



Stoke Poges Lawn Tennis Club Newsletter (September 2023)

Welcome to the autumn edition of the all new SPLTC newsletter.

This newsletter will be distributed periodically with the aim of being a one stop read for all relevant club news and information for all our members.

If you have some news that you would like communicated to the wider club please message Emma on 07549 128548 or email emmamcmullon@gmail.com

AGM Meeting Sun 8th Oct 2023 at 4pm



Ray Horner Trophy Competition

**Fun roll up competition from
midday to 3.30pm
(Final held before AGM)**



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Team Results for 2023,

Another great year for Stoke Poges with 8 to 9 teams entered in Winter and Summer league which given the size of our club is a huge achievement



Mixed 1 - 2022/23 winter

This team play in division 1, top league.

After some very competitive tennis against clubs much larger than Stoke Poges the team finished 5th out of 7.

Great result and good enough to hold our place in division 1 this winter so well done all who played sometimes in very wet and cold conditions.

Finella

Mixed 1st Captain

Mixed 1 - 2023 Summer

Another strong team playing in Division 1. You can't get any higher so a very well done to all our team members for competing in this division. Many of our opponents have greater breadth of players, many of whom are coaches and county players so every game is a battle and we fight hard for every match.

Unfortunately, even though we fielded our best teams, we were not able to gain any wins this season, however we did come very close on many occasions. For this season we finished bottom of Div 1.

Thank you to all players who played in the winter and Summer leagues. They are Finella, Grace, Triona, Karen, Falco, Phil C, Phil N, Bernado and Frank.

Finella

Mixed 1st Captain

Winter Vets League 2022-2023 (Oct to March)

Players must be 45+ years old to be eligible to play in veterans league.

Mens 1

Div 5 - won all matches - finished 1st. Captain: Mark.

A very solid season, won 53 out of 56 sets. Most importantly 11 different players played over the course of the season.



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Winter Mens Singles 2022-2023 (Oct to March)



Mens 1

Our first entry into this singles competition, which despite the name includes 1 x doubles rubber. Div 4 - finished 2nd - promoted. Captain: Falco.

2023-24 we have entered 2 x teams (Div 3 & 4). Contact Kieran for more info

Mens 1 Summer League 2023 (Apr to Sept)

Mens 1 won div 6 winning all 7 matches in 2022 but due to league restructuring started 2023 in Div 6 but were up against teams who were in Div 4, so a promotion...of sorts. In addition, 4 players from 1st team didn't play in 2023 so it was a big change.

As it turned out it was a very close league with lots of draws and narrow wins. SP finished 2nd on 7 points with 3 draws, 2 wins and 1 loss (a 5-3 defeat). 3rd and 4th also had 7 points. 10 players played for Mens 1, 11 if you include the abandoned match, and 12 if you count Guido who was due to play 2 x matches....both postponed....so again, a great show of strength in depth.

Ladies 1 Summer League

Division 2 Captain Triona. A good season finishing second (should be promotion) of 6 teams.

3 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeat. This team consists of 6 ladies

Ladies 1 Winter League

Division 3 which is a very tight division. Stoke Poges Ladies 1 finished 4th on 27 points (first place 28, second place 28, 3rd place 27). In total 8 players represented this team.



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**2ND
TEAM**

Mixed 2 – Division 3 Captain Phil Nash

Stoke Poges 2 finished 5th of 8 with 6 points, following 2 wins, 2 draws and 3 defeats. The team consisted of 14 players for this season.

Mens 2 Winter Vets League 2022-2023 (Oct to March)

Div 6 - Drew 1, won the rest, finished 1st. Captain: Divinder

Ladies 2 Summer League 2023 (Apr to Sept)

A newly formed team in division 9 finished 5th of 6 teams winning 12 rubbers across 5 matches. 10 ladies played for this team across the course of the season.

Mens 2 Summer League 2023 (Apr to Sept)

Div 9. Won 3, Drew 3. Finished 2nd. Promotion Likely. Captain: Divinder

Mens 3rd Team Report

As always, a very enjoyable and competitive season.

We managed to field strong teams for every match with Kuba and Saf representing the club for the first time.

I thank all the players for their commitment and support.

Roger

Mens 3rds Captain



Mixed 3rd Team Report

Once again, our 3rd team delivered some excellent results, giving our opponents very complete games.

We managed to involve many new and old members giving Will his first taste of Club match play. Another important achievement was we had seven different ladies and seven men representing the team, which bodes well for the future of the Club.

Well done all!

Roger

Mixed 3rds Captain



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Social Play

Just in case you were not aware there are several daytime and evening social play opportunities throughout the week, and everyone is welcome. These are run by club members and are a great way to meet new players and improve your game, so please come along and give them a try.

Daytime social play is scheduled for:

Sundays 10 - 12

Tuesdays 10 -12

Wednesdays 10 - 1pm

Fridays 10 -12

Please remember to cancel any courts that you will not use...as early as possible.

Club nights

There are 2 dedicated evenings for organised social doubles play:
Wednesdays 6pm - 9pm is a club night organised by the Ladies Captain
Thursdays 6pm to 9pm organised by Mens Captain (Divinder 07880 786869). There are Whats App groups for both evenings (details below)

Whats App Groups are available for 'Evening Play & Drills' if you wish to be added to these groups please contact our team captains and fixture manager

Wednesday Night **Triona (Ladies Captain) on 07966 381501**

Thursday Night **Divinder (Mens Captain) on 07880 786869**

Box League

Round 4 of the singles box league is now up and running.

3 Divisions, 28 players in the mix. This finishes Dec 4th. You can still be added to current round or go on list for round 5. Contact Mark McMullon.

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A to Z

Look out for our great new A to Z which is a one stop guide for everything you need to know about the Stoke Poges Lawn Tennis Club.

This guide is available on our website and

<https://www.stokepogestennisclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/The-A-to-Z-of-SPLTC-ver-1.4-26sept2023.pdf>

Club Costs

As a club we aim to provide great facilities including ongoing court / club maintenance, new floodlights and new balls on all club evenings but as we are a self-funded club there are some additional costs over and above the membership that we ask for club members to support. These are;

Ball Machine

There is a ball machine available for use for £5. It can be booked on the court booking system. Please remember to fill out the usage log as it helps keep track of maintenance issues, new ball replacement etc. It's self-funding, so please remember to make payments after use. Please note that the balls are designed for machine use and are not to be used for general use. The machine should not be used in wet conditions.

The ball machine can be booked - remember to book a court also.



Guests

Members can bring guests for £5 per visit guest fee.

There is a guest book must which should be filled out **BEFORE** guests play, payment to be made into treasurers' box (envelopes provided) before play commences.

Please note that a guest can only play up to a maximum of 6 times per membership year (April to March).

Floodlights £2 per player per session

Match Fees £2 per player per match

Please pay by either bank transfer or leave payment in the envelopes provided



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Social

Christmas Party being planned at Wexham Park Golf Club.



Poll sent out on SPLTC Info Whats App for preferred night the choice is yours so please get voting If you are not on the group please feel free to message or email Emma McMullon.

Proposed dates

FRIDAY 15th DEC

SATURDAY 16th DEC

