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Douglas LTC Newsletter



Your Tennis News

Club News

On Thursday January 30th, we kicked off the year with our Annual General Metting.

The meeting was well attended with a total of 68 members registering attendance. Six constitutional amendments were discussed, and four of them were approved by the members. These have now been implemented, and you can check them in our latest Club Constitution on our <u>website</u>.

Meet the 2025 committee:

President Mark Khalifa Vice President Pat Peate Club Capitan Stephen Blake

Vice Captain Eoghan Dinan

Treasurer Nigel Packham Secretary Audrey FitzPatrick PRO Fiona Jagla

Committee members

Emer O'Sullivan, Frank Murphy, Maria Rueda, Niamh, O'Driscoll, Sarah Hall, Tara Russell, Ursula Brown

To contact the committee, please email the club at tennisdouglas@gmail.com
Note the committee meet every first Tuesday of the month.

Winter League

Phase 1

Winter League Phase 1 started in October 2024 with most of the elimination rounds happening in 2025. We started the competition with ten teams in grades 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 and successfully had three teams qualified for the knockouts (Woo-hoo!): Grade 1 Men, Grade 2 Men and Grade 6 Women B.

Grade 6 Women B lost 4-0 in the round of 16 against a strong Larkspur team. Team: Helen Duggan, Aisling Feeney, Ruth O'Donovan, Colette O'Callaghan & Rosemary MacHale.

Grade 2 Men lost 4-0 in quarterfinals against a solid Ballinlough team. Team: Malcom Urquhart, William Haugh, Nigel Packham, Cian O'Connor, Declan Ryan, Fergal Burke & Aidan Cotter.

Grade 1 Men lost in a very close semifinal (3-2 in super doubles!) against St. Anne's team. Team: Conor Cashman, Stephen Organ, Eric Leahy & Kyle Leahy.

Well done everyone, great tennis and sportsmanship displayed! 👏





Phase II

This year Winter League Phase II changed the format to a mixed and doubles competition for grades 2 to 6. We have had great representation with seven teams: XD2, XD3 Blue, XD3 Red, XD4, XD5 Blue, XD5 Red and XD6.

Shout out to Grade 3 Blue, 4 and 5 Blue teams who qualified for the knockouts!

Grade 5 Mixed Blue lost 3-1 in the round of 32 in very close games against Clonakilty. Team: Emer O'Sullivan, Aine Foley, Sarah Hall, David Buckley & Eoin Comerford.

Grade 4 Mixed lost 4-0 in the round of 16 in very close games (three 3 setters!) against St Michaels team.

Team: Catherine Clarke, Yasmin Safar Hamidi, Emmett Fenton-Leogue, Lorcan Fenton-Leogue, Frank Murphy.

Grade 3 Blue lost 3-1 in the round of 16 against a strong St Annes team.

Team: Audrey FitzPatrick, Carol Fynn, Liz Henderson, Laurence Edgar, Marc Khalifa, Ben Kiely.

Congratulations all, fantastic tennis and next season will come back stronger! 🔥





Spring League

We had our internal Spring League Finals on Sunday March 2nd. The league started in February and was held on Sunday evenings. Special thanks to Pat Peate and Stephen Blake for organizing and running the event. Well done everyone, super tennis!





Majella O'Regan, Stephen Blake, Frank Murphy, Vinicius Silva, Therese Ni Dhuibhir

Group A Runner Ups



Stuart Murphy, Bumsuk DuPhil, Stephen Blake, Laura Humphries, Dearbhla Bradley Group B winners



Mariusz Jeon, James Lordan, Stephen Blake, Rosemary McHale, Audrey Lynch

Group B Runners Up



Stan Fanorov, Deirdre Lynch, Stephen Blake, Frances Kerrigan, Eleanor O'Driscoll

Senior Tournaments

Douglas has started the year very strong with finalists in all tournaments so far! 🛣 🦾







Sarah Farrelley 🁅 WS35 Winner 👸 WD35 Runner Up with partner Joanna Riordan

South-East of Ireland (St Annes) Masters 1000



Sarah Farrelley

WD35 Winner with partner Elodie Ruelle

👿 WS35 Runner Up



Mags O'Driscoll

WD40 Runner Up with partner Sabrina Fleming

East Cork (Lower Aghada) Singles Open 500





Frances Kerrigan T WS6 Runner up



Senior Tournaments



Eoin Comerford & David Buckley
MD5 Winners

Eoin Comerford & Emer O'Sullivan

XD5 Runners up

Aidan Cotter & Adam Higgins
MD2 Runners up



Mags O'Driscoll



Andrea Angius & Niamh O'Driscoll

XD1 Runners up



Sundays Well Masters 1000



Conor Cashman

MD30 Runner up with partner Gary Casey

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🁅 XD35 Winner with partner David Hannam

Ireland Tour

We are incredible proud of our player Sarah Farrelly who was selected to represent Ireland in the ITF World Team Championships held in Antalya, Turkey from 9 to 14 of March.

The event had 126 teams competing from every continent and Sarahs's team (W35) managed to get the 11th position defeating on their way countries like India or Sweden.

