



Young blood shines through at our Club Championships!



Cathy Grehan, Club Chairperson, Ladies' singles winner Jinsu Connolly Brady and Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD

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Ladies' doubles winners, Sinead Keogh and Jinsu Connolly Brady left with Heidi Jackson and Susan Wilson right



This has been an extraordinary year for our club championships, with the men's and ladies' singles hard fought for and deservedly won by Cian Ahern and Jinsu Connolly Brady respectively. Jinsu partnered with Sinead Keogh to take the ladies' doubles on a tiebreak.

Mixed doubles runners up, Ronan Troy and Susan Wilson, umpire Maria Dowling and winners Niamh and Cian Ahern



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Finals day was a day of nail biting tiebreaks and none tighter than the mixed doubles final, where both sets were settled on a tiebreak! Well done to brother and sister act; Cian and Niamh Ahern.

Men's doubles runners up, Declan Carney and Fergal Harrington with Winners, Nikita Polakovs and Brian O'Reilly



The men's doubles was a tight contest, settled with yet another championship tiebreak. Well done to Brian O'Reilly and Nikita Polakovs.

The club Championships would not be complete without the Plate. Well done to Rachel Donovan and Brian Lee for such an emphatic victory.

Plate winners Bran Lee and Rachel Donovan , left with Chris Grootveld and Veronica Casey



Many thanks to the tournament committee:- Cathy Grehan, Maria Dowling, Sarah Cannon, Dave Heffernan, Ronan Troy and Gill Owen.



Club Championships Prizegiving BBQ



A great night was had by all! Many thanks to the Social and Development Committee (Kirsten, Gavin and David) for yet another great spread. Special thanks to Rachel and Mary for pitching in and cooking up a storm. Thanks also to Janice, Eunice, Sarah and Matt for helping out on the night. A real team effort!

Dublin Lawn Tennis Council, Senior League, Finals' Day

The club was honoured to co-host (with Lansdowne LTC) the DLTC Senior League Finals' Day on Sunday 19th October. The Finals played in Shankill were the Over 35 Class 1 Men, the Over 45 Class 2 Men, and the Over 35 Ladies Classes 1, 4, 5 and 6.



Ladies Senior O35 Class1
Winners, Carricmines

Mens Senior O35 Class1
Winners, Nass



The club welcomed four representatives of DLTC's Committee who were responsible for the administrative running of the day. Cathy Grehan and Trish O'Neill represented the Executive and co-ordinated the day from Shankill's point of view.

While it was a pity that there were no Shankill teams in the finals, there were a total of 7 clubs represented – Naas had three teams, Castleknock, Carrickmines and Mount Pleasant each had two and there was one team from each of Leopardstown, Wicklow Town and Sutton – a very diverse range. A huge amount of effort was put in by Committee and club members to ensure that the day ran smoothly and everyone should be very proud of the reaction by the DLTC officers, the players and spectators alike. They were all hugely impressed by the clubhouse and the tennis facilities and thanks are due to all the club staff (particularly Ann, Kevin and Bobby) for getting the place looking so well. Thanks also to Peter Owen, Ronan Troy and Dave Heffernan for preparing and clearing the courts.

Catering for the players was provided by Debbie Duncan, in three separate sittings and she was ably assisted by Aisling and Niamh Ahern. Sinead Ahern stepped in to help also.

The spectators were delighted by the spread of home baked goodies, tea and coffee that was provided by club members all day long free of charge and presided over by Ann Maher and Fiona Gaul, assisted by Jill Bolton, Maria Dowling and Colette Cassidy. There is no better way to represent the community spirit of the club than when asked to pull together on occasions such as this and it made a lasting impression on all the visitors, many of whom had never been to Shankill before... so a huge thanks to everyone who was involved in any way.

Junior News

Congratulations to the U17 Girls Class 2 on making it through to the SF of the DLTC league. They had a great 2/1 win over Donnybrook 1.

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Semi finals will take place on Sun. Nov. 2nd. at 3.30pm in Shankill (Shankill V Laytown Bettystown)

Hard luck to The Class 2 U14 boys & U14 girls who were narrowly beaten in the QF of the DLTC league on 19th Oct. A fantastic achievement to get to the playoffs, both teams topped their groups.

