

TENNIS REPORT FOR THE AGM 2016

Tournaments

The Junior Easter Tournament and the IW County Press Tournament have become established events in the tennis calendar. The categories were completed over just a few days and attracted a larger entry this year.

The Westridge Tournament has become a popular event in the Isle of Wight Tennis Calendar and was run again over two weekends at the end of August. Thanks to all who helped to make it another success and for the continued sponsorship from Mark Winkles of Westridge Garage.

The 45 Club of Great Britain returned again in June and the two teams competed for the “Rose Bowl” donated in memory of Ray Mason. The 45 Club have now taken a 2-1 lead in the series so our “senior” members need to be attending coaching and fitness training in order to level the series this coming June! This coming year, it is proposed to compete for the Rose Bowl on the first day and have a fun, integrated tournament on the final day.

The tennis committee would like to particularly thank all members of the club who gave their time willingly to support all the events throughout the year.

After a disappointingly wet autumn it was agreed to hold the Club Tournament during the evenings in the spring.

The tournament committee has agreed the following dates for forthcoming events:

Friendly match organised against JEM Hamble – Wednesday 12.30pm 27 January
Junior Closed Singles Tournament: Monday 4 Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 April
Over 45 Club coming to the club: Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16th June
Westridge Tournament: The weekends of (12) 13 and 14 August and (19) 20 and 21 August.
County Press Junior Tournament: Wednesday 27th July – Friday 29st July
Club Tournament: Dates were arranged for:

Wednesday 2 March Mixed Doubles

Friday 4 March – Ladies’ Singles

Friday 11 March – Men’s Doubles

Wednesday 16 March – Ladies Doubles

Friday 18 March – Men’s Singles

Five similar evenings will be used to hold next year’s events. Dates have still to be confirmed. Events will be held once eight entries have been received.

Summer League Results 2015

League	Played	Won	Lost	Position
Portsmouth Men’s 1	7	3	4	5
Portsmouth Men’s 2	6	4	2	2 - promoted
Portsmouth Ladies 1				Withdrew
Portsmouth Ladies 2	7	7	0	1 - promoted
Portsmouth Ladies 3	6	1	5	6
Portsmouth Mixed 1	6	3	3	5
Portsmouth Mixed 2	6	0	6	6
Portsmouth Mixed 3	6	2.5	3.5	5
Portsmouth Mixed 4	7	5	2	2
Hampshire Men’s 1 (Div.2)	5	4	1	1
Hampshire Ladies 1 (Div. 3a)	4	1	3	4

Winter League Results up to January 20 2016

League	Played	Won	Lost	Position
Portsmouth Men’s 1	4	3	1	3
Portsmouth Men’s 2	4	2	2	3
Portsmouth Ladies 1	4	2	2	4
Portsmouth Ladies 2	4	3	1	2
Portsmouth Ladies 3	4	1	3	5
Portsmouth Mixed 1	2	0	2	6

Portsmouth Mixed 2	5	4	1	1
Portsmouth Mixed 3	4	2	2	6

It had been agreed to reduce the number of ladies' teams in the 2015 summer league to two due to the unavailability of several first team players. A stronger second team has gained promotion to Division 1 next year.

Tennis Diary

Organised activities during the year continued to develop and have become increasingly popular.

Sunday morning mix-ins continued throughout the winter with all courts available for play, During the year David Fothergill took over the organisation of the Monday mix-ins and introduced the board system.

Match practice continued to take place for ladies and men on Tuesday evenings. This year we overlapped the sessions with the men starting an hour earlier at 7.00pm. Jonathan Smith kindly agreed to take the occasional session and this has added yet another dimension to match practice. It has been particularly pleasing to see the steady increase in men attending.

Carrie now organises her mixed sessions every other Wednesday evening and this has released all courts for private play on a Friday evening. Courts have successfully been utilised on Thursday and Friday evenings for organised play.

David Ford set up the ladder system during the summer months and this gave members the opportunity of playing competitive singles

The weekly tennis calendar continues to grow and our grateful thanks must go to all those willing members who give up their time to organise popular and successful events throughout the year. The calendar is published on our website and a copy placed on the club notice board.

One successful event last year was the several BBQ and croquet evenings organised for the tennis players. An innovation I hope will develop.

Wimbledon Draw

An American Tournament and Supper was held with the draw for Wimbledon tickets taking place afterwards. Thanks, once again, to Anne Tapley and Carrie Bateman for their time and organisation.

Policies/Club Mark

David Fothergill and Richard Hutchins completed the online document required by the LTA. Policies completed and opportunities provided meant we have achieved Clubmark status for another year. Completing the form and paying the LTA subscription before December 31st has entitled us to Wimbledon tickets in 2016.

The Committee agreed to create two new positions of Junior and Adult Tennis Coordinators. Melissa O'Riain supported by Karen Bicknell has taken on the Junior role and Carrie Bateman the Senior. Already, new initiatives and coaching opportunities have been introduced to the tennis programme.

Rejuvenation

It has been recognised that courts 1,2 and 3 are now in need of rejuvenation and quotes have been sought.

Open Forum

Rather than hold one open forum it is proposed to hold short meetings after each significant event at the beginning of the season. This will be an opportunity for tennis members to air their opinions regarding all aspects of the tennis programme, facilities and future developments.

The following objectives and long term plans will form the agenda for the meetings:

Objectives:

- To retain existing members and recruit new members.
- To increase the number of juniors playing both tennis and croquet and regularly competing.
- To widen the range of activities and access throughout the year for members and non-members within the community.
- Increase income from club's facilities.
- Increase participation in club's coaching programme.
- Re-energise and increase attendance at social and fundraising functions.
- Develop the use of social media as a means of publicising the club.
- Encourage increased membership participation in running the club.
- To extend and improve the existing clubhouse incorporating changing rooms, bar, seating and dining areas.
- To provide a Swiss chalet style building, including storage, placed by the tennis courts, to replace the existing shed.
- To produce an innovative summer and winter programme for all members.
- To achieve Clubmark status each year.

Long Term:

- To convert the grass courts to an all-weather surface
- To have an indoor facility covering at least two courts
- To build an extra court behind courts 1,2 and 3 dedicated to mini tennis

The Tennis Committee
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