

YLTC 2024 NEWSLETTER



Here's what has happened at our club in recent months and what's to come!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB CHAIRMAN PADDY CORKERY



Hi Everyone,

As we look back on 2024, I want to express our gratitude for the incredible success we've achieved at YLTC, all thanks to you, our members. Here are a few highlights from the year:

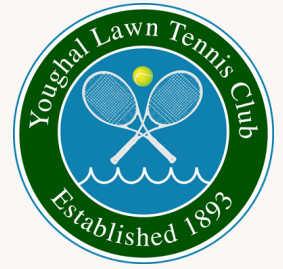
- Our membership has grown significantly, and it's great to see the increased activity on the courts. A special shoutout to all our players who participated in the open weeks—congratulations to those who won and moved up a grade!
- We're thrilled to welcome Shannon to our coaching team. Alongside Michael, Shannon will be helping us cater to our expanding junior program. We now offer junior lessons three times a week!
- Remarkably, around 35% of our income comes from sources beyond membership fees. Key initiatives like our open week, junior summer camp, and the John Hunt Memorial Tournament have been particularly successful, thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time and effort. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our sponsors for their continued support.
- In 2024, we completed payments on our long-term loan for ground ownership. This milestone allows us to implement a 10-year development plan focused on enhancing the player experience. We aim to upgrade the court carpets, switch to LED lighting, install a padel court, and explore new changing room facilities. To achieve these goals, we'll need to grow our membership, secure grants, and seek additional funding.

We also remembered our friend John Scully this year with a memorial bench outside court two. John was a great supporter of the club, and will continue to be remembered fondly.

A huge thank you to our committee for their dedication and hard work—it's easy to forget that they are all volunteers. We would love to see more members getting involved, so if you'd like to help out in any capacity, please let us know. We'll be sending out a survey soon to gather your feedback about the club, and we can't wait to hear your thoughts. Remember, you're always welcome to chat with any committee member or with me directly.

Thank you,
Paddy

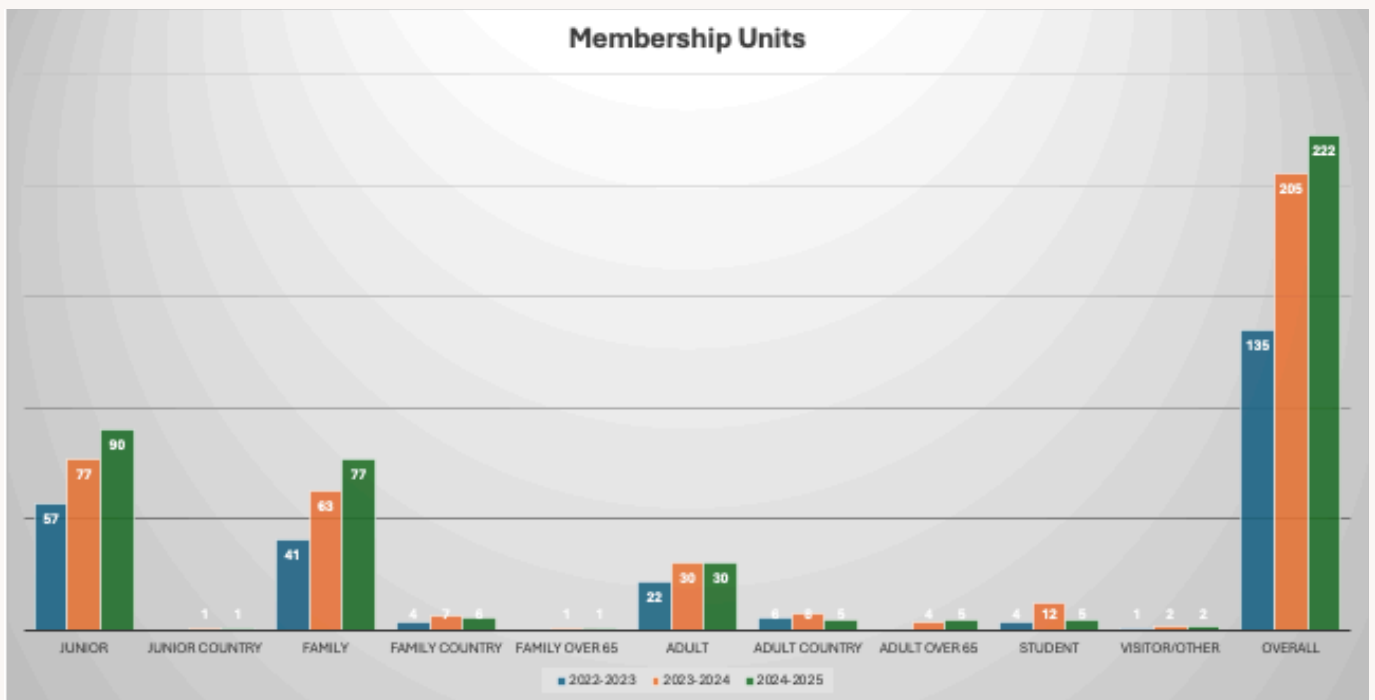
MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



