

SODBURY TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER



February 2019

NEWS FROM THE AGM:

New Committee:

Chairman: Gordon Runcie
Vice Chairman: Vacant
Secretary: Julia Speak
Treasurer: Becky Devey
Membership Secretary: Abigail Brooks-Daw

2019 Membership fees can be found on the website.
Please note, we now have a weekend membership package.

If you would like to be in this years 100 Club and support the club financially with a £25 one off payment-with the potential of a small windfall during the year. Please contact Abigail, or any committee member for details.

COURT USAGE AND SWEEPERS

Overuse of court one in preference of using our other courts is shortening its life.

The pile has reduced from 13mm to 5mm in just four years and we need to act now to slow this wear to an absolute minimum.



We must start booking and using our other courts, preferably court 4, then 3, then 2 before court 1, to help the deterioration and prolong the life of our 'show' court.

Please brush your court of debris before and after play as this alone will help reduce the deterioration and 'clogging' of the sand filled base,



Don't forget—by using court 4, you get an extra 5 mins of floodlights for your £1.

Please can we all be proactive in helping save the courts from wear and tear- by brushing them as stated and using other courts before court one.

Thank you .

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

More information on all events can be found in the club house and on the website.

- 2nd March: Quiz Night
- 5th March: Pancakes and Waffles
- 12th March: Ladies Match Practice starts
- 16th March: Men's singles Tournament
- 29th March: Ladies Singles Tournament
- 30th March: Box League presentation and Mixed doubles Tournament
- 19th April: Hot X Buns, Fast Fours Tournament
- 28th April: Club Open Day
- 3rd May: Wimbledon draw and Fast Fours
- 5th May: John Riley Trophy
- 11th/12th May: Road to Wimbledon
- 24th May: Hot dog American Tournament
- 2nd June: Cycle ride
- 29th June: Mini & Junior Finals Day
- 3rd July: Wimbledon whites and Strawberry nights evening
- 10th July: Wimbledon whites and Strawberry nights evening
- 11th July: Rusty Rackets Tournament
- 26th Aug: Fast 4's Tournament
- 1st Sept: Wotton Walk and Pub lunch
- 7th Sept: Club Open Day (provisional date)
- 7th Sept: Avon County Junior Presentation
- 21st Sept: Finals Day
- 25th Oct: Family Tennis event and Charity Cheque Presentation handover.
- 19th Oct: Club Ball
- 11th Dec: Mulled wine & mince pie evening.
- 31st Dec: NYE party event



The atmosphere was buzzing in the clubhouse as members welcomed in the New Year and enjoyed the various competitions organised on the night—A first for the club and a far cry from the previous year when the extension was very much a work in progress and the clubhouse unsuitable for such a grand event.



Besides eating, drinking and general merriment there was plenty to keep everyone busy, until the countdown to Midnight, with competitions in: Tennis, Table Tennis and Table Football.

The winner of the Table Tennis Tournament was Hobbs Gaulton who beat Martin Coulthard in a well fought and thrilling final.

The joint winners of the Tennis Tournament were Eleanor Finch & David Attwood.

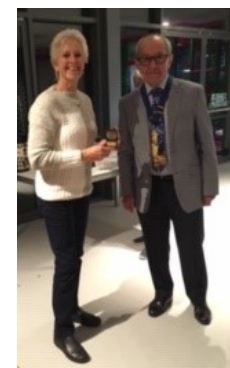
The winner of the Table football was Steve Perry
The Winner of the Kids Table Tennis was Lyra Coulthard.

Well done to all those who played in the various competitions and a HUGE thank you to all those who helped out and made this event so successful.

LTA PRESENTATION EVENING:

Always a great event and one that Sodbury, always comes away from laden with trophies.

Well done to all our members who contributed to us winning in so many categories during 2018 and thanks to those who attended the event to collect the silver wear!



CLUB FLOODLIGHTS

We have now identified our preferred partner, Luminance Pro, for the installation of new LED Floodlighting to all 4 courts and the kidzone/mini court.



The details provided by Luminance Pro have been used to submit a full planning application to South Glos Council. We hope to get permission in the next month or so. This will then allow us to proceed with an order to install the new lighting.

So, by the start of the next summer season we should be ready to switch on.

CONGRATULATIONS to

JANE MEWSE and FRASER MATTHEWS

who respectively won the Club's Lady and Men's player of the year award. This was awarded for their commitment to the club, wonderful attitude during competitive tennis and continued improvement in tennis skills throughout the year. Well done.

