

## TENNIS AND COACHING REPORT FOR THE AGM 2019

### Juniors

This year we had 74 junior members benefitting from Saturday morning coaching and squad coaching during the week. Arthur Attrill was ranked 2 in the county and 53<sup>rd</sup> Nationally for his age group and in February played in the Junior Nationals at Bath.

Gabriel Gibson at 16 passed his part 1 and regularly supports the junior coaching programme.

Oliver Graham has been supporting the Junior Programme for the last two years and is currently undertaking his Level 1.

The chalet was equipped with new furniture and continues to be used successfully for tournaments and meetings.

The Junior Coordinator with the support of our coaches and the Junior Committee are responsible for the junior programme; junior tournaments; identifying opportunities for match play, presenting innovative ways to retain and increase junior membership.

The Ryde Schools cluster tournament was once again successfully held at the club on Tuesday 15 May with all courts used for junior play. Thanks to our members who turned up to officiate.

Joel Smith, Toby Trotman and Fenella Richardson are gaining valuable match play experience by competing regularly in mainland tournaments.

### Tournament Dates for 2019:

Tuesday 9 April: Men's Singles

Ryde Lawn Open Mixed Doubles Veteran's Tournament (LTA Sanctioned) Wednesday 10 April

Tuesday 16 April: Ladies' Doubles

Tuesday 23 April: Men's Doubles

Wednesday 24 April: Ladies Singles

Tuesday 30 April: Mixed Doubles

45 Club Fixture: Monday 3 Tuesday 4 June

Easter Junior: Monday 8 April from 11.00 Green and Yellow ball

Quorn Tournament: Saturday 21 April 10.00 – 12.30

Great British Tennis Day and Tennisathon Saturday 11 May

County Press Junior: TBA

Westridge Tournament: Week of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Finals Day Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

### Veteran's Tournament:

The club successfully ran their inaugural LTA sanctioned Veteran's Tournament, attracting a strong entry from the island and the mainland. Our second Over 60's Open Mixed Doubles Tournament is being held at the club on Wednesday 11 April 2019.

### Westridge/Skoda

The Westridge Tournament was held over the last two weekends of August 2018. Prize money was offered for the first time but unfortunately no categories reached the optimum stated number.

It has been agreed to hold the tournament over one week this year starting on Monday 23 September with all finals being played on Sunday 29 September.

In order to attract more entries, it has been decided to trial entries at three ability levels.

Prize money will again be offered subject to the stated number of entries in each category.

Martyn Bailey, club member and Island Games Tennis Team Captain is considering making the Westridge Tournament one of the criteria for selection to the Island Games.

### 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 at the beginning of the season this year and will retain the same format. Hopefully the weather will be better and reduced use of floodlights should ensure some revenue for the club.

- Tuesday 9 April: Men's Singles
- Tuesday 16 April: Ladies' Doubles
- Tuesday 23 April: Men's Doubles
- Wednesday 24 April: Ladies Singles
- Tuesday 30 April: Mixed Doubles
- All events to start at 6.00pm
- Entry fee retained at £5.00

### Wimbledon Ballot

Last year the ballot was successfully combined with an American Tournament. This year it has been agreed to hold the ballot after the AGM on Thursday 21 March 2019.

### Astroturf Courts 4-6.

The 3 courts 4, 5 and 6 have now reached the end of their life. Accumulated mud now dangerously comes to the surface after heavy rain and from an original carpet depth of 15mm we only have 5mm left. Companies inspected the courts and all reported carpet sickness.

Four quotes have been obtained from reputable companies and the committee agreed to accept the quote from Chilterns, a company that have recently completed similar work at The Avenue and Milford Tennis Clubs with excellent reviews.

The work will start on Monday 4 March, replacing the existing carpet with Tiger turf pro and replacing all net posts and net furniture. They will be testing the drainage and will undertake any work required should drainage be an issue. Work is due to be completed by Friday 22 March.

### Teams

#### Summer League Results 2018

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

## Winter League Results up to March 11 2019

League	Division	Played	Won	Lost	Position
Portsmouth Men's 1	1	6	4	2	4
Portsmouth Men's 2	2	7	5	2	1
Portsmouth Men's 3	3	6	2	4	5
Portsmouth Ladies 1	1	6	4	2	3
Portsmouth Ladies 2	2	9	4	5	4
Portsmouth Ladies 3	4	8	1	7	6
Portsmouth Mixed 1	WITHDRAWN				
Portsmouth Mixed 2	1	4	2	2	3
Portsmouth Mixed 3	2	5	5	0	1
Portsmouth Mixed 4	4	7	3	4	4
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 1	1	6	5	1	3
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 2	1	7	0	7	8
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 3	2	5	0	5	7
Portsmouth Master's Ladies 1	1	9	2	7	5
Portsmouth Master's Ladies 2	2	8	0	8	5

### Safeguarding

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.