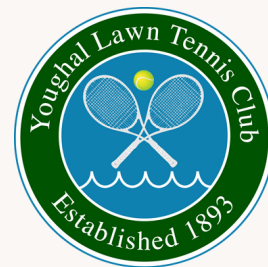
We are excited to share that our membership has significantly increased over the past three years!

Key factors contributing to this success include our thriving junior tennis program and coaching, the popular junior summer camp, and the "Try Tennis" initiative. Additionally, we've enhanced club engagement through regular coaching sessions, club nights, and by providing ongoing support for new members and beginners.

Our new website and increased social media presence have also played a vital role in attracting members. Furthermore, the involvement of our members in competitions has contributed to our growth.



CAPTAINS CLUB NEWS



ADULT COMPETITIONS

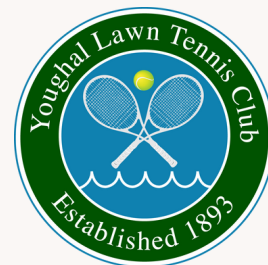
We had a fantastic turnout of YLTC members competing throughout the summer.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and proudly represented our club!

We've celebrated several wins and runners-up, highlighting the strength of our growing club and the increasing interest in competitive play amongst our members.

Members	Grade	Competition	Winner / Runner Up
Jane Quirke Shannon Ramzan	WD2	Causeway Tour 200 Senior Open	Winners
Jane Quirke Denise Hobbs (Lower Aghada)	WD2	Rushbrooke Tour 1000	Winners
Mykola Lychuk Kevin McCarthy (Mitchelstown)	MD3	CB Forms Youghal Open	Winners
Brett Moloney	MS3	Causeway Tour 200 Senior Open	Winner
JJ Cooley James O'Sullivan (St.Michaels)	MD4	Mitchelstown Senior Open	Winners
JJ Cooley Brett Moloney	MD4	East Cork Tour 500 Senior Open	Winners
JJ Cooley Conor Treacy	MD4	Causeway Tour 200 Senior Open	Winners
Brett Moloney	MS4	East Cork Tour 200 Singles Open	Winner
Robert Flynn Denis Martin	MD5	Causeway Tour 200 Senior Open	Winners
Valerie Hunt June Feeney	WD5	Mitchelstown Senior Open	Winners
Katie Murphy	WS5	Causeway Tour 200 Senior Open	Winner
Katie Murphy	WS5	East Cork Tour 200 Singles Open	Winner
June Feeney	WS6	East Cork Tour 200 Singles Open	Winner
Robert Flynn June Feeney	XD5	Mitchelstown Senior Open	Winners
Darragh Lyons Pamela Walsh	XD6	CB Forms Youghal Open	Winners
Daragh Martin Jane Quirke	XD2	CB Forms Youghal Open	Runner Up
David O'Connell Kevin Callaghan Brett Moloney Mykola Lychuk	MD3	Munster Summer Cup	Runner Up
Declan Troy	MS4	Sundays Well Tour 1000 Open	Runner Up
Robert Flynn June Feeney	XD5	CB Forms Youghal Open	Runner Up
Robert Flynn Denis Martin	MD5	CB Forms Youghal Open	Runner Up
Sophie McDermott Ann Ring	WD6	Causeway Tour 200 Senior Open	Runner Up
Tommy Kenefick	MS6	St. Annes Tour 1000 Open Week	Runner Up
Don O'Sullivan John O'Driscoll (Douglas)	MD6	East Cork Tour 500 Senior Open	Runner Up
Don O'Sullivan David McCarthy (Douglas)	MD6	Carrigaline Tour500 Senior Open	Runner Up
Don O'Sullivan Aidan Delaney (Douglas)	MD6	CB Forms Youghal Open	Runner Up

