

Ryde Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

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Newsletter – October 2015

Club News

Unfortunately our application for a grant to develop the clubhouse has been turned down. The Management Committee is considering whether to appeal against this decision and to submit a revised application.

We will be seeing a new face behind the mowers and sweepers from the end of October as Steve Simmonds takes over from Philip Kennerley as the new groundsman. The club would like to thank Philip for all his hard work over the years and wish him a well-deserved lie-in in the mornings.

Tennis News

Wimbledon ballot: Please remember to opt in to the ballot for Wimbledon tickets as, even if you don't want tickets yourself, it increases the amount available to the club as a whole. Please contact Carrie Bateman if you have any questions about this process.

Club Successes: We had great success at the Portsmouth & District LTA Trophy Awards Presentation evening this year where trophies were presented for the summer leagues and the previous winter season 2014/15 leagues. The club was represented by Lynn Sandy, Suree and Philip Russell, Kahren Barter, Carrie and Karl Bateman but more of the league players are welcome to attend in future years. RLTC won the prestigious Catering Cup, Mixed 3rd Winter Team (captain Tom Carter), runner up in the Sportsman award and Ladies 2nd Div champions (captain Jenny Boswell) who are now promoted to 1st Division.

Tennisathon: Thank you to everyone who supported the Tennisathon. What a fantastic day we had, raising £1,096.55 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Photographs of the event can be found on the club's website and also on our Facebook page.

Friday Ladies Bake-Off. Gill Hofton was the winner of the inaugural Friday Ladies Bake-Off – congratulations Gill!

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

Upcoming Events

Grass tennis courts will be set up for winter croquet but play continues on usual lawns through winter when dry enough.

Tennis Mix-In: Tuesday 10-12 and Thursday 2-4. Open to all ages and abilities. Contact Brian Bowers on 883326 for more information.

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.

Croquet News

24 players took part in the Thornton Trophy and included several new members who have learnt the game this year. After five rounds the top scorers were paired against each other. John Sim was with new member, Anne Goulden and they beat James O'Keeffe and Jim Pile.

The Club Association Handicap completion was played over 4 days. Harry Oldham (h/cap 10) won all 5 of his matches. Pam Sim (11) was the runner up while Jonathan Smith (5), Richard Harris (10) and Elaine Salisbury (16) were ranked equal 3rd.

Handicap reductions were achieved by Harry from 10 to 9, and Pam from 11 to 10, compared with a handicap of 14 at the beginning of the season.

The Association Handicap team were successful in the Southern Division of the Southern Federation League having achieved three wins, a draw and one loss, against Littleton, but beating them by one game in the final total.

Meanwhile the Golf Croquet teams had performed well in the Federation with the Club being runners up after two years as champions in the Level Play league. The Club won the Doubles League and were fourth in the Handicap League.

Four players qualified for the Regional Final of the All England Golf Croquet Handicap competition. Pam Sim and Vernon Gibbs qualified from this to take part in the National Final at Colchester. The winner was Alan Clark of Watford with 11 wins, Margaret Moss of Bowden, Vernon Gibbs, Pam Sim and Margaret Eccles of Bury all had 9 wins and were placed 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th on the basis of who beat whom and number of hoops scored.

18th October saw Ryde in the final between the winners of the southern and northern divisions of the Southern Croquet Federation AC Handicap league. Our opponents were Oxford in the format one doubles and 4 singles. We were outclassed by Oxford university team and only Philip won his singles match preventing a complete whitewash.

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 in joining please contact Carrie Bateman.



RLTCC Management Committee Members 2015-2016

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