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**Sutton Coldfield
Tennis Club**

Welcome!

Welcome to our first newsletter, which we hope will be the first of many!

We're very conscious that there is always lots going on both on and off the courts, but we wanted to try and do better keeping you up to date with everything going on at your club. And we'd love to get your feedback to make it better and better!

We wanted to kick things off by reporting on another hugely successful club championships, which involved over 100 players from U8's to Over 55's plus a full summer season of men's, ladies and mixed tennis spanning more than 20 teams!

We've also seen padel become ever more popular and we've got some exciting news about this part of our club to share too.

Finally, there are details of a number of upcoming events which we hope as many of you as possible can join us for.

Happy reading and thanks for your continued support of your club.

Norma Honey

2023 Club Championships

As always, this was a fantastically organised event running for 3 weeks and ending in a wet, soggy but nevertheless well supported finals day on Sunday 22nd September. Thanks as always to Rory McCutcheon for keeping all the matches and players on-track, which is always hugely appreciated. And it was lovely to see his son, Spencer, make the champions roll of honour this year...maybe a future 1st team captain in the making!

And the full roll call for this year's champions is.....

Men's Champions	Ladies Champions	Junior Champions	Mixed Champions
Open Singles: Stuart Maidment	Open Singles: Amret Nijjer	U8's: Spencer McCutcheon	Open: Allan Pengelly & Giorgie Jones
Open Doubles: Allan Pengelly & Nathan Ensor	Open Doubles: Amret Nijjer & Julia Zybura	U14 Girls: Poppy Harman	Over 40's: Paul Garton & Rachel Jarrett
Over 40's singles: Stuart Maidment	Over 40's Doubles: Jo Kilburn & Karen Strachan	U14 Boys: Callum Dhami	
Over 40 Doubles: Andy Bason & Ed Stead	Over 55's Doubles: Ainsely Compton & Aine Parize	U14 Boys Doubles : Callum Dhami & Ben Murphy	
Over 55 Singles: Tony King		U18 Girls : Amret Nijjer	
Over 55's Doubles: Tony King and Phil King		U18 Boys : Charlie Styles	
		U18 Boys Doubles Charlie Style & Joseph Murphy	
		U18 Girls Doubles Amret Nijjer & Julia Zybura	



Summer League Season

After a successful 2023 season with multiple promotions across men's, women's, and mixed teams, 2024 focused on consolidation, with some standout moments:

