



DTSC FUN TENNIS TOURNAMENT - BANK HOLIDAY MON 1st JAN 2024

Bank Holiday Monday 1st January saw a great turnout for the first Fun Handicap Tennis Tournament of the year at Dorchester Tennis and Squash Club. After a frantic round of early morning messages and phone calls, a maximum turnout of 24 players of all abilities participated in this fun tournament, after 2 potential new members, who were using this as a trial for the club didn't turn up. Thanks very much to Ros Clark and Derek North for stepping in at very short notice to make up the numbers. Thanks also to Sarah Skidmore, Karine Sehn and Ros Clark who played as Men as we were short of Women entrants. The format for this tournament was Fast4 Mixed Doubles and everyone played 4 sets with different partners each time, trying to win as many sets as possible.

Fast4 tennis is played to normal tennis rules with the following exceptions. Each game has a deciding point deuce and as it's mixed, the receiver will always be the same sex as the server. Each set is the first to 4 games with a tie break at 3-3 (tie-breaks are first to 5 points). There are also no lets, if the ball goes into the correct service box after hitting the net, play continues, but either receiver can hit the ball.



New Year's Day Bank Holiday Fun Tournament Participants sheltering from the rain after the tournament!

Four Women and Men were assigned to each court and the Top Man and Woman on each court would then progress to the semi-finals along with a Lucky Loser Man and Woman, who were the top performers overall not to win their courts. The forecast threatened rain later, so the tennis was fast and furious to try and complete the tournament before the weather stopped the action. After a fun round robin session where everyone played a set with all the other people on their court of the opposite sex, the Top Woman and Man on Court 1 were Joy Hennessy (one of only 2 people to win all their Round Robin matches) and Derek North. On Court 2 the results were very close with 2 men and women each winning 3 sets, so the winners had to be decided by the ratio of Games Won to Games Lost. Claire Thomasson just pipped Ann Williams to become top woman and Mike Williams edged out Will Stein to become top man. Both Ann and Will were the Lucky Losers to progress to the semi-finals though as they were the only other people to win 3 of their 4 sets. On Court 3, the top woman was Sue Ramsbottom (the only other person to win all 4 sets) and the top man was Al Clark.

Results

	Name	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Sets Won	Games for	Games Against	Games %	Position
		F	A	F	A	F	A	F	A					
Court 1	Philippa Fortescue	4	0	3	4	4	0	1	4	2	12	8	1.50	2nd Woman
	Val Welch	0	4	0	4	4	2	0	4	1	4	14	0.29	4th Woman
	Joy Hennessy	4	3	4	3	4	0	4	1	4	16	7	2.29	Top Woman
	Jenny Warrack	2	4	1	4	3	4	4	1	1	10	13	0.77	3rd Woman
	Phil Horne	4	0	4	3	0	4	2	4	2	10	11	0.91	3rd Man
	Ros Clark	4	1	3	4	0	4	4	1	2	11	10	1.10	2nd Man
	John Pengelly	0	4	4	3	3	4	1	4	1	8	15	0.53	4th Man
	Derek North	4	2	1	4	4	0	4	0	3	13	6	2.17	Top Man
Court 2	Jip Newell	4	3	3	4	2	4	2	4	1	11	15	0.73	4th Woman
	Claire Thomasson	3	4	4	2	4	0	4	2	3	15	8	1.88	Top Woman
	Ann Williams	4	3	4	3	0	4	4	2	3	12	12	1.00	2nd Woman & Lucky Loser
	Jane Jones	3	4	2	4	4	2	2	4	1	11	14	0.79	3rd Woman
	Mike Williams	4	3	2	4	4	0	4	2	3	14	9	1.56	Top Man
	Sarah Skidmore	3	4	4	3	2	4	2	4	1	11	15	0.73	3rd Man
	Will Stein	4	3	3	4	4	2	4	2	3	15	11	1.36	2nd Man & Lucky Loser
	Keith Mason	3	4	4	2	0	4	2	4	1	9	14	0.64	4th Man
Court 3	Marinella Aionesei	4	3	3	4	2	4	1	4	1	10	15	0.67	3rd Woman
	Andrea Chambers	3	4	4	2	2	4	4	1	2	13	11	1.18	2nd Woman
	Sue Ramsbottom	4	1	4	3	4	2	4	1	4	16	7	2.29	Top Woman
	Lynn Ramsell	1	4	2	4	4	2	1	4	1	8	14	0.57	4th Woman
	Karine Sehn	4	3	2	4	2	4	4	1	2	12	12	1.00	2nd Man
	Alister Millar	3	4	4	3	2	4	1	4	1	10	15	0.67	4th Man
	Al Clark	4	1	3	4	4	2	4	1	3	15	8	1.88	Top Man
	Dugald Lockhart	1	4	4	2	4	2	1	4	2	10	12	0.83	3rd Man

The first semi-final was over quickly as Joy Hennessy & Mike Williams quickly and decisively beat Sue Ramsbottom and Will Stein 4-1. The second semi-final was a much closer affair, going to a tie break at 3-3, where Ann Williams and Al Clark just edged out Claire Thomasson and Derek North to win 4-3.

