CLUB LIFE SUMMER EDITION 2026











Team News

Windsor Ladies have had a cracking summer of tennis! The 5 ladies teams played 25 matches in the Berkshire League this season. The weather was very hot at times and so my thanks goes to the players who saw the matches through despite the conditions.





Highlights of the season are certainly a promotion to Division 2 for our 2nd team which is very well deserved. Our 1st team will stay in Division 1 and have also had much success in the National Leagues.







A special mention for our first ladies tryouts session in April which was really well attended and enjoyed by all. It was fantastic to get everyone together, meet new members and promote participation and development within the club. We hope to be running this again at some point!





Also a huge congratulations to our Windsor LTC Women's Team for finishing 5th overall in the country at the LTA National League Finals! Being among the top 8 clubs in the entire nation was an achievement in itself—especially competing directly against full-time, professional players! Pushing through the consolation bracket and claiming 5th place shows the incredible grit, heart, and talent in this squad.

On the men’s side, we would like to say a huge thank you to Ben Hawker, who is stepping down after seven years of dedicated service to Windsor Lawn Tennis Club as the overall Men's Team Captain.
On behalf of everyone at the club, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ben for the incredible amount of time, effort, and commitment he has given over the years. His hard work has played a significant role in the continued success of our league tennis and in fostering the strong team spirit that makes Windsor Lawn such a special club.

Ben asked that the following message be shared with you all:
"Thanks to everyone who has captained each of the men's teams over the last 7 years or so - it's a commitment to organise and is needed! We are fortunate to have a full complement of 6 teams (the maximum the Berkshire League allows per club) and are also fortunate to have such a thriving base of players that getting teams out even in the depths of Winter is possible. Highlights from the first team include reaching the NPL Finals and also reaching the National League National Tier Playoff against a ludicrously strong team from Sutton. Mainly it's fantastic to see how we have younger players coming through solidly into the top teams and such a large group of players who want to compete, represent the club and build team spirit."

Those achievements reflect not only the commitment of our players and captains, but also Ben's leadership and dedication over many seasons. His enthusiasm, organisation, and encouragement have helped create an environment where players of all ages and abilities can thrive, compete, and enjoy representing the club.







As one chapter closes, another begins. We are delighted to welcome Andy McKell as our new Men's Team Captain. Andy has been a valued member of the club for many years, and we are grateful that he has agreed to take on this important role. We are confident that he will build on the strong foundations that Ben has established and continue to support our teams and players both on and off the court. Please join us in wishing Andy every success in his new position.

Ben, thank you once again for everything you have done for Windsor Lawn. Your contribution has left a lasting legacy, and we are all extremely grateful. We wish you every success for the future and look forward to seeing you around the club.





Mixed Tennis

More great results in our mixed teams this season as well! Our 1st team managed an impressive second place this season in Division 1. Some fantastic results through the season but unfortunately could not overcome Caversham 1 in a title decider.

Even though the team was lacking a lot of its usual players due to national competitions, holidays and moving away from the area, 2nd is a very respectable result.

In the mixed 2nd team, it's been great to see Inge return to competitive tennis following the birth of her baby. She is already back to her winning ways, alongside Asad, who has had an outstanding season and has really raised his level. His positive attitude and consistency have been a great asset to the team.





Continuing with their impressive start to the season, the mixed 2's finished as they began - winning! Coming top of the league, 1st in their division and gaining promotion to divison 2 for the next summer season.

Overall, it has been a season of competitive and enjoyable tennis, with some excellent performances despite the very hot weather.



It’s been a season of highs and lows for the Mixed 3s! When we won, we won convincingly, finishing the season in a well-deserved fourth place. Our game percentage was particularly impressive, ranking us second in the league despite our overall fourth-place finish. A huge thank you to everyone in the Third Team for their dedication, commitment and support throughout the season — it’s been greatly appreciated!

Vets Season Highlights:

Mens:

40 + Retained place in Div 1 for the 3rd year running. Great showing coming a strong 3rd overall in a very tough & competitive Division.



50 + Promoted back to Div 2 after a good season and some strong performances.

60 + Relegated to Div 2 and were unlucky to lose out on some close encounters.



Ladies:

50+ Came an impressive 2nd in the Division. A strong showing and commendable perfomances playing matches in the heat !

Junior Page

Huge congratulations to all our juniors who have been competing in various tournaments throughout the country. They have all achieved some fantastic results!



Grade 5 Tournaments

We are excited to be running some G5 tournaments at WLTC over the next few months. Please see below for dates, and a link/QR code at the bottom to enter

8U
5th December (Mixed)

10U
24th October (Boys)
12th December (Boys)
19th December (Girls)

11U
10th October (Boys)

12U
23rd December (Boys & Girls)

14U
24th October (Boys)
21st December (Boys)

Open
14th November (Mens Singles)

Click here to enter

Or Scan the QR code

Did you know...?

100 years ago the 1926 Wimbledon was the last one that didn't seed the top players? Also that that year saw the final appearance of the amazing Susanne Lenglen. She won her first two matches but then walked out after a row with the officials and retired from amateur tennis.

