



Sutton Lawn Tennis Club - Honorary Secretary's Report Year ended 31st of December 2023

Overview 2023

2023 was a very good year overall for the club. Gary Reeves replaced Srdjan as General Manager and Andrea Moore assumed the role of Office Manager. Both have taken to their roles very well and have become strong assets for the club in what was a very busy year.

Socially the club was revitalised with several events organised primarily by Susan Hunter. All were very well supported by members and guests.

Many parts of the Club and grounds were upgraded to give a fresher look to our club. This included the entrance area, the changing rooms and showers, as well as some outside painting and replanting.

The work on the Constitution continues and hopefully this will be brought to members for ratification in May of this year.

Many of our internal IT systems including our CCTV system were upgraded this year and much work and resources have been invested in upgrading our members interface through a new App. There will be some teething issues as members come on board, but with the support of Gary and Andrea, it is hoped that the transition will be smooth.

A significant amount of time has been devoted to ensuring that two Padel Courts are built. Thankfully, planning was secured. There was regular communication with members to explain plans and costings for the project, with two information nights before a successful EGM. Special thanks to Pat Bolger and Peter Cranny for driving this project. Padel Courts will be available to use shortly.

Squash and tennis had many notable highlights during the year as detailed below.

Winning the inaugural 'Leinster Club of the Year' is a testament to the club and represents the trojan work of both staff and volunteers. Our volunteer culture is as strong as ever and in my opinion is what makes the club extra special, so please continue to give back.

Work is still ongoing to secure a €500k sports grant for the three indoor tennis courts we have planning permission for, and it is hoped that we will hear if our application has been successful over the coming months.

Special mention to Orna Morrissey who won the Muriel Bolton Volunteer of the Year awarded by DLTC, reflecting the tireless, above and beyond contribution to our club from Orna.

Operations Report 2023

Our focus in 2023 was on the continued growth and development of the Club. Our membership stands at 2158 (Dec '23) and reflects a static and stable membership during 2023¹:

¹ Rounded to nearest percentage.



Membership Profile				
Category	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	Variance	% Change
Senior	882	859	-23	-3%
Senior Intermediate	91	76	-15	-16%
Intermediate	132	141	9	7%
Pavilion Gym	216	275	59	27%
Junior	154	137	-17	-11%
Juvenile	447	451	4	1%
Junior Academy	123	124	1	1%
Pavilion (Closed Category)	38	42	4	10%
Clubhouse	22	17	-5	-23%
Senior Overseas	17	15	-2	-12%
Senior Intermediate Overseas	2	1	-1	100%
Intermediate Overseas	2	2	0	0%
Junior Overseas	5	3	-2	-40%
Senior Country	2	3	1	33%
Senior Intermediate Country				
Intermediate Country				
Trustees	3	4	1	25%
Life Members	8	8	0	0%
TOTAL	2144	2158	14	1%

Club Staff - During 2023, we welcomed Gary Reeves and Andrea Moore to their respective roles as General Manager and Office Manager and they have fast become integral to the Club's continued success. We also welcomed new staff members Elena Bunescu, Dan Ring and Ronan Fitzpatrick to our Gym.

Club Development - The focus of Club development continues to be the development and upgrade of our facilities. During 2023, we completed the refurbishment of our changing rooms, landscaped the Club grounds and improved the outdoor amenities.



The Club also secured planning permission for the development of Padel courts and we look forward to the development of same in the coming months.

The Bar – The bar continues to be an important contributor to the Club’s finances. Many thanks to all the bar volunteers and particularly the Bar Chair Colm O’Hare who continue to provide a fantastic service.

Club Shop & Sports Med – The sports shop continues to be a fantastic onsite facility for members who are encouraged to support it as much as possible. The Sports Med team continue to offer physiotherapy services to our members weekly.

Club Communication - Our communications focus this year within the Club was to ensure that members receive the right information at the right time. We continue to update our communication systems to ensure that a streamlined service is delivered to all members.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Our junior members are a very important part of Sutton LTC and we, as a club, are committed to ensuring that the club is a safe environment for them to partake in all activities in the club.

We have two Club Children’s Officers – Sinead McKenna and John Clancy and you will find their pictures and contact details downstairs in the foyer. The role of the Club Children’s Officers is to assist the club in complying with all government legislation in relation to Child Welfare. They are also responsible for leading the implementation of Child Protection policies and procedures within the club and importantly are the contacts for staff, members and especially junior members who have any concerns within the club about child welfare. Sinead McKenna is also the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and part of that role is to receive any reports of suspected abuse from members and liaise with the relevant external agencies where necessary.

Garda vetting is required for all those who are involved with children or vulnerable adults in the club on a regular basis. This could be staff, coaches, assistant coaches or volunteers – anyone who engages with children or vulnerable adults regularly. Garda vetting is valid for three years, and when it expires the full process must be completed again.

Safeguarding Level 1 (SG1) training is essential for all those involved with children or vulnerable adults on a regular basis and also for all members of management and all staff. These courses are run online and take three hours and are valid for three years. There is then a refresher course which can be done online and is valid for a further two years and after that you must do the original course again. This means everyone can ensure they are up to date with any changes that have been made in this area. In their capacity as Club Children’s Officers both Sinead and John have completed Safeguarding Level 2 (SG2), and in her role as DLP, Sinead has also completed Safeguarding Level 3 (SG3).