SUMMER CUP



Youghal entered 5 teams in the 2024 Summer Cup.

The MD3, MD6, XD5 and 2 WD6.

We had some great wins, but it was our MD3 team in particular that had a very strong run getting to the final and even had a championship point to win, but were unlucky and finished runners-up.

Well done to everybody that took part.



MUNSTER WINTER LEAGUE

Youghal continue their strong showing in Munster competitions and have entered 5 teams in the 2024/2025 Winter League.

MD4

Conor Treacy (C)
Denis Martin
Robert Flynn
Wayne Fitzpatrick
Paddy Corkery
Ede Szemmelroth

WD6N

Emma Revins (C)
Rachel Joesphine
Aisling Dineen
AnneMarie Grace
Janet Quirke
Anastasia Stoliarska
Natalia Shah

MD6

Anthony Russell (C)
Tommy Kenefick
Jae Rolston
Stephen Gillman
Darragh Lyons
Liam Kelly
Conor O'Shea
Oisin Keniry

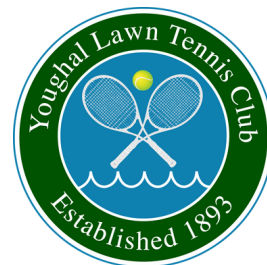
WD6a

Amanda Morrison (C)
Ann Ring
Sophie McDermott
Liudmyla Lychuk
Claire Flood
Lynn O'Connell

WD6c

Ciara Kiely (C)
Jenny Coyne
Pamela Walsh
Helen Fitzgibbon
Laura Corkery
Fiona Corkery

MUNSTER WINTER LEAGUE



Great performances all around to kick off the league.

- WD6a team secured an impressive 4-0 victory against St. Michaels in their opening match!
- The WD6c team also had a strong start with a 3-1 win over Sundays Well.
- MD6 secured a very impressive 4-0 win against Michelstown.
- WD6N battled against a strong Causeway team, resulting in a 2-2 final score.



Match schedules and results can be found in the link here:

[Winter League](#)



PLAYER UPGRADES

Congratulations to the following players who have had Munster grade upgrades.

Jane Quirke - Grade 1

Brett Maloney - Grade 2

James Cooley - Grade 3

Denis Martin - Grade 4

Valerie Hunt - Grade 4

June Feeney - Grade 4

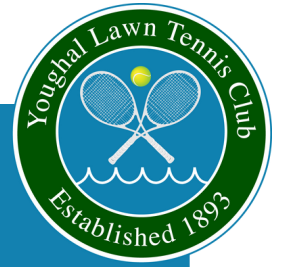
Katie Murphy - Grade 4

Robert Flynn - Grade 4

Tommy Kenefick - Grade 5



YLTC OPEN WEEK



A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our successful senior open week! We were thrilled to welcome 229 players, including 25 from Youghal.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and thank you to our talented bakers and dedicated volunteers. Your support was as always, essential in making this event a success.