The Club had a small send off to Sarah before she left to celebrate her achievement and wish her well! Sarah, your Club is proud of your skills, commitment and love for the sport 💝









Juniors News

The last few months have been super busy for our juniors with lots of activity around the club and externally. We had teen girl ladders, squad ladders, squad hitting practice sessions for our performance squad players, a visit from Ballinlough Tennis Club for our green ball squad players (this was organised by parent Sarah Hall) and the introduction of a weekly U12 junior girl hitting session led by parents Susan Cavanagh & Ruth O'Donovan and assisted by juniors Cara O'Donovan & Orlagh Russell.



We were also very busy getting the U12, U14, U16 & U18 teams prepped for two competitions.

🙎 Carrigaline Junior Cup, started in early November and ran until finals day 23rd March.

U12 Pet Essentials Team reached the semi-finals of the cup, but lost to Ballinlough Tennis Club. Team (picture 1): Ava Aherne, Jules Bonnet, Rebecca Sheehan & Andrew Hall. Team (picture 2): Andrew Hall, Jules Bonnet, Lou Bercy & Rebecca Sheehan.

U14s reached the final and won the MCAL Cup beating Bishopstown Lawn Tennis Club. Team: Sophia Considine, Amber Wyse, Isaac Hurley & Tom Russell.

U16 KBS Cup team reached the final but unfortunately lost to Whitechurch Tennis Club. Team: James O'Regan, Danny O'Donovan, Olivia Wyse & Ava McMahon.





5 U14 MCAL Cup Winners



U12 Pet Essentials





Juniors News

Munster Junior Cup, started in January and ran for 6 weeks and featured 4 Douglas teams on finals day!

U12 Maher Cup GB team beat Crosshaven Tennis Club to win the cup final. Team: Aoibheann Wynne, Lauren McCarthy, Aidan Tobin & Nathan FitzPatrick.

U14 Cup team beat St. Michaels Tennis Club to win the plate final. Team: Isaac Hurley, Sophia Considine, Cillian O'Duill & Ava Griffin.

U16 Sunshine Cup beat St. Michaels Tennis Club to win the cup final. Team: Tom Russell, Luis Alvarez, Olivia Wyse & Amber Wyse.

U18 Cup Team beat Crosshaven to win the plate final. Team: James O'Regan, Jerry O'Donovan, Orlagh Russell & Cara O'Donovan.



UNDER 12S GREEN BALL CUP - WINNERS - DOUGLAS



UNDER 16S CUP - WINNERS - DOUGLAS



UNDER 14S PLATE - WINNERS - DOUGLAS



UNDER 18S PLATE - WINNERS - DOUGLAS

Congratulations to all our junior players, coaches, and their non-playing captains over the last number of months for all their hard work, commitment and dedication 🐧 We hope you all enjoyed the tournaments and games, we are so proud of you all representing Douglas.

Congratulations to junior Sophia Considine who was recently selected for the U14 Munster Interpro panel – amazing news & achievement!

Contact: Antoine on 0851266284 or Tara on 0868377837

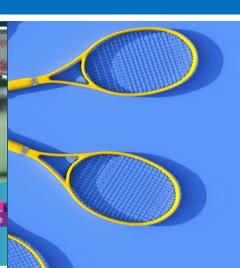
Dates to note:

- Junior coaching term 2 finishes on Friday 4th April.
- Term 3 commences Monday 28th April.
- Easter Camp with Mick & Antoine will run from 22nd 25th April.
- Junior Open runs from 22nd-28th June.

Thank you to the senior committee for their generous donation of easter eggs to all juniors!

Happy Easter Juniors!







Special Events

Come and Try Junior Tennis in Ireland

In partnership with Visions Sports Ireland, Tennis Ireland, Enjoy Tennis Ireland & Cork Sports Partnership we were delighted to welcome young players with vision impairments to our courts for an afternoon of fun and skills-building on Saturday March 1st.

It was such an amazing and enjoyable experience that we are making this as an ongoing program, and we will be hosting fortnightly on Saturdays from now on.

Massive thanks to everyone who makes this possible, the players, families, coaches, and all volunteers.

Sessions are open to all children who are blind or vison impaired and aged between 8 - 17 years. To get involved, or if anybody have any questions, please reach out to Sean on sean.moyles@visionsports.ie. We would love to welcome more participants to the programme - no experience or equipment required!











Civil Service Cup

On Sunday March 30th Douglas Lawn Tennis Club held the Civil Service Cup.

The Civil Service Cup is one of the longest running inter club competitions in Munster and recently has been run as a one-day tournament Grade 3 mixed event.

We had nine clubs competing for the cup! Ballinlough, Bishopstown, Carrigaline, Crosshaven, Douglas, Garryduff, Kinsale, St. Michaels and Sundays Well.

Congratulations to the Winners Kinsale Tennis Club & Runner Ups Tennis Club & Thanks to our Captain Stephen Blake, Vice Captain Eoghan Dinan and all the volunteers who helped running such an amazing and enjoyable event.



Club Sponsorship

Douglas Lawn Tennis Club wishes to acknowledge all its sponsors and thank each one of them for the support they give to our club. The club encourages all our members to show our appreciation by using our sponsors products and services whenever and wherever possible. Their continued support is vital, and we thank them very much. Sponsors:



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WILLOW HERB



Coming soon



Text your name and preferred time to Niamh 085-1000869





Douglas National Tour 500 Doubles 2025

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□ 07/06/2025 to 14/06/2025

OPEN 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6



Douglas Junior Tour 200

Douglas Lawn Tennis Club | Cork

□ 22/06/2025 to 28/06/2025

Junior

-12 -14 -16 -18

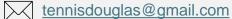


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