

TENNIS AND COACHING REPORT FOR THE AGM 2018

Juniors

This year the tennis committee had a target of increasing the junior membership to 74. We lowered the price of the junior membership, introduced a membership package of a tennis shirt and bag incorporating the club logo, re-introduced the junior evening, increased the coaching fee for non-junior members, organised a Wimbledon trip for juniors and parents and invited only members to squad evenings. Potential new members were given two complimentary lessons. The new clock house became a base for the juniors during the summer months and we intend to further develop the area behind courts 4, 5 and 6 to make it a better vantage point for spectators. We are pleased to report that junior membership has increased to 85.

We have recently established a separate junior committee whose brief will be to oversee the programme, identify opportunities for match play and think of innovative ways to retain and increase junior membership.

The Ryde Schools cluster tournament was once again successfully held at the club on 23rd May with all courts used for junior play. Thanks to our members who turned up to officiate.

Tournament Dates for 2018/19:

- 45 Club: Monday 4th Tuesday 5th June
- Easter Junior: Monday 9th April from 11.00 Green and Yellow ball
- Quorn Tournament: Saturday 21 April 10.00 – 12.30
- County Press Junior: TBA
- Westridge Tournament: 17th - 19th August and 24th – 26th August

Veteran's Tournament:

An Over 60's mixed tournament is being arranged at the club for Wednesday 11 April 2018

- Westridge: 2018 dates: 17th - 19th August and 24th – 26th August

Westridge/Skoda

The annual Isle of Wight Westridge/Skoda tournament saw an impressive entry and competitive matches. Thanks, must go to all who played, organised, catered and supported the event. Thanks also to David and Mark Winkles for their continued sponsorship. It has been agreed that next year's tournament will include prize money for the first time in order to attract an even larger entry and greater interest and coverage.

Internal Club Tournament

The internal club tournament, held in September during several evenings was a popular tournament this year and was well supported by our club members. It will be held a week later next year on different evenings but will retain the same format.

- Men's Doubles Tues 18 Sept
- Ladies' singles Wednesday 19 Sept
- Ladies' Doubles Tues 25 Sept
- Men's singles Wednesday 26 Sept
- Mixed Thursday 4 Oct

- All events to start at 6.00pm

Wimbledon Ballot

Last year the ballot was successfully combined with an American Tournament. It has been agreed to repeat the formula this season on Friday 30th March 2018.

Astroturf Courts 1-3.

The courts have been powered washed and bricks removed from the back netting which seems to have improved the drainage. It has been agreed to obtain 3 quotes to cost the resurfacing of courts 4,5 and 6. This work could be undertaken as early as autumn 2018.

Indoor Courts

Moneys in the form of a grant and loan has recently been made available from the LTA for clubs to support the construction of indoor facilities. It is a main target of the LTA to increase the number of indoor courts around the country. The committee has held meetings with the local LTA representatives and a bid from our club would be viewed favourably. A sub committee has been formed and the paper work will be ready for submission by the end of March. The committee is exploring several options as to the siting and number of courts to be covered. Planning permission and finances will have a significant impact on any final decision. The LTA will fund 25% of the project and offer a further 25% as an interest free loan. We will be looking for partners, sponsors, benefactors and means of raising the remaining moneys in the next eighteen months in order to make the project viable. Once planning, funding and final costs are in place the Management Committee might decide that it is not financially in the best interests of the club to proceed. However, this opportunity has presented itself through the LTA and gives us a possibility of meeting our long-term target set in 2013 to provide the club with indoor courts.

Teams

Summer League Results 2016

League	Division	Played	Won	Lost	Position
Portsmouth Men's 1	1	8	3.5	4.5	5
Portsmouth Men's 2	2	8	5	3	3
Portsmouth Men's 3	3	7	6	1	1
Portsmouth Ladies 1	1	8	6	2	2
Portsmouth Ladies 2	2	7	3	4	3
Portsmouth Ladies 3	3	7	2	5	6
Portsmouth Mixed 1	1	6	5	1	1
Portsmouth Mixed 2	2	8	5	3	2
Portsmouth Mixed 3	4	6	1	5	6
Master's Mixed 1	1	8	6	2	1
Master's Mixed 2	1	6	3	3	4
Master's Ladies' 1	1	7	0	7	7
Hampshire Men's 1 (D.2)	2	5	4	1	1
Hampshire Ladies 1 (D. 3)	3	5	3	2	2

Winter League Results up to March 4 2018

League	Division	Played	Won	Lost	Position
Portsmouth Men's 1	1	6	4	2	2
Portsmouth Men's 2	2	7	4	3	3
Portsmouth Men's 3	4	6	5	1	2
Portsmouth Ladies 1	1	6	3	2	3
Portsmouth Ladies 2	2	8	4	4	3
Portsmouth Ladies 3	4	7	2	5	6
Portsmouth Mixed 1	1	6	2	4	6
Portsmouth Mixed 2	2	5	4	1	1
Portsmouth Mixed 3	2	5	4	1	2
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 1	1	4	4	0	5
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 2	2	5	4	1	1
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 3	2	5	4	1	2
Portsmouth Master's Ladies 1	1	7	4	3	4
Portsmouth Master's Ladies 2	1	6	0	6	10

Safeguarding Course

Twelve club members, including coaches, attended and passed a safeguarding course held in the clock house. Two further members undertook their safeguarding course on-line.