Our juniors are the future of our club, and we have a duty of care to protect and look after them while they are attending activities run by the club. SLTC is committed to ensuring that the premises and its activities offer a safe place for children and with



this in mind, members should be reminded that we all need to be mindful of our behaviour towards children and in front of children while on the club premises.

Tennis Report 2023

Highlights - 2023 was a busy year for tennis with plenty of success at junior and senior level. The Club was awarded Leinster Club of the year at the awards night held in Fitzwilliam Tennis Club. Our ladies' 1sts won class 1 senior league in September for an incredible 15th time since the first running of it in 1979. Aisling O' Connor represented Ireland at the highest level making the Billie Jean King Cup team. William Kell was the standout performer on the men's side winning both the senior spring and summer club championships.

Leinster Club of the Year

The club were delighted and honoured to be awarded Leinster Club of the year for 2023. Sutton had been nominated in the "outstanding large club" category. The awards night was run by Leinster Tennis and held in Fitzwilliam Tennis Club. The award recognised the success of the club at both junior and senior level along with the running of their hugely successful opens and strong volunteer culture that is so central to our club.

Senior Tennis

Senior Club Championships

The club championships was a success once again this year, with 128 players coming down each evening to play their matches. O'Hare O'Dwyer solicitors generously sponsored this year's event once again, and the club would like to thank them for their continued support. The tournament was scheduled by men's captain Patrick Nolan, and there was a great atmosphere in the club for the evening matches, despite the best efforts of the weather to dampen spirits. 23 events were played, and all led to our 'At Home' finals day, and evening with dinner and a DJ. Congratulations to all winners and participants, and a huge thank you to all supporters.

Results

Ladies Singles Winner : Aisling O' Connor Runner Up: Jean Loughney

Mens Singles Winner : William Kell Runner Up: Rob Turpin

Ladies Doubles Winners: Una McEntee & Carmel O' Hare Runner Up: Jennifer Kell & Heidi Butler Higgins

Mens Doubles Winners: Rob Turpin & James Nolan
Runners Ups : Patrick Nolan & Conor McAvoy



Mixed Doubles: Winners: Patrick Nolan & Aisling O' Connor Runners Up: Ian Gleeson & Carmel O' Hare

Adrian Dunne Sutton LTC Senior Open -

The Sutton LTC Senior Open was held from 18th – 26 August 2023 and we welcomed a new sponsor for the event, The Adrian Dunne Pharmacy Group. We look forward to working with them to grow the event in the coming years. Thank you to Roma Hegarty, Tournament Director, and to all our volunteer members who helped contribute to the success of the event.

The 1000 point Category 1 Senior Open had an entry of 393 entries across 21 events. Our clay courts continue to attract top ranking players to the event and the tournament has maintained its position as one of the most competitive Senior tournaments in the Tennis Ireland Calendar.

The interest from our own members remained strong with SLTC players competing at all levels. Our members' support of the tournament is very important to the success of the event.

The following SLTC members reached finals:

Ladies' Championship Singles	Aisling O Connor	Winner
William Kell	Mens Championship Singles	Runner-Up
Ladies' Championship Doubles	Una McEntee & Carmel O Hare	Runner-Up
Ladies Class 2 Singles	Aisling McGoldrick Chloe Miller	Winner Runner-Up

Senior Spring Championships

Thank you to our Men's captain Patrick Nolan for running the event. We ran it as a fully scheduled event for the first time in recent years. We had a strong representation of Juniors across the finals, William Kell, Eoin Quinn and Sally Flynn all reaching championship singles finals. Barbara Reamsbottom was our ladies champion, with William Kell taking home the men's title.

Ladies' Singles Winner : Barbara Reamsbottom Runner Up: Sally Flynn

Men's Singles Winner : William Kell Runner Up: Eoin Quinn



<p>Ladies' Doubles Carmel O' Hare & Germaine Mallin Runner Up: Sinead Harte & Una McEntee</p> <p>Men's Doubles Winners: Ciaran McKenna & Brendan Mulligan Runners Ups : Tom Barry & Conor McKenna</p>
<p>Mixed Doubles: Winners: Patrick Nolan & Barbara Reamsbottom Runners Up: Ciaran McKenna & Carmel O' Hare</p>

National Senior Titles

Sutton LTC players are active at all levels of national ranking senior competition with great success:

Name	Event
Carmel O Hare	O.55 Irish Masters National Indoor Doubles Champion O.55 Irish Masters National Doubles Champion
Una McEntee	O.55 Irish Masters National Indoor Doubles Champion O.55 Irish Masters National Doubles Champion O.60 Irish Masters National Doubles Champion
Patricia Dwyer	O. 65 Irish Masters Open Doubles Champion
Heidi Higgins	O.50 Irish Masters National Indoor Doubles Champion O.50 Irish Masters National Singles Champion O.50 Irish Masters National Doubles Champion

Senior Opens outside the Club

We had a great level of participation from our members in opens around the country. Plenty of silverware was brought back to Sutton, with titles for Aisling O'Connor, Una McEntee, Tanya Murtagh, Tom Barry, Sophie O'Connor, Charlie McKeever, Ciaran McCarthy, Ben Foy, Conor McKenna

Murial Bolton Award

Orna Morrissey received the Murial Bolton award from the DLTC. The award is made annually by the Council to acknowledge someone who has made a significant contribution to the leagues as either a player or administrator. Orna was recognised by the DLTC for her work on behalf of the members of Sutton LTC ensuring the club is a strong supporter of all the leagues through the year.

