

WINSTANLEY TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Dear Winstanley Tennis Club Members,

As the sun sets on another glorious summer, we're thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our Winstanley Tennis Club.

Our league teams have dazzled on the courts, showcasing exceptional teamwork and skill. The camaraderie and laughter shared during our vibrant social events have added unforgettable colours to the season.

As we turn our gaze towards the approaching winter, anticipation builds for floodlit evening matches, coaching and social gatherings in the clubhouse.

Stay tuned for an exhilarating lineup of events that promise to keep the spirit of tennis and community burning bright. Thank you all for continuing to embrace the changing seasons with us at Winstanley and being part of our community.

All the best
The Committee



TENNIS
FOR BRITAIN

Registered Venue 2022/23



YOUR LOCAL CLUB



DISCOVER TENNIS IN 2023

SOCIAL TENNIS
COACHING TENNIS
CARDIO TENNIS
TEAM TENNIS
U3A TENNIS
JUNIOR TENNIS
WE DO IT ALL



BAR AVAILABLE
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

SAT 18 NOV 2023

QUIZ Night

7:30PM TILL LATE
£7 PER PERSON
TEAMS OF 4 MAX

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WINSTANLEYTENNISCONTACT@GMAIL.COM

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CLUB COMPETITION WINNERS 2023

As the summer season draws to a close, we're delighted to look back at three fantastic annual tournaments that showcased the talent, sportsmanship, and camaraderie of our Club members.

Winstanley Shield - In a nail-biting final, Francesca and Andy triumphed with a thrilling 4-3 victory over the formidable team of Marj & Matt.

Ridout Cup - Lucy and Tim took centre stage as they clinched victory in our annual Ridout Cup Mixed Doubles Members Tournament.

Monica Clarke Plate - Grand Finale of the Summer Season!
A resounding congratulations to Lynne and John, who emerged victorious, claiming both the title and the esteemed Monica Clarke Plate.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to each and every one of you who came down to participate, cheer on the players, and make these tournaments such a memorable part of our tennis club's tradition.

And, of course, a special shout-out to Wendy Heaton and Barbara Lawton for their outstanding organisation, ensuring that these events ran smoothly and successfully. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

We look forward to many more exciting moments on the courts and the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our incredible members.



WIMBLEDON FINAL FOR AWARD

Many of our club members will recognise Benji who won the Tennis Lancashire Rising Star award last December after volunteering every Saturday for the last 3 years helping Inclusive Tennis coaching.

He has since qualified as a level 1 tennis coach and is about to finish his level 2 coaching. As a result of the award he was able to buy tickets for Wimbledon and he chose the final and what a game he got!



Sat on Centre Court near Stormzy and Emma Watson, Benji and his dad took in a classic final watching Carlos Alcaraz claim his second Grand Slam Title. Looks like a great experience well done Benji. 🏆🎾👏

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SAFETY FIRST

Recent observations have raised concerns regarding the proper closure of our facilities. It has been noticed that the Clubhouse has been left unlocked, and the entrance barrier to the car park hasn't been secured. We urge each member to take a moment before departing to double-check that all areas are securely locked. It's a small but significant step in safeguarding our Club's assets and maintaining the serene atmosphere we all cherish.

Additionally, we emphasize the buddy system – when locking up, team up with a fellow member. This ensures not only the Club's security but your personal safety as well.

Your cooperation and vigilance are vital in upholding the excellence and safety of Winstanley Tennis Club.

SUMMER LEAGUE REVIEW

As we bid farewell to another captivating tennis season, it's an opportune moment to cast a spotlight on the achievements of our esteemed teams.

The Ladies 1st team displayed their prowess, emerging triumphant as Division 2 champions. Their remarkable success is a testament to their unwavering skill and relentless dedication. Similarly, the Ladies 2nd team exhibited remarkable resilience, securing their position despite finishing second from the bottom in Division 3. These ladies have exemplified exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship, serving as a source of inspiration to us all.

In Division 5 and 7, our gentlemen's teams comfortably found themselves nestled in the middle of the table. The consistent performances across these divisions underscore the depth of talent within our ranks. It is evident that the commitment of our members ensured competitive yet enjoyable matches for all involved. Additionally, we fielded teams in Divisions 2 and 4 of the mixed league that followed the men's and ladies' competitions. Moreover, after clinching Division 3 last season, we eagerly anticipate our participation in the winter mixed doubles league this year. Finally a huge shout out has to go to over45 men's team who retained their league title this year.

