

TENNIS AND COACHING REPORT FOR THE AGM 2020

Juniors

This year 61 junior members benefitted from Saturday morning coaching, squad coaching and performance training during the week. Congratulations to Arthur Attrill who last year competed in the Under 12 Nationals and in his first year competing in the Under 14's is ranked 3rd in the county. Arthur is attending match practice and has supported our first team in Portsmouth Division 1.

Congratulations to Oliver Graham and Emma Wheeler who have now achieved level one coaching award and support the junior programme.

Pete Reynolds, a level 4 performance coach has joined the team and is able to offer sessions during the week.

A target for the committee next year will be to extend the junior programme, identifying opportunities for match play and discussing ways to retain and increase junior membership.

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

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

Tournament Dates for 2020:

Easter Junior: Monday 6 April from 11.00 Green and Yellow ball (All courts required 11.00 – 16.00)

Tuesday 7 April: Club Tournament - Men's Singles (All courts required from 6.00pm)

Wednesday 8 April: Open Mixed Doubles Veteran's Tournament (All courts required 09.30 – 17.00)

Tuesday 14 April: Club Tournament - Men's Doubles (All courts required from 6.00pm)

Wednesday 15 April: Club Tournament - Ladies' Doubles (All courts required from 6.00pm)

Quorn Tournament: Saturday 18 April 10.00 – 12.30

Tuesday 21 April: Club Tournament - Mixed Doubles (All courts required from 6.00pm)

Wednesday 22 April: Club Tournament - Ladies Singles (All courts required from 6.00pm)

Great British Tennis Day and Club Open Day Saturday 16 May 09.00 – 14.00

45 Club Fixture: Monday 1 Tuesday 2 June (All courts required both days from 09.30 – 17.00)

County Press Junior: Monday and Tuesday 27th and 28th July (All courts from 10.00 – 17.00)

Westridge Tournament: Agreed to revert to two weekends Sat/Sun 15/16 Aug and 22/23 Aug 2020

- Finals Day Sunday 23 August (All courts required on advertised days from 10.00 – 18.00)

Veteran's Tournament:

The club successfully held an LTA sanctioned Veteran's Tournament for the second year, attracting an entry of sixteen pairs locally and from the mainland. Our third Over 60's Open Mixed Doubles Tournament is being held at the club on Wednesday 8 April 2020.

Westridge/Skoda

The Westridge Tournament was held over one week this year starting on Monday 23 September with all finals being played on Sunday 29 September. Ability levels rather than age categories were introduced for the first time in order to attract more players.

The committee have decided to continue with ability levels but to revert to the tournament being run over two consecutive weekends. All finals will be held on the last Sunday.

Internal Club Tournament

The decision last year to move the internal club tournament, previously held in September, proved to be a popular move. Entries increased and we benefitted from warmer conditions. It has been decided to once again hold the tournament at the beginning of the season retaining the same format. We shall hope for good weather and support from our members.

- 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 held after the AGM on Thursday 21 March 2019. If all the information is available the ballot will conclude the AGM on March 26 2020.

Astroturf Courts

March 2019 saw the existing carpet replaced with Tiger Turf Pro on courts 4, 5 and 6. All net posts and furniture were replaced. The significant flooding was found to be due to carpet sickness.

We had hoped that courts 1, 2 and 3 would last another two years but after excessive rain this winter accumulated mud now dangerously comes to the surface and from an original carpet depth of 15mm we only have 5mm left. Chilterns, our previous contractors, have inspected the courts and their quote has been accepted by the tennis and management committees to carry out the same work as undertaken on courts 4, 5 and 6.

The work started on Monday 17 February, replacing the existing carpet with Tiger turf pro and replacing all net posts and net furniture.

Having inspected the underneath surface, it was agreed to include a new sub base by adding an extra top layer of asphalt and replace the perimeter edge at a cost of £27,262.00 excluding VAT. The original base on courts 1 and 2 was laid over 40 years ago and was starting to break up. A new carpet laid on a poor sub base was not an option. Work is due to be completed by Friday 13 March subject to the weather! Once the work is completed, we will have six new courts, that, if looked after well, should last for the fifteen years.

We have been advised that the courts require weekly brushing regardless of the weather and an annual deep clean after their second year. This work will now be undertaken. Tiger Turf Pro courts are expected to last 15 years. The replacement cost for all six courts is approximately £120,000.00. To ensure they last the full 15 years it is important to ensure your tennis shoes are clean. Please use the path and refrain from cutting across the grass, however tempting!

We will spend some money on the grass courts this year to improve the playing surface. It is still hoped, if financially viable, that the courts will be replaced with an all-weather surface.

Teams

Summer League Results 2019

League	Division	Played	Won	Lost	Position
Portsmouth Men's 1	1	7	2	5	7
Portsmouth Men's 2	1	7	3	4	6
Portsmouth Men's 3	3	6	1	5	6
Portsmouth Ladies 1	1	6	5	1	2
Portsmouth Ladies 2	2	6	2	4	5
Portsmouth Ladies 3	4	6	1.5	4.5	7
Portsmouth Mixed 1	Withdrawn				
Portsmouth Mixed 2	2	6	5	1	2
Portsmouth Mixed 3	3	7	5	2	4
Portsmouth Mixed 4	4	7	4	3	3
Master's Mixed 1	1	7	5	2	4
Master's Mixed 2	1	7	5	3	3
Master's Mixed 3	2	7	5	2	2
Master's Ladies 1	1	10	5	5	3
Master's Ladies 2	2	8	1	7	5
Master's Men 1	1	6	5	1	1
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	1	5	5
Portsmouth Men's 2	2	1	0	6	8
Portsmouth Men's 3	5	5	0	4	9
Portsmouth Ladies 1	1	7	3	4	4
Portsmouth Ladies 2	2	8	4	4	2
Portsmouth Ladies 3	5	8	6	2	1
Portsmouth Mixed 1	WITHDRAWN				
Portsmouth Mixed 2	2	4	3	1	3
Portsmouth Mixed 3	4	5	3	2	3
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 1	1	2	2	0	3
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 2	2	4	1	3	4
Portsmouth Master's Mixed 3	3	7	5	2	2
Portsmouth Master's Ladies 1	1	8	3	5	4
Portsmouth Master's Ladies 2	2	7	2	5	4

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding policy is available on line and in the policy folder held in the clubhouse. Margaret Blamey is our Safeguarding Officer. Her details and the safeguarding policy can be found on the website and notice boards around the club. 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

The Great British Tennis Day, sponsored by Nature Valley will be held on Saturday 16 May 2020 from 0900 – 14.00. This will be run as an open day and is an opportunity to introduce potential new members to the activities and events that our club can provide.

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 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.

Development Targets for 2020/2021

- **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 2020/21**
- **To convert grass tennis courts 7 and 8 to all weather courts and provide floodlighting and a seasonal dome**

Tennis Committee 2019/2020

R Hutchins (Chair): J Smith (Secretary): S Sheppard (Membership and publicity Officer)

D Fothergill (Head Coach): C Bateman (Adult Co-ordinator & Ladies' Captain)

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): P Sim (Croquet representative)