Thanks to all our generous sponsors: CB Forms, The Racquet Here, Clancys Youghal, DSS, Stonebridge Tiles, Moore Financial Services, Quarlcraft Engineering, SPAR Youghal, Ger Motherway Accountants, The Nook & The Old Imperial Hotel.

Youghal Lawn Tennis Club
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YOUGHAL SENIOR OPEN

14-22 JUNE, 2024

- Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- MD, WD, XD

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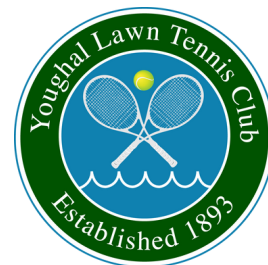
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YLTC INTERNAL

As we transition into the final months of the year, here's a roundup of our recent activities and upcoming events at the club.



We've seen great participation in our Cardio Tennis sessions:

- May & June: 18 participants
- October & November: 15 participants

Thank you to everyone who joined us for these sessions!

Adult Coaching

Our coaching sessions for adults have been very popular with members. Led by our coaches, Michael Russell (086 2457 470) and Shannon Ramzan (086 067 8505), there are more sessions planned for later in the year. Keep an eye on our whatsapp and social media platforms for details!

Adult Friendlies

In June and August, we hosted some WD6 friendlies against Causeway and Douglas.

This was a great opportunity to enjoy some tennis against new players and to meet and greet members to our club.

Thank you to everyone who took part and represented our club.



Fundraiser Success

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Rory Motherway fundraiser in September!

We are thrilled to announce that we raised an impressive €1000.

Your generosity and support made this possible!

The raffle prize winners were:

- Dave Clarke
- Dennis Martin
- Sarah-Jane Corkery

ORGANISED TENNIS ACTIVITIES

Sunday Training and Club Night

Join us for our Sunday Training and Club Night! Sessions available for a mix of players from new members, beginners, Grade 6 and Grade 5. Training from 5pm and club night from 6pm. Contact JJ (087 799 7716) with any queries and to get added to the WhatsApp group.

Monday Club Night

Join us for our Monday Club Night! Sessions available for a mix of players from new members, beginners, Grade 6 and Grade 5. Contact JJ on (087 799 7716) with queries and to get added to the WhatsApp group.

Tuesday Club Night

Tuesday night doubles: Majority of players are Grade 3 & 4. Contact Paddy (087 811 0408) with any queries and to get added to the WhatsApp group.

Wednesday Club Night

Mens doubles for new members, beginners and Grade 6. Contact Conor on (087 411 7564) with any queries.

Thursday Night

Cardio & Coaching: Contact Dave on (087 617 7345) with any queries.



WHATS AHEAD

Later this month we'll be sending out a membership survey looking for feedback on playing tennis at YLTC ,
Internal adult tournament on TI and adult coaching .



JUNIORS



Junior Competitions

Well done to all our juniors who entered junior open tournaments this year: Lena Chmura, Sophie Finch, Beth O Connell, Oliwia Skalik, Lily Dunne, Clodagh Foley, Annabelle Harrington, Chloe Power, Victoria Smith, Aliz Szemmelroth, Megan Walsh, Jack Corkery, Liam Murphy, Liam O' Connell, Christian Smith, Christopher Connon.

***Congratulations to
Liam O'Connell on the
following events;***

- *Runner-Up of Douglas Tour 200 Junior Open 2024*
- *Winner of Carrigaline Tour 100 Junior Open 2024*
- *Winner of Ballinlough Open 2024 Singles 200 U16*

***Congratulations to
Aliz Szemmelroth on the
following events;***

- *Runner-Up of St Annes LTC 500 Junior Open 2024*
- *Winner of Douglas Tour 200 Junior Open 2024*
- *Special recognition to Aliz for qualifying and her strong performance at the 2024 William Fry Junior Lawn Tennis Championship*



Upcoming Leagues



Best of luck to the Youghal U-16 Team for the upcoming Carrigaline Junior Cup.