Dublin Lawn Tennis Council (DLTC) Leagues

271 Ladies and Men played League across Winter, Summer, Senior and Floodlit. The league provides the chance for so many members to represent the club at their level.



The highlight of the league year was our Ladies 1sts winning the Class 1 title in senior league beating a strong Mount Pleasant team. Congratulations to Susan Hunter, Carmel O'Hare, Una McEntee, Barbara Reamsbottom, Chanelle Dunne, Jennifer Kell, Heidi Higgins.

Our Ladies 1sts also had a strong run in Winter league making the semi-finals, and our Ladies 2nds missed out on promotion to class 1 also losing a tight semi-final. On the men's side the 3rds gained promotion back to class 3 in Winter league with our Over 45 team making playoffs in their division.

Masters and Autumn Events

Our Masters Championships & Autumn events ran between October and November last year. 80 players took part across 12 events. Big thanks to our tennis committee and captains for running the event. The event moves to earlier in the year in 2024 as we aim to run this event in hopefully sunnier and warmer weather.

Enjoy Tennis - Our coaching programme for adult service users, from St. Michael's House Omni and Prosper Howth, continued throughout 2023 on Thursday mornings from 11am - noon. Up to 14 players attended each week throughout the year and in November Sutton LTC invited the Enjoy Tennis Group from Castleknock LTC to come to Sutton for a league match followed by lunch and a presentation of prizes which was sponsored by Tennis Ireland.

Thank you to Rob Turpin, Tennis Director, who runs this programme on a voluntary basis assisted by volunteers Orna Morrissey, Paula Lynskey, Odette O'Dea, Lesley Hogg, Marjorie O'Shee, and Linda Mahon.

Adult Coaching - Adult classes were run for various levels with our new coach Victoria bringing Cardio Tennis back to the programme.

Round Robins- Round robins, both singles and doubles were run monthly throughout 2023 and provided the opportunity for players, especially new members, to play others of similar levels. There is no cost to members for the round robins and prizes were awarded at the end of each month to the winner of each group. For each phase of the Round Robins in 2023 we had close to 200 entries across the singles and doubles.

Time Tennis - On Wednesday mornings at 10am Time Tennis takes place and is coordinated by Carmel Gillespie. It offers both new and established players an opportunity to meet and play tennis. The Time Tennis group, in conjunction with the Howth/Sutton Lions Club, held a coffee morning in September to raise much-needed funds for St. Francis' Hospice. This joint event in the lounge was a great community effort.

Representative Teams Selections - Sutton LTC is strongly represented in many categories of selection. Congratulations to our members selected for following teams in 2023:

Irish Interprovincial Selection Honour



Congratulations to the following Sutton LTC players who were selected for Interprovincial teams in 2023:

Name	Age Category	Province
Tanya Murtagh	Seniors	Leinster
Barbara Reamsbottom	Over 40s	Leinster
Heidi Higgins	Over 50s	Leinster
Carmel O Hare	Over 55s	Leinster
Patricia Dwyer	Over 65s	Leinster
Sean O Dwyer	Over 80ss	Leinster

Irish Team/International Selection

Sutton LTC was represented across age groups on Irish teams during 2023.

A special mention for Aisling O Connor who represented Ireland at the highest level when she was selected for the Irish Team for the Billie Jean King Cup in Lisbon in April:

Name	Irish Team Selected For
Aisling O Connor	Irish team for Billie Jean King Cup, Lisbon Irish University Team for the Master BNP Paribas University competition, Monfleurs
Tom Barry	O.65 Irish team for ITF Masters World Championships, Lisbon (withdrew due to injury)
Carmel O Hare	O.55 Irish team for Four Nations
Una McEntee	O.55s Irish team for ITF Masters World Championships, Lisbon
Heidi Higgins	O.50 ITF Irish team for ITF Masters World Championships, Turkey
Sean O Dwyer	O.85s Irish team for ITF Masters World Championships, Mallorca
Ali O Dea	Trinity team competing in HEC European Clay Court Challenge in Monte Carlo
Gavin McDonnell	Trinity team competing in HEC European Clay Court Challenge in Monte Carlo

Social Tennis

It was a packed social calendar in SLTC in 2023. Our lady captain Susan Hunter did an incredible job in bringing some amazing acts and artists to the club. Over 1200 people joined in our social events last year leading to record taking in the bar on many of the nights. 2023 saw the likes of Mundy, Paddy Casey and Colm Dawson pack out the lounge with members enjoying themselves late into the night.



