



West Surrey Tennis Club newsletter

April 2023



WELCOME

Hello Everyone

Welcome to the Spring tennis season! It seems – finally!

Always good to get through winter, and we have had some fun events. The Fish 'n' Chips Fridays have been very popular and a great way to get to know other members who we don't necessarily see on court.

Hermione organised a great racing night at the golf club with around 40 'punters' betting on the horses. The winning team had a very nice bottle of wine each and the rest of us just had a very enjoyable event and delicious curry!

The 'new' tennis courts are proving to be a great asset in terms of playability over the long winter months, it is amazing that we have been able to play in all that rain and icy conditions.

We are proving to be an ever-popular club, we are full to capacity and currently have a waiting list. We are monitoring numbers and ensuring that we are meeting everyone's needs for playing time.



Our Saturday morning roll-ups are great fun, and we have so many players. We have regular, long-term players on a Saturday morning, but they have kindly agreed to start a little earlier in the summer months so we can allow more time for the busy club session. From Saturday 6 May we will be using courts 2 and 3 from 10am and still have court 1 available from 9.30am. So come and enjoy!

Members have recently been playing in a singles box league. This is a great way to meet other members whilst playing others of a similar standard. Because of the success of this league, we will soon be launching a doubles box league too. More information, and to enter see the link below.

We will shortly have a new 'Welcome' sign put up, in keeping with the Golf Club signage. This along with the planters next to the new patio area, help to make the club look more welcoming. We are also planning to get planting in the front bed.

Don't forget we have our AGM coming up on Thursday 11 May. Do join us from 7pm and book yourself in for a curry if you would like. Please email any questions you may have for the committee to: WSTC Committee wstc.committee@googlemail.com I look forward to seeing you then. [Click here to book.](#) ■

Wishing you happy Spring Tennis!
Louise Turner, WSTC Chair

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Many of you will have spotted the appearance of the woodwork backing onto our new patio, and may have speculated what it's for. It's a planter to provide some colour and screening, and it's just about the right height to provide some seating at barbecue events in the summer (assuming we're going to get one).

At the time of writing, we're waiting for the rain to stop so we can fill it with soil and plants. If the rain continues, we'll just use it to keep fish. ■

Malcolm Dillon



LTA BOX LEAGUES – FAST 4 TENNIS

Our singles box league is a great way to meet other members whilst playing others of a similar standard.

Boxes consist of six players, with five matches played over a 10-week period. At the end of the rotation, players move to another box according to position. Matches are played using the FAST 4 Format: play two short sets (first to 4 games, at 3-3 play a tie-break to 7 (2 clear). If the score is one set all a match tie-break (first to 10 points (2 clear) will be played to determine the outcome of the match. Generally, the match is over within an hour or so which makes it less time consuming than playing a standard set format. Leagues are managed automatically via the LTA web portal.

For more information about the box leagues and for the link to join the next session which starts on 28 May [CLICK HERE](#). You can view the current league sessions [HERE](#).

We are looking to launch a doubles box league soon so watch this space! ■



TUESDAY AFTERNOON TENNIS

A new tennis session is open to all members every Tuesday afternoon from 4-6pm on courts 2 & 3. If you enjoy friendly social doubles, come along and enjoy a game.

No need to book, just turn up and join in on the fun. We've also created a WhatsApp group for this session, so you can stay connected with other players and get updates about any changes or cancellations.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join the WhatsApp group. ■

DRONE NEEDED

Help...does anyone own a drone we could borrow? We'd love to update our website birds-eye view of the courts to feature our new clay surface. It would be great if the drone came with a drone pilot, but if not, we do have an experienced drone user – unfortunately he now owns a racing drone which is no good for hi res pics. If you are able to help, please email wstc.committee@googlemail.com. ■

WINTER TOURNAMENTS WINNERS

Congratulations to all our winter finalists.

The ladies and men's finals both went the distance with Lena & Mel and Justin & Ian claiming victory. Ian & Mel then partnered up to win the mixed doubles final. Well done all. ■

SUMMER TOURNAMENTS UPDATE

We're off the starting blocks! [CLICK HERE](#) to see the draw.