HELEN FRAMPTON

Who was our Club Person of the year 2018 in recognition for her organising and preparing of all social events throughout the year, showing dedication and commitment to the finer details.

Thank you Helen

BRAIN TUMOUR SUPPORT - CLUB CHARITY 2018

We raised an amazing £1,350 - Thank you.

John Fairlie, an ex treasurer of the club who has received personal support from Brain Tumour Support, presented the cheque on behalf of the club; after a very well supported and successful American Tournament.

Many thanks for your continued support of our fundraising events; raising vital funds to help others in need.



Your chance to win big every month.

If you're not in it—you can't win it!!

100 CLUB

★ Congratulations! ★

October winner:

Helen Frampton

November winner:

Selina Hodey

December Winner:

Jane Mewse

January Winner:

Annette Mackie

If you wish to join the 100 Club please contact Abigail on: abigail_1972@hotmail.co.uk or any committee member.

EASYFUNDRAISING

GIVE MONEY TO YOUR CLUB EVERY TIME YOU SHOP



Simply visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Sodbury Tennis Club - register your details and follow the instructions.

No catches—just shop in your usual way through Easyfundraising and the club benefits from

Club Charity for 2019 is THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION



By using the clubs 'Just Giving Tree' to send our Christmas wishes to our many friends at the club, without the use and expense of cards, we raised an amazing £69 towards the British Heart Foundation.—Thank you.

During the year we'll be holding many more fundraising events and hope you'll be able to support us in raising the vital monies necessary towards more ground breaking research, to help improve the lives of those affected with heart issues.

For a small donation, (recommend minimum £1) there are some BHF badges and pens available at the club, located on the bar.

Please support us if you can.



If any member would like to organise a fund raising event at the club, to help raise the vital funds needed to complete our project and the refurbishment wish list items, then please contact a committee member with your suggestions and offer of help.

COMING SOON..... CONTACTLESS BAR PAYMENTS

The open-plan clubhouse has become a major focal point for club socialising and with this in mind we are organising more tennis and social events this year.

A card reader will soon be used for bar purchases.

We hope to have this facility up and running for the start of the summer season."



PAYING MEMBERSHIP ONLINE:

From April 2019 all members will be able to pay online for their coaching and membership using a credit or debit card.



CLUB PARKING

We have plenty of room for cars at the club, but please remember to double, even triple park when you can, allowing all our members fair access.

Please do not use the disabled bays unless you are a blue badge holder.

COURT BOOKING

Please be aware and considerate of the court booking rules, (which are listed on Clubspark Booker) by ensuring you have no more than two bookings pending in any 14 day period. This rule ensures fairness to all members who want to book and use the courts.

Please cancel any courts not needed, to release them for other members and please do not book courts if no opposition has been arranged.





**Sunday
28th
April
2019**

GIRLS DOUBLES CLUB FINAL



Winners: Beth and Jemma

Runners up: Eleanor and Isobel.

Beth and Jemma went into an early 2-0 lead, but Eleanor and Isobel immediately fought back with Eleanor making some great net interceptions to level the score 2-2. Beth and Jemma then regained their confidence and with some excellent well placed returns took the first set 6-2.

The second set started with a complete reversal - Eleanor and Isobel went into a 2-0 lead, with both girls playing consistently well. Beth and Jemma fought back to 2-2 when unfortunately Isobel took a heavy fall, but hung in and carried on to finish the set, won by herself and Eleanor 6 - 3.

The Championship tie break was keenly contested with Jemma and Beth taking a good lead, but Eleanor and Isobel fought back with energy and enthusiasm. A couple of well placed volleys during the closely contested tie break from Jemma, saw herself and Beth win our Junior Girls Club Champions 2018 with a tie break score 10-7.

Many Congratulation to the girls and especially to Beth as this is her third consecutive year of winning!

U8 REDBALL TEAM

The 8u Redball team being presented with their pendant and badges as winners of their division in Team Tennis 2018.



Pictured is Rosie, Nico, Ben, Ruben and Team Captain Nic Webber. Unfortunately Will Mora is missing from the photo.

BOYS SINGLES FINAL: Fraser V Josh.

Some excellent tennis from both boys and it was clear how much stronger both have become- the result of playing on men's club nights. Fraser romped home the winner after many deuce and long rallied games.