Susan and Men's captain Patrick Nolan made sure there was plenty of social tennis on offer too with events throughout the year with the highlight being the Wimbledon Strawberries and Cream event.

Christmas Doubles

Our annual Christmas Breakfast Doubles took place on 28 December and consisted of two sessions of tennis followed by the traditional Fry-Up afterwards. Thank you to Michael Byrne for volunteering to run this popular annual event.

Dave O' Hare

The club was delighted to welcome Grand winning coach Dave O' Hare to the Club during the East of Ireland. Dave put on a doubles clinic for some of our top juniors along with two adult sessions.

Junior Tennis

Junior Club Championships

Junior Summer Club Champs was the highlight of the summer tennis events last year. Over 130 junior members participated throughout the week which turned out to be a great week of tennis and fun for all. There were events for all ages groups from red and orange ball events up to U18 boys and girl's events - singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Great to see Charlie McKeever and Aisling McGolderick winning the U18 singles events. Our inaugural Quinn Fair Play Trophy was awarded to Robyn Murphy.

Finals day was a huge success which culminated in our annual BBQ and prizegiving. We also had a visit from the ice-cream van on Wednesday which helped to cool everyone down on a very warm day!

Junior Club Championships dates for 2024 are 12th-16th August.

Winter, Spring and Autumn Club Champs - We ran junior championships at every holiday period through the year. Our winter champs were run with guys and girls all in the same event. Spring was a more traditional format but with our finals night under the lights over the Easter break. Our Autumn champs was a team event where players of all ages and levels joined together. In all we had over 250 entries across the 3 events.

Leinster League

Sutton entered 11 teams between the U12 and U18 sections, the most of any club. In the U12s our girls 1sts made it to the finals losing narrowly to Celbridge. Our Boys 1sts made the semis of division 2. In the U18s our boys 1sts took home the division 2 title with our Mixed team winning their section. Our boys U18 2nds also made the playoffs.

DLTC Junior League

Sutton had four U14 teams and three U18 teams compete in this league held in September. Our Boys U14 2nds were the best performers making the semifinals of Class 2.



Stars and Stripes

Stars and Stripes is a northside league that gives juniors the chance to compete for the club for the first time. 40 different players got to represent the club between U12 and U14s. Our boys u12 team won the Shield in the Autumn phase with our girls finishing runner up.

College Tennis

Ciaran McCarthy is now in his 3rd year at Holy Cross University in Indiana. The team had a fantastic season last year winning their conference and making their first ever appearance at the National Championships. Ciaran himself achieved an impressive National Doubles ranking of 24th at the end of the college season. Since September he has taken over as Team Captain.

Meaghan Butler is also in her 3rd year stateside. Meaghan is representing Arkansas Tech University. Meaghan's team were conference champions for the regular season finishing year ranked top 10 in their region. They were also the smartest team on campus with the team finishing with the highest GPA of all the Arkansas teams!

East of Ireland Junior Open

Our 2023 junior open was sponsored by MSL Park Motors Mercedes-Benz. 2023 was the second year of their five year sponsorship of the junior open and we would like to thank them for their support for the event.

265 players from clubs all over the country took part in the tournament. 2023 saw the retirement of our Tournament Director, Roma Hegarty and Committee volunteer, Odette O' Dea. The Club marked their retirement with a presentation on Finals day to mark their outstanding volunteer effort and dedication which ensured the success of the East of Ireland Junior Open at Sutton LTC over the past 10 years.

The following Sutton LTC juniors reached finals:

Girls Doubles 1000 U16	Georgia L'Estrange & Lily Aliquante (Celbridge)	Runner-Up
Girls Singles 1000 U16 Plate	Chloe Miller	Winner
Girls Singles 1000 U14 Plate	Jennifer O Connor	Runner-Up
Girls Singles 1000 U12 Plate	Emma Hickey	Winner
Girls Singles 100 U12	Anthonia Lydon	Winner
Boys Doubles 1000 U16/U18	Eoin Quinn & Liam Hickey (Celbridge)	Runner-Up
Boys Singles 1000 U12	Max Miller	Winner
Boys Singles 100 U12	Harry Weld-Moore	Runner-Up
Boys Singles 100 U14	Tim Lavin	Winner



Fitzwilliam Junior Open - The biggest tournament on the junior calendar took place at the end of the summer. Emma Hickey had a brilliant week making both the finals of the U12 Mixed and Girls doubles. Georgia L'estrage came so close to first singles final losing in three sets in the semis of the Girls U18s. Georgia also had quarter finals in the mixed and the doubles. Eoin Quinn, Sally Flynn and Charlotte Maguire also made quarter finals in their respective doubles events. Ciaran McKenna and Lucy Cahir battled through qualifying to make the main draw of the singles.

Junior Opens - Over 60 different juniors competed in junior opens all around the country over the course of 2023.

Emma Hickey made an incredible 15 finals over the year picking up titles in two of the Tour 500 singles along with two Tour 1000s doubles wins. Jennifer O' Connor also had a good year winning two Tour 1000 doubles titles. Eoin Quinn picked up titles in Waterford and Leopardstown with Gavin Murphy winning an U14 title in Ulster. Max Miller had a really strong year winning the U12 boys Tour 1000 at our own East of Ireland along with 3 other singles titles. Jacques McHugh picked up wins in Malahide and Connaught in the U12 doubles section.

