

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, *John Feerick*

Great success for Seniors Interpros

It was great to see such a great turnout last weekend for the Senior's Interpros at Castlebar Tennis Club. The standard of tennis was incredible and the people who attended were very impressed with the facilities, and hospitality. Well done to all of the organisers, and a special thanks to our own members who helped out over the weekend, and in particular to James Durkan who organised the catering etc. Westport Tennis Club also hosted some of the matches over the weekend. We were also joined by the new president of Tennis Ireland Gerry Smyth.

Next Friday evening, 22nd May, we will be making a special presentation to the trustees who have recently stepped down (Ann Tobin, John Kilkelly and Alan Hynes). Trustees hold a special position in the club and we are thankful to all of our trustees, past and present, who have supported the club since it was established. We hope to have a good turnout from members and there will be light refreshments served from 7pm.

As you know the order has been processed for the new dome and we hope to have it up for mid-August. We are also looking at other developments that will be unveiled in the coming months.



CLUB CLOTHING

Scan the QR Code to access the Castlebar Tennis Club online shop, where members can purchase branded club sportswear.

Please note that the portal will remain **open until 7th June only**, after which orders will close, so be sure to place your order in time.

There will also be opportunities over the next two weeks to try on items for sizing before ordering.

Keep an eye on the club WhatsApp groups for details of times and dates.



THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING AT CASTLEBAR TENNIS CLUB

The recent Senior Inter Pros weekend was a fantastic occasion for Castlebar Tennis Club and a wonderful showcase of what our club can achieve when members come together. Events of this scale do not happen on their own, and the success of the weekend was made possible through the hard work, commitment, and generosity of volunteers who gave their time both on and off the court.

From organising schedules and preparing facilities to welcoming players and helping with refreshments, every contribution played an important role in ensuring the event ran smoothly. Volunteering is the backbone of any successful club, and weekends like this highlight just how valuable that support is. Hosting major events brings enormous benefits to Castlebar Tennis Club. Firstly, it raises the profile of the club among tennis players and visitors from across the country. Players and supporters who visit our facilities get to experience the atmosphere, hospitality, and quality of our club firsthand. This helps strengthen Castlebar's reputation as one of the leading tennis venues in the region and encourages more people to participate in tennis locally. Events like this also provide an important financial boost for the club and helps contribute to the ongoing development and maintenance of club facilities.



Looking ahead, the club's Open Weekend will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend, and preparations are already underway to make it another memorable occasion. As always, volunteers will be essential to the success of the event. Whether you can give a few hours helping with organisation, refreshments, welcoming visitors, court supervision, or general support, your help will make a real difference.

Volunteering is not only a way of supporting the club — it is also a great way to meet fellow members, be part of the social side of the club, and contribute to the continued success of Castlebar Tennis Club. We encourage all members to get involved where possible and help make the August Open Weekend another event to be proud of.

GET INVOLVED! This newsletter is all about keeping our fantastic tennis community connected — sharing match reports, club news, upcoming events, junior updates, achievements, and plenty of photos along the way. We would love for members to get involved. If you have any match reports, stories, announcements, or great photos from club activities, please send them to pro@castlebartennis.ie and we'll include them in upcoming editions.

SENIOR INTERPRO TOURNAMENT

Sunshine, fantastic tennis, and a wonderful atmosphere were enjoyed by all at the Senior Interpros hosted by Castlebar Tennis Club. The courts were buzzing throughout the weekend with high-quality matches, while spectators soaked up the sunshine and enjoyed top-class tennis from players representing clubs across the country. Off the court, players and visitors were treated to excellent meals provided by Cara Catering, with plenty of fun, laughter, and socialising enjoyed over the course of the event, culminating in a gala presentation night on Saturday evening.

From the moment players and visitors arrived, there was huge praise for the club's facilities, organisation, and especially the warm hospitality shown throughout the weekend.

The event was a tremendous success thanks to the hard work and dedication of James Durcan and the many volunteers who gave their time on Friday and Saturday. Without their efforts and commitment, the weekend would not have been the success that it was. Also worth noting were the beautiful floral arrangements that added such a special touch to the gala evening. The flowers were kindly provided from the garden of club member Ann Canning and were beautifully arranged by Ann O'Hara. Their contribution was greatly appreciated and helped create a wonderful finish to the tables.



Bernie Bourke and Margaret Glancy, who participated and represented the club over the weekend



FRENCH OPEN SWEEPSTAKES!

Think you know your tennis?

Enter our French Open Sweepstakes and pick your champions for Roland-Garros!

How it works:

- Select 6 Men's players and 6 Women's players from the dropdown menus
- Your score is based on the combined performance of all 12 selections
- The higher your players progress in the tournament, the better your score!

Whether you're a seasoned tennis fan or just in it for fun, **everyone is welcome** to take part.

