



West Surrey Tennis Club newsletter

April 2025



WELCOME TO OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER

Spring is finally here, bringing longer days and warmer weather – perfect for getting back on the court and enjoying tennis! This winter was particularly tough on our clay courts – the first time in three years they've been so severely affected. A combination of snow, frost, and temperatures plummeting to -5°C left the courts frozen, making play impossible at times.

Congratulations to our Winter Championship winners and all the players who took part in the tournament! It was fantastic to see some great tennis throughout the competition. We have published the Summer Tournament draws, and we look forward to everyone getting back on the court and enjoying the matches ahead.

With the warmer weather approaching, our popular **Friday BBQ and social tennis** will officially start in May. However, if we're lucky with some warm days in April, we may kick things off early – so keep an eye on your email or the website for updates.



It's always nice to relax with a drink, meal, tea, or coffee after a game of tennis, and the golf clubhouse is a great place to do just that. To ensure everyone has a pleasant experience, here's a friendly reminder about clubhouse etiquette and dress code:

- **No tennis rackets or large bags** – to keep the space comfortable and clutter-free, please leave your rackets and large bags outside the clubhouse.
- **No hats inside** – a small but important courtesy – please remove hats when entering.
- **Change out of sweaty attire** – if you've just finished a game, we encourage you to freshen up before heading inside.
- **Remove sand from your shoes** – please take a moment to brush off any sand before entering to help keep the clubhouse clean.

These small gestures help maintain the welcoming atmosphere we all enjoy.

Enjoy your tennis in the sunshine, and see you on the courts! ■

Kaori Morris, WSTC Chair

WSTC WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday 23 March we were treated to a feast of entertaining tennis which was enjoyed by a few spectators due to the damp and cool conditions.

Ladies Doubles

The pairing of top seeds Lena Kirby & Mel Redman had a real tussle over the second seeds Claire Marks & Jo Pearce, resulting in a 6-3 6-3 win for Lena & Mel.

Men's Doubles

James Vickers & Sam Armour overcame Paul Dudley & Nick Oldham 6-0 6-0. Unfortunately in this case the result does not reflect the exciting rallies they had and by a slim margin missed out on the important points.

Mixed Doubles

Once again this event entertained us well. Claire Marks & Phil Rivet had to perform some amazing tennis to beat Mel Redman & Ian Simpkin 7-5 6-3

Congratulations and many thanks to all finalists for some exciting tennis which kept us on the edge of our seats. ■



Mel Redman, Lena Kirby, Julie Smith (Umpire), Claire Marks & Jo Pearce



Paul Dudley, Nick Oldham, Matt Wright (Umpire), James Vickers & Sam Armour



Phil Rivet, Claire Marks, Mel Redman & Ian Simpkin

VETS ANNUAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS – SUNDAY 18 MAY

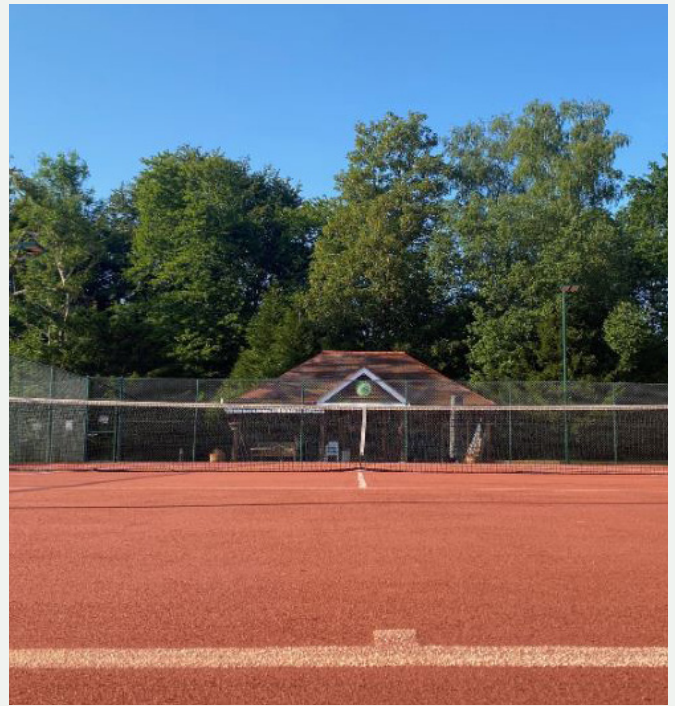
Join us for the VETS Annual Doubles Championships on Sunday 18 May. It's a chance to enjoy some friendly competition and a day of tennis with fellow tennis players.

Last year's champions, Denise Woods and Paul Taylor South, will be back to defend their title – but will they hold onto it? The event kicks off with the Friday Night BBQ & Social Tennis on 9 May, where pairings will be drawn from a hat.

For those who don't make it past round one, there's still a Plate competition and prizes up for grabs, so everyone gets at least two matches.

The tournament is fast-paced and completed in a single day, offering plenty of action and some good tennis along the way. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in this year's event – closing date for entry is Wednesday 30 April.

[Click here to enter](#) and mark the 18 May in your calendars! ■



WSTC CLUB KIT

Get ready to serve up some serious style with West Surrey's Club Tennis Kit! Whether you're hitting the court for a competitive match or a fun rally with friends, this kit has got you covered. Featuring sleek, high-performance designs and the iconic West Surrey logo proudly displayed, you'll feel like a pro every time you step onto the court.

The breathable fabrics and perfect fit ensure you stay cool and comfortable, no matter how intense the game gets. It's not just tennis gear – it's a statement! So, gear up, show off your West Surrey pride, and let the fun begin! ■

[Click here for more details](#)



WSTC SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS

If you've entered our summer championships please organise your first round matches in good time. View the draw, rules and play by dates on **[this link](#)**.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

5th, 3-4pm Teenagers Cardio Trial

12th 2-3pm Family Cardio Trial
(max one adult per teenager) – parents/relatives can join in!

14th Junior Fun Day – Under 8s 1-2pm,
Under 10s 2-3pm, Under 16s 3-4pm

Contact Coach Mike Henry to sign up
mikehenry_ws@yahoo.co.uk

May

16th AGM (details to follow)

18th VETS Annual Doubles Championships

June

22nd Summer Finals Day (Adults and Juniors)

28th West Fest

September

28th Annual West Surrey Charity Day



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