



DTSC FUN TENNIS TOURNAMENT - BANK HOLIDAY MON 2nd JAN 2023

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd January saw a great turnout for the first Fun Handicap Tennis Tournament of the year at Dorchester Tennis and Squash Club. A maximum turnout of 24 players of all abilities participated in this fun tournament, using a handicap scoring system. The format for the tournament is Mixed Doubles and everyone plays 3 matches with different partners, trying to win as many games as possible. The top man and woman in each group then go into the finals. The handicap scoring system levelled up the differing abilities, which led to some long, very competitive matches. After a fun, and thankfully sunny and dry day, the eventual winners were Laura Dodington and Chris Porter who won a close final against Ros Clark and Sarah Skidmore (playing as a man as we were 1 man short).



New Year's Day Bank Holiday Fun Tournament Participants Morning Group (left) and Afternoon Group (below) - note the lovely blue skies after days of rain!



	NAME		ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SETS WON	GAMES LOST	POSITION
1	Laura	Dodington	6-2	6-2	6-5	3	9	1
2	Jip	Newell	6-2	6-4	5-6	2	12	3
3	Stella	Hollis	3-6	2-6	6-4	1	16	5
4	Sue	Rippingale	2-6	6-2	6-2	2	10	2
5	Jenny	Warrack	2-6	4-6	2-6	0	18	6
6	Ann	Williams	6-3	2-6	4-6	1	15	4
7	Des / Al	Lenehan / Clark	6-3	6-2	5-6	2	11	2
8	Chris	Porter	6-2	4-6	6-2	2	10	1
9	Mike	Williams	3-6	6-2	2-6	1	14	5
10	Nick	Hollis	2-6	2-6	4-6	0	18	6
11	Keith	Mason	2-6	6-4	6-5	2	15	4
12	Stephen	Hockaday	6-2	2-6	6-4	2	12	3

Group winners were decided by the number of sets won and then the fewest games lost. Full results (above) from the morning session, where Laura Dodington & Chris Porter won.

	NAME		ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	SETS WON	GAMES LOST	POSITION
1	Val	Welch	3-6	2-6	6-5	1	17	6
2	Joy	Hennessy	6-3	5-6	5-6	1	15	= 4
3	Ros	Clark	6-5	6-5	6-4	3	14	1
4	Rebecca	Hambleton	5-6	1-6	6-3	1	15	= 4
5	Julie	Nash	6-3	6-1	4-6	2	10	2
6	Sue	Warren	3-6	6-2	3-6	1	14	3
7	Al	Clark	3-6	6-2	6-3	2	11	= 1
8	Charles	Black	6-5	5-6	6-5	2	16	4
9	Alistair	Millar	6-3	6-5	4-6	2	14	3
10	Sarah	Skidmore	5-6	6-1	6-4	2	11	= 1
11	Grahame	Bennett	3-6	2-6	5-6	0	18	6
12	John	Pengelly	6-3	1-6	3-6	1	15	5

Full results (above) from the afternoon session, where Ros Clark & Sarah Skidmore won. Sarah was playing as a man (as we were 1 man short) and as predicted she beat all the men. Although tied with Al Clark, she won more games so went through to the final.

The 4 finalists were afternoon winners Ros Clark (undefeated in the group stage) & Sarah Skidmore (who had only flown back from Australia 24 hours beforehand) vs Laura Dodington (also undefeated in the group stage) and Chris Porter who had won the morning group.

Ros and Sarah were behind for most of the match, but saved a match point at 5-6, 40 all sudden death deuce. Ros' put away volley hit the top of the net and trickled over to take the final into a tie break at 6 all. Ros & Sarah then went ahead for the first time in the match in the early stages of the tie break, but after a couple of nervy points Chris and Laura hung on to win the tie break and the tournament.



Tournament Champions, Chris Porter (left) and Laura Dodington (right), receiving their prizes from Club Tennis Chair Al Clark.



Runners-up, Sarah Skidmore (left) and Ros Clark (right), receiving their prizes from Club Tennis Chair Al Clark.



2 consolation prizes were awarded. 1 to the best spectator - Jill Maple (left). Jill was a reserve to play, but no-one dropped out. She still came along (as she always does) and supported, socialised and helped with the food and washing up (as she always does).

The 2nd consolation prize was awarded to Keith Mason (below) for the most let serves (the tournament had no let serves to speed the matches up) - not only did Keith serve the most during the day, he served 3 in one game!

