

Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

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Newsletter – September 2015

Tennis News

The Ladies 2nd Team have been promoted to the first division of the Portsmouth and District LTA. Congratulations to Jenny, Kahren, Anne, Kathy, Christine, Suree, Heather and Carrie for their outstanding performance throughout the season.

The club was delighted to host a most enjoyable and informative visit from Cathie Sabin, President of the LTA. After a tour of our facilities with Richard and David, Cathie was able to watch some of our members playing both tennis and croquet and was very interested to observe the MissHits course running that day.

The unseasonal weather couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of everybody who participated in this year's **Westridge Tournament** and there was some great play on display. Congratulations to all the winners - full results and pictures can be found on the club website.

The club are trialling the use of a board for organizing the **Monday evening mix-in**. The first evening was improvised with car keys but tags have been ordered for future use. Keys/tags go in separate ladies' and men's bags and are drawn at random for the first match. At the end of a match, keys/tags go onto the waiting area of the board. When a court is free, the top player on the board selects 3 from the next 5 to make up a foursome, endeavouring where possible to avoid an all male or all female foursome or repeating a previous partnership and trying to ensure evenly balanced pairs. Further details on the website.

A copy of the Autumn /Winter Tennis Programme can be found on the club website.

Croquet News

Congratulations to the AC League team in the Southern Federation who have won the Southern Division and will take part in the Regional Final at Winchester against the Northern winners, Oxford University. The overall winners will then take part in the Croquet Association Secretary's Shield representing the Federation in the national competition. Members who played in matches were Philip Kennerley, Jonathan Smith,

Upcoming Events

Tennisathon – Saturday 19th September. Call Melissa on 07786 486290 to book your court now.

Defibrillator Training – Monday 19th October at 6.30. Contact Pam on chair@rydelawn.co.uk if you are interested in participating.

Useful contact numbers

Tennis Head Coach:

David Fothergill 07703 891266

Adult Tennis Co-ordinator:

Carrie Bateman 07855 796569

Junior Tennis Co-ordinator:

Melissa O'Riain 07786 486290

Croquet coaching:

Pam Sim 07710 978587

Chess Club: Philip Kennerley
07778 981685

Security:

Please remember that if you are the last to leave the club then do ensure that the courts, sheds and clubhouse are locked. Keys to the clubhouse and courts can be obtained from committee members for a small fee.

New Members:

Welcome to Jake Parnian, Joseph Cleaves, Esme Dignan, Filippo and Alessandro Segat who joined the club in August.

Richard Harris, Harry Oldham, Pamela Sim, Elaine Salisbury and Chester Watson. Wins were recorded against Basingstoke, Aldermaston and Winchester, with a draw against Hamptworth. The only loss was against Littleton away, but although tying with them on 7 points each, Ryde had scored one extra game.



Ryde's qualifying tournament All England Golf Croquet Handicap competition took place in June. The regional final took place at Hamptworth on 16th August and our four representatives were Robin Thornton, Vernon Gibbs, Pam Sim and Joan Grove. Of these, Vernon and Pam have qualified for the National Final in Colchester over the weekend of 19th and 20th September. We wish them well.

End of Season Events: The season usually finishes at the beginning of October. On Thursday, 24th September we have the traditional Mixed Doubles Golf Croquet for the Thornton Trophy. This consists of five or six rounds with different mixed ability partners and is an enjoyable close to the season. We look forward to our new members entering this year to add to their experience.

This will be followed by 3 days of the Club's closed Association Handicap Tournament. Winners in this and the Handicap Golf are eligible to enter the Southern Federation Champion of Champions Finals which will be held on 13th and 14th October.

Chess Club

The chess club meets on Monday 12 – 2 and Tuesday 6 - 8. If you are interested in joining please contact Philip Kennerley on 07778 981685.

Pilates

The club runs regular Wednesday morning Pilates sessions. If you are interested please contact Carrie Bateman.

Tennisathon – Help needed

We would be really appreciative of any help you can give to make the Tennisathon a successful event in aid of this great cause. If you can provide an hour or two of your time to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support on Saturday 19th September please contact either Melissa O'Riain on 07786 486290 or Sarah Sheppard on 07931 400131.

We'd also be really happy to receive contributions to the raffle or cake stall on the day.

TENNISATHON

Saturday 19th September
09.00 - 21.00

RYDE LAWN TENNIS & CROQUET CLUB

£20 per court, 1 hour

- Doubles £5 each/Singles £10 each
- All proceeds to Macmillan
- Why not book for a few hours and get sponsorship
- Coaches challenges and auction to play with/against them
- Open to everyone so bring family and friends
- Court booking essential through Melissa - 07786 486290

- Croquet Lawns Open
- Live Music
- BBQ, Bar, Refreshments
- Cake Sale
- Serve Speed Gun and lots, lots more!

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