

2017 TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMME

ANNUAL REPORT

Members will be familiar with the comprehensive coaching opportunities your team of coaches deliver within the advertised summer and winter programmes which are also referred to in the 2017 Tennis Report.

On the adult front this ranges from regular Sunday and weekday sessions for various standards and includes singles play, Cardio Tennis and Tennis Express. Team practice sessions will be enhanced with the introduction of a mens 3rd team standard practice session in the spring.

On the junior front the coaches deliver a full programme on Saturdays and after school squads on a year round basis. Our schools programme includes the LTA's Tennis for Kids initiative and involvement with a number of east wight schools where we continue to develop partnerships.

As well as our schools programme we host the schools mini red festival annually in May, Easter and Summer holiday camps and The Great British Tennis Weekend. These help to recruit and promote awareness of the club in the wider community.

National figures reveal that participation in the sport continues to decline. Fortunately our adult membership continues to buck this national trend. Although still having the use of the Ryde School sports hall for the winter, retention of the younger players, particularly during this period, is a continuing challenge. The Tennis Committee is introducing a new junior package and membership initiative to try and help improve recruitment and retention.

In addition we recently held a meeting with other Island clubs and the LTA to try and address competition and other issues on an islandwide basis.

Annual coach education training continues through attendance at workshops and conferences throughout the year in order to develop the team and meet licensing requirements. Your coaches also represent the club at the annual coaching forum held in Portsmouth.

Congratulations to Luke Sauven who achieved his Level 1 qualification in 2016.

We will undertake our annual mini bus trip to Eastbourne on Monday, 26th June. Our usual juniors visit to The Championships at SW19 will be on Wednesday 12th July.

Finally I would like to express formally my thanks to all the members of our coaching team for their commitment and to the Tennis and Management Committees for their continued encouragement and support.

David Fothergill

Head Coach

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