Let us also extend our applause to our Junior Under-18 team, who participated valiantly in the Bolton League. Their impressive third-place finish, characterised by five resounding victories, signifies a remarkable improvement from the previous year. One of the standout features of this season was the diversity seen across various age groups and a notable number of players transitioning from our junior to senior ranks. Observing the evolution of our junior players underscores the nurturing environment fostered here at Winstanley.

Our heartfelt appreciation extends to every player, supporter, and member who has contributed to the vibrant spirit of Winstanley Tennis Club. Your unwavering passion and dedication remain the driving force behind our continued success.

As we gear up for the impending season, let us carry forth the valuable lessons and experiences garnered from this year. For detailed team standings and captivating photographs, please refer to the subsequent pages.

GENTS SUMMER LEAGUE FINAL POSITIONS

Division 3	P	W	D	L	Pts
NEWTON 1	12	11	1	0	23
NEWTON 2	12	8	0	4	16
LYMM 3	12	7	1	4	15
CULCHETH 2	12	4	2	6	10
ST HEATH 3	12	4	1	7	9
WINSTANLEY 2	12	3	0	9	6
LYMM 4	12	2	1	9	5

Division 5	P	W	D	L	Pts
NEWTON 3	12	10	1	1	21
ST HEATH 4	12	9	0	3	18
MANOR ROAD 1	12	7	1	4	15
WINSTANLEY 3	12	4	1	7	9
WIDNES 4	12	3	2	7	8
BELLINGHAM 5	12	3	1	8	7
CULCHETH 3	12	3	0	9	6

Division 7	P	W	D	L	Pts
PENKETH 4	12	10	0	2	20
GRAPPENHALL 3	12	9	0	3	18
WIDNES 5	12	7	0	5	14
WINSTANLEY 4	12	6	0	6	12
GRAPPENHALL 4	11	2	0	9	4
MANOR ROAD 2	11	1	0	10	2

LADIES SUMMER LEAGUE FINAL POSITIONS

Division 2	P	W	D	L	Pts
WINSTANLEY 1	14	11	0	3	22
GRAPPENHALL 1	14	10	1	3	21
LYMM 3	14	8	1	5	17
CULCHETH 1	14	8	1	5	17
PENKETH 1	14	8	1	5	17
WIDNES 2	14	6	0	8	12
BELLINGHAM 3	14	3	0	11	6
WIDNES 3	14	0	0	14	0

Division 3	P	W	D	L	Pts
LYMM 4	14	9	0	5	18
ST HEATH 2	14	9	0	5	18
NEWTON	14	9	0	5	18
GRAPPENHALL 2	14	9	0	5	18
CULCHETH 2	14	7	0	7	14
LEIGH	14	6	1	7	13
WINSTANLEY 2	14	4	0	10	8
LYMM 5	14	2	1	11	5

JUNIOR u18 SUMMER LEAGUE FINAL POSITION

Division 2									
Team	Played	Won	Abandoned	Tied	Lost	Points	For	Against	SetDiff
Bradshaw A	10	8	0	2	0	28	46.5	11.5	35
DL Chorley B	10	5	2	1	2	19	31	21	10
Winstanley	10	5	1	1	3	18	34	18	16
Markland Hill C	10	4	0	1	5	14	24	36	-12
Bradshaw B	10	3	0	0	7	9	20.5	39.5	-19
Lostock B	10	0	0	2	8	4	14	44	-30

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE SUMMER LEAGUE



GRAND NATIONAL EVENT 2023

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the April Grand National Event at our clubhouse.



The day was truly special, with great company and fantastic vibes. A special mention goes out to Olivia Garcia for delivering an incredible performance.

A sincere note of gratitude to all our dedicated volunteers who made this event possible.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for social events and would like to put them forward please do as events like this really add to club.

QUIZ NIGHT RETURNS

The eagerly awaited quiz night is back and set for Saturday, November 18th, 2023. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m. sharp, so arriving a tad early would be fantastic. Our bar will be ready to serve, favouring cards for payments – though cash works too, especially for the raffle at just £1 per ticket. A scrumptious hotpot will be served during the quiz break.



The cost, covering refreshments, is £7 per person. Teams of 4 are ideal, but worry not if you're short – assemble or join a team on the spot. Friends, family, and colleagues are all welcome to join the fun. Secure your spot by reaching out to us via email.

