

SPARTA Newsletter



AGM DATE ANNOUNCED

Welcome to the October edition of the SPARTA newsletter.

The first news that I should share with you all is that the SPARTA Deputy Chair, Sue Johnson is retiring at the end of the year, as you will see from the separate report on the right of the page.

Sue has been the SPARTA Deputy Chair for seven years now and has been a mainstay of the Yoga club for a lot longer.

We will be holding our AGM on 8th December at 4.30pm. I am sure that many of you will join us at the meeting to wish her a long and happy retirement.

The SPARTA Golf Society recently played the Hastings Challenge match. In a very close match SPARTA sadly lost 3.5 to 2.5. Ashdown Golf Society now lead 8 to 7 in the match series having won

the match for the last 6 years in a row! Bring on next year.

The SPARTA Tennis Club is competing at the CSSC LTA Team Tennis Tournament on 13th to the 15th October, which is being held in Nottingham. We wish them all the best of luck.

If you are interested in tennis, then why not get in touch with them. Their details can be found on our website.

As the winter heads in you can always stay indoors and join one of the SPARTA History Society talks.

They have monthly talks planned on interesting historical subjects. Details of their talks along with their contact details can be found on our website.

If you need to contact us then you can find us at SPARTA@dft.gov.uk



SUE JOHNSON TO RETIRE

SPARTA Deputy Chair, Sue Johnson has announced her retirement.

After a long and very productive period as the SPARTA Deputy Chair, Sue Johnson has announced that she is going to retire from the role and from her Civil Service post at the end of this year.

Many of you will have met Sue throughout her time with SPARTA either through the Yoga club or in the Deputy Chair role. I am sure that you will all want to wish her a long and happy retirement.

The SPARTA committee will certainly miss her drive and enthusiasm and her expertise at arranging our Sports Day.

We will shortly be advertising to fill the vacant role.

We wish Sue all the best.

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Check out the SPARTA website for upcoming events



CSSC NATIONAL GOLF FINAL

The National Civil Service golf final was held at the Telford Golf Hotel & Spa and SPARTA member Phil Alker was among the prize winners.

If you have never taken part in any of the Civil Service Golf events, then you are missing out. They are always well organised by CSSC's Mike Cox and his team and usually at fantastic venues.

This year's Men's National Civil Service golf finals was no different as it was held at the Telford Golf Hotel & Spa, on 9 & 10 September.

The hotel resides in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Ironbridge Gorge and overlooks the gorge. It is a truly wonderful area of the UK to visit if you have never been.



The course is a par 72 and is nearly 6800 yards long. It is based on the design of the Augusta Masters course so can be challenging while also being spectacularly beautiful at the same time.

You can never guarantee good weather in September in the UK, so it was no surprise that on the first day at some points the players were

subjected to torrential rain which made the course even more challenging.



All the competitors made the most of the hotel's excellent spa facilities in the evening before taking part in the second days play.

The conditions on the second day were far more favourable as the greens had dried out to make them lightning fast which combined with their undulations made scoring far more difficult.

That didn't stop SPARTA's Phil Alker from scoring an excellent 146 overall in the handicap event which placed him fifth in the event. The whole event was a huge success and enjoyed by everyone.



CHECK OUT THE
SPARTA WEBSITE

www.spartarecreation.co.uk

UPCOMING SPARTA CLUB FIXTURES/EVENTS

October

13th – 15th - CSSC Lawn Tennis Association Team Tennis Tournament 2021 - University Boulevard, Nottingham

14th - History Society Talk- Spartan Warriors? Modern Myths and Ancient Realities' - 12:45pm

November

3rd - History Society Talk - Uncrowned Queen, Margaret Beauford - 12:45pm

December

1st - History Society Talk- Henry VIII and the men who made him, Tracy Borman - 12:45pm

8th – SPARTA Annual General Meeting - 4:30pm

Details of club contacts can be found on the SPARTA website
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/

Anyone who is interested in representing SPARTA at CSSC events should contact us at:
SPARTA@dft.gov.uk



THE SPARTA CLUBS

SPARTA supports a number of clubs and associations across the UK and is always looking to start new clubs. Here is just a taster of the current clubs

CD CLUB 
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/cd-club

SPARTA GOLF SOCIETY 
www.spartagolf.co.uk/

YOGA CLASSES 
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/yoga

SUPERSTARS CRICKET CLUB 
www.superstarscricket.org.uk

SOFTBALL CLUB 
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/softball

RAILWAY SOCIETY 
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/railway-society

CIVIL SERVICE CHOIR 
www.civilservicechoir.org.uk

HISTORY SOCIETY 
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/history-society

FITNESS CLASSES 
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/fitness-class

TENNIS CLUB 
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/tennis

TENPIN BOWLING 
www.spartarecreation.co.uk/tenpin-bowling



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