It is important to get your matches played ASAP so please arrange them sooner rather than later. You can book courts beyond the 7 day rule if playing a tournament match.

[CLICK HERE](#) for: Tournament rules · Report match score online · Find a member link · Book a court beyond 7 day rule link. ■

WEST SURREY TEAMS UPDATE

Ladies Teams

It's been a real pleasure organising Ladies matches for 2022/23 at home due to the new artificial clay courts, not one match was postponed or called off due to the sub-zero temperatures we were experiencing, so matches all went ahead for the very first time since I've been Ladies Captain.

On Saturday 25 March we held our Winter Finals and what a feast of excellent tennis we enjoyed. We were so pleased to have welcomed so many people enjoying the tennis atmosphere, we even had babes in arms and buggies and junior budding tennis players together with visitors from Devon, so West Surrey is thriving with enthusiasm.

I will report in more detail at the AGM on 11th May.

Denise Woods, Ladies Captain

Men's Teams

Many thanks to everyone who played for the men's teams over the winter season in the ADLTA league. We had around 30 players representing West Surrey.

Our first team managed to secure a mid-table finish in the premier division, which was a great achievement against some very strong competition.

Our second team also finished mid table in division three and will look for a promotion push next winter.

[View all the stats here.](#)

The summer season starts in a few weeks – thanks to everyone who's committed to representing West Surrey over the next few months.

Thanks

Phil Rivet, Men's Captain

Mixed Teams

Many congratulations to all those who played for the Mixed team over the winter season in the Mixed ADLTA league.

WSTC managed to come **2nd behind** league winners Bourne TC who will be promoted as winners of the division. That said we managed to win our match with them when they visited us at West Surrey – so that is some consolation! We hope to go one better next season.

I look forward to thanking and congratulating all the players in person for their commitment at the AGM later in May, but in the meantime – well done and thanks to you all for your support over the season in the often cold and wet winter months. A really great effort and I hope you enjoyed the games.

Special mention also to Charlotte Crowther, who managed to come first in the rankings out of 87 players who played in the league over the season. Really fantastic news and well played Charlotte!

We are gearing up for the Summer Chaucer League now as we field 2 teams for the fixtures ahead in Mixed Divisions 1 and 2. Thanks in advance to those playing as we take on some larger clubs. The strength in depth of the West Surrey players is fantastic and I am sure you will all enjoy your matches and taking on the competition.

Thanks again all and let's hope the weather improves for some fun tennis over the coming (warmer) summer months.

As always, anyone wishing to get involved in the Mixed Team, please let me know.

Best wishes

Paul Dudley, Mixed Captain ■

SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Fish 'n' Chips night proved very popular on 3 February. It turned into a January survival celebration of sorts!

March saw the very entertaining Race Night play out with a full house in attendance. The club buzzed as teams gathered, cogitated on race form, mulled over the odds, and placed their bets. There was much cheering and heckling over the results, and in some cases, exasperated cries. Funny money changed hands at quite a pace and our bookie Julian did a great job of persuading the teams to part with their monopoly cash! The Donkey Plonkers trotted towards the finish line with great gusto, there was much hilarity from Blue Past You as they lost and gained and... lost their funds, Racing Demons, Galloping Greats and Donkey Kong

put up a good fight, The Shaw Thing really were so close to being a sure thing, but in the final furlong it was Red Rum who took the prize for the highest winnings at the end of the night. Thank you to all who attended and entered into the spirit of the evening.

There is one final Fish 'n' Chip night to come before the BBQ season gets underway. Other dates to note are of course the AGM in May, the Junior Tournament, Summer Finals & BBQ in June. Please note this year the finals day has changed to a Sunday. There are two Family BBQ tennis events, and another fun themed event scheduled for the Autumn. ■

Hermione Power

DATES FOR YOU DIARIES

April

Friday 21 April – Fish 'n' Chip night

May

Friday 5 May – First summer season BBQ

Thursday 11 May – AGM & Dinner

June

Sunday 25 June – Junior Tournament, Summer Finals & BBQ

November

Saturday 11 November – Fun Themed Dinner Event

TBC in the summer – Family Tennis & BBQ