BOYS DOUBLES FINAL:

Fraser and Jamie V Josh and William. The Winton brothers played against each other on this occasion, but after a thrilling and highly entertaining match, age and experience shone through with Fraser and Jamie winning.



GIRLS SINGLES FINAL: Abi V Eleanor.

A great win for Abi, but a gallant effort from Eleanor who battled to play through a heavy cold.



GIRLS 16U WINTER LEAGUE WIN:



Well done and congratulations to our girls for winning the league.

ALL AVON JUNIOR WINTER LEAGUE PLAYERS:



2019 BALLOT NOW OPEN!



EASTER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP DATES:

Monday 8th - Thursday 11th April
mornings only

Monday 15th -Thursday 18th April— afternoons only



Opt In now

If you would like to
take part in this years
Wimbledon Ticket Draw.

visit <https://www.lta.org.uk/member/>

JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Thirty five of our club Mini's enjoyed an hour of tennis before playing pass the parcel, eating food and waiting for a very special visitor to drop in bearing gifts.

MINI PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: (Chosen by Sodbury Club Coaches)

Nico and Ruben were presented with their awards: for commitment to coaching, playing matches, having a good attitude and sportsmanship, as well as always being willing to do their bit in the laborious job of collecting up the balls!!



Nico is always a pleasure to work with and appears to always have a happy smiley face. He's worked hard to reach his red one and enjoys playing for the red ball team. This year he was our red ball club champion.

Ruben has worked hard during coaching, he has achieved his orange 2 and plays in the orange ball first team. He was runner up in the club orange ball singles championship and has been selected to coach with the county development 9U squad.

Twenty juniors then enjoyed their party, again with an hour of fun tennis before food and socialising.

JUNIOR PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: (Chosen by Sodbury Club Coaches)



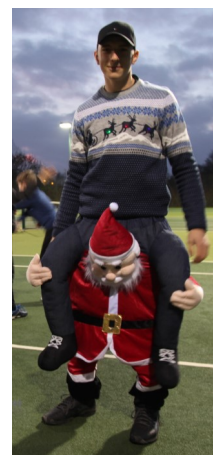
Abi and Eleanor were then presented with their awards. Both girls have gone from strength to strength and regularly play in the adult league teams. Abi was runner up in the club ladies singles Championship and Eleanor was runner up in the mixed doubles. Both girls work hard at their coaching and now assist the coaches with the mini groups during Friday coaching. They are excellent role models for the younger members of our club.



Fraser was presented with his men's captains choice award. In the absence of James, Men's Captain, this was presented by Steve.

(Yes, we know it's the Dave Tanner Trophy really but no one knows where the real trophy is - can anyone help??)

Best fancy dress went to Butch, who seemed to be putting Santa under a lot of strain!

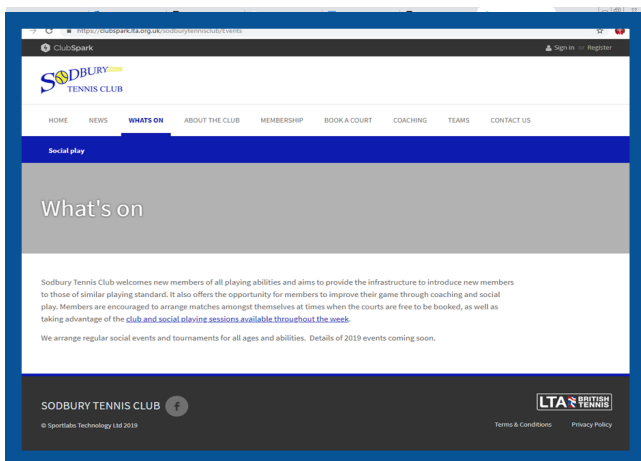


SODBURY TENNIS CLUB WEBSITE

Our new website is up and running and all club news, social and tennis information is moving to that platform.

This will therefore be the last of our club newsletters.

Please use the **'WHAT'S ON'** link on the club website to see future club information.



SUNDAY SOCIAL PLAY

Will now be solely on court 4, from 10am-11:30am under Paul H's booking, as this hasn't been sufficiently supported to warrant additional courts.

From May onwards when the weather should be much improved, we intend to hold an American Tournament one Sunday every month, which we hope will attract more play.

Please contact Abigail, the Membership Secretary to share any ideas or feedback you have regarding Social Play.

MANY THANKS

to

Annie Griffin and Michaela Sillick for producing the newsletters over the past few years and informing us of club information and important dates in our tennis calendar.