Many thanks to all those who braved the elements to support the juniors, it was great to see so many people down in the club.

Jnr. Champs 2014 commence Mon. Oct. 27th. & run to Sat. Nov.1st.

A total of 67 juniors have entered. All details relating to championships including match schedules will be available on the club website from Fri. Oct. 24th. Please note there will be a restriction on court availability due to championships, details may be attained from the office later in the week.

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Finals will take place on Sat. Nov. 1st. All members welcome to come & support on the day.

Junior supervised tennis is on going for the U8s, U10s & U12s. Please note there will be no supervised tennis during the junior championships.

Men's News

Congratulations all the players of the Class 1 Mens Team in the Over 35's League for a great performance and for reaching the semi finals of Class 1.

Congratulations to the second team for promotion and reaching the semi finals in class 3.

Men's Turkey Run commences on the 2nd November and finishes on the 14th December.

The list of all competitors is up on the notice board with the Turkey Run Rules

The Winter League sign up sheet is on the Mens section of the notice board. All players who would like to take part in the Winter League please sign up with a partner as soon as possible so Round Robins can commence. The Winter League starts at the end of January on Sunday mornings for 5 weeks.



Ladies Tennis News

Ladies Winter League 2015

Please sign up now for winter league so we can assess how many teams to put in. We would like to get some round robins played in November and December.

Derek will run some coaching sessions on Sunday afternoons in November This will be for 4x league pairs per class.

A sign-up will be put up to assess interest in the coaching sessions.

Mixed Winter Woolies

This will run from Friday 7th November to Friday 28th November 2014.

Please sign up ASAP. If you can't play then please provide a sub. There will be a prizegiving and Pizza on the last night.



Ladies Turkey Run

The Turkey run will start on Thursday 6th of November for 4 weeks starting at 10am

If you can't play then please provide a Sub. Please sign up ASAP

Ladies Christmas party

We hope to run this on Friday 12th of December - Keep an eye on the noticeboard for the sign up sheet

Social Tennis

The mixed doubles on Wednesday evenings at 8 continues to be very popular.

All new (and not so new) members on Sunday evenings at 6.

Mens tennis continues on Sunday at 10 and ladies morning is on Wednesday at 10am.

*Remember non members are welcome to these events.
A great opportunity to introduce new people to the club!*

Note from the Exec

Cost of lights

As the nights draw in, the issue of the cost of lights has been raised, with specific reference to other clubs who charge less for their lights. Additionally it has been raised that for some the only opportunity to play is at night, placing a burden on them.

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We have taken this into consideration and have decided to adjust the costs as below.

Per court, per hour	
Adults	Juniors
€6.00 (doubles or singles)	€3.00 (doubles or singles)

Please note: that in comparison to those who charge less for lights, we charge considerable less for membership. On balance, we hope we are providing much better value. We will continue to monitor the value we deliver to members and appreciate this issue being raised.

AIG Sponsorship

You may have noticed that we have a new courtside banner.

DLTC have been working closely with AIG for the past year to ensure members of the Irish tennis community get great deals on Car, Home, Travel insurance and many more offers.

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Club Development Committee Update

The tender for the Indoor Tennis centre was due to issue from DLRCC in the 3rd quarter of this year. However due to workload and resources within the Parks Department in DLRCC this has not happened.

While we are very disappointed that the Centre has not been progressed within the timescale we remain confident that the project will be completed in 2015. The planning permission and funding are in place, the DLRCC Parks team are fully committed to the project as are our public representatives. In addition the Manager's order (Env/286/2014) has been signed for the project. We will keep members advised on any further developments in relation to the Indoor Centre.

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The other issue in relation to our courts concerns the surfaces on courts 5-7. The Development and Executive Committees have agreed following advice that the surfaces need to be replaced. We will be looking at how to fund this and within what timescale to complete the resurfacing.

It has been agreed to undertake a full clean/refurbishment of the surfaces on courts 1-4 which will improve the playing performance and also help to extend their lifespans.