National Rankings

Emma Hickey finished the year ranked number 1 in the U12 girls doubles along with reaching the top 5 in singles. Georgia L'Estrange also reached the top 5 in 2023. William Kell, Max Miller, and Lauren Wade all made the top 10. Jennifer O' Connor peaked at number 5 in the U14 Girls doubles. Eoin Quinn, Ciaran McKenna and Jacques McHugh all reached the top 20.

International Events - Eoin Quinn, William Kell, Georgia L'estrage and Lauren Wade all competed in U18 ITF events both at home and abroad with William, Georgia and Lauren all picking up their first ranking points. Emma Hickey competed at the Ten Pro event in Holland along with LTA events in England and Scotland. Lucy Cahir also traveled to an LTA event last summer.

Junior Social events

1st September 2023 - back to school tennis, pizza and magician show - 130 junior members attended the tennis, pizza and magician show. Great afternoon of tennis, fun and magic tricks from Colm Dawson. Fab afternoon and evening had by all who attended.

27th October - Halloween tennis, pizza and dress-up - 100 junior members participated in our Halloween fun dress-up event. Costumes were fab and so inventive and the enjoyment on all the juniors' faces who played was so nice to see.

15th December - Christmas Tennis and pizza - 120 junior members participated in our Christmas tennis event and as always, they had loads of fun and were impeccably behaved. Santa hats and Santa headbands were all on show that afternoon and because all the juniors were on the 'good list' everyone got a selection box.

Summer Cup

Rob Turpin had the honor of being lead coach for Girls U12 Irish Team at the Summer Cup in Brescia, Italy.

Coaching Team - A big thank you to all our coaching team for 2023. As always, our team was dedicated throughout the year to help members young and old improve



their tennis game. Our team of full time, part time and assistants in 2023: Thanks to Isobel O'Flaherty, Carlos Herrero, Tanya Murtagh, Victoria Gaidau, Brendan Mulligan, Lara Collier, Conor McKenna, Katherine Bolger, Ali O'Dea, Charlie McKeever, Ben Foy, Sarah Bolger, Sophie O'Connor and Aisling McGoldrick for the work on court through the year.

Junior Coaching - Junior coaching remained popular for all ages and levels. Over 300 kids were participating on a weekly basis from age 5 to 17. We catered for beginners right up to tournament players.

Generation Game - The Generation game ran again last year in its usual slot the day before the Junior Champs kicked off. Thanks to Ciaran McCarthy and Isobel O'Flaherty for running the day.

Saturday Matchplay & Teenage Tennis - Our Saturday matchplay was as popular as ever. Over 60 girls got involved in the sessions led by Lara Collier from 10am to 1pm. The boys matchplay has also grown this year with Charlie McKeever and more boys getting involved.

We run sessions every week in our junior programme to cater for our teenage members. The classes range from players at social level right up to those working their way onto senior league teams. Victoria is leading a group of 10 teenage girls who we hope will all get involved in ladies league this year or next. During the summer months we ran weekly sessions for any teenagers looking to play a bit more and meet members of similar age.

Schools Programme, Summer Programme & Summer Camps - Our schools programme continued in 2023. We run classes for the Burrow and St. Fintan's. Our goal over the school year is to get a racket in the hand of every kid in the school by the end of the school year.

Ciaran McCarthy was our junior steward for the summer, and he had the place packed every afternoon with happy kids playing loads of tennis. Over 200 kids signed up over the summer holidays.

SQUASH REPORT 2023

TOP SUTTON SQUASH PLAYERS WIN PROMOTION FOR IRISH SQUASH TEAM AT EUROPEANS

4 Sutton Top Squash Players helped Irish Squash to gain promotion to the premier Division at the European Team Championships. Sam Buckley, Conor Moran, Oisín Logan and Alex Smith travelled to Helsinki as part of the 5-man team representing Ireland with Irish Squash National Men's Coach Eoin Ryan and have guaranteed a place in the top division for the 2024 Europeans. This is the first time in 12 years that Irish Squash have achieved a promotion.

IRISH SQUASH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sam Buckley clinched his 3rd National Championship Title in 2024. Sam didn't drop a game in the entire event.

Breanne Flynn reached the final in similar fashion but lost to the No:1 seed in the final finishing in 2nd place.

Michael Creaven finished in 3rd place beating Conor Moran in the 3/4 play-off.



LEINSTER SQUASH LEAGUE WINNERS

Sutton entered 5 League teams into the Leinster Leagues after a long break due to Covid. We are delighted to announce that 4 teams won their respective divisions: Men's and Ladies Premier A teams, Men's Division 2/3, and Men's Div 6. The Ladies Division 1 came 4th in their group. They will now take part in The Cup Competition which is a knockout, and we look good for a strong finish.

SQUASH IN THE OLYMPICS

WORLD SQUASH has confirmed that the IOC has selected Squash for inclusion in the 2028 LA Olympic Games. What a great day for Squash. This will increase the profile of Squash across the world, and they are ready to showcase this fast skilled sport.

