

RLTA Club Championships 2006



The championships were held as night-time round-robin events commencing Tuesday 26th September.

Singles

The 2006 RLTA Club Champion is Steve Parr. Steve played very cleverly to beat his younger rival Justin Schneider 6-3 in a very memorable final. Justin showed great form and courage to come from 4-0 down in the final pool match against our coach Jani Kroyherr to win 6-4 in an epic struggle to advance to the final. However, Justin simply ran out of legs against the wily Steve Parr who was in great touch with his mix of solid ground shots and perfectly weighted drop shots.



A Division Finalists Justin Schneider and Steve Parr

The B Division final was an extremely close and hard fought affair in which Austin Ward just managed to edge out Paul Whitlock in a tie-breaker just before the lights went out.



B Division Finalists Paul Whitlock and Austin Ward

Doubles

The A Division Mens Doubles final was an interesting match-up between the young guns (Janis Kroyherr and Damian Gunn) and the more mature, experienced pair of John Dunnett and Ian Somers. The road to the final was a torrid affair for both pairs with the tennis throughout the rounds of a high standard and hard fought. The final was played in front of a New York style crowd and the atmosphere on the new show court was everything we could have wished for. While it could be said that tennis was the ultimate winner, the scoreboard shows that the young guns finished ahead in the deciding break, winning 6 games to 5.



Winners are Grinners
Damian Gunn & Jani Kroyherr



And the losers can please themselves...
Ian Somers & John Dunnett with their runners-up trophies presented by RLTA Secretary-Manager Betty McCoy

The B Division Mens & Womens Doubles was something of a first at the RLTA. Many of our competitions are now run in a ranked uni-sex format and it seems somehow fitting that the B Division Doubles included both mens and womens doubles teams competing. And to top it all off, 2006 was a year for the fairer sex, with the mid-week ladies pairing of Janelle Spittle & Joanne Brooks beating Les Finney & Tony Barton 6 - 4 in a tight final.

B Division Runners-Up Les Finney & Tony Barton still smiling despite losing the battle of the sexes.



Mixed Doubles

The Mixed Doubles competition was postponed due to rain but still proved a popular competition despite the logistical problems. The A Division was dominated by the brother & sister team of Steve Parr and Janelle Spittle who, despite some very close tennis, managed to remain focused enough to win every set and every game they contested. This would undoubtedly have to set some sort of a record in RLTA club championships. John Dunnett and Lisa Webb were the runners-up in A Division, having dropped only the one set all night.

The B Division was a much tighter affair with Alex Muga and Lynley Taylor the narrow victors over Shane Keefe and Betty McCoy.