The Safeguarding policy has been reviewed and amended this year in line with new LTA guidelines. Margaret Blamey is our Safeguarding Officer. Her details and the safeguarding policy can be found on the website and notice boards around the club. Karen Bicknell has worked hard to ensure that our risk assessments are up to date and relevant information has been included in the Safeguarding Policy. The LTA undertook an inspection of our policy and procedures in December 2018 and we passed at their pre-inspection visit!

### Great British Tennis Weekend: Saturday 11 May

In conjunction with the Great British Tennis Day on Saturday 11 May 2019 Pete Reynolds will be undertaking a tennisathon to raise money for the Mountbatten hospice in memory of Phil Collins who sadly passed away just before Christmas. Since joining the club Phil took an active part in all aspects of club and had taken over the captaincy of one of our men's teams. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him and play tennis with him.

### Tennismark

Tennismark has been completed online and the annual subscription has been paid allowing our eligibility for Wimbledon tickets.

### 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 Wednesdays and has had a positive impact on team performances. Martyn Bailey (club member and Coach at Westbay) has covered sessions in David Fothergill's absence.

## Development Plans

The following objectives and plans were set in February 2019:

- To retain existing members and recruit new members.
- To increase the number of juniors playing and provide regular opportunities for junior competition.
- To achieve Tennismark status each year. **Tennis mark required a change of safeguarding officer last year which has now been addressed. Margaret Blamey accepted the position of new Safeguarding Officer. The club passed their LTA inspection December 2018.**

### Indoor Courts

The LTA has initially withdrawn their offer of moneys in the form of a grant and loan for clubs to support the construction of indoor facilities. The funding opportunity is being relaunched in April 2019. 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 last year and the majority of paper work was ready for a submission in February 2019. This is now on hold pending the relaunching of the LTA grant scheme.

The committee will prepare four proposals to submit to the membership:

1. To resurface courts 1 – 6 with tiger turf pro – two tone green. To convert grass courts 7 and 8 to all weather clay and include floodlighting.
2. To resurface courts 1 – 6 with tiger turf pro – two tone green. To convert grass courts 7 and 8 to all weather clay and include floodlighting. To insert a ring beam and purchase a bubble for seasonal use on courts 7 and 8
3. To resurface courts 4 -6 with Tiger turf. To convert grass courts 7 and 8 to tiger turf giving 5 courts with the same surface. To transverse courts 1, 2 and 3 and cover with a permanent structure. This will provide extra car parking space to the right of the proposed building.
4. To resurface courts 4 – 6 with tiger turf pro – two tone green. To convert grass courts 7 and 8 to tiger turf – two tone green. To resurface courts 1 – 3 with artificial clay and include a ring beam and seasonal bubble. These courts could be moved back towards the boundary enabling parking down the side.

Provisional architect's plans have been drawn up.

We should know in April/May whether financial support for any/all proposals might be forthcoming from the LTA.

After that the committee propose to hold an open meeting for all members to discuss all options when drawings and costings will be available.

Any decision will be made subject to funds being in place and the support of the membership.

5. 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.**

## Approximate Costings for possible future developments:

### Option 1

Resurface courts 1 -6 with Tiger Turf (moneys allocated in sinking fund)	£100,000.00
Resurface courts 7 and 8 with artificial clay	£80,000.00
Include floodlights on courts 7 and 8	£20,000.00
TOTAL	£200,000.00

### Option 2

Resurface courts 1 -6 with Tiger Turf (moneys allocated in sinking fund)	£100,000.00
Resurface courts 7 and 8 with artificial clay	£80,000.00
Include floodlights on courts 7 and 8	20,000.00
Add Ring beam, purchase and erect bubble, shed and trolley	£73,000.00
TOTAL	£273,000.00

### Option 3

Resurface courts 4 - 6 with Tiger Turf (moneys allocated in sinking fund)	£50,000.00
Resurface courts 7 and 8 with artificial clay	£80,000.00
Include floodlights on courts 7 and 8	£20,000.00
Transverse courts 1, 2 and 3, Resurface with acrylic and cover (£50,000.00 allocated in sinking fund for resurfacing courts 1, 2 &3)	£400,000.00
Include extra car parking	£45,000.00
TOTAL	£595,000.00

### Option 4

Resurface courts 4 - 6 with Tiger Turf (moneys allocated in sinking fund)	£50,000.00
Resurface courts 1, 2 and 3 with artificial clay (moneys allocated in sinking fund)	£60,000
Ring beam on courts 1, 2 and 3	£25,000
Bubble over courts 1, 2 and 3	£72,000
Resurface courts 7 and 8	£80,000
Include floodlights for courts 7 & 8	£20,000
TOTAL	£307,000

## Tennis Committee 2018

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): 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)