Great British Tennis Weekend 16th July

Instead of running the Great British Tennis Weekend, the club organised an opening day for the clubhouse.

Next season it is proposed to repeat the successful Great British Tennis weekend in conjunction with croquet members on Sunday 8 April starting at 2.00pm. Croquet members will also be organising events on Saturday 7 April 2018.

Tennismark

Tennismark has been completed online and the annual subscription has been paid allowing our eligibility for Wimbledon tickets. Margaret Blamey has taken on the role of Safeguarding Officer. She has now been recognised by the LTA as an official DBS identity checker on the Isle of Wight.

Online shop

The Big **WIGHT** T shirt company has created an online shop and the link is available on our website and on the Big WIGHT T shirt company website. Sports clothing with our colours and logos are available at reasonable prices with a small percentage of the sales going to club funds.

Match Practice

Match practice has been well attended throughout the year on Tuesdays and Fridays and has had a positive impact on team performances.

Tennis court entry system

The committee has reviewed the court entry system and has agreed to keep the courts unlocked enabling members easy access.

Development Plans

The following objectives and plans were reviewed and set in February 2018:

Objectives:

To retain existing members and recruit new members. **Achieved target – increase of 23 members**

To increase the number of juniors playing both tennis and croquet and regularly competing. **Exceeded target and now have 84 paid up junior members. Croquet is offered on a Saturday morning and Thursday evenings during Junior Club nights. A junior committee has now been established.**

To widen the range of activities and access throughout the year for members and non-members within the community. **Coffee is available throughout the day. Chess club, Bridge club and Choir have all been popular and have resulted in an increase in social membership and income. The social programme has included a wide variety of events since the opening of the clubhouse from wine tasting to a Mamma Mia evening!**

Increase income from club's facilities. The Treasurer's report shows a **significant increase in revenue and members using the club facilities.**

Increase participation in club's coaching programme. We have a **varied coaching programme and have added a third and fourth team men's coaching session to the programme.**

Re-energise and increase attendance at social and fundraising functions. **Social functions have taken off due to new facilities and input by the social committee and members.**

Develop the use of social media as a means of publicising the club. **235 now following on facebook**

Encourage increased membership participation in running the club. **Increase in members offering to help both on the social side and maintenance of the club.**

To extend and improve the existing clubhouse incorporating changing rooms, bar, seating and dining areas. **This target has been achieved and saw the formal opening of the new clubhouse in May 2017.**

To provide a Swiss chalet style building, including storage, placed by the tennis courts, to replace the existing shed. **Target achieved and was fully utilised when the existing clubhouse was being developed.**

To produce an innovative summer and winter programme for all members. **An extensive programme is being offered and is advertised on the website and the club notice board.**

To achieve Tennismark status each year. **Tennis mark requires a change of safeguarding officer which has now been addressed.**

Tennis Development Plan

Future Targets:

1. To resurface courts 4,5 and 6. **An assessment of the courts and drainage is being undertaken and quotes are being obtained by LTA recommended contractors. Moneys has been set aside in the sinking fund for this work to be undertaken.**
2. To have an indoor facility covering at least two courts. **Investigating possibility of LTA and Sport England grants. Looking at the siting of indoor courts including the possibility of covering courts 1, 2 and 3 which could be a cheaper option and overcomes the problem of emergency vehicle access.**
3. To convert the grass courts to an all-weather surface should indoor facilities be found not to be viable.
4. To build an extra court (9) behind courts 1,2 and 3 including floodlights. This would be set up as a full-size court for adult play but would be primarily a junior court – lines marked for short tennis. **This is still a target but will be dependent on the outcome of the indoor court project.**

The Tennis Committee

March 2017

R Hutchins (Chair)

J Smith (Secretary)

D Fothergill (Head Coach)

C Bateman (Adult Co-ordinator, Ladies' Captain & Social Chair)

K Bicknell (Joint Junior Co-ordinator)

D Harris (Junior Manager)

H Spurgeon (Club Treasurer)

A Sheppard (Club Publicity Officer)

M Blamey (Safeguarding Officer)

J Biggs (Men's Captain)

A Tapley (Previous Tennis Chairman, Secretary and match secretary)

J Cooney (Registered umpire/referee, Previous Club Publicity Officer and present member of the Irish Tennis Federation)

S Trotman (Chair of Junior Committee) Joined the committee Autumn 2017