SENIOR SQUASH

Sutton Squash is very vibrant over all senior sections.

WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS NEW ZEALAND

Our Sutton top players once again represented Irish Squash and Sutton as they played for Ireland in the World Squash Championships in Tauranga in New Zealand.

Sam Buckley, Oisin Logan & Michael Creaven, 3 of the 4-man team fundraised to ensure cost of the entry fee and travel expenses and headed to the other side of the world to play the best players in the world. Ireland drew the No:1 seed Egypt and Malaysia in their Pool and were unlucky with the result against Malaysia, losing marginally.

The boys won their next 3 matches finishing in 17th Place. Superb Result for this very young team.

COLLEGE SQUASH SCHOLARSHIPS

DYLAN MORAN packed his bags and headed to the USA to start his college experience. The Virginia Cavaliers men's squash team is the intercollegiate men's squash team for the University of Virginia located in

Charlottesville, Virginia. Dylan has gone from strength to strength representing his college and we look forward to following his progress.

SENIOR SQUASH ROUND ROBINS

have been a great success this year. Sutton has a very vibrant section of senior players who enjoy challenges in house. We are getting increased numbers each month and we work on a promotion/relegation basis moving players around to play and meet new opponents.

MASTERS REPRESENTING IRELAND

MASTERS' HOME INTERNATIONALS DUBLIN 2023 - MO45/MO65/WO45

Niamh Darcy and Ronan Peyton represented Ireland in the Home Internationals in Fitzwilliam LTC. Eoin Ryan played on the Men's O/55 team. Always a very popular event, players from Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales gather to compete for this special title.

SUTTON'S PROFESSIONAL SQUASH PLAYERS



Sutton's Psa Squash Players can be seen training in a group twice a week under the watchful eye of Eoin Ryan, Eoin is Irish Squash Men's National Coach and works the boys through coaching and fitness and their results speak for themselves. We are lucky to have so many players of such a high standard and you are welcome to drop in to watch them train.

IRISH SQUASH SENIOR TOUR 2023/24

Our Players were out in force throughout the season and as you will see from the results they were repeatedly finishing on top. This tour determines the Teams representing Irish Squash in both Ladies and Men's sections at the European and World Team Championships. See the results below.

Curragh Senior Open 2023

Men's A Winner - Conor Moran, 4th - Michael Creaven

Mt Pleasant Open 2023

Ladies A Winner - Breanne Flynn, Men's A Winner - Sam Buckley

Munster Senior Open 2023

Ladies A Winner - Breanne Flynn, Men's A Winner - Sam Buckley, R-Up - Conor Moran

Connacht Senior Open 2023

Ladies A Winner - Breanne Flynn

Men's A Winner - Conor Moran, R-Up - Oisin Logan, 3rd - Michael Creaven, 4th - Alex Smith, 5th - Gavin L'Estrange

Ulster Senior Open 2023

Men's A Winner - Michael Creaven, R-Up - Sam Buckley, 3rd - Oisin Logan, 4th - Gavin L'Estrange, 5th - Alex Smith

Leinster Senior Open 2024

Ladies A Winner Breanne Flynn, Men's A Winner Oisin Logan

Old Belvedere PSA 2024

Men's A Winner - Conor Moran, R-Up - Dylan Moran, 3rd – Dean Dromgoole, 4th – Michael Creaven, 5th – Alex Smith

PSA CHALLENGER EVENTS



Psa Challenger events are open to all Professional Players from near and afar, there are some in Ireland and dual as Men’s and Ladies Tour Open Tournaments and some of our players travel abroad to play competitions of various higher standards. They have had great success and gained valuable points for rising the European PSA Rankings.

Conor Moran won the Alphen PSA OPEN 2023.

Breanne Flynn took 2nd place in the Schräglage PSA Open.

MASTERS SQUASH

We must not forget our Master players and they are representing Sutton all over Ireland. The Masters events are very well attended by many age groups from Over 35 to Over 75.

ULSTER MASTERS 2024

Congratulations to Ronan Peyton who won the O/45 Men’s Title and Orla Diamantino who took the O/45-50 Women’s Title.

Sean Balfe finished in 3rd place in the Men’s O/60.

MUNSTER MASTERS 2024

Sutton's Orla O’Doherty Diamantino won the Women over 50/55 at the Munster Masters.

Niamh Darcy finished in second place in the Women’s Over 35/40/45.

LADIES BEGINNER SQUASH

We continued with our Beginner and Improver ladies squash coaching on Monday and Saturday mornings, and it has been so successful. It is great to see new ladies taking up Squash as adult players. Many have started to play with their children but realise the fitness and fun effect of the game.

CONNECT ELECTRONIC SENIOR SQUASH CLUB CHAMPIONS 2023

Event	Winner	R-Up
Men’s A	Sam Buckley	Alex Smith
Ladies A	Breanne Flynn	Zoe Yeomans
Eamonn O’Reilly	Jeff Noone	Mike Kavanagh
Men’s B	Christian Dromgoole	David Dunne
Ladies B	Niamh Darcy	Emily Sweetman



Men's C	Gary Murphy	Steve Luck
Ladies C	Kate Yeomans	Nicola Pollard

Our Senior and Junior Club Championships were once again sponsored by Sutton's Sean Carty of Connect Electronics. This is invaluable to our event, and we thank Sean's commitment to supporting our Club Championships each year. It's a great week of Squash. We allow juniors of 14 years and older to take part, but they must pitch themselves against the Top players in Men's A and B and Ladies A only.