Lena Chmura, Clodagh Foley, Liam O' Connell, & Jack Corkery.

Junior Tennis Program

The Junior Tennis Program is currently in its third session of 2024. Blocks of lessons started in January, April, and September, each consisting of 10 weeks of lessons.

- **Saturday Sessions:**

- Coaches: Michael & Shannon
- Duration: January, April, September
- Time: 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
- Total Hours: 7 hours per session

- **Thursday Sessions:**

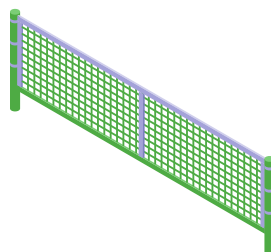
- Coaches: Michael & Shannon
- Duration: March and September
- Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Total Hours: 3 hours per session

- **Tuesday Sessions:**

- Coach: Michael
- Duration: September
- Time: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Total Hours: 2 hours per session



We had a large number of new children looking for lessons, and particularly children who attended the summer camp. This necessitated the addition of the Tuesday evening lessons and even with this addition we were unable to facilitate all requests for as some wanted Saturdays and Thursdays which are currently full. The addition of Shannon Ramzan as the second coach for Saturday and Thursdays is a great development for our junior coaching and development.



Kiwi Cup

Well done to all our juniors who took part in the Kiwi Cup in Lower Aghada. A fantastic annual tournament with all proceeds going to Crumlin Hospital Research Department.

A special shout-out to Adam, Jack, Clodagh, and Lena, who were the runners-up on the day. Well done!



St. Patricks Day



A big thank you to everyone who walked in the St. Patricks Day parade and represented YLTC! It was a wonderful day.



Junior Calendar

The 2025 Junior Calendar is here!
Click the link here for further details:

[2025 Junior Calendar](#)

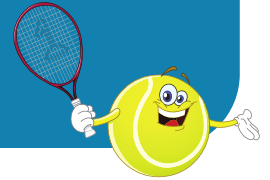


SUMMER CAMP



In July we held a highly successful summer camp, featuring two sessions — morning and afternoon, that attracted a large number of enthusiastic participants. Everyone had a fantastic time, and the camp also generated significant profits for the club.

Thank you to everyone who took part. It was a great week!



GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT



FACILITY & MAINTAINANCE UPDATES

- Courts 3 and 4 have been rejuvenated at a cost of €7,378, while new nets have been installed on Courts 1 and 2 at a cost of €578.
- Dangerous fencing near Court 4 has been safely removed at no cost.
- The practice wall has also been power hosed without any expense to the club.
- The clubhouse received a refreshing update at a cost of €3,500,

These improvements enhance our club's amenities and ensure a safer environment for all members.

CLUB INVESTMENT & PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

In January 2024 a sub-development committee was set up to devise a 10 year development plan for the club. To begin we looked at both development options on-site and off-site. We considered new clubhouse options, an indoor court and padel court options.

The proposed development plan will be in 2 phases.

Phase 1:

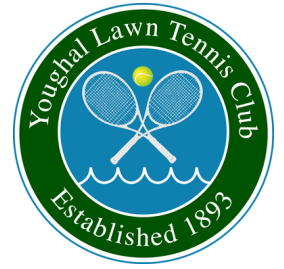
- Upgrade carpets and LED lighting on court 3 & 4.
- New Padel court in practice court.
- New changing/shower rooms with disability toilets behind courts 3 & 4.

