

## DPTC Summer League 2017 – Congratulations to our Teams!!

The club entered teams in the Dublin Lawn Tennis Council (DLTC) Summer League for the first time in May 2017. Over 70 clubs compete in the league and every match is highly competitive. The matches are played over the months of May and June and each tie consists of three singles matches and two doubles matches.

DPTC played in Division 7 of the Men's and Ladies leagues. The ladies topped their group with wins over Skerries, Charleville, Glasnevin, Swords and Rathmines. This record put the DPTC ladies into the playoffs. The ladies went on the road to play Greystones in the last 16 match and came home with a fantastic 3-2 win. It was then onto quarter finals for a home match against Sandycove. In 26 -28 degree temperatures the team pulled off another exciting 3-2 win. The semi-final match was played in Donabate on 23-6-17 against Clontarf Parish in front of a large crowd of supporters from both clubs. Once again the local girls won 3-2 in a very even contest. On to the final on 24-6-17 which took place at the neutral venue of Castleknock Tennis Club. This time the opposition were a bit more experienced and Fitzwilliam took the honours by 3-2 in a very tightly contested final.

So ended a great campaign of nine matches and a record of eight wins and one defeat. The squad members were: Captain Ruth Brown, Una Walsh, Brefni Tiernan, Karen Kelly, Riika Sonninen, Samantha Culleton, Mary Mc Carthy, Aine Hand, Caroline Halpin and Orla O'Loughlin.

The Men's team came second in their group with wins over County Wicklow, Blackrock, Terenure CYM and Carrickmines. The lads lost out 3-2 in the top of the table clash against Ratoath. Qualifying in second place meant that the team had to go on the road for all the payoff games. Undeterred the boys powered through the knockout stages with superb wins over Sandycove, Sports Co and Clontarf to reach the final on 24-6-17. The final was scheduled for the same venue as the ladies team in Castleknock Tennis Club. Unfortunately the team narrowly went down again to Ratoath by 3-2.

Another great campaign: seven wins and just two defeats. The squad members included: James Garcia, Shane Malone, Conor Reynolds, Jonathan Byrne, Hugh O'Loughlin, Andre Bastas, Ryan Farrelly, Tom Laforgue, John Mc Fadden, Ken Jinks, Koketso Sejoie and Captain Fantastic Stephen Murtagh.

Both DPTC Men's and Ladies teams are now promoted to Division 6 for Summer League 2018.

Summary of Play from Robbie Harrold, DPTC Chairman

