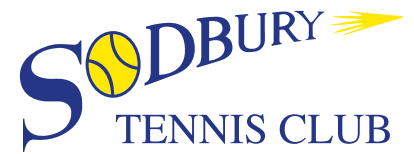


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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Sodbury Tennis Club Newsletter from your committee. This edition will focus on the playing highlights this summer. The last couple of weekends saw the annual Junior and Open tournament finals days. They were great tennis occasions with many spectators enjoying some good tennis action. Members have been able to play plenty of social and competitive tennis this summer, its been fun!

Mark Belcher
STC Chairman



CLUB SOCIAL SESSIONS

Social Club Sessions on Wednesday evening and Sunday morning have been re-introduced. The sessions are open to everyone and we particularly encourage beginner and intermediate players to attend. We've seen a number of players improve their game to an extent that it's likely that they will be playing league next year! However, the emphasis is on having fun and accommodating all members at all levels of ability.

David Attwood



AVON SUMMER LEAGUE

Mens

Seven mens teams were entered and in total 48 players represented Sodbury Tennis Club. This included four Juniors Fraser Matthews, Josh Winton, Dan Mora & Ben Webber, so a big thanks to them for stepping up. Also a massive thanks to Fraser Matthews and Hobbes Gaulton who played a match for the 1st team.

Men's 1,2,3 and 7's all retained their places with the 3rds narrowly missing out on promotion on the final Friday. Happy to say the 4ths were promoted with an 8-2 win on the final Friday securing promotion.

Gary Wilsher
Mens Captain



MENS TEAM	DIVISION	FINAL STANDING
Sodbury I	Division 2 Group B	3rd
Sodbury II	Division 3 Group B	3rd
Sodbury III	Division 5 Group A	3rd
Sodbury IV	Division 6 Group A	2nd
Sodbury V	Division 7 Group A	5th
Sodbury VI	Division 8 Group C	6th
Sodbury VII	Division 9 Group C	4th

Ladies

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th teams were promoted and 3rds and 6ths stayed where they were, the 3rd team missing out narrowly on going up on the last night of the season. A fantastic season had by all. Thank you very much to all ladies and juniors who supported the teams, we couldn't do it without you.

Anna Webster
Ladies Captain



LADIES TEAM	DIVISION	FINAL STANDING
Sodbury I	Division 2 Group B	1st
Sodbury III	Division 3 Group A	3rd
Sodbury II	Division 3 Group B	2nd
Sodbury IV	Division 6 Group A	1st
Sodbury V	Division 6 Group B	1st
Sodbury VI	Division 7 Group A	3rd

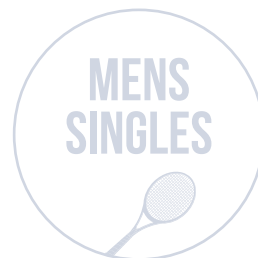
CLUB TOURNAMENT FINALS DAY



Once again we were blessed with good weather on finals day which started with a highly enjoyable and competitive Mixed Doubles Match between Gary Wilsher & Sarah Mackrill against Ash Todd & Sue Newman. The match was so close and needed to go to a 3rd set tie break which Gary and Sarah won 7:4. So congratulations to them and thank you to both pairs for entertaining us for close to 2 hours. Final score: 6:4 1:6 6:7 (7:4 tie break).



Our second offering was the Men's singles, which this year was contested by Ash Todd and Duncan Boffin. Ash was the current trophy holder and Duncan was playing in his first singles final. Again this was a three-set thriller with Ash coming out on top 5:7 in the final set. We were treated to some high quality tennis from both men which was a joy to watch. So thank you both for such a great match. Final score: 6:2 6:7 (4:7 tie break) 7:5.



In order to provide Ash with some recovery time before his 3rd final of the day, we were treated to a one-set exhibition match kindly put on by four of our next generation of top players being Abi, Eleanor, Fraser & Josh, who all featured in this summer's competition. Thanks to all four for giving us an entertaining half hour and it was most refreshing.

