

TENNIS AND COACHING REPORT FOR THE AGM 2021

Juniors

This year 48 junior members joined the club. When permitted and adhering strictly to the guidelines our coaches offered Saturday morning coaching, squad coaching and performance training during the week. Maximum numbers for junior coaching were restricted to 12 players on one compound with places having to be booked via the tennis secretary. Even with restricted play Arthur Attrill achieved a number of successes in regional and national tournaments. He is nationally ranked at no 12 and no 1 in the Hampshire and IW in the Under 14 boys age group. We will follow his and all our juniors' progress with great interest.

It was also pleasing to see our courts again being used by juniors from Ryde School on Wednesday afternoons.

Tournaments

- All tournaments and events for 2020 were cancelled

Dates proposed for 2021

Any dates set for tournaments throughout 2021 are provisional and could be withdrawn by the tennis committee from the calendar due to guidance from the Government or LTA

45 Club Visit Mon/Tues June 2021

- Monday/Tuesday 7th / 8th June

Club Tournament

- Saturday/Sunday 14/15 Aug and 21/22 Aug 2021 with all finals being played on Sunday 22 August

Wimbledon

The AELTC are committed to staging The Championships from 28 June to 11 July 2021 as planned, but the Wimbledon Fortnight will likely look very different this year.

The opt-in for the Wimbledon Ballots run by the LTA will be open soon. Everyone who is eligible will be contacted via email upon the entry window opening, providing you have agreed to receive [LTA Marketing communications by email](#).

For the full update on the 2021 Wimbledon Championships, please visit the [All England Lawn Tennis Clubs website](#).

Please be aware that the Wimbledon Public Ballot operated by the AETC will not take place for The Championships 2021.

Astroturf Courts

Work started on Courts 1, 2 and 3 on Monday 17 February, resurfacing the existing sub base, replacing the perimeter edge, replacing the existing carpet with Tiger turf pro and replacing all net posts and net furniture. Work was signed off by the contractors at lunchtime Monday 23 March and we were locked down that evening.

We were advised by the contractors that the life expectancy of our courts had been reduced due to mud being taken onto the courts via players' shoes. The courts are now being brushed once a week and we will assess whether a deep would extend the playing life of the courts. We ask all tennis players to please use the tarmac paths when accessing the courts and to avoid crossing the croquet lawns.

We have spent extra money on the grass courts this year in an attempt to improve the playing surface. We aim to have them in a better condition for members by the summer of this year. It is still hoped, when financially viable, that the grass tennis courts will be replaced with an all-weather surface.

Teams

All summer and winter leagues were officially suspended. Some mainland teams organised friendly matches but guidelines and risk assessments precluded matches being played with any island teams. Previous standings in all leagues have been maintained until leagues can resume.

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 and policies are reviewed on a regular basis.

Tennismark

Tennismark was achieved online in November 2020 for 2021 and the annual subscription has been paid.

Development Targets for 2021/2022

- 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
- To improve the playing surface of courts 7 & 8

Long Term:

- To convert grass tennis courts 7 and 8 to all weather courts and provide floodlighting

Tennis Committee:

R Hutchins (Chair)

L Sandy (Secretary)

S Sheppard (Membership and Publicity Officer)

D Fothergill (Head Coach)

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

J Biggs (Men's Captain)

E Wheeler (Junior Representative)

H Spurgeon (Club Treasurer)

M Blamey (Safeguarding Officer)

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

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

P Sim (Croquet representative)

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