

I. Český Lawn-Tennis Klub Praha

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WORD FROM THE MANAGER



Dear club members, tennis friends, the year 2020 has truly been exceptional. Some already call it the year of pandemic, coronavirus or COVID-19. Thanks to a quick reaction from the president of the Czech Tennis Association and private groups of managers, a lot of good things have been done on the Czech scene for professional players since March.

Many individual and team events were organized that undoubtedly helped to start or accelerate the growth of many players and enabled many young players to gain priceless experience thanks to confrontations with more experienced players. That was surely one of the few positives that we had in 2020. Everything else was a struggle - organizational, financial. Negative news about tournaments being canceled, sports grounds being closed, ill-conceived, half-baked financial compensations especially during the so-called second wave of the epidemic. Sadly, no petition, request or intervention helped us to persuade the experts at the Ministry of Health and epidemiologists that we must distinguish between team and individual sports. Between sports played in small indoor venues and our well aired tennis halls. We believe that after adopting preventive measures, playing even at a non-professional level could have been possible.

And so here we are at the end of the year. Trying to come up with a crisis budget for 2021, using equations with too many unknown variables. It could have been much easier if only those who are responsible would dedicate at least some time to think about what their across-the-board measures mean to providers of tennis grounds with inflatable halls and many recreational players who would undoubtedly love to play sports at least now and then and free themselves from the everyday flood of negative news. Let us hope that with a new year somebody will come to their senses and will deal with these issues eruditely.

Vladislav Šavarda, manager of the club

NEWS FROM THE CLUB

VICTORIA HAS BEEN SUPPORTING TALENTED PLAYERS FOR 7 YEARS

Since 2014, I.ČLTK Praha has been a part of VICTORIA University Sports Center MŠMT. This year, the club was awarded an investment grant worth CZK 666 373 and used it to purchase a unique serve simulator Serve Ace Attack that enables to serve up to 180 km/h and a multifunctional fitness trainer called Keiser Functional Trainer (Jonáš Forejtek in picture, exercising with his coach Jaroslav Blažek).



FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Due to the current rules and measures taken by the Czech government we would like to ask members of the club to be patient with regards to fixed indoor reservations. Any updates will be published by the secretariat at the club webpage www.cltk.cz.

TENISOVÁ EXTRALIGA 2020

Although the opportunity to defend our 2018 and 2019 titles was in the end allowed to be played with many measures and special rules to be observed, it was not successful for several reasons. In this special and financially difficult season we decided in the end to only play with Czech players and not ask for any foreign players to participate (male only of course). Little did we know that two of our key players will get injured (Karolína Muchová and Jonáš Forejtek) and in the middle of his first match against Lukáš Rosol also Jan Šátal. That meant that we lost to TK Sparta and only just defeated Oáza Říčany and took the bronze medal.



We do not want to judge individual players, they all gave it all they had. Perhaps Markéta Vondroušová deserves to be mentioned for her two clear wins over great opponents Kvítová and Alexandrova. Let us believe that next year we will be back in full strength and will once again be a strong contender for the title.

PETR ŠIMŮNEK STAYS VICEPREZIDENT OF CTC

At the beginning of November 2020, the 24th general meeting of the prestigious Centenary Tennis Clubs (CTC) was held and at it 11-member executive committee was elected for the years 2021 – 2023. The committee then had a first meeting and voted a president, Jordi Cambra (Real Club de Tennis Barcelona 1899). Ing. Petr Šimůnek, member of our board remains the vice-president of CTC, Eric Rogers (TC Genève) will be responsible for economics. A decision was taken to allow in two more clubs Ottawa Tennis & Lawn Bowling Club and French Le Touquet so the new total is 76 clubs from 4 continents.

EVENTS IN JANUARY – MARCH 2021

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| 10 January | I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat U8 Tournament |
| 18 – 24 January | ITF Juniors Grade 4 Tournament |
| 31 January | I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat U9 Tournament |
| 6 – 8 February | Prague U18 Championship |
| 21 February | I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat U9 Tournament |
| 28 February | I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat U8 Tournament |
| 7 March | I.ČLTK Praha Cup by Babolat U9 Tournament |
| 12 – 16 March | Tournament U12 category A |

(subject to change without notice)

Tennis year 2020 on the Štvanice Island in pictures...



Stan Wawrinka was the biggest star of this year's Prague Open



ATP Challenger at Štvanice was a restart of men's tournament schedule



Stan Wawrinka won the title as the number one seeded player



Many Czech stars played at I.ČLTK during the summer



Jonáš Foretek and Darja Vidmanova best players at the ČTS circuit



Nikola Bartůňková number one player of U14 Tennis Europe



Our U9 team fought at the Czech Championships in Prostějov for the bronze



24th series for U9 players was organized at I.ČLTK this year



The tennis school organized a record number of 9 summer camps for kids



Expressive gesture from Markéta Vondroušová during the extra league summing up the tennis year 2020 perfectly

CLUB NEWSLETTER

Dear club members,

this newsletter is also available in Czech and brings you as always up-to-date overview of what happened last month and a brief outline of what is happening and will be happening in January, February and March. The next issue comes out in April.

Best tennis regards from the management of I.ČLTK Praha



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The I.ČLTK Praha committee and all staff members wish all club members Merry Christmas, good health and many successes in 2021.

Behind the successes of our players are also our partners. Thank you for your support!