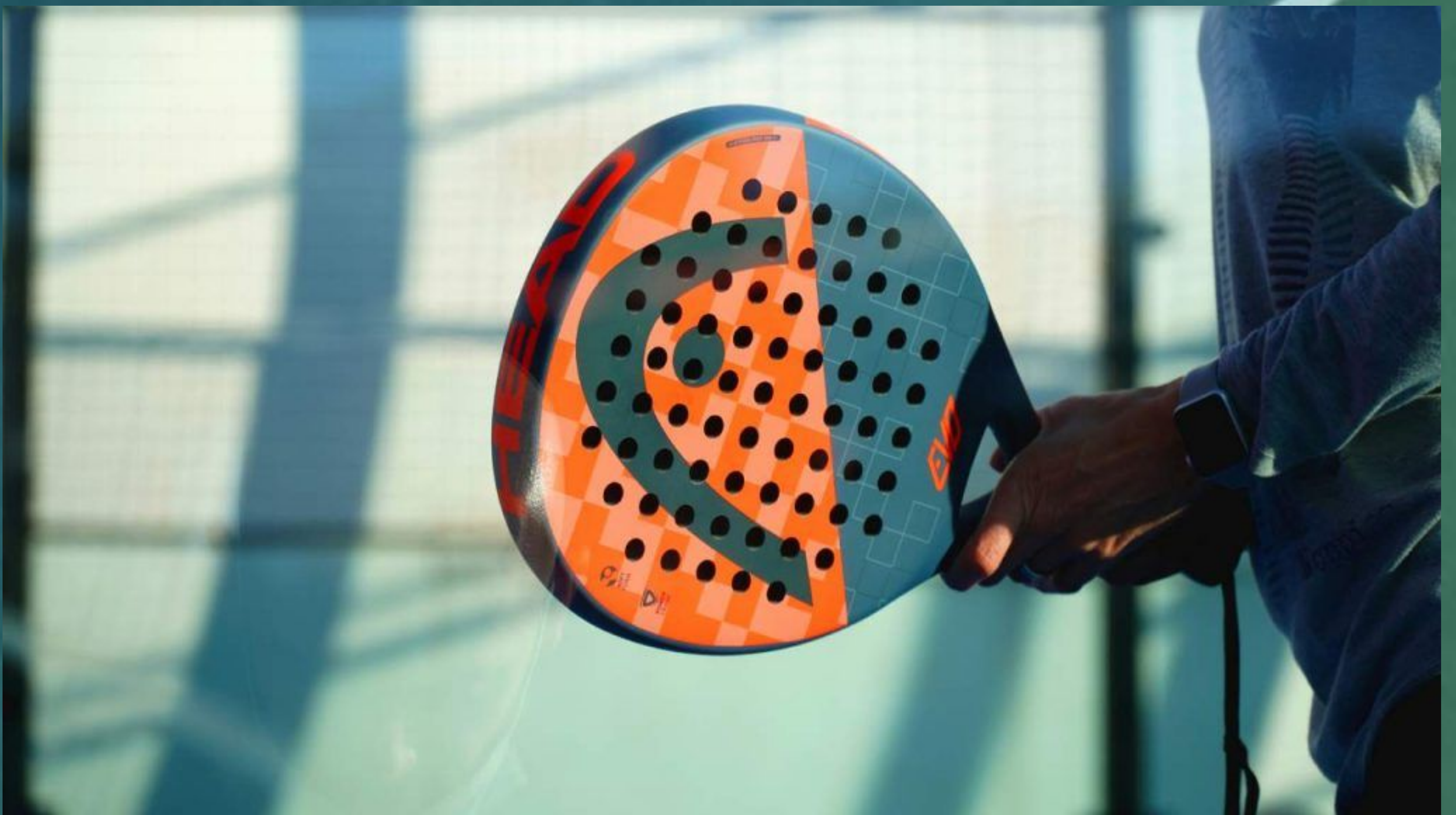
- The Men's 1st team narrowly missed the Birmingham League Division 1 title, losing to Solihull Arden in a thrilling "winner-takes-all" match in August.

However, they earned promotion back to National Division 1 with an impressive undefeated season.
- The Women's 1st team retained their Birmingham League Division 1 status, integrating new junior players. Congrats to Julia, Amret, and Christina; we look forward to their progress next season.
- The "revitalized" Men's Birmingham League 5th team, led by new captain Richard Venables, secured promotion from Division 9 with a 100% winning record and are already focussed on consecutive promotions in '25! Great job gents!
- Across the mens teams, several juniors made their senior team debuts, including Charlie Styles, Cameron Dhami, and Felix Heeks. Well done to all of them.
- We also ran a full junior league program over the summer, from U8 to U18, with SCTC always competing with a smile. For 2025 participation, contact Chris Priddle.

Interested in league tennis next season? Contact Jim Downie (Men's teams) or Ann Clews (Women's teams) to register your interest.

If you're not ready for league play yet, don't forget Rusty Rackets (7-8 pm) or Improvers (8-9 pm) on Tuesday evening. Non-members are welcome too. More details are on our website.

Finally, our Men's Over-35 team have qualified for the European Masters Club Championships for the 2nd year running. The competition will be in Turkey, November 4th-9th. The team will be Dom Honey, Tom Barton, Pete Hall, and Richard Santy. Wish them luck in this prestigious event!



Padel Patch

It's been fantastic to see how rapidly this side of our club is developing, and we're delighted to confirm we have officially sought planning permission for 3 more covered courts and we're just waiting for confirmation. Our local MP Andrew Mitchell recently visited and gave his support to our efforts.

On the playing side the men's team finished 2nd in the Midlands Premier Division..

And huge congratulations to Andy Bason, a long term club member who was selected to represent England in the recent over 50's 4 nations tournament. What an achievement!

Finally a new internal club padel league will be starting shortly. If you're interested in playing please contact Mark Penny.

Dates for the Diary!

We've got some great fun lined up at the club to help shake off those winter blues! If you want any more information about them, please contact Victoria O'Doherty, our bar manager who manages all our social events :-

Mr President 80/90's



 Nov Saturday 23rd - 19:00pm

Soul & Motown Night



 Dec Friday 6th - 20:00pm

Pop Doctors Band



 Dec Saturday 14th - 19:30pm

Junior Night Christmas Party



 Dec Friday 20th - 18:00pm



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