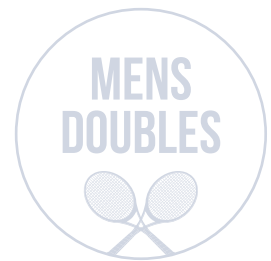




The final match of the afternoon was the Men's Doubles being contested by Ash Todd & Andrew Jones against Gary Wilsher & Jon Burridge. Andrew & Jon were playing in their first finals day and Gary & Ash their second match-up of the day. On this occasion Ash and Andrew prevailed in a shorter but albeit equally entertaining match. Final score: 6:3 6:2.

We will look forward to watching the postponed ladies singles and doubles finals at a later date, date TBC.

Andrew Jones



CLUB TOURNAMENT - JUNIOR FINALS DAY

Seven players took part in the **red ball** tournament played as a championship tie break. Victor was unbeaten, Bronwyn was runner up and Phoebe took 3rd place. Ten players entered the **orange ball singles** and played a round robin format in two boxes as best of three short tie breaks.



The semi finals results were James T v Joseph 7-3, 7-4, and Austin v Harry 7-3, 7-4. James then won the final against Austin 7-1, 7-0. **Orange ball doubles** was won by James T and Sam against Harry and Joseph in two sets, 7-3, 7-3.

Green ball doubles finalists were Pati and Isabella against Nico and Logan playing a fast-four format. The boys got off to a 3-0 lead but the girls hung in and took the set on a tie break 7-5, and went on to win the next set 4-2. In the Green ball singles it was brother against sister, Pati v Nico. Pati won 4-2, 4-1 and become double club champion.





Girls doubles finalists were Sophie and Rosie v Jemma and Alena. Blustery conditions affected play sending many shots long and serves into the net. Sophie and Rosie won in a 3rd set tie break, 6-3, 5-7, 1-0. Jemma v Sophie played the girls singles final with a win for Jemma making her the club champion.

We will look forward to watching the postponed boys singles and doubles finals, date TBC.

Kathy Ryan

CLUB COMPETITIONS

American tournaments and BBQ

On 30th May fun was had in the sun at Sodbury's first American Tournament of the year! Another popular tournament was held late August when 24 participated, with more ladies than men which was a first! Fraser was the winner with 20 points, and Chris Eldridge and Clint were joint runners up with 18 points. Anna was the ladies winner with 18 points, and Julia was a close runner up with 17 points. Everyone enjoyed the tournament and the hot dogs afterwards.



Dementia UK Tennis-a-Thon

Thank you to everyone who was involved (or donated to) the Tennis-a-Thon in July. Over £40,000 was raised in total across the country, and as a club we raised a whopping £605 which is brilliant! It was well worthwhile battling through the intense heat!

Nic Webber

Box leagues

Ladies singles: Ruth McCutcheon was the unbeaten winner, and Nic Webber was runner up.

Ladies Doubles: Zoe Alexander and Jess Tierney were the unbeaten winners, and Becky Devey and Nic Webber were runners up.

Mixed Doubles: Clare Saphier and Gary Chorley were the unbeaten winners. Entries will be invited for the box leagues 2021/22 during late September.

Rusty Rackets

There were two successful Temporary Membership Rusty Racquets courses held over the spring and summer, leading to a boost to membership, with many of the players now joining in with Wednesday evening social and Sunday morning social play.



PETER EVANS - NEW HEAD COACH

Peter is on the Avon County Coaching team and has 18 years coaching experience in developing and performance tennis. Peter is looking forward to leading and managing the full coaching programme and team from October half term. For coaching enquiries, please visit Peter Evans Coaching via ClubSpark Peterevans.tennis@gmail.com 07557 765 939



UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Late summer league

Mixed, ladies vets and men's vets teams
from September 2021

National League Winter 2021-22 - Juniors

UPCOMING COACHING FROM SEPTEMBER

LTA Youth Start

Junior programme
from 6 September

Drills and Skills
from 9 September

Daytime Improvers
from 17 September

Saturday Mornings
from 25 September

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