Phase 2 Options:

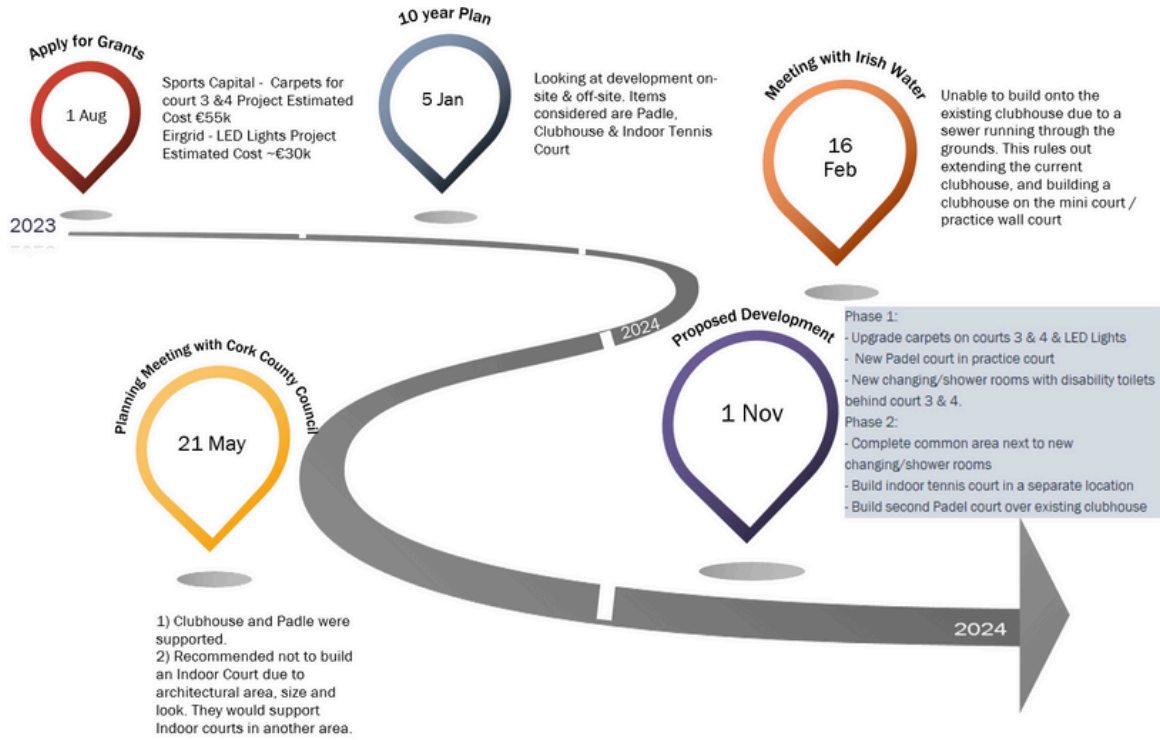
- Complete clubhouse common area next to new changing/shower rooms.
- Build indoor tennis court in a separate location.
- Build second Padel court over existing clubhouse.

Thank you to Kevin Callaghan, for his exceptional contributions to this project. His efforts in creating drawings, managing planning applications, and conducting topographical survey work has been invaluable.

GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT

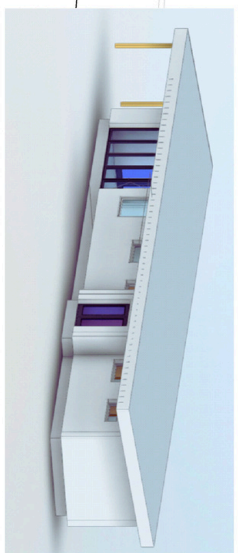
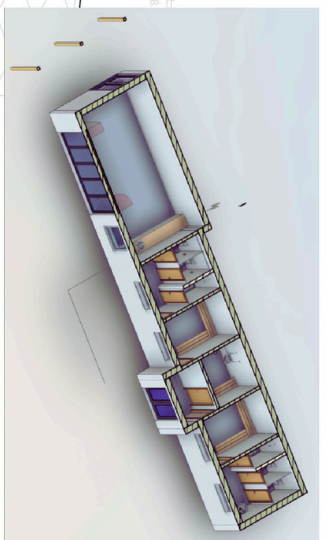


