders with free 2nd class postage.



WELFARE OFFICERS

Introducing Chris Eldridge as the club's Welfare Officer and Annie Flook as the deputy Welfare Officer. They are both full club members and bring valuable experience as teachers to the roles. Chris is also Mental Health First Aid trained. Please contact Chris or Annie with any safeguarding concerns via Sodburytenniswelfare@outlook.com

Refer to the welfare officer posters displayed at the club for quick reference, and see the Safeguarding Policy for more information: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/sodburytennisclub/Abouttheclub/Policies>



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family Fun Day - Fundraiser
for Inclusive Tennis**

2 July 1-6pm

New Games Area Opening

9 July

**Postponed 2021 Club
Tournament - Ladies singles
and doubles**

7 August 2pm

Junior Finals Day

10 September

Adult Finals Day

17 September

**Macmillan Tournament
(Day time)**

27 September

AGM

17 November

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