

I. Český Lawn-Tennis Klub Praha

INVITATION TO X-MAS EVENTS

ST. NICHOLAS DAY

On Wednesday, December 4, Saint Nicholas will come to Štvanice. The party starts at 5:30 p.m. at the club restaurant. All kids are invited but please register at the reception!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The traditional Christmas party at the Chateau Letná will take place on Saturday, December 14 from 8 p.m. During the event players of the year will be announced.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT TIEBREAK

In cooperation with the club restaurant TIEBREAK a special New Year's Eve Party will take place at Štvanice. The restaurant needs to know how many people will arrive and so if you plan to come we ask you to kindly send an email to info@restauracetiebreak.cz and book your table. Thank you!

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

29 November	ATTour Tournament
30 November	ATTour Tournament
	Tournament U8
1 December	Tournament Prague 1
4 December	St. Nicholas Day
7-9 December	Men's Prague Championship
11 December	ATTour Tournament
14 December	Christmas Party (Chateau Letná)
	ATTour Tournament
14-16 December	Tennis Extraleague (Říčany)
15 December	Tournament U9
20-21 December	ATTour Tournament
22 December	Tournament U9
28-29 December	ATTour Tournament
31 December	ATTour Tournament

CENTENARY TENNIS CLUBS

GENERAL MEETING

In the second half of November the General meeting of Centenary Tennis Clubs (CTC) took place in Laussane, Switzerland. As usually, Ing. Petr Šimůnek, the vice-president of CTC and a member of I.ČLTk board was present.

Four new clubs from Switzerland, Peru and the US were accepted into the club which means the total number of members rises to 76. Our senior players will once again play in the final group next season. The hosts are Athens LTC, Greece.



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COMPETITIVE TENNIS

KAROLÍNA MUCHOVÁ ATTACKS TOP 20

Karolína Muchová has had a successful season that finished in the semifinal of WTA Elite Trophy tournament. The I.ČLTk player lost to Aryna Sabalenka 5/7 6/7(4) and unfortunately was not able to reach the biggest final of her life. However, her run to the semifinals still meant that Karolína reached her new best highest position in the WTA ranking. She is now the world number 21 player.



Karolína's WTA ranking at the beginning of the year 2019 was 141. After reaching the quarterfinals in the Qatar Total Open in Doha, she fought for the title in Stromovka at the J&T Banka Prague Open. She reached the quarterfinals in Wimbledon and was able to repeat it in Bronx at the US Open. In September, she won her first WTA title in Seoul, South Korea and one month later she reached the semifinals of the Kremlin Cup in Moscow.

Congratulations to a very successful 2019 season from I.ČLTk!

TENNIS EXTRALEAGUE

I.ČLTk Praha will try to defend its extraleague title this year with the help of Karolína Muchová. Lucie Hradecká is now healthy and will also be ready to help. We do not know yet whether Markéta Vondroušová will be ready as she is recovering from a surgery of her left hand. Jonáš Forejtek, who had a great season and played in the Davis Cup for the first time, will also be ready to help us. The club has also decided to ask Martin Kližan for help and together with Andrej Martin, both Slovaks will be ready to play in Říčany between 14 – 18 December.

The line-up for 2019 therefore looks like this: Andrej Martin, Martin Kližan, Jan Šátral, Robin Staněk, Jonáš Forejtek, Ondřej Krstev, Ondřej Štyler, Tadeáš Paroulek, Markéta Vondroušová, Karolína Muchová, Tereza Martincová, Lucie Hradecká and Michaela Krajčec. You can find more information at www.tenisovaextraliga.cz.



MANAGER OF THE CLUB LOOKS BACK AT 2019



We are the end of a very successful season in competitive tennis for I.ČLTK Praha and I think it is worthwhile to remind ourselves of some of the biggest successes of our players. Markéta Vondroušová had an amazing first half of the year, reached the final of the French Open and was in sight of a TOP 10 position in the WTA ranking and even the November WTA Finals. Unfortunately, an injury and subsequent surgery prevented her from playing in the second half of 2019.

Karolína Muchová has vastly improved her varied and attacking play and thanks to it reached the final at J&T Prague Open. After that she reached the quarterfinals in Wimbledon where she played Serena and was able to repeat it in Bronx at the US Open. In September, she won her first WTA title in Soul and reached the number 21 position in the WTA ranking.

Jonáš Forejtek became the ITF world number one player in September, before that he won the Pardubice Junior Championship rather easily and was sensational in his Davis Cup debut in Bosnia, winning 2 points.

Here I think we must acknowledge a great job both coaches did, Hernych and Mertl, who really did an amazing job and has proven that both will be great even in their new roles at the side of the court. Nikola Bartůňková who is still only 14 years old also had a great season. Recently she became the number one player in the Tennis Europe ranking. She was also instrumental for the Czech team that won the U14 World title for our country.

PRAGUE OPEN 2020

Next year, in cooperation with Tennis Arena, I.ČLTK Praha will once again organize the international Prague Open tournament, its 20th year. The date of the event will be new 4 – 10 May. The ATP Challenger will have double the prize money (EUR 90 000), new general partner – Proxy Finance company and a new name - I.ČLTK Prague Open by Moneta Money Bank. The women's tournament will have the same prize money as this year (60 000 USD). More information at www.pragueopen.org.

The I.ČLTK Praha board, and all staff members wish all club members Merry Christmas, good health and many successes in 2019!

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

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JONÁŠ FOREJTEK AT THE ATP FINALS

After winning the junior title at the US Open, his first grand slam victory, Jonáš Forejtek reached the number one spot in the combined junior ranking. But that was not the end of his great season. At the beginning of November, Jonáš was in London at the ATP Finals where he was a sparing partner of the best players in the world. He was able to train and spar with Roger Federer, Alexander Zverev and the winner of the tournament Stefanos Tsitsipas.

SILVER FROM THE TEAM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the end of September, the U16 Team World Championships was played at the brand new and beautiful tennis center in Orlando, USA. The Czech girls team qualified for the event thanks to winning silver medals at the European Championships.

In the first round the Czech girls defeated Thailand 2:0, in the semifinal they beat Russians 2:1 and in the final lost to Americans 1:2. Our club was represented at the event by Darja Vidmanova and coach Daniel Vaněk.

AMÉLIE ŠMEJKALOVÁ PLAYED FOR THE TITLE AT MASTERS

Amélie Šmejkalová reached the final of the U14 Tennis Europe Junior Masters tournament. Eight boys and girls played at the tournament from U14 and U16 categories. This tournament was played in 1996 for the first time and this was the ninth time in a row that it was played in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

CLUB NEWSLETTER

Dear club members,

this newsletter is also available in Czech and brings you as always up-to-date overview of what happened in the last months and also a brief outline of what is happening in September and October. The next issue comes out in January.

Best tennis regards from the management of I.ČLTK Praha



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