100 years ago, 1926 was the only year of the six from 1924 to 1929 that the men's final was not contested by two Frenchman. An American H.Kinsey lost in 3 sets to the remarkable Jean Borotra, who in 1985, at the age of 77, played for the 100th time in the twice yearly England v France contest that started in 1929!

The longest professional tennis match ever played lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes! John Isner and Nicolas Mahut battled over three days at Wimbledon in 2010.

The word “tennis” is thought to come from the French “tenez!”, meaning “take this!”

A tennis ball is only required to bounce within a surprisingly specific height range: 135–147 cm when dropped from 254 cm onto a hard surface.

Thank you Sandra





Sandra is stepping down from her role as Club Secretary after five years of dedicated service. On behalf of everyone at WLTC, we would like to say a huge thank you for the time, commitment and hard work she has given to the club over the years. Sandra has been an invaluable member of the committee, always willing to help and support the club in countless ways, and her contribution has been greatly appreciated. Sadly, she's also taking a short break from tennis while she recovers from an injury, but we're delighted that she hopes to be back on court with us soon. We wish Sandra a speedy recovery and all the very best, and we look forward to welcoming her back to the club in the near future.

We are currently looking for a new Club Secretary. If you are interested in the role, please contact Beci at tennismanager@wltc.co.uk.

Club Champs 2026

Congratulations to all our finalists from this years Club Championships. We had a fantastic day, filled with superb tennis, great food and even better company. Thank you to all those who participated and supported the day.

Men's Singles



Winner: Leonardo Santoro-Fergusson
Runner-up: Ben Hawker

Ladies Singles



Winner: Tatiana Turley
Runner-up: Ilona Hawker

Men's Doubles



Winner: Ben Honour-Smith & Jack Slaughter
Runner-up: Richard Bruggraber & Jack Turley

Ladies Doubles



Winner: Ilona Hawker & Karen Morean
Runner-up: Helen Barnett & Sangi Carter

Mixed Doubles



Winner: Tatiana Turley & Jack Turley
Runner-up: Sofie Woon & Jack Slaughter

Men's Singles 40+



Winner: Ben Hawker
Runner-up: Richard Bruggraber

Ladies Singles 40+



Winner: Ruth Ferguson
Runner-up: Mary-Ann Harding

Men's Doubles 40+



Winner: Richard Bruggraber & Christian Balmes
Runner-up: Julian Berry & Bikram Chopra

Ladies Doubles 40+



Winner: Sangi Carter & Sarah Runnicles
Runner-up: Helen Barnett & Liz Bojarczuk

Mixed Doubles 40+



Winner: Karen Morean & Glen Morean
Runner-up: Sangi Carter & Andy Carter

Men's Singles 55+



Winner: Bikram Chopra
Runner-up: David Usher

Men's Doubles 55+



Winner: Andy McKell & Peter Brogan
Runner-up: Andrew Bird & Russell Connor



Special thanks to our BBQ specialists - Ian & Fiona Fletcher who kept everyone fed with their fabulous cooking skills!

U12 Boys Singles



Winner: Aaryan Shinh
Runner-up: Leonidas Christofi

U14 Girls Singles



Winner: Savannah Tabares
Runner-up: Isobel Edwards

U14 Boys Singles



Winner: Hadley Sewell
Runner-up: Arnav Shinh

U18 Girls Singles



Winner: Savannah Tabares
Runner-up: Isobel Edwards

U18 Boys Singles



Winner: Zachary Munday
Runner-up: Hadley Sewell

Court Etiquette Reminder

Team matches (team players representing WLTC only) if they have not finished on time, unfortunately you will not be able to play on the court. The club allocates court time to matches but on occasion they can overrun. Please go the bar and ask a member of staff for help and to book a different court (depending on availability).

Tennis wear and tennis shoes are the only clothing permitted on court. NO - vests, jeans, dresses, football kits, marking soles.

At the **End of Your Session** you MUST vacate the court (with all your belongings and balls) by the start time of the next players' session. Please do not overrun your allotted court time.

On Court if your ball goes onto another court, wait until they stop playing until you either ask for the ball, or fetch it. Always go round the net, not over it. If you need to cross a court to get to another court, wait until the game has finished or the people playing on the court signal for you to cross - do not walk behind players if they are playing a point.

Only sports drinks or water, in sealed containers (no glass), are allowed on court, together with sports snacks. No gum should be chewed on court.

Spectators should consider players' feelings and not offer advice, adverse comments or call out during games. Speak quietly if you have to use your phone near the courts. Players should not shout or swear on court. Please act professionally and do not shout out during rallies.

Please take time to read the above these rules are to be followed by ALL members and their guests, without exception.

Update to Terms & Conditions

Please take note of a recent update to our club policies and terms and conditions which can be viewed on our website either by clicking here or by scanning the QR code.

Please pay special attention to an update with regards to all juniors under 13 - who must be supervised and under direct visual contact by a parent/guardian at all times.

Our rules and terms and conditions are in place to help keep everyone safe, ensure the club remains a welcoming and respectful environment, and make sure that every member feels comfortable, valued and able to enjoy being part of the club. We thank you for adhering to them.

We advise you take your time reviewing all documentation and club policies, and should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Beci - tennismanager@wltc.co.uk