Open to Tennis Club Members & the Wider Community

Scan to Pick Your Team! ... every match counts!
Entries Close 24th May

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Final Prize Value €150
Second Prize Value €100
Third Prize Value €50
Most Aces in a Match €25

OPEN TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS
FREE ENTRY FOR EVERY 5 REFERRALS MADE!
ENTRIES CLOSE - 17TH MAY
PICK YOUR TEAM WISELY AND EARN POINTS!

SCAN HERE TO ENTER

HONOURING OUR PAST TRUSTEES

You are invited to join us in honouring the trustees that recently stepped down next **Friday, 22 May at 7.30pm.**

We will be making a presentation to; Ann Tobin, John Kilkelly and Alan Hynes to recognise their contribution to the club.

We will also be officially announcing the return of the dome. We would be delighted to see you there.

Tag us on your socials!



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PRESENTATION OF TENNIS 4 CANCER CHEQUE

James Durcan, on behalf of Castlebar Tennis Club, recently presented a cheque for €750 to Gerry Smyth, President of Tennis Ireland.

The funds were raised during a hugely successful Tennis 4 Cancer morning held at the club, with members coming together to support this very worthy cause.

Castlebar Tennis Club would like to thank everyone who contributed and helped make the event such a success.



PRESENTATION TO GERRY SMYTH - PRESIDENT OF TENNIS IRELAND



John Feerick, Chairman of Castlebar Tennis Club, recently presented a gift to Gerry Smyth, President of Tennis Ireland, in recognition of his recent appointment to the role.

Castlebar Tennis Club extends its congratulations to Gerry and wishes him every success in his presidency.



JUNIOR RESULTS

Eoghan Jennings has been taking a well-earned break to focus on his exams and will be back in action soon.

Huge congratulations to Frank Jennings on his victory at the T500 tournament in Claremorris. It has also been great to see Lauren Dunne back in action, winning the T500 in Claremorris and reaching the final of the T500 in Mullingar.

A special mention as well to all of our junior members who have represented the club at tournaments across the country in recent weeks.

Finally, we are really looking forward to hosting our flagship junior tournament from June 19th to 21st.



TRY TENNIS

Well done to all our Try Tennis members who completed an enjoyable 4 weeks of coaching led by Jan.

We're delighted to welcome 11 new members who are continuing on with us for the next 8-week phase.

Be sure to say hello if you see them on the courts on Thursday evenings, where they'll be honing their newly learned skills through doubles matches and plenty of fun tennis.

This week also marks the start of their very own Beginners Ladder League, adding some friendly competition to help build confidence, improve match play, and keep everyone progressing.

Best of luck to all involved!



WEEKLY!

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES every Friday from 8pm!

If you'd like to play, simply join the group by scanning the QR code below. A poll will be posted every Thursday where you can confirm your availability. Teams and court allocations will be shared on Friday evening.

This group is open to all members of all levels. It's about enjoying meeting different members to play with, while also getting in some great competitive tennis.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your **Lady Captain, Fiona McHugh** – 085 7145832.



MIXED SINGLES LADDER

With just over six weeks remaining in the tennis ladder, there's still plenty of time for players to climb the rankings and make their mark. The competition has been lively so far, with strong performances across the board, but it's clear that the more matches you play, the more opportunities you have to build up valuable points.

Whether you're chasing the top spots or looking to improve your position, now is the time to get those games organised. We'll be sharing more details soon on a proposed finals day to end the Tournament so stay active and keep the matches coming!

Here are the top 5 players ranked by points from your tennis ladder as of 15/05



Sarah Flood
353 points



Derek Byrne
213 points



Stephen Lennon
212 points



Gina Gaffney
201 points



Redmond Cabot
196 points

CASTLEBAR TENNIS CLUB COACHING UPDATE

Junior coaching continues to run Monday to Friday until the end of June.

We will also be running inclusive Summer Camps throughout the month of July. Full details will be posted on our social media channels and circulated through local schools in the coming weeks. Please note: Summer Camps are open to both members and non-members.

St. Anthony's School has recently been working with Coach Jan through funding provided by Tennis Ireland.

It has also been fantastic to see so many local schools making use of the club recently, including Parke, St. Gerald's, Davitt College, Achill, and Scoil Rairteirí.

2026 CASTLEBAR TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE

President: Paul Gavin; **Chairperson:** John Feerick; **Vice-Chair:** James Durkan; **Secretary:** Anne Canning; **Treasurer:** Noreen Mc Namee; **Men's Captain:** Stephen Lennon; **Ladies Captain:** Fiona Mc Hugh; **PRO:** Sarah Flood; **Additional Committee Members:** Katrina Conlon; Alma Egan; John Greenan; Tony Mannion; Paul Meldrum; John O'Malley