Let's make it an unforgettable quiz night! Please remember events like this really help raise extra funds to support our club.

TENNIS COURT TO CULINARY EXCELLENCE

Join us in celebrating the success of one of our own, whose journey from the tennis court to the kitchen exemplifies dedication and excellence.



In the heart of Southport's iconic seaside retreat, The Grand, a culinary luminary has taken centre stage. Colin Gannon, a seasoned maestro of the culinary arts, now graces the position of 'Director of Food' at this distinguished establishment.

Colin's journey has come full circle, tracing back to his early days at Southport College, where he first ignited his passion for the culinary world. His culinary quest has led him across the United Kingdom, as he tirelessly perfected his craft in a variety of culinary settings, spanning from the serene Isle of Man to the picturesque Channel Islands and the bustling mainland.

Throughout his impressive career, Colin has left his mark on an array of renowned establishments. Notably, his culinary creativity shone at the Red Star Hotel, where he earned the coveted three AA Rosettes, and at the charming Rampsbeck Country House in Cumbria. His culinary voyage continued northward to Glasgow's vibrant culinary scene, contributing his expertise to the esteemed One Devonshire Gardens. Colin also held the esteemed position of executive chef at the prestigious Shrigley Hall in Cheshire and made a lasting impression at the luxurious spa oasis, The Lodore Falls in Cumbria.

As Colin now brings his culinary artistry to The Grand, our club member, we can anticipate an elevated dining experience that promises to delight the senses. Join us in celebrating the success of one of our own, whose journey from the tennis court to the kitchen exemplifies dedication and excellence. Let's savour his culinary masterpieces against the backdrop of our beloved seaside town!"

If you have any stories that you feel would be good for future newsletters please feel free to share your tennis experiences or any interesting stories by sending an email to winstanleytennis_socialmedia@outlook.com

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

The success of your club is down in large part to all the volunteers who make the day to day running smooth (most of the time) and we are always on the look out for extra help. One of our members Damon recently used a volunteering day courtesy of Macphie Ltd to help out with maintenance of the lawns and general clean up of the club and clubhouse.

If you are interested in helping out or can spare a day like Damon did, please send an email to the committee at winstanleytenniscontact@gmail.com. For administrative and events-related tasks, please contact Christine Charnock Jones. For maintenance-related tasks, please contact Steve Broderick.

If you think you could help at all please get in touch with the club via email. winstanleytenniscontact@gmail.com



KEY FOBS & BOOKINGS

Just a reminder if access to the Clubhouse is what you seek, Steve Broderick is your go-to person. For just £1, you can purchase a key fob from Steve. All you need to do is drop him an email at sjbroderick@aol.com, and he'll set you up with a key fob in no time. Easy access to our Clubhouse is just an email away!

Speaking of ease, let's discuss the Clubspark booking system. It's a fantastic tool to manage your court reservations, but there's a little tip we'd like to share. The system allows you to book up to 5 courts in a week. But, if you exceed this limit, you'll encounter a message informing you that your booking has, unfortunately, hit a wall.

To ensure seamless booking, consider divvying up the court reservations between you and your opponent. Sharing is caring, after all! This approach ensures you never cross the limit and keeps the court booking experience frustration-free.

These small measures contribute to the harmonious functioning of our club and enable each of you to enjoy tennis without any hitches.



ST JOHN AMBULANCE SESSION

A big thank you to the Winstanley members who organised and attended the brilliant "Save a Life" session by our local St John Ambulance Service back in May.

The session was filled with valuable knowledge that can truly make a difference in emergency situations. Having the knowledge of CPR and knowing how to use a defibrillator can be the difference between life and tragedy.

We hope to host future events and opportunities that will further enhance our first aid knowledge.

Let's continue working together to create a community that is always ready to lend a helping hand in times of need.

SPORTSMANSHIP ON COURT

In the world of tennis, it's not just about forehands and backhands – it's about fostering a culture of sportsmanship and respect. On and off the court, good etiquette binds us as players and as a community.

Sportsmanship isn't just a show; it's a way of life that creates an enjoyable environment for everyone. From a warm handshake before the match to acknowledging a well-played point, these actions build camaraderie and mutual respect.

Off the court, small gestures like cheering on fellow players or sharing tips can make a big difference. In the end, we're not just opponents; we're a tennis family.

Let's keep the spirit alive, nurture positivity, and ensure our club is a place where every player thrives.