

Duffield Squash and Tennis Club Bulletin 10 June

Recovery work at the club continues and squash court 2 is now up and running. Outdoor court 6 is delayed until late June, due to the weather and slow court curing. Apologies for the delay, and thanks for your patience.

Social

[Booking is now open](#) for the **GlastoRackets** festival in June (Friday 21- Saturday 22). Our first club summer festival will combine live music, festival food and a rackathon. A family pizza supper with the Van Sloths duo on Friday evening will be followed by a chilli supper and Dammit Jack band on Saturday. Teams of 4 may join in the Rackathon, playing tennis, squash, racketball and pickleball on the Saturday afternoon. Contact James (07968058383) to join in or enter a team (can be mixed/men's/ladies).

An audience with Derbyshire and England cricketer Geoff Miller takes place on Friday 5 July. Geoff Miller is a great speaker and a Chesterfield local – [booking now open](#) on our website. This event is priced higher than usual at £25, due to the cost of this highly renowned speaker. But let's give him a warm Duffield welcome all the same.

Our last quiz before the summer break will take place on 12 July, hosted by Neil Smith. More details and booking information available soon.

You can email the social committee with suggestions for events or useful contacts. on duffsportsocial@outlook.com.

Pool

Wednesday night is pool night at the club, and we usually have 6-10 players enjoying a social game, which is not too serious. Recently we played a friendly match vs the Coach and Horses at Chester Green, winning 5-3, and we're now looking to arrange more matches and possibly a knockout league or friendly competitions at the club. For further information contact Dave Wood on woody13965@gmail.com – or just come along on Wednesdays around 7 pm.

Gym

More members are returning to use our fresh and bright facilities. However, not all rackets players realise they can use the gym on a pay and play basis – only £2 per session. It's located next to squash court 5 and is a perfect place to exercise and tone up when the rainy weather prevents outdoor play. We've had great feedback from those using it already so please give it a try. Also spread the word to your friends and family – it is the only gym in Duffield. For more information or to register, contact Grenville on 07881 265259 or gym@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk.

Squash and Racketball

After seven days of action in Birmingham, the 2024 British Open Champions are Mostafa Asal **and** Nouran Gohar. They defeated World No.1s, top seeds and defending champions Ali Farag and Nour El Sherbini in a thrilling all-Egyptian finals day at the spectacular Birmingham Rep Theatre.

Meanwhile back in Duffield, our summer league is now in full swing with all 3 teams off to a good start. Duffield 1 are the only team in action this week - away to Nottingham.

The new summer squash and racketball leagues have also started and we need more participation. Please contact Gill Ford via leagues@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk to get involved and keep your game sharp through the summer. Train like a pro starts this week – see the squash website for further details.

Tennis and Pickleball

Wednesday pickleball social sessions continue with temporary lines – come along at 2pm to learn this new, enjoyable racket sport. Thanks for your patience with the delay to court 6 refurbishment.

LTA Youth and Amazon Prime Girls Junior Coaching groups for U10s are now live to book online via clubspark. Limited spaces available due to demand. To sign up click on the link below:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/JamesGrindellCoaching/Coaching/Junior>.

On Sunday 7th July we will be running an LTA Tennis Leaders course for 11 - 16 year-olds. Any Junior looking to get involved with coaching is welcome to attend - it looks great on your future CV. Contact Head Coach: James 07968058383

It's been a solid start to the season for most of the men's teams, whereas the mixed 3rds came unstuck against a strong Woodlands side. The men's 4th team managed a 6-3 home win against Ripley 1st team, and our 3rd team also beat Ripley 8-1 a few days earlier in a rearranged match.

It was a mixed week for the ladies' teams: Congratulations to Ladies 1 who won 9-0 vs Ockbrook and Borrowash, whilst the ladies' 3rd team lost to a very strong Woodlands side. The 4ths enjoyed their evening of good weather on the grass at Rolls Royce. The final score was 6-3 to RR accompanied by the brass band rehearsing close by.

The score for our ladies' 6th team belies an epic contest which went on against David Lloyd 2 (yes, the DL 2nd team is playing our 6ths!) Most rubbers went to 9-4 or more, with close games and one loss on a tie break! We are proud of this new team, led by Dawn Kiddie and Gillian Foxcroft with a special mention to our junior members - Eadie Payne, Holly Lewis and Jess Ruck who all put up strong performances.

Finally, don't forget to use our gands@duffieldsquashclub.co.uk email to resolve your queries or make suggestions – we've had some good input and feedback in the last week but need more if we want the club to develop and improve. This is an important way to guide the Club Council.

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