Dorchester Tennis & Squash Club Spring Tennis Tournament 2022

In Spring 2022, we added a new event to the calendar, a Spring Tennis Tournament. This comprised unseeded Men's and Women's Doubles, with drawn for partners, alongside a resurrected Over 45s, Barbara Martin Mixed Doubles, which we hadn't held since 2015. The Spring Tournament was held between the 13th January and the 3rd April. The total number of entrants was 33, with 15 women and 18 men taking part. Finals day on Sunday 3rd April was a great success, with lovely dry and sunny, spring weather. The prizes were presented by Al Clark, DTSC Tennis Chair. The Women's Doubles and Plate both had to be played at later dates due to injury/illness.

In the **Men's Doubles**, Ellery Ford and Mark Downey defeated Adam Lawrence and Mike Williams.





Men's Doubles Finalists (from left to right) Champions - Ellery Ford & Mark Downey and Runners up - Adam Lawrence & Mike Williams.

The **Women's Doubles** final was delayed until Jul 2022 for various reasons, but was eventually played and Sarah Skidmore and Sue Warren proved too strong for Ann Williams and Claire Thomasson, winning 6-3 6-1.



Women's Doubles Finalists (from left to right) - Runner-up - Ann Williams, Champions Sue Warren & Sarah Skidmore and Runner-up Claire Thomasson

In the **Barbara Martin Over 45s Mixed Doubles**, Sarah Skidmore and Mike Williams convincingly defeated Julie Nash and Mark Downey. We hadn't held this event since 2015, so Sarah Skidmore defended her title with a different partner and has now won this event 7 times with 4 different partners.





Barbara Martin Mixed Doubles Finalists (from left to right) Champions Sarah Skidmore & Mike Williams and Runners-up Julie Nash & Mark Downey

Consolation events were held in all events and full results are listed below.

Full Results:

Men's Doubles - Mark Downey & Ellery Ford beat Adam Lawrence & Mike Williams 6-1 6-2 Women's Doubles - Sarah Skidmore & Sue Warren beat Claire Thomasson & Ann Williams 6-3 6-1 Barbara Martin Mixed Doubles - Sarah Skidmore & Mike Williams beat Julie Nash & Mark Downey 6-2 6-0

Plate Competitions:

Men's Doubles Plate - Bill Evans & Martin Kimberley beat Ed Keegan & Harald Lankisch 6-0 6-4 Women's Doubles Plate - Isabelle Mace & Julie Nash beat Ros Clark & Immi Reid 6-4 6-4 Barbara Martin Mixed Doubles Plate - Claire Thomasson & Phil Horne beat Frances & Tim Guppy 6-0 6-0

Tournament Trophies & Prizes





Spectators in the Spring Sunshine





Men's Doubles Plate Finalists (from left to right)
Champions - Martin Kimberley & Bill Evans and Runners-up - Ed Keegan & Harald Lankisch



The Women's Doubles Plate Final was played on the 16th April 2022 Finalists (from left to right) Champions - Isabelle Mace & Julie Nash and Runners-Up - Ros Clark & Immi Reid





Barbara Martin Mixed Doubles Plate Finalists (From Left To Right)
Champions - Claire Thomasson & Phil Horne and Runners-up - Frances & Tim Guppy