Investment Plan Decision Timeline



Concept Padel Court & Clubhouse





NEW PADEL COURT 10m X 20m

OUTLINE OF FUTURE PADEL COURT

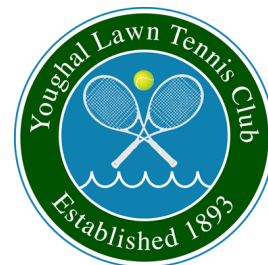
NEW CLUBHOUSE WITH FUNCTION ROOM ACCESSIBLE CHANGING ROOM MALE/FEMALE CHANGING ROOMS TOILETS FLOOR AREA 82m²

COVERED VIEWING AREA

JOB TITLE		Proposed New Clubhouse at Youghal Lawn Tennis Club	
DRG. TITLE		MASTER PLAN	
Scales	1:125	Drawn	K.C.
Date	Sep 2024	Checked	
DRAWING NUMBER	TC-01-101	REV.	0

REV	DATE	DESCRIPTION
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TRY TENNIS



Try Tennis started in May 2023 and has been hugely successful.

It is aimed at adults only and the idea is to give people four free coaching sessions and use of the club for free for four weeks.

The four sessions cover the basics of:

- Forehand, backhand, volley & serve.
- Match play, positions and rules/etiquette of tennis.

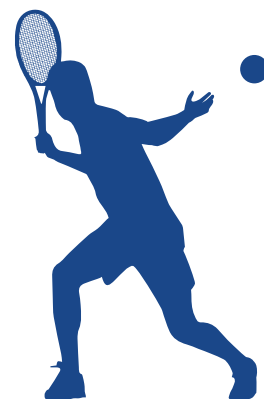
Each session is normally 1.5 hours with 45 mins/1hr of coaching and remainder of time allocated for match play.

Sessions are run by Conor Treacy and JJ Cooley with help from David O Connell, Mykola Lychuk and Tony Smith.

Racquets and balls are all provided by club.

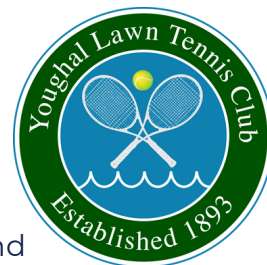
To date we have had 50+ NEW members from our Try Tennis initiative.

All details are available on the Clubs website. See link below:



[TRY Tennis](#)





GRANTS / TREASURER UPDATE

The club applies for grants to help improve club facilities, to support and promote the club and tennis.

Some recent grant applications include,



- Sports Capital Grant Funding - €29,455 awarded
- Celtic Interconnector Grant for LED lighting - €10,000 awarded
- Women's TRY Tennis - €450 awarded
- Disability Grant - €1,500 awarded
- Sports Energy Support Scheme - €163.91 awarded

Overall all the Club is in a strong cash flow position.

CLUBHOUSE REFRESH

The Clubhouse underwent a much-needed overhaul, which included replacing rotten window sills, skirting, and saddle boards.

A new kitchenette was installed, featuring a worktop, fridge, and dishwasher.

The facility also received a new notice board, new linoleum flooring, and updated tables and chairs. Additionally, new pictures, signs, and antique racquets were hung to enhance the space. Outside, containers for balls, racquets, and training equipment were added to help de-clutter the Clubhouse.