JUNIOR SQUASH

Junior Squash is going very well in Sutton. 160 are taking part in the Junior Squash Coaching Programme from Monday to Friday. Sutton juniors dominate entries in all Irish Squash Tour events and have great success.

Junior Squash "ONE DAY" Tournaments are held on Sunday afternoons and run by volunteer parents. These events have been busier than ever this year. They are a crucial part of development allowing Juniors to get a taste of competition in a fun and friendly way. We have had up to 30 entries in our U/11 and U/13 age groups from all over Leinster Squash. The standard of Squash in these events is superb and I am very hopeful for Squash going forward. Players from outside Sutton are coming to play to get a chance to compete against our players. During the Summer we introduced U/10, U/12 and U/14 age group tournaments to allow those in their first year under a given age a chance to play other juniors without a big age gap.

Irish Junior Open 2023: The Irish Squash Junior Open is one of the most prestigious Tournaments on the Irish Squash Calendar. It is a European Squash Federation sanctioned event and players from across the world travel in to participate. Sutton are so lucky to be able to host it and welcome entrants from 19 countries. There were 138 players and 46 from Sutton. Sutton's Zoe Yeomans won the Girls U/15,

Conal Jackson finished in 2nd place in Boys U/17. Christian Dromgoole and Tristan Snodgrass came 3rd in their events.

Leinster Squash Junior Closed 2024 Winners: Girls U/11 Aisling McCanna, R-Up: Faye Ring, Boys U/11 R-Up: Eoin O'Brien, Boys U/13 John Quigley, R-Up: Alec Gissing, Girls U/15 Lucy Walsh, R-Up: Rebecca Jackson, , Boys U/15 Samuel Hann, R-Up: Danny Jones, Boys U/17 Tyler Dromgoole, R-Up: Aaron Cullen, Girls U/17: Isabel Fallon, Boys U/19: Christian Dromgoole, Girls U/19: Ella Walsh, R-Up: Isabelle Kelly

Munster Squash Junior Open 2023 Winners: Boys U/11 Ridit Thapar, Boys U/15 Advik Ajay, Girls U/15 Lucy Walsh, Girls U/17 Zoe Yeomans

Connacht Squash Junior Open 2023 Winners: 4 TITLES FROM GALWAY

Conal Jackson - Winner Boys U/17, Zoe Yeomans - Winners Girls U/17, Rebecca Jackson - Winner Girls U/15, Anna Ryan - Winner Girls U/13

Eugenia Corral came 2nd in the Girls U/11, Advik Ajay came 3rd in Boys U/15, Roisin Murphy came 3rd in Girls U/11, Christian Dromgoole finished in 3rd place in Boys U/17, Lucy Walsh 3rd in Girls U/15



Ulster Squash Junior Open 2023 Winners: Boys U/11 Ridit Thapar, Girls U/15: Rebecca Jackson, Boys U/15 Advik Ajay, Boys U/17 Conal Jackson

LEINSTER SQUASH JUNIOR OPEN 2024 – RESULTS

Sutton was treated to a fabulous weekend of junior squash during this amazing Tournament. With the return of large numbers, we saw 113 players take part over 10 events from Girls and Boys U/11 to U/19.

Sutton had 3 winners. Congratulations to: Eoin O'Brien – Boys U/11 Winner, Rebecca Jackson – Girls U/15 Winner,

Conal Jackson – Boys U/17 Winner

Zoe Yeomans came 2nd in the Girls U/17, Christian was 2nd in Boys U/17, Lucy Walsh finished 2nd in Girls U/15, Ella Walsh and Tristan Snodgrass came 2nd in Girls and Boys U/19

In 3rd place were Saibh Darcy, Harry Yeomans and Zoë Sheridan

East of Ireland Open Championships 2023 Winners: Boys U/11 Eoin O'Brien, Girls U/11: Olivia Ryan, Boys U/15 Samuel Hann, Girls U/15 Lucy Walsh, Girls U/17 Rebecca Jackson, Boys U/17: Jack Darlington, Girls U/19: Ella Walsh, Boys U/19: Tristan Snodgrass

Mt Pleasant Junior Open 2023 Winners: JMO B Section: 1st Lucy Walsh, JMO E Section: 1st Luke Ryan

Leinster Squash Team Selection for Irish Squash Junior Interprovincials: Sutton LTC was well represented on the Leinster Teams in 2023 for the Junior Interprovincial.

