# **Lode Tennis Club 2023 Competition Finals - The Results**

The 2023 competitions have now concluded. These are the results.

## **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.

## **Men's Singles Competition**

Congratulations to Vishal Gokool for winning a very hard fought match against Toby Franklin. This was Vish's third final in three years, and he was very happy to have won one at last! Both players produced some very good tennis in a very close match (despite the appearance of the scoreline). The final score was 6:1 7:6 (7:3)

## **Men's Doubles Competition**

Jeff Kempster and Simon Fontanillas took David Male and Paul Marriott to three sets in a close two hour long match on a sunny and cold Sunday afternoon, but David & Paul ran out winners 1:6, 6:1, 6:4. Thank you to all the supporters who braved the cold!

#### Thank You's

A huge thank you to Gill Thurlby who took over the running of the competitions for 2023 and made an excellent job of making sure that it all ran smoothly.

Also - many thanks to everyone who decided to take part in the competitions this year - without you, none of this would be possible!

Look forward to seeing you all again next year!!