The final was very close with Ann Williams and Al Clark serving for the tournament at 3-2 and 40-0, but Joy Hennessy & Mike Williams managed to save 4 match points to break serve and take the match into a tie break. Joy & Mike then emerged victorious in the tie break to take the match 4-3 which meant that Joy was undefeated all day.

Tournament Champions, Joy Hennessy (left) and Mike Williams with their prizes.



Runners-up, Ann Williams (left) and Al Clark (right).



A full list of the day's match results.

Schedule

DTSC New Year's Day Fun Fast4 Tennis Tournament								
ROUND	Court 1						SCORE	
1	Philippa Fortescue	&	Phil Home	v	Val Welch	&	John Pengelly	4-0
2	Joy Hennessy	&	Ros Clark	v	Jenny Warrack	&	Derek North	4-1
3	Philippa Fortescue	&	Ros Clark	v	Joy Hennessy	&	John Pengelly	3-4
4	Jenny Warrack	&	Phil Home	v	Val Welch	&	Derek North	2-4
5	Philippa Fortescue	&	John Pengelly	v	Jenny Warrack	&	Ros Clark	1-4
6	Val Welch	&	Phil Home	v	Joy Hennessy	&	Derek North	0-4
7	Philippa Fortescue	&	Derek North	v	Val Welch	&	Ros Clark	4-0
8	Joy Hennessy	&	Phil Home	v	Jenny Warrack	&	John Pengelly	4-3
ROUND	Court 2						SCORE	
1	Jip Newell	&	Mike Williams	v	Claire Thomasson	&	Sarah Skidmore	4-3
2	Ann Williams	&	Will Stein	v	Jane Jones	&	Keith Mason	4-3
3	Jip Newell	&	Will Stein	v	Ann Williams	&	Sarah Skidmore	3-4
4	Jane Jones	&	Mike Williams	v	Claire Thomasson	&	Keith Mason	2-4
5	Jip Newell	&	Sarah Skidmore	v	Jane Jones	&	Will Stein	2-4
6	Claire Thomasson	&	Mike Williams	v	Ann Williams	&	Keith Mason	4-0
7	Jip Newell	&	Keith Mason	v	Claire Thomasson	&	Will Stein	2-4
8	Ann Williams	&	Mike Williams	v	Jane Jones	&	Sarah Skidmore	4-2
ROUND	Court 3						SCORE	
1	Marinella Aionesei	&	Karine Sehn	v	Andrea Chambers	&	Alister Millar	4-3
2	Sue Ramsbottom	&	Al Clark	v	Lynn Ramsell	&	Dugald Lockhart	4-1
3	Marinella Aionesei	&	Al Clark	v	Sue Ramsbottom	&	Alister Millar	3-4
4	Lynn Ramsell	&	Karine Sehn	v	Andrea Chambers	&	Dugald Lockhart	2-4
5	Marinella Aionesei	&	Alister Millar	v	Lynn Ramsell	&	Al Clark	2-4
6	Andrea Chambers	&	Karine Sehn	v	Sue Ramsbottom	&	Dugald Lockhart	2-4
7	Marinella Aionesei	&	Dugald Lockhart	v	Andrea Chambers	&	Al Clark	1-4
8	Sue Ramsbottom	&	Karine Sehn	v	Lynn Ramsell	&	Alister Millar	4-1
ROUND							SCORE	
SEMI-FINAL 1	Ct 1 Top Woman	&	Ct 2 Top Man	v	Ct 3 Top Woman	&	LL Top Man	
	Joy Hennessy	&	Mike Williams	v	Sue Ramsbottom	&	Will Stein	4-1
SEMI-FINAL 2	Ct 2 Top Woman	&	Ct 1 Top Man	v	LL Top Woman	&	Ct 3 Top Man	
	Claire Thomasson	&	Derek North	v	Ann Williams	&	Al Clark	3-4
ROUND							SCORE	
FINAL	SEMI-FINAL 1 WINNER			v	SEMI-FINAL 2 WINNER			
	Joy Hennessy	&	Mike Williams	v	Ann Williams	&	Al Clark	4-3