Girls U/11: Aisling McCanna, Olivia Ryan, Siabh Darcy, Sophie Walsh, Chloe Jordan, Girls U/13: Anna Ryan, Ruth Wallace, Mai Yu, Girls U/15: Zoe Yeomans, Rebecca Jackson, Isabel Fallon, Lucy Walsh, Zoe Sheridan, Clara Eason, Girls U/17: Anna Meaney, Ella Walsh, Isabelle Kelly, Isabelle Pollard, Mixed U/19: Tristan Snodgrass, David Dunne, Joshua Kelly Boys U/11: Eoin O'Brien, Tom Leonard, Jamie Moore Boys U/13: Harry Yeomans, Michael McCanna, Danny Jones, Dannt O'Brien Boys U/15: Christian Dromgoole, Advik Ajay, Samuel Hann Boys U/17: Conal Jackson, Nathan Hann, Tyler Dromgoole

Irish Squash Team Selection 2023

U15 - Five Nations – Edinburgh

Christian Dromgoole, Zoe Yeomans, Rebecca Jackson

U15 - European Championships – Prague

Christian Dromgoole, Zoe Yeomans



U17 - European Championships – Prague

Conal Jackson, Anna Meaney

U19 - European Championships – Zurich

Dylan Moran

THE JUNIOR SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 2023: Girls U/11 Jessica Nelson, Boys U/11 Tom Leonard, Girls U/13 Anna Ryan, Boys U/13 Harry Yeomans, Girls U/15 Zoe Yeomans, Boys U/15 Christian Dromgoole, Girls U/17 Rebecca Jackson, Boys U/17 Conal Jackson, Boys U/19 Dylan Moran

3 NATIONAL JUNIOR TITLES FOR SUTTON SQUASH

Congratulations to: Conal Jackson - Winner BOYS U/17, Zoe Yeomans - Winner GIRLS U/17, Lucy Walsh - Winner GIRLS U/15.

More great finishes: Boys U/17 - 2nd Christian Dromgoole, Girls U/15 - 2nd Rebecca Jackson, Boys U/11 - 2nd Redit

Thapar (New Member), Boys U/11 - 3rd Eoin O'Brien, Girls U/13 - 3rd Saibh Darcy, Boys U/13 - 3rd Harry Yeomans, Girls U/15 - 3rd Zoe Sheridan, Girls U/17 - 3rd Isabel Fallon, Girls U/19 - 3rd Ella Walsh

EUROPEAN SQUASH FEDERATION TOURNAMENTS

PODIUM PLACE FOR ISABEL

Amazing result for ISABEL FALLON who came 3rd in the Denmark Junior Open after beating Denmark's Eline Kristensen for 11/4, 11/7, 11/2. All the hard work is paying off Isabel.

NORDIC JUNIOR OPEN 2023

Zoe Yeomans and Christian Dromgoole finished in 3rd place in their respective draws in the Nordic Junior Open Super Series Event in Malmo. Great result for our young Sutton Players.

PODIUM ACTION AT THE CZECH JUNIOR OPEN 2023

Congratulations to Christian Dromgoole who finished 3rd in the Boys U/15 Event.

2nd PLACE AT GERMAN SUPER SERIES

Christian Dromgoole finished in 2nd place in this Super Series Boys U/15 Event.

Snooker Report 2023

The Snooker committee regretfully accepted resignations from Ed O'Neill & Damien Morris from the committee in 2023 and we thank them for their service. The



present committee consists of Gerry O'Neill, Camillus Dooley & Joe Walsh who continues as Treasurer. Gerry O'Neill took responsibility for the Thursday night Blitz and Club Competitions while Tom Dwyer & Camillus concentrated on the Rover League.

The committee met preseason to discuss snooker activities. Of particular concern were the Blitz attendances which continued to be sluggish post COVID. Due to the dwindling numbers, it was decided to make some changes to the Blitz format. These changes alongside a new competition introduced to keep everyone involved to the end has had a favourable response from members and the committee is encouraged by the rise in numbers now attending.

Club competitions were resumed post COVID, and the results were as follows:

Pat McNamara Handicap Singles Trophy

Harry O'Neill beat James Bradley

Gary Morrissey Handicap Doubles Trophy

Colm O'Hare/James Bradley bt Gerry O'Neill & Mick Slattery

Bunny Carr Championship Singles Trophy

Harry O'Neill bt Gavin Fitzgerald

Luke Mahon Championship Doubles

Brian Tobin/Gordon Ireland bt Colm O'Hare/James Bradley.

Rover League winner -Gerry O'Neill

The Rover League continues to be the best supported competition among members. It provides an outlet for members to play snooker at their own level and runs right through the winter months. A Christmas lunch followed by an end of season AGM also provides members with an opportunity to meet up and socialise together. Special mention for Camillus Dooley who calculates and provides the colourful league tables at the end of each quarter.

Tentative enquiries were made with Howth Golf Club to see if we could revive past interclub competitions. The feedback was not favourable as their snooker participation had been very slow post COVID. We will watch that space and possibly try again at a later date.

Appreciations

Sincere thanks are due to all members of staff for their hard work and continued assistance to committees and members during the year. Appreciation must also be expressed to the volunteers responsible for organising and running many activities in the Club.

Honorary Secretary's Report 2023



We wish to extend our sincere condolences and express our continued support to all members and their families who have suffered bereavement or serious illness during the last year.

Maddie Grant

Honorary Secretary

8th March 2024

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