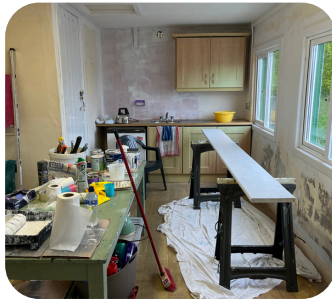
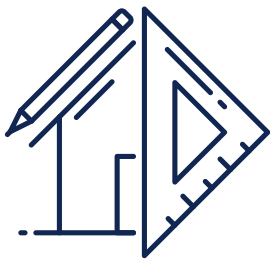
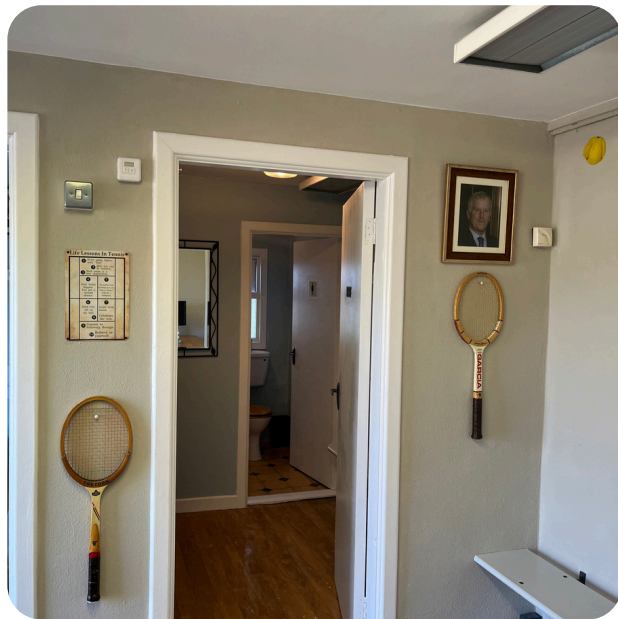


The worktop, tiles, and furniture were generously provided at no cost by committee members, while the antique racquets hanging in the club have been provided by JJ Cooley. All painting was completed by Paul Barenskie and JJ, again at no cost.

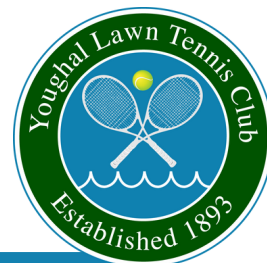
The total cost for the Clubhouse refresh came to **€3,500**.

A special thank you to JJ for all his hard work, drive and dedication in delivering this project.

UPDATED CLUBHOUSE



WEBSITE UPDATE



Our updated website launched earlier this year. This was developed and maintained at no cost by JJ Cooley and Vlad Lahutin, and kindly hosted by CB Forms Ltd.



The website features online membership forms, registration for our junior summer camp and lessons, and a wealth of member information.

Plus, be sure to check out our Gallery, which now showcases plenty of photos!

Members Information ▼

- Membership
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- Competitions
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- Book a Court

QUICK LINKS

- Book a Court
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- Useful Links

CLICK HERE → www.youghaltennisclub.ie 🔍



What's Ahead...

- Planning application for our Padel Tennis court will be submitted this week.
- The 2025 National (Adult) National Tour Calendar is here! Click the link here for further details:

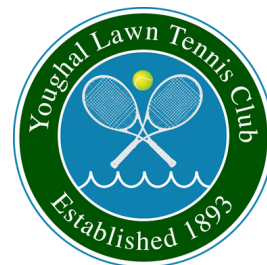
[2025 Calendar](#) 🔍

- Our annual Club Christmas party night will take place this year on Friday 29th November. More details to follow.
- Our bespoke club gear shop is open until midnight Thursday 7th November. Delivery dates to be confirmed.

Click the link here:

[Club Gear](#) 🔍





YLTC Committee Members & Club Officers

Club Chairperson - Paddy Corkery
Club President- Frank Delaney
Club Secretary - Grainne Scully
Membership Secretary & Treasurer - JJ Cooley
Junior Development Officer - Caroline Connelly
Club Captain & Junior Development Officer - David O'Connell
PR Officer - Amanda Morrison
Grounds Development Officer - David Clarke
Vice Captain - Conor Treacy
Grants Officer - Robert Flynn
Development Committee Member - Darragh Martin
Development Committee Member - Kevin Callaghan
Committee Member - Don Sheehan
Committee Member - Norma O'Keeffe
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Club Coaches - Michael Russell & Shannon Ramzan



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