

### TEAM TENNIS



Last season was one of, if not the best yet for competitive tennis across the board at Skipton Tennis Centre. A range of ages and abilities, got involved, as did new players.

This season we are pleased to say we have junior, mixed, friendly, mens and ladies teams from 1st division to 4th, so there is competitive tennis for everyone to get involved in.

April will see all matches kick start again and we can't wait to see what this season brings. If you're reading this thinking you'd like to have a go in one of the teams, come down on the 6th April to the pre-season drills session or speak to one of the coaches.

Look out for fixtures and team news on the club notice board and monthly in this newsletter!

**Go STC you've got this!**

### STC ACROSS THE POND



Many of you may already know, STC went stateside this winter to share our story and develop knowledge and skills in the tennis world. Wow we learnt so much!

Since returning the communication links have remained open and opportunities for both coaches and players look extremely positive.

Various meetings all held at the USTA National Campus and time spent with Kathy Woods - Director of Tennis, Tim Cass - General Manager and Marc Gelina who runs the Professional Tennis Management course for the

University of Central Florida, have enabled discussions and scope to hopefully work alongside the USTA in the future.

We would like to open doors in areas such as coaching CPD, internships & work experience all overseas in Florida.

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**Watch out for an exciting announcement about an international coach who has worked with both Tennis Australia and the USTA. He's flying over the pond to make an appearance at STC in June!**



### DATES

- 6 April - Pre-season drills
- 7 April - club social walk
- 15 April- Easter Camps start
- w/c 29th April - Summer term coaching starts
- 30 April - New Tennis Fast Pass starts
- 30 April - Club Wimbledon ballot

### SHOUT OUTS

- Welcome back to **Coach Ueli** after another fantastic ski season!
- To **Coach Jonny 5** who is getting married on the 18th April, we wish him and Meghan an amazing day!
- To **Coach Adam Gregory** for passing his driving test 1st time with flying colours. Watch out Skipton!

## STC IN SCHOOLS

Our schools delivery is massive in the local community and we really do pride ourselves in supporting schools in anyway we can. We are currently delivering or are about to deliver tennis & multi-sport packages in a number of schools. Lothersdale, Greatwood, Kildwick, Bradley, Kirby Malham, Water Street, Thornton in Craven, Carleton, Christ Church, Sutton CP, Cowling, St Cuthberts and Bentham will all receive weekly sessions and a number will have one off taster sessions.

If you represent a school or work in a school and would like to talk to us about any delivery please do get in touch

We have also committed to a number of free staff CPD sessions to support schools and ensure staff feel confident in delivering PE and get the most from their PE premium.



Children are invited to attend taster sessions at the club and if they discover tennis is a sport they would like to play further, we can then feed them into the weekly club coaching programme, providing a perfect club school link.

## COACH TIP OF THE MONTH



This month Head Coach Jonny gives his top tip.

When warming up for match play, the serve and return of serve is often over looked. Take your time to warm up both the 1st and 2nd serve, as well as the service return. If you have a 10 minute warm up at least half of this, if not a little more should be spent on this. Always have in mind that every point must start with either a serve or return.

For anyone on Instagram I recommend you to follow Jamie Kirkman, search jkktennis and check out some of his videos and top tips.

## IN THE COMMUNITY



### Club Sponsor

Walker Foster our club sponsor have had a fantastic month. They have been awarded The Centenary Award at Ilkley Business Awards for 100 years in business. They first started trading on the 19th March 1919. Congratulations to all at Walker Foster, here's to the next 100 years!

### The Great Craven Spring Clean

We are pleased to be supporting The Great Craven Spring Clean. This will be happening on the 6th April between 10am - 12pm in all areas of Skipton. We will be helping with the Sandylands area and would love any volunteers to join in. Craven District Council will be providing rubbish bags and litter pickers. The aim is to get Skipton looking clean, tidy and keeping plastic at bay to help protect the wildlife in Craven.

The litter collection in Skipton will be separated in to recyclables and non - recyclables, and CDC will hold a display on Skipton Market the following week, to raise awareness of the issue of littering.

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### Matthew Tancock

Whatever the weather, rain, wind, snow or hail, Matt turns up to social tennis with a smile on his face and lots of enthusiasm. If no one turns up due to awful weather conditions that doesn't stop Matt, you will see him practicing his serve. He has recently just stepped up to be Mens 4th team captain and we are sure Matt will do a fantastic job!

Well done Matt, a £50 coaching voucher is on it's way!

This is going to be a monthly feature, if you feel someone deserves a special mention please send details to [info@skiptontennis.com](mailto:info@skiptontennis.com)

## TENNIS HOLIDAY

We have put together a fantastic tennis holiday package to Orlando, Florida for the end of September 2019. The tennis is guaranteed to offer you tailored coaching with one of the most well regarded coaches in the industry, Jamie Kirkman. There will also be excellent match play opportunities with local players of a similar standard.

The price includes 2.5 hours of coaching per day, over 4 days at Lake Cane Tennis Centre. Plus a tournament and BBQ on the 5th day.

Accommodation at Vista Cay Resort for 7 nights, transport between Vista Cay and the tennis centre, plus a tour of the USTA National Campus is also in with the cost.

So what is the cost I hear you say? Price per person is £525, should you want a room of your own, there is a single occupancy surcharge of £225. If you fancy just the tennis but would like to sort your own accommodation that is fine, this is at a price of £295 per person.

Your flights to Orlando are to be booked independently.

Come along to the presentation evening at STC on Tuesday 16th April at 7pm to find out more about dates, info on accommodation, the area and of course the tennis!

**A trip to the sunshine state plus lots of tennis. What's not to love?**



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