

Dorchester Tennis & Squash Club Annual Tennis Championships 2019

The DTSC 2019 Annual Tennis Championships saw a great day of action on Sunday 6th October in challenging sunny and windy conditions. The 2019 Championships were kindly sponsored by Pengillys who generously donated all the prizes.

In the Men's Singles, Kevin Willemse regained the title after a gap of 12 years defeating the teenager Ellery Ford in straight sets. 17 year-old Ellery and his partner Joe Chambers however got their revenge in the Men's Doubles by beating Kevin Willemse and Paul Scott in a tight 3 set match.



Sarah Skidmore, who has recently stepped down as DTSC Head Tennis Coach, was also very dominant by winning the Ladies' Singles final without losing a game to Kat Butler. Sarah Skidmore has now won the Ladies' Singles 19 times since her first victory in 1992, an incredible achievement.



In a Round Robin format, due to low entry numbers, Sarah narrowly lost out in the Ladies' Doubles, ending up as runner-up with her 16 year old partner Yas Radivojsa to Sue Ramsbottom and Joy Hennessy.



Sarah did pick up two more trophies however, by convincingly winning the Mixed Doubles with her partner Tim Button against Tim Toogood and Sue Ramsbottom. This meant that Sarah was fittingly awarded the coveted Rod Skidmore Cup, named in memory of her husband, a much missed club member and club chairman, Rod Skidmore. Sarah has now won the Mixed Doubles title 23 times since 1992 with 9 different partners!



Consolation events were held in all events and full results are listed below. The stand out match in the consolation events was the Men's Singles - a real battle of youth versus experience with 23 year-old Matt Chandler taking on the evergreen John Hobbs, a week after his 70th birthday. An age gap of 47 years! John let a dominant lead slip in the 1st set and the youngster came back to win 7-5 with some bold shot making. John however managed win the 2nd set with some tireless retrieving. The final set was a championship tie-break, first to 10 points and it was won by the veteran John Hobbs who somehow managed to outlast Matt.

DTSC Annual Tennis Championships Full Results:

Men's Singles - Kevin Willemse beat Ellery Ford 6-1 6-1

Ladies' Singles - Sarah Skidmore beat Kat Butler 6-0 6-0

Men's Doubles - Joe Chambers & Ellery Ford beat Kevin Willemse & Paul Scott 6-1 4-6 10-5

Ladies' Doubles - Round Robin format: Joy Hennessy & Sue Ramsbottom (Champions) and Sarah Skidmore & Yas Radivojsa (Runners-up)

Mixed Doubles - Tim Button & Sarah Skidmore beat Tim Toogood & Sue Ramsbottom 6-1 6-1

Men's Singles Consolation - John Hobbs beat Matt Chandler 5-7 7-6 10-7

Ladies' Singles Consolation - Felicity Quick beat Immi Reid 6-0 7-6

Men's Doubles Consolation - John Hobbs & Tim Toogood w/o Martin Kimberley & Chris Porter

Mixed Doubles Consolation - Chris Porter & Isabelle Mace w/o Al & Ros Clark



Men's Singles Runner-up: Ellery Ford

Action from the Ladies' Doubles and Singles





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Mixed Doubles Runners-up:
Sue Ramsbottom & Tim Toogood





Men's Singles Consolation Winner John Hobbs



Men's Doubles Consolation Winners
John Hobbs & Tim Toogood



Mixed Doubles Consolation Winners
Isabelle Mace & Chris Porter