

Lode Tennis Club

2023 Competition Finals

The 2023 competitions are now reaching their conclusion with 2 finals already played and 2 being played over the next few weeks.

All finals are the best of three sets with a 7 point tie break if the score reaches 6-6 in any set)

Upcoming finals

Men's Singles - will be Vishal Gokool vs George Franklin on Sunday **1st October** at 2pm

Men's Doubles - will be Paul Marriott and David Male vs Simon Fontanillas and Jeff Kempster and is on **Sunday 15th October** at 2pm.

I am sure the finalists would love you all to come along and support them!

Completed Finals

Mixed Doubles

Huge congratulations to Dave and Fran for winning the mixed doubles competition. It was a very close match with some good tennis played by all concerned. Dave and Fran won the first set 6:4. Mark and Gill levelled the match by winning the second set tie-break. At that stage everyone had been on court for an hour and a half and the temperature was climbing close to 30C. Because of the heat, a joint decision was made to decide the third set by playing a championship tie-break (10 points). Dave and Fran won that 10-5.

All 4 players were grateful to their loyal spectators for providing extra water, biscuits and umbrella cover at the change of ends! It was hot for them too.

Ladies Doubles

The Ladies Doubles Final was a hard fought match won by Sanja & Corinne who triumphed over Carol & Gill in straight sets 6:4, 6:1. The match was closer than the score line suggests with a number of games that went to deuce and lots of long rallies that were enjoyed by the loyal spectators.

Two other things to remind you about:

- a) Tuesday, 3rd October the club's AGM will be held at 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm. For details of the Agenda look on the website.
- b) You are all invited to come along to our Curry Night social evening which will be held on 25th November, at Jeff & Sue Kempster's house (19 Abbey Lane) starting at 7.30pm. It's open to everyone – not just tennis club members!

A selection of delicious curries, sides and accompaniments will be provided, you just need to bring your own favourite tippie and your scintillating company and repartee. - (Oh and we ask for a contribution of £12.50 to help cover costs, and it would be helpful if you could let us know that you are coming!).

All the best

Jeff Kempster

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