



Newsletter

I.Český *Lawn-Tennis* Klub Praha

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Word of the manager



Dear club members, dear tennis fans,

March 2025 the start of the spring season is fast approaching, which all outdoor tennis lovers are certainly looking forward to. In the old days, in honour of the long-standing court manager JUDr. Pepa Souček, we honoured the tradition that the first strokes on the outdoor clay must be played on the Feast of Joseph, or 19 March. Sometimes the weather was not favorable, but we always tried to keep it and I promise that this year it will be the same.

Every year we have a bit of a problem with the quality of the clay courts immediately after the indoor season ends, of course only where indoor courts were installed over the winter. This year we would like to avoid this problem even at the cost of increased costs and make the spring preparation even more racy and careful. In addition to the convenience of our members, and following the traditional date of the combined ATP Challenger and ITF Women's International Tournament in early May.

I have recently seen a visualisation of some of the planned outdoor improvements to our grounds which, after the tried and tested and very nice interior improvements to the reception area and club room, our member Ing. arch. Adam Fröhlich. If everything can be implemented, I believe that the incoming roads and the terrace area with the restaurant will undergo very beneficial and aesthetically good changes.

So I remain optimistic that you will soon be playing tennis on the well-prepared clay courts, trying out the two new "hard courts" and sitting in the tastefully landscaped club restaurant. I think once the staff is stabilized.

Vladislav Šavrla, manager of the club

Information for members

Parking for members, their guests and other visitors to our club is still a sore spot that we have been trying to resolve for some time. We have submitted a formal request to the MHMP for the lease of five arches under the Negrelli Viaduct, and we have been trying to negotiate patiently through our committee members with links to the City Council, explaining why we would badly need these spaces. So far, unfortunately, unsuccessfully. As a "pedestrian zone" sign with an additional plaque has recently been installed on the access road by the lock, we encourage anyone who drives up to the site to place a permit from Acton (the island managing company) on their dashboard. While you will not avoid a possible fine for poor parking, at least you will avoid the penalty for trespassing. The official parking zone (P7-0173) for visitors on Štvanice Island is currently located under the Hlávkův Bridge.

Calendar of events

March 7 ... ATTour Tournament
March 8 ... Tournament U9 - Masters
March 9 ... ATTour Tournament
March 14-18 ... Tournament „A“ U12
March 21 ... ATTour Tournament
March 22 ... Tournaments U7 & U8
March 28-29 ... ATTour Tournament

For more information see the new calendar
on the website in the link [here](#)

Winter Prague Open 2025

On the basis of an agreement with the Czech Tennis Federation, we organized the international ITF women's tennis tournament in the category 75 **Winter Prague Open 2025** in the week of 16-23 February. The tournament was played in a fixed hall, and the center court hall was also available for training the players. Normal traffic in the club was almost unlimited, the advantage of our organizing was new paint and sails of both main courts, free card for **Nikola Bartůňková** (WTA ranking 417). She managed to use the card well, after two wins she lost only very narrowly in the quarterfinals to the later winner Gabriela Andrea Knutson. After a long break caused by an unjustified penalty, Nikola is back in form, with a match record of 12:2 in three tournaments this year!





Summer camps for children

During the summer holidays, the Markéta Vondroušová Tennis School will once again organize camps for children (2016 and younger) in 5 dates. The camps are intended for children of all performance levels, from beginners to participants of the Czech U9 Championship!

Dates of summer tennis camps 2025

- 1st term ... July 7 - 11
- 2nd term ... July 14 - 18
- 3rd term ... July 28 - August 1
- 4th term ... August 11 - 15
- 5th term ... August 25 - 29

More information can be found in the link [here](#)

Helena Suková celebrated her jubilee Jiří Fencel merited member of the club



Helena Suková, a member of the I.ČLTK Praha and winner of 10 singles titles, 69 doubles titles, including 14 Grand Slams, and two-time Olympic silver medalist, celebrated her 60th birthday on 26 February. She was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2018. Helena, we wish you good health, many more active years and look forward to seeing you again at our club.



The Executive Board of the I.ČLTK Praha decided to award a meritorious membership in memoriam to **Jiří Fencel** for his many years of excellent coaching work for the players of our club. Jiří also worked for the club in the field of IT, his booking and registration program is still used by the club today. He was an extremely high quality and characterful person who we all respected. Honor his memory!

Karolína Muchová Czech number one

Karolína Muchová (WTA ranking 15) is the new Czech number one, after reaching the semi-finals of the WTA Premier tournaments in Linz, Austria and Dubai she is ranked 15th in the world rankings. She overtook Wimbledon champion Barbora Krejčíková. In the WTA rankings, Karolína was the highest ranked singles player in September 2023 at No. 8. Markéta Vondroušová is currently ranked 46th